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Greetings From your President

By the time you read this the State contest will be history. I would like to thank everyone who participated either as a teacher, contributor, volunteer or contestant. Without you there would be no contest. Special thanks to the extraordinary efforts of Lew Holt and Amy Booher.

The State Convention is next. District 8 has done a remarkable job of planning for this year. There will be something for everyone. It is April 8-11, 2009. Be prepared for full bellies, sore fingers and great conversations. Please remember to bring a NICE item for our raffle.

The party starts on Wednesday compliments of Districts 7 and 8. And it will continue until the last player leaves on Saturday night. Plenty of RV parking is available. I hope to see all of you there.

If anyone is interested in being a State Officer, you can be nominated from the floor at our Annual meeting on Saturday. Many people have inquired why I was not running for a second term. I unfortunately have over-committed myself with my business and other volunteer activities and could not devote as much time to OOTFA as I would have wanted. It has been a pleasure serving as your President this past year and I look forward to working with whomever you elect for next year.

I have several phone calls from members across the state who have expressed concerns about many issues relating to OOTFA activities. I felt it was important to share with you my feelings on these subjects. These are NOT official OOTFA rules, just my personal opinion. Hope you find them useful.

1. It is OK to use a music stand. Some of us are getting

older and can't remember the words or chords as well as we used to. There is NOTHING in the By-laws or standing rules that says we cannot use music stands, except in a contest.

2. The person who is the lead can pick the key, even if it is more difficult for back-up to play. They even get to pick the song even if it is one you do not like or have never heard before.

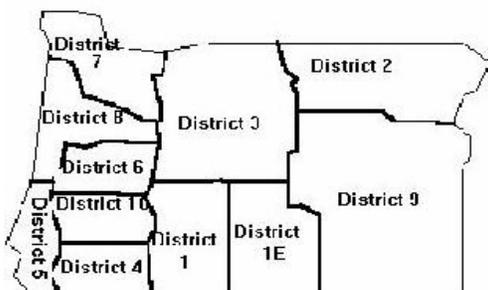
3. The person who is lead gets to set the speed and the tempo, even if it is off kilter or is a different version with different notes than what you are accustomed. Back-up should not try to impose their version of the song, even if it might be right. Back-up needs to listen to the person in lead and follow them.

4. It is OK for a singer to be off-key, a fiddler to miss notes or a guitar player to have their rhythm off or be playing too loud or soft. (Or even for a banjo to be out of tune!) We are at a jam and performance to have fun and enjoy each other's company. If we are at a paying gig, it is appropriate that we do play at our best, so don't be offended if you are not asked to play, as some people who hire us have specific requirements such as no vocals, number of players, etc.

5. Playing for an audience is NOT the main purpose of OOTFA. It is only when we have been contracted to play for a paying gig that we can require a higher level of musicianship.

6. Consideration and respect of everyone, no matter how good or bad that they may play or sing needs to be given. Everyone should be encouraged and told they did great. No one should ever be put down or made to feel bad about their performance. There is no such thing as a BAD performance! We need to remember we are all amateurs. If someone is brave enough to step up to a

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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".

District 1

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The Schedule for the Month of April will be as follows,
4th Luthers Square Practice----- 1:30 to 4:30
5th Shasta Community Center ----- 12:00 to 4:00--- Potluck and

Meeting
7th Plumb Ridge-----11:00 to 12:00--- Crystal Terrace 1:00 to 2:00
9th THROUGH 11th STATE CONVENTION AT RICKREALL
11th Luthers Square Practice -----1:30 to 4:30
12TH Shasta Community Center Senior dance and Jam 12:00 to 4:00
16th Shasta View Care Center 1:30 to 2:30--- Linkville House 3:00 to 4:00
18th Luthers Square Practice-----1: 30 to 4:30
25th Luthers Square Practice-----1: 30 to 4:30

Well, its great to be back home and playing music with our bunch. We missed playing very much for the past 3 months. Didn't miss the snow though, sorry we couldn't bring home the warm weather with us. I sure want to thank Irene Ruddock for filling in for me, doing the Hoedowner for the past 3 months. We had a laptop so we could read the Hoedowner down south. Getting on the Internet was tough so many snowbirds, they seem to keep the lines busy. Some days we couldn't even get online, it may have been the server problems not sure of that. I was amazed in some

of the libraries down there they had 30 computers for the public to use, at no charge. But they were very slow.

