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## Greetings From your President

As I sit at my computer composing this message, we have had 50 degree sunny weather, snowflakes the size of silver dollars, hail, sleet and rain all within the last hour.. Just a typical day at the beach.

Next month is our convention from April 9-11. I would like to thank District 8 in advance for once again hosting the convention. We will be once again at the Polk County Fairgrounds in Rickreall. So, how do you get to Rickreall and the fairgrounds? From I-5 from the South, you can take the exit to Corvallis and go north on 99W 20 miles to Rickreall. The Polk County Fairgrounds are on the right just before you get to Rickreall. Or take one of the several exits from I-5 (Exit 253 or Exit 256) into Salem, working your way across town to Hwy 22 crossing the bridge over the Willamette River and then continuing on to the junction of Hwy 22 and Hwy 99 north of Rickreall. Exit right, go under the overpass, turn right at the stop sign, go through town and the fairgrounds are just across the bridge. Or just use Mapquest!

Hotels available in the area include:

- Courtesy Inn at 270 N Pacific Ave. [Hwy 99], Monmouth, Or 97361. Ph:503-838-4438.

Double Queen, two people @ \$ 67.50 plus tax

- Riverside Inn & Suites at 517 Main Street Dallas Or.97338. Ph: 503-623-8163.

1 bed \$55.00, two beds \$65.00.

- Best Western Dallas Inn & Suites at: 250 Orchard Dr. Dallas, Or. 97338-1148. Ph: 503-623-6000, Senior rate is \$72 plus tax. You need to book on-line at bestwestern.com to get this rate.

There will be a cafeteria open starting Thursday noon. It is just off the main hall. It will be open during the convention.

RV parking will once again be \$10 per night. There are 50 RV sites available on a first come basis. Please check in with the camping coordinator before setting up camp.

Your district chairpersons have detailed information about the convention along with each District's part in the convention. If everyone

helps this will be another great convention!

There will be a wonderful program on Friday night. Lew Holt and Fred Hardin are in charge of this program. Participation in this program is by invitation. There is an admission fee to everyone who does Not have a membership card, so please remember to bring yours!

There will be sign up jams Wednesday and Thursday nights. They will be open for anyone.

Although the convention doesn't officially start until Thursday, the crafts building will be open Wednesday morning for anyone who can't wait to start. District 7 and 8 will have snacks and coffee all-day and there will be jamming all day on Wednesday.

Donna Foreman has arranged a wonderful series of workshops. Thanks Donna! They are:

Thursday - 1:30 -2:30 - Introduction to Brazilian Embroidery - Gayl Ratigan - bring 5" embroidery hoop.

Friday -10:00 Field trip to Dallas "Grandma's Attic Quilt Shop" - leave fairgrounds at 9:30—car pool drivers needed. Sign up at registration table.

1:00-2:00 - "Fiddle Workshop" with Ginny Hollon - new tune, back up, how to dress up an old tune. Ginny teaches fiddle in Salem and is also publisher of the Mandolin Magazine.

Saturday - 12:00-1:00 - "Kids Fiddle Workshop" fun, fun, fun with Eileen Walter

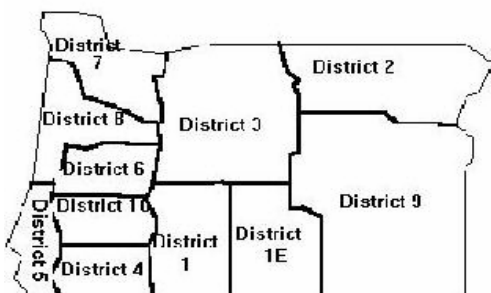
12:00-1:00 - "Mandolin Workshop" with Paul Hirschmann - accomplished player, Learn a tune, chords and right hand technique

1:30 -2:30- "Guitar Workshop" with Jeff Walter - focus on strong backup rhythms

2:00-3:00 - "Another Fiddle Workshop" with Virgil Schmoe - How to add flavor to a fiddle tune.

We will have a banquet on Saturday night and we request that reservations be made before hand. See the Editor-Emeritus column for more information. Saturday night each District is asked to perform for a dance. The schedule was made available to your Chairperson.