I did get to play music with some of the Oregon Old time Fiddlers in the week that we were in Quartzsite Arizona.

We will all be looking forward to seeing old friends at Rickreall, and enjoying the great music. I am always amazed at the talent that is there. Even the very young that play fiddles and guitars, play them like they have been playing as long as some of our old timers.

We have a new member starting this past weekend. Mr. Tim

Dabill. We hope you will enjoy our district one. You may soon start meeting other state members. They often drop in to play music with us. You are welcome to join in our travels to the local retirement homes, and rehabilitation centers. That's about all the news I have for this month.

Anniversaries for the month of April none listed Birthdays for April will be Allen Meyers, Bill Bonser, Bernice Oden, Jeri Weatherford.

Johnny Rogers, Reporter District 1

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April
30 - May 1 Silver Lake Campout

So, here I am again, the bad penny- a.k.a. Eileen McLain. I'll be doing the district 1E reporting again. We're gearing up for our annual Silver Lake camp out, being held this year from Apr. 30 through May 3 in beautiful downtown Silver Lake, OR (population 1600).

We hold the camp out festivities at the Silver Lake Fire Hall. Both the RV parks are an easy 2 block walk to/from the fire hall, and the motel is about 4 blocks, but if you can't stand to be that far from the action, there is dry camping at the fire hall parking lot. We only ask that you stay clear of the Helicopter landing site (marked by a big, white, painted "H" on the asphalt).

Here's the accommodations info: In Silver Lake: Silver Lake Trailer Park (541) 576-2789 K&K RV Park (541)576-2258 Silver Lake Motel (541)576-2131

And what happens at the Silver Lake camp out you might ask? April 30: 9:00 a.m. Fire Hall opens

Jamming all day 5:00 p.m. Potluck (for those interested) ?? Hall closes when the teddies dance. If you come, you'll know what we mean by that.

May 1: 7:00 Fire Hall opens Jamming all day 2:00 Begin sign up for Hat Jam contest 5:00 Potluck 6:00 Hat Jam ?? Hall closes when the teddies dance.

May 2: 7:00 Fire Hall opens Jamming all day 2:00 sign up for Draw Band contest 4:30 Potluck: Dist 1E will provide ham. Fiddlers and community are asked to bring salads or desserts. ?? Hall closes when the teddies dance May 3: 7:00 Hall opens, begin sign up for gospel show (sign up at the entrance) 9:00 Gospel show When show is over, clean up of hall begins. Th..th...th...that's all folks!

Well, I'd be remiss if I didn't explain for newcomers to the camp out what the Hat Jam and Draw Band contests entail. The Hat Jam seems to get more animated every year. Each contestant picks a hat to match

the song they're playing and they choose their back-up players to help out. Say, for example you're doing "over the waves," you might pick a pirate hat matey. Argghh! Walk the plank or I'll boil you in oil.

The Draw Band contest, alternately called the Can Band contest or Band Scramble begins with the contestants entering their name in various cans according to which instruments they can play. You don't have to be a virtuoso, but only be able to pick up a tune easily. To assemble the bands, Terry will pick out a name from each can, so there will be a singer, a fiddler, a guitar player, etc. to make up the band. Then, you give the band a name -the funnier the better. You have just a short time to come up with a couple of tunes you can throw together and perform onstage. It's a nerve wracking challenge, but great fun, and the audience just goes crazy! So, hope that explains the contests.

Sorry this is so long, folks. It'll be short and sweet next month, I promise.

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April 5 Pine Forest Grange, Bend 12:30 - 3:30

We had a nice turnout for our March 1 jam. Thanks to the efforts of our musicians the music was enjoyable for all of those listening or dancing.

Bob Says: "This year marks the 44th birthday of the Oregon Old time Fiddlers Association. In 1964 a group of fiddlers in Waldport, Oregon met to perform for a show. One of the Old Time Fiddlers suggested that an organization of fiddlers be formed. Later that year in Hillsboro, the OOTFA was formed. The purpose of the organization was as stated in the by-laws to "preserve, encourage, and promote old time fiddling." It was decided it would not be necessary to be a musician to belong to the Association. Anyone would be welcome who wants to

keep old time fiddling a living vital part of our lives. This month with an eye toward the future, please reflect on our rich history and perhaps even on your personal involvement in the OOTFA and your District. Hopefully, you are as proud of your individual efforts as you are of the OOTFA's outstanding record. If you feel you could or should do more, contact the leadership of your District, or State and offer to help however you can.

The OOTFA will elect new State officers this month, many Districts already have. This is an extremely important responsibility. The members you elect to lead your District or State through their individual desires, abilities and actions, will determine for the most part how successful the OOTFA will be in accomplishing its purpose. Please get

involved in your district or even at the State level, your choice. We need you. Encourage other members to take part and apply your individual and collective talents and skills to help the OOTFA grow and prosper.

On a final note, we will elect officers for District 3 at our next meeting, April 5. PLEASE BE THERE!!

Remember this, "When the power of love overcomes the love of power the world will be a better place."

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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Apr 4: Roxy Ann Grange, Medford
May 2: Live Oak Grange Rogue River
June 6: Fruitdale Grange Grants Pass

It was a great monthly jam at the Live Oak Grange in Rogue River. We had a full house - even ran out of chairs! Lots of music and dancers, and everyone having a good time. The nice article on the front page of the Grants Pass Courier from last month's jam gave us some great publicity, and we had many new visitors, resulting in 3 new members. New members were Curt Renfro (who plays a heckuva banjo, bass, and piano), Ivan Delman (washtub bass/gut bucket), and Robert Camalli. Welcome to district 4!

The change of location for the Contest was announced, and members were encouraged to participate as contestants or fan base.

We received a nice card from English family - Mary, Nancy and Marv. Mary is busy with school activities and playing in the school orchestra. We've missed them.

With the Convention coming up, our responsibility is the raffle table. We need to provide some nice raffle items and 3 table decorations. Cathy Frutchey and Pat Manion will represent District 4 in the Friday night show.

Several members attended the workshop and concert by Hanneke Casel in Ashland. She's really charming and talented! We learned flips, pull-ons, and several other musical additions!

We continue to play 10-12 or more gigs per month, and need more musicians to come out and play. Check out

the website for times and places, or call one of the officers for more info.

Our annual playing for the spaghetti supper for the Salvation Army brought out many folks, and we had a great time!

We have been asked to join the faculty, students, and parents of Ft. Vanoy School as they celebrate their school's sesquicentennial on April 13. They are looking forward to the Virginia Reel and Oregon Trail music. We also are looking forward to other sesquicentennial celebrations in the valley this summer.

---and a comment: It's hard to be as fit as a fiddle when you look like a cello!

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April
1 Oerdings, Coquille 1:20 p.m.
Myrtle Point Care Center 3:00 p.m.
8 Baycrest Memory Care 1:30 p.m.
Ocean Crest 3:00 p.m.
9-11 State Convention, Rickreall
15 Heritage Place, Bandon 1:00 p.m.
18 Monthly Jam, Winchester Bay 1:00-4:00 p.m.
22 Life Care Center, Coos Bay 1:00 p.m.
Hearthside 2:30 p.m.

Do March showers bring April showers? Let's hope so and we will have a beautiful April after all the rain we've had the past few days. The warm days we had in February have resulted in the early flowers and trees blooming earlier than usual this year.

Last month's jam drew several visiting musicians from other districts which added to the enjoyment for all those attending. These included Guy Kinman from Roseburg, Carol Lakin

and Fred Young from Oakland, and Hal Thompson from Glide, all District 10. From Waldport in District 8 was Tom Cropper. Also playing with the group was little Shannon Stein from the Coos Bay area. She plays all types of fiddle and violin music and she and her music were the subject of a recent nice write-up in The World, the Coos Bay newspaper. We hope they will all be back to join us again soon.