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A Nonprofit Organization Article II: "Purpose - To perpetuate and promote Old-time fiddling and Old-time music. To encourage everyone, especially young people, to play the fiddle and appreciate Old-time Fiddling and Old-time Music. To provide regular times and places to meet to play this kind of music".

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**March**

1 Meeting and Potluck Shasta Community Hall 12 - 4 p.m.  
3 Gig Plum Ridge 11-12 p.m.

Gig	Crystal Terrace	1 - 2 p.m.
7 Practice	Luther Square	1:30 - 4:30 p.m.
8 Jam and Dance (finger food)		
9	Shasta Community Hall	12 - 4:00 p.m.
14 Practice	Luther Square	1:30 - 4:30 p.m.
19 Gig	Shasta View Care Center	1:30 - 2:30 p.m.
Gig	Linkville House	3 - 4 p.m.
21 Practice	Luther Square	1:30 - 4:30 p.m.
28 Practice	Luther Square	1:30 - 4:30 p.m.

First I wish to alert all of District 1 members that there will be election of officers at our April 1st Meeting. This is not an April Fools joke.

We had a very good turnout of players and dancers at our last jam and dance. We were honored the the presence of Betty Chapman from District 1E and Howard Priddly from Mt Shasta; come back again, we enjoyed your music.

Our practice sessions are doing well and maybe bringing in new members. These practice days do well in helping all who come to learn new tunes and also learn to play better. All who wish to come will be welcome. We played at the Running Y for the sheriff's posse's annual convention February 13th and also for Eldorado Heights. Since they were both scheduled for the same time we split up our group. We

played there last evening and everything went very well. Everyone had a good time. Thank you to all who played at the different places.

We have been told we would have snow, but I think the weatherman has made another error. It is cool here and just a slight skiff of snow.

Irene Ruddock, reporting for our snow bird Johnny Rodgers

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**April**

5 Business Meeting and Election of Officers

Welcome to new member Anna Jondall, of Redmond.

Our jam on February 1 was well attended. Several residents from the High Desert Retirement Center visited. It was great to see them enjoying the music.

Bob Says:

"My how time flies, here it is March already with April just around the corner. These are two important months for the "Oregon Old Time Fiddlers Association." March 20 and 21 we have the Oregon State Fiddle Contest. Wow! If you like fiddle music with some of the best accompanists anywhere you should consider attending this gala event. If you play the fiddle, you could even be a contestant. They are always looking for new competitors. The only requirements are: You must be a resident of Oregon (6) months prior to the contest and be

a member of the OOTFA prior to the contest. If you are a first place winner, you could get your entry into the National Contest at Weiser, Idaho paid, also, an evening showcase performance at the national Contest and yearlong recognition in the National Fiddlers Hall of Fame. So if you have what it takes, it might be worth your while.

"THIS ANNUAL EVENT MIGHT BE RIGHT DOWN YUR ALLEY.

"On April 8, 9, 10 and 11 the OOTFA annual convention at the Polk County Fairgrounds in Rickreall, Oregon, takes place. Don't miss this one whatever you do. It is the one time of the year when members from all eleven OOTFA districts gather to enjoy meeting friends they haven't seen for awhile. A chance to make new acquaintances and more jamming than you can stand. There is a great banquet on Saturday night with

dancing to follow and of course the all important annual meeting when we elect officers for the following year as well as other business. On Friday night, Lew Holt always does a fantastic job with the show for the public and members. Also, there are workshops for various instruments. So all in all, it is a fun time. I hope you attend. If you plan to attend the banquet you should send a check \$12.00 per person with your choice of chicken or beef to: Fred Harden, P.O. box 1, Dallas, OR 97338.

"The next business meeting for District 3 will be April 5. At this time, we will attempt to elect officers for the coming year."

May God bless those who are sick or have lost loved ones.

Happy Birthday/Anniversary to all this month.

Joyce Wallace, District 3 Reporter

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March

7 Jam Senior Center 4-10 p.m.
9 Business Meeting Senior Center

Hi -- The weather is good: it's above 30 and below 50, so all is well.

Had a good Jam on the seventh of February. Not a big turn out, but the music and food were good. On the eighth of February, Loita Colebank was over. Made some calls and -- wouldn't you know it -- had another jam. And boy did we have fun! Thank you Loita, come again.

We had our business meeting and election of officers; here are

the results:

Chairman will be ROSA LEE MCLAIN-541-947-2903

Cochairman will be BEV PERRY -541-947-2334

Sec.-Treasurer and Membership will be SHARILYN MCLAIN -541-947-4623

Reporter will be our own EILEEN MCLAIN - 541-947-4474

I would like to thank:

-- Jim Fitzpatrick for being the old co-chairman. Thank you, Jim.

-- Bev Perry for doing the

Hoedowner when she could. Thank you, Bev.

-- Myrle Shepard, Donna Lynch and Bev Perry for all the calling they have done. Thank you , Myrle, Donna and Bev for the hard work.

Thanks to all that come to our meetings and jams, and play or listen to the music. Help with setting up and tearing down is much appreciated. Thank you, everyone.

Larry McLain for Bev Perry, District 1E Reporter.

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March

7 Jam Live Oak Grange, Rogue River

April

4 Jam Roxy Ann Grange, Medford

May

2 Jam Live Oak Grange

The meeting at Fruitdale Grange happened on a beautiful sunny day; we had over 30 sign-up musicians of all kinds. Special thanks to Bob Reeves and Scott Phillips for doing a great job of hauling and setting up the sound system! We are still looking for a regular sound person. The sound trailer is now outfitted with shelves and is nicely organized. Our chairman reminded us that our goals are to play music, have fun, expand our horizons, and be as good as we can be, attracting a good audience to our jams. A photographer from the Grants Pass Daily Courier was there interviewing and taking a lot of pictures which ended up on the front page! A really nice interview with Scott, too, on their video. We've gotten a lot of good comments.

A lot of folks came after absences due to health problems. Don and Bea Johnson have both been under the weather with Don battling pneumonia for a couple weeks, and Bea with her own bug. Mary Armstrong is still undergoing heart tests

preceding her knee operation. Peggy Hudson is starting therapy following a shoulder replacement. It's good to have our hammered dulcimer players back with Dean Allen recovering from intestinal surgery. The Zellmans have been holed up due to weather and Bob's sinus infection -- both are better now. Judy Lyon had serious bursitis and has quit her job. Stan Rogge is doing well following his hip replacement. We wish the best to all of you!

A small group played for the funeral of Ray Corbin, Jr. at the Jacksonville Cemetery. A bit chilly, but the music was really appreciated, and they made a generous donation to our District in his name. Our sympathy goes out to the families.

February was a busy month, as we had 17 different places to be and play! Really worked our core group hard! We are still in need of more musicians to come out to the nursing and retirement homes, particularly in Grants Pass, so we don't burn out our dedicated regular players.

The "5 O'Clock Jammers" con-

tinue to grow and learn more music. We have a great time, and play a lot of music every week. Come and join us every Wednesday.

At special request a small group learned and played some Norwegian folk songs for the Sons of Norway. Member Osa sang along with "Here Comes on Crutches Sally"-- in Norwegian! And our flapper Bea Johnson did her famous Charleston. Now if we could only find a Hardanger fiddle player for next year. . .

Nominations are still being accepted for District and State offices. Volunteer! This is YOUR organization!

Everything is funny as long as it's happening to someone else, but it is well to remember that the entire universe, with one trifling exception, is composed of others.

Judy McGarvey, District 4 Reporter

**District 5**

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**March**

4 Gig Oerdings, Coquille 1:20 p.m.  
 Gig Myrtle Point Care Center 3 p.m.

7 Gig Hauser Fire Dept., Spaghetti Feed North Bay School, Hauser 3-4 p.m.  
 11 Gig Baycrest Memory Care 1:30 p.m.  
 Gig Ocean Crest 3 p.m.  
 13 Dance Heritage Place, Bandon 6:30-8:00 p.m.  
 18 Gig Heritage Place, Bandon 1 p.m.  
 20 Gig (lunch) Arago Church, Arago 11 a.m.  
 Play after lunch  
 21 Meeting, Jam & Potluck Winchester Bay 11 a.m.- 4 p.m.  
 25 Gig Hearthside 1:30 p.m.  
 Gig Baycrest 3:00 p.m.