Oren Pruitt, from Bandon and one of

our District 5 members, and his co-writer, Glenna O'Neil, from Horseshoe Bend, Arkansas have written a song, titled "Grandpa, if You're Not in Heaven I don't Want to Go" which has been accepted for production by one of the major recording companies. James King, who has been judged the No. 1 bluegrass singer for the past 7 years, will be the artist on the recording. Oren composed the music

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April 18 Jam and potluck Charity Grange
10:30a.m. - 4:00p.m.
May 3 Jam Lebanon Moose
10:30a.m. - 4:00p.m.

Oral Robbins is "under the weather," so I'm doing the report for him this month. I sure hope he is back on his feet soon, because he does such a good job reporting.

It was a very special treat to have OOTFA President, Hal Weiner and his lovely wife, Karen, at our District Jam in February. It is a real pleasure to hear him play and sing, even if his favorite key is "R." We had a nice crowd with 25 musicians signed up to play.

Don't forget the OOTFA State Meeting and Convention in Rickreall at the Polk County Fairgrounds. It will be April 9-11. It is lots of fun and you will meet loads of special people. The elections will also be held for OOTFA officers. If you would like to hold a state office or know someone who would be interested, let us know.

Our April jam and potluck will be April 18th at Charity Grange, 33275 Bond Butte Road, Harrisburg, OR 97446. If you come up I-5, take the Harrisburg exit and go west until you get to Rowland Road and go north on Rowland Road until you come to Bond Butte Road, then turn east. You will cross over I-5 and the Grange is a blue building on the north side of the road. Hope

to see you there.

Our May gathering will be before some of you get your Hoedowner. On May 3rd, we will be at the Lebanon Moose, 4070 S. Santiam Hwy, Lebanon, OR 97355, and the Ladies of the Moose are great cooks. From I-5 take exit 228 (Hwy 34) toward Lebanon. Go through Lebanon toward Sweet Home and the Moose Lodge is on the right about a mile past Wal-Mart.

The fiddle classes, taught by Ila Mae Carmickle, keep drawing more students. Great fun! Thank you, Ila Mae!

At our last meeting we re-elected the same slate of officers for next year that we have had this year. Rudi Booher's workshop was very successful. There were 50 attendees with a waiting list. District 6 is planning to sponsor another workshop in the future.

Don't forget our acoustic jams on the first Friday night at Central Grange and the second Friday at Crow Grange. They are from 7:30-10:30 and are finger-food potlucks. Non-OOTFA jams, with amplified instruments, are Wayne Carpenter hosting the 1st Saturday and the 3rd Thursday at Jasper Grange. They are pot-

luck and from 11:00-4:00. The 2nd Thursday, Central Grange hosts a jam and potluck from 10:30-4:00.

Birthdays; Alice McDowell 4/4, Julia Moon 4/8, Carol Ede 4/12, Don Peeler 4/15, Sherry Dobson 4/18 and Irene Oleman 4/25. Anniversaries; Lynn and Joan Nelson 4/8, Joe and Leah Canaday 4/9, Arlo and Louise Hamilton 4/13, Joe and Emily Moyle 4/22 and Jerry and Linda Parks 4/29.

Words of wisdom from Oral, "The very worse day of fishing or playing music is better than the very best day of working."

Acting District 6 Reporter,
Darla Knudsen

This just came in -- Just wanted to notify you that Earl Knudsen passed away today, March 17th, about 2:00 this afternoon. There will be a celebration of life on April 25th at Central Grange at 11:00. It will be a potluck and bring your musical instruments. Earl wanted music and dancing. The address for Central Grange is 87200 Central Road, Eugene, OR 97403. If you have any questions email or call 541-998-2064.

Thank you, Darla and Jesse Knudsen

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April
 19 Hillsboro Senior Center Hillsboro
 23 Beehive Assisted Living Forest Grove
 May
 1, 2, 3 Columbia Gorge Fiddle Contest Hood River
 10 St. Helens Senior Center St. Helens
 22 Tanner Springs Assisted Living West Linn
 June
 14 Estacada Community Center Estacada

Condolences go to the family and friends of Ethel Schlegel who died recently. She and her husband Chris were long-time members who live in Vancouver, WA.