It looks like a busy month ahead for all you musicians, with several added events on the schedule. Please note the changed times for the gigs at Hearthside and Baycrest.

There will be a short meeting for election of new officers at 11 a.m.. on the March 21. Bring finger foods for a snack lunch; the monthly jam will follow at the usual time.

The date for the annual campout at Winchester Bay has been changed to August 19-23, one week later than originally planned. Put this

on your calendar and invite all your friends for that fun event. I still heard comments at the state quarterly meeting in Roseburg about how much last year's campout was enjoyed by some who attended. Other dates to put on your calendar include the state fiddle contest on March 20-21 and the state convention April 9-11.

Jamming with the District 5 group in January was William Bernhardt from Portland who happened to be passing through, saw our sign and stopped to spend the afternoon. He had

lived in Winchester Bay 20 years or so ago and wished to express his appreciation for the welcome he received. He said he enjoyed the session as much as we enjoyed his playing.

How are the new year's resolutions coming along?

The people who make a difference in your life are not the ones with the most credentials, the most money, or the most awards. They are the ones who care.

Mary A. Weist  
 Reporter, Dist. 5

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**March**

14 Jam, Potluck, Election of Officers Central Grange 10:30 a.m.- 4 p.m.

**April**

18 Monthly Jam Charity Grange 10:30 a.m.- 4 p.m.

**May**

3 Monthly Jam Lebanon Moose 10:30 a.m.- 4 p.m.

Hey all you lovers out there -- that is, music lovers. It's February and time to give that gal or guy friend something special. Taking them out to just fiddle around is a good thing.

The District has done well again this month. The District had a very good meeting at the Jasper Grange on January 24th with chairperson Darla Knudsen doing her usual good job; several items of business were discussed, voted on and adopted. One in particular was approval of the purchase by the District from John Steele a small compact battery operated two-channel sound system to be used at nursing homes and other venues where the big sound system is not needed.

It was reported that the Rudi Booher fiddle work shop went well. Chairperson Darla said that it was the responsibility of the district to remove trash and garbage from the

granges or other venues we use for our meetings and jams, and volunteers for this task would be appreciated. The cost would be reimbursed.

Mark Ratzlaff is chairman of the nominating committee. Nominations for officers for the ensuing year will be made at our February meeting at Long Tom Grange and elections held at the March meeting.

A motion was made to donate \$500 to the state fiddle contest in April; after discussion, the amount was increased to \$700, and the amended motion approved. It is a credit to the District and its members to be able to do this by raising money playing at our various gigs.

Mark your calendars for the state quarterly meeting at Rickreall, April 8-11.

We have had some illnesses and one death. I sadly report the passing of Frank Chandler, one of

our long-time OOTFA members. Frank was a very good banjo player; this reporter had the good fortune to play music with him many times.

Birthdays: Wayne Carpenter 3/1, Ed Sather 3/4, Patti Luse 3/11, Andy Kennedy 3/13, Bernie Charlebois 3/18 and Susie Milligan 3/20.

Anniversaries: Ed & Dorothy Sather 3/14, Sal & Darlene Fiducia 3/15, Alan & Carol Ede 3/17 and Wayne & Annie Carter 3/30.

Wayne's jams, 1st Saturday and third of each month, amplifiers allowed; Bernie Charlebois' jam, second Tuesday each month, amplifiers allowed

Words of wisdom: If you don't know what you're doing, you don't have to worry about mistakes!

Oral Robbins, District 6 Reporter

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March
5 Somerset Lodge, Gladstone
8 Jam Lake Oswego Adult Center 11 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
April
19 Hillsboro Senior Center Hillsboro
23 Beehive Assisted Living Forest Grove
May
1, 2, 3 Columbia Gorge Fiddle Contest Hood River

Please welcome Dawn & Doninic Baker, our new members from Oregon City. Dawn plays the fiddle and guitar and sings.

LOST AND FOUND: a guitar and a crockpot were left behind at the Gladstone Senior Center on February 7. Please call or email Ron Beatty at 503-297-6431, ronbeatty@juno.com.

We have several members in need of your thoughts and prayers for healing and recovery:

Bernice Green, whose son is in a serious situation.

Wayne Holmes to get over his minor medical procedure.

Chris Schlegel is dealing with more cancer.

Ethel Schlegel has moved into Alzheimer care.

Elizabeth Steinmetz is getting over a broken ankle.

Carol Ann Wheeler White is recovering from foot surgery.

Thursday March 5, Somerset Lodge at 8330 Cason Road in Gladstone needs us at 2:00 p.m. to

serenade the residents. Let's give them a good show!

Sunday March 8 we're at Lake Oswego Adult Center at 505 G Avenue in Lake Oswego. We can get in about 11 for jamming fun, then from 1 to 3:30 we'll put on a free sign-up program for the public. This is a fun one. They really like us here.

Sunday April 19 We'll have our regular jam at the Hillsboro Senior Center at 750 SE 8th Avenue in Hillsboro. (503-648-3823). We can get in the building about 11 and jam our hearts out until about 4.

Thursday April 23 We get to entertain at the Beehive Assisted Living facility at 2122 Hawthorne Street in Forest Grove. We've never been here so let's give them a really good show!!

May 1, 2, 3 The Columbia Gorge Fiddle Contest Come and have a great time at the second annual Columbia Gorge Fiddle Contest being held on the first weekend in May at Middle School in Hood River,

Oregon. The contest is Weiser certified, includes regular fiddle divisions, twin fiddle, showcase, Jr. & Adult picking divisions, \$4,000 prize money, beautiful handmade trophies, vendors, custom instrument raffles, Friday workshops with Brian Wicklund and others, Friday night concert, Sunday hootenanny, jams, food, camping on site....for more information see www.columbiagorgefiddlecontest.com

Friday May 22 at 3:30 they want us to play at Tanner Springs Assisted Living. That's at 23000 Horizon Drive in West Linn. Take I-205 south to Exit 6 - 10th Street. Keep going right at the light and go up S. Salamo Road. After 1.4 miles turn left onto S. Day Road. The first left is Horizon Drive which ends at the place. Drive down to the left and park in the back. Come up the rose-lined walk and in the back door. We perform off to the right in the dining room.

Gail Foster, District 7 Reporter

From the Editor Emeritus:

There are a lot of important jobs to be taken care of in the next few months. President Hal Weiner will cover times, places and events. I'll touch on them as they relate to the "local level." Banquet reservations for Saturday, April 11th are to be sent to Fred Hardin at Box 1 Dallas, OR 97338. Let Fred know if you are having beef or chicken. And how many of each one. For each dinner include \$12.00 with your check made out to OOTFA. Please get your reservations to Fred by Monday, April 6 so the caterer will know how many beef and how many chicken to order.

But first comes our contest on March 20 and 21st in the auditorium at Chemeketa Community College in Salem. We are very proud and happy to be in the auditorium this year. It is roomy,

plush, serves us well and costs less. The auditorium is on the Northeast corner of the campus. I recommend that you go east on Silverton Road - which is less than a half-mile south of the campus where it crosses Lancaster at the traffic light. Go east a half mile to the next light - at 45th St., turn left (north) and go .6 of a mile. Building 6, the auditorium is a block off 45th. The number 6 is on the building. We'll have signs directing you. If you go to building 50 where we have been for years -- go on by, turn left at the corner, turn right at the next intersection and you can work your way by going behind the fire hall -- to building 6 - the auditorium.

Simplified schedule - Friday there will be an on stage jam at 1 p.m.. The Sr and Sr-Sr Divisions to start at 3 p.m.. That evening there will be the finals for the two divisions and the twin fiddle

contest. Saturday morning the contest will start at 8:45 a.m. with the YA, followed by the Adult, Jr, and Open divisions. Lunch break. Pee Wee, Jr-Jr, Open. Dinner break. Jr-Jr finals, YA finals, Adult finals, Junior finals and Open finals. Check our website for more specific details.