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 can play at The Beehive Assisted Living at 2122 Hawthorne Street in Forest Grove. We've never been here before, so let's give them a really good show!

May 1, 2, 3 The Columbia Gorge Fiddle COLUMBIA GORGE FIDDLE CONTEST HOOD RIVER, OR The 2nd Annual Columbia Gorge Fiddle Contest features Bluegrass workshops, a Friday Night Concert with American Roots Music, Texas style fiddle and acoustic contest on Saturday and Sunday, at 6:30 pm Saturday Night Fun begins, jamming all weekend and good food all in the

beautiful Columbia Gorge at the Hood River Middle School at 18th and May St. 541-386-3845

www.ColumbiaGorgeFiddleContest.com

Sunday, May 10 we'll go back to St. Helens Senior Center on Mother's Day. It's at 375 S. 15th Street in St. Helens. We can get in about 11 and start having fun. Then the sign-up jam will start at 1. We've had a lot of fun out here, so let's do it again!

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.

Sunday, June 14 We'll have our regular June Jam at the Estacada Community Center at 200 Clubhouse

Drive in Estacada. Turn right at the first light in town, then turn right again and drive down left to the Center. Kelly will have hamburgers and goodies for sale for lunch and snacking. We can get in about 11 and start having a real good time.

Friday, July 3 we're invited to play at 2:00 p.m. at Deerfield Village Assisted Living at 5770 SE Kellogg Creek Drive in Milwaukie (507-653-4064). This is a small venue but they just love us here.

Friday, July 24 at 3:30 they want us to play at Tanner Springs Assisted Living again. That's at 23000 Horizon Drive in West Linn.

Saturday, July 25 MARK THE CALENDAR! We'll have our third annual District 7 PICNIC at Paul and Gayl Ratigan's again out in Oregon City. Bring instruments, some grub and a chair and we'll meet under the big trees in the back yard. The address is 14918 S, Glen Oak Road in Oregon City. All members are invited.

District 7 Reporter, Gail Foster

From the Editor Emeritus:

As Hal wrote, the contest is history. As of this writing a few days before the contest, I am optimistic. Things are looking good. And thanks for all of your donations and for volunteering and for entering the contest. Several nice late contributions came in that I have not acknowledged in the Hoedowner - Dale Emery, Fred Hardin, Helen Washburn, Joe Hamm and Les Tucker all made generous donations. A group meets at our house almost every Wednesday night. We have played several places through the fall and were paid. We donated enough money to pay for two very nice ads -- one in the NW Senior News and another in the Salem Statesman Journal.

We have never run ads before so we will have seen how effective they are.

Now it is time to change hats and think even more of the convention. You have time to get your banquet reservations to Fred - telling him whether you want BBQ Tri-tips Beef or the chicken dinner. Make your check out to OOTFA and mail it before April 4th to Fred at Fred Hardin P. O. Box 1 Dallas, OR 97338

I have been corresponding with Nancy Leith whose father was president of the OOTFA back in 1968 - 69. I sent Nancy all the information about her father out of the OOTFA History Book. She seeks information about her father - pictures - maybe a

fiddle or . . . There are only a few "old timers" who go back to that time but it doesn't hurt to ask everybody. Contact me, please, if you have any leads.

COLUMBIA GORGE FIDDLE CONTEST May 1-3, 2009 Hood River, Oregon

The 2nd Annual Columbia Gorge Fiddle Contest is filled with music for all ages. Enjoy the Friday Night Concert featuring American Roots Music. Listen to some of the nation's best Texas style contest fiddlers as well as fresh new talent and acoustic pickers. Friday workshops highlight Bluegrass music.

The fiddle and acoustic contest begins Saturday morning and concludes Sunday afternoon. Contest

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Calendar:

April 8-11 OOTFA Convention Rickreall Polk Co. Fairgrounds
April 25 & 26 Ag Fest Salem State Fairgrounds
June 6 Dist. 8 Picnic Dallas Hardin's house

Convention plans are in full swing. If you've never attended an OOTFA convention, come and see what it's all about. You'll love it. Note to district 8 people: For those planning to come Wednesday...and wondering about our all day "snackathon"...Dist 8 is hosting with the help of Dist 7. If you would like to add a plate to the table; here are some suggestions; veggie/fruit plates, cheese & crackers, chips/dips, sandwiches (please cut into quarters), deviled eggs, cookies, etc., (nice to have some made with sugar substitute if you know how), in other words "finger foods"...we will have coffee/tea/fruit drinks etc., table service but informal. If you have questions contact Darlene Bryant at 503-362-0172.