We have received some very much appreciated donations from individuals and districts for the contest. Business donations are down this year -- a sign of the economy. We have the three judges - Monique Ruwe from Idaho. Jim McMillan from Montana and Justin Booher from Washington. Amy is busy working on programs, sent out post cards and other tasks.

Lew

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March

20-21 OOTFA Fiddle Contest Chemeketa Community College, Salem
28 Senior Center McMinnville

April

9-11 State Convention Polk County Fairgrounds, Rickreall

It ALMOST feels like spring in the Willamette Valley. Daffodils and tulips are coming up, it's rose pruning time, bright primroses are blooming, and pretty soon the lawn will need mowing. And of course, spring brings the OOTFA contest and the convention. With those events on the way, we'll all be thinking fiddling thoughts.

Les Tucker, Christine Lang, Jim Hascall and Lew and Alice Holt all attended the District 7 jam at Tualatin on February 15. The building rang with music, and we had comments from the audience about how much they enjoyed the program. District 7 is always very welcoming. They make us feel like "family". Their next jam is in Lake Oswego, March 8th.

Our February jam will have been the 21st. I'll report on the meet-

ing, election, and jam next time.

Come and listen to Oregon fiddlers compete at the state contest on March 20-21 at Chemeketa Community College in Salem. NOTE: we're in the auditorium this year, on the main part of the campus. The facility is much nicer than the gymnasium where it's been for the last few years.

For several years we've played at the Keiser Senior Center in March. This year they aren't having the Irish Stew dinner, so we're going to meet at McMinnville on March 28th. Brown bag lunch as usual. Beginning fiddlers, come early and participate in a circle jam just for you. It really helps to play along with others if you've been practicing alone.

April brings the annual OOTFA Convention! Many of us eagerly anti-

pate the opportunity to jam with friends from around the state, learn some new tunes, and just generally have a great time. We from District 8 will be asking for donations of finger food for Wednesday. There are sign up shows on Wednesday and Thursday evenings. Friday night is the planned show for the public. Read President Hal's column for more details on the convention.

Irish Friendship Wish:

May there always be work for your hands to do;
May your purse always hold a coin or two.

Alice Holt, District 8 Reporter

From the Editor

There are many sites on the internet which can be very helpful to old time fiddlers. One of these is the Prairie Mountain Fiddlers website, a Canadian version of the Old Time Fiddlers, located in Calgary. Their website features downloadable pdfs of many familiar and some not-so-familiar tunes in standard notation. It also has recordings of the these tunes at half speed, so that it is easier to figure out what is going on. The site is: http://www.calfolk.ca/tunes1/tunes-pmf.htm. Another site at which many tunes can be found in abc or standard notation is: www.ceolas.org/tunes/#pdf. Yet another site provides ly-

rics and chords for many old-time and country tunes: www.classic-country-song-lyrics.com/index.html.

As an example of what's obtainable, this month's Junior Hoedowner tune, Alex and Maureen's Two Step, can be downloaded from the calfolk site mentioned above.

Youtube can also be very helpful. Go to Youtube and in the search box enter the name of the tune you are interested. A selection of videos of someone playing the tune will pop up. I particularly like Youtube videos featuring "bluegrass girl" and "banjoben1" (You can search by "handle" or performer name, as well).

Joe

From the Editor Emeritus: cont.

If you have never been to one of our conventions, here is what to expect - sore fingers, full bellies, incredible music, wonderful camaraderie and great memories. Plan to attend!!

There will be a board meeting at 9 a.m. Saturday followed by our annual meeting at 10:30 a.m. At our annual meeting we will have election of officers. If you are interesting running for office, please contact Darla Knudsen, the nominating committee chairperson.

We will also vote to change our

by-laws and standing rules. The changes are needed to clarify our having bi-annual meetings, payment of monies from state events, fiddle contest rules and to fix your president's errors in leaving out a few items when I re-typed the last version of the by-laws. You can download the proposed by-law and rules changes at our web site at www.ootfa.org/announcements. The changes are shown in yellow highlight.

You can also obtain a copy from your district chairperson.

Just a reminder that our fiddle

contest is on March 20-21, 2009. Lew Holt and Amy Booher have the contest firmly under control. For more information see the Editor Emeritus column and the Junior Hoedowner.

Hal



**District 9**

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**March**

13 Gig Aspens 7 p.m.  
16 Gig Ashley Manor 6:30 p.m.

Several of our members are beating the winter doldrums by traveling. Joan Suther and husband, Rick Vetter, spent part of Christmas vacation at her folks' in Redding, CA before going on down to Ecuador, South America. Thad and Joyce Geer are off on a cruise to Rio and the Panama Canal. Hope Thad took plenty of "meds" for sea sickness! Darlene Austin flew to Texas to spend time with one of her daughters.

We signed a get-well card for Joan's mother who is recovering from surgery and we hope Pearl Hienz will soon be getting around after a fall on the ice in January which shattered a leg.

After the February 8th jam, we held a short business meeting. A

vote was taken to authorize Dennis and Dona Townsend to purchase flowers for the tables at the convention in Rickreall. We also voted to make a \$200 donation for the State Fiddle Contest in Salem. Janet Braymen reported she had already contacted Andrew Dunderdale to supply the sound for our June Jamboree (June 18, 19, & 20) and another meeting will have been held to put further plans in place.

Our election of officers will be held after our March 8th potluck and jam at the senior center in Burns, so plan to attend and support the officers.

Aspens will be on Friday, March 13 at 7 p.m. and Ashley Manor will be Monday, March 16 at 6:30 p.m. We thank Janet, Joan

and Billie Lanier who do the playing at Ashley Manor.

Also a big "THANKS" to the ladies who man the food tables for our potlucks. We often forget about all these people who work behind the scenes. I know people are trying to be helpful but our sound man, Walt Cooper, would rather handle all the equipment himself. Thanks.

Welcome to new members Bob and Jackie Drinkwater and "luck of the Irish" to you all.

Julia Milleson, District 9 Reporter

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**March**

14 Potluck and Jam Riverdale Grange 11  
a.m. - 4 p.m.

At our meeting this month, (February) we voted in our officers for the coming year. I'll put them in the next Hoedowner.

We had a very nice potluck. Thanks to all that brought the good food. We had a good jam, with lots of good players, and great dancers, dancing every dance. Everyone had fun.

Happy Birthday and Anniversary to everyone that had them.

Claire Eaton had heart surgery in Portland at the University. She's still there recovering well, but it will take a little time. We're all thinking of her, and will be glad to see her back again.

Chuck Hastey is taking some time off from the fiddlers due to health problems. We'll miss him there.

Our next potluck and jam will be March 14th, with the potluck at noon, and jam at 1 p.m. It will be at the Riverdale Grange on Gar-

den Valley. It's a smaller place, but suits us just fine, with room for a lot more people.

We play at three nursing homes a month, and a retirement center. We're scheduled for many gigs already this summer, so we'll be plenty busy.

Hope to see ya next month.

Joyce Pickett District 10 Reporter





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## State Calendar

### March

20 - 21 State Fiddle Contest Chemeketa Auditorium

### April

9 - 11 Annual Convention Rickreall

### May

1-3 Columbia Gorge Fiddle Contest Hood River

### June

18-20 Country Music Jamboree  
Harney County Fairgrounds, Burns

### July

30 Old Time Fiddle Contest  
Union County Fairgrounds, LeGrande

### August

6 - 9 Diamond Lake Campout.  
12-15 OOTFA Fiddle Camp  
Thousand Trails

## New Members to Welcome:

Benjamin & Barbara Crane, Lebanon  
Dawn & Dominic Baker, Oregon City  
Marcia & John Loftus, Sioux Falls, SD  
Dan Everts, Otis Orchards, WA  
Talbot Bielefeldt, Eugene  
Gary Davis, Cottage Grove  
EJ Ross & Patty Alexander, Eugene  
Richard & Sonja Nute, Coos Bay  
Rob Schultz, McMinnville  
Howard Smith & Nilda Miranda, Oregon City  
Anna Sondall, Redmond  
Susan Wanser, Springfield  
Bob and Jackie Drinkwater

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