Our February 21 meeting accomplished quite a lot. We voted to give \$1000 to the OOTFA Fiddle Contest, \$200 to the Columbia Gorge (Hood River) Contest and \$300 to the Willamette Valley Contest. The election of new officers resulted in re-electing all

this year's officers. All are eligible for another term, and agreed to do so. Thanks to all! We reviewed our Contest and Convention duties, and several already scheduled summer play dates.

The meeting was followed by another great jam with 26 signed up to play and or sing. Very welcome guests from District 7 were: Joe Hamm fiddle, Greg duFour fiddle, Chuck Gates fiddle, bass and banjo, Pat Gates guitar, ukulele, and fiddle. We were very pleased to have Josh Woods, one of our young scholarship students join us and play some good tunes.

A group played in Newberg for a Chicken and Dumplings dinner. We played for 3 hours taking breaks to eat dinner. Best chicken and dumplings I ever ate! Our donation basket had \$155 in it at the end of the evening. It will be donated to the OOTFA fiddle contest. District 8 members may have sore arms from patting ourselves on the back. Our district, small groups and individuals have contributed over

\$2100 to the state contest. And \$500 to other contests. Yay for us!

More next month on the contest and our March 28th jam at McMinnville.

We have just got confirmation that we will play at the Ag Fest at the State Fairgrounds in Salem. The dates are April 25th and 26th. Call Lew for more information if you plan to attend: 503-391-5377.

Once again, our district picnic will be at Hardin's in Dallas. Mark Saturday, June 6th on your calendars. Ya'll come!

We hope to see many friends at Rickreall for the OOTFA convention. The raffle fiddle, made by Wally Case, will be there. Ticket sales benefit our District 8 scholarship program. And you could be the lucky winner! What we have learned to do, we learn by doing. -- Aristotle

Alice Holt, reporter

District 1E cont.

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I should mention that at our March jam, we had a couple of very talented musicians from the Ashland area join us-

Howard Duval on fiddle and Tom Daley on banjo. Real old-timey stuff. Future OOTFA members? I sure hope we showed them a good time.

Next District 1E meeting will be on April 13, 7 P.M. and next jam on April 4, 4 p.m.-both held at Lake County

Senior Center Ciao!! Which I've found out recently means "I am your slave"

Eileen McLain

From the President cont.

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microphone and perform, they should be applauded.

7. We should all remember basic good conduct rules. Bad language, fighting, intoxication, improper Hal conduct and bad manners should NOT be tolerated by any

OOTFA member.

I hope you all have a wonderful Easter and a warming spring!!

From the Editor Emeritus: cont.

\$4,700 to be awarded!

fiddlers range in age from 4-84 years old. Anyone can enter within one hour of a division starting. Most divisions have two rounds of three tunes: a hoe-down, waltz and tune of choice played within 4 minutes. Prize money of

6:30 pm, is certain to have a whole lot of fiddling going on with an Entertainment Showcase. For those who like to play together, or jam, there are plenty of places to gather in a group large or small. Great food, fun and fiddling all in

Hood River in the beautiful Columbia Gorge! 541-386- 3845 www.ColumbiaGorgeFiddleContest.com

Joe will be back next month. Lew

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*April
10 Aspens 7 p.m.
12 Senior Center potluck and jam
13 Ashley Manor 6:30 p.m.*

Our group played a gig at "Ye Olde Castle" in February and will be doing another on March 20th. The lounge is under new management.

At our March jam at the Senior Center, we welcomed Scott Houck, who sings and plays guitar, and was also great to have Betty Chapman here again. She always gets a request for a yodeling song. Marianne Andrews took time out from dancing to play a couple of songs; and we all got in on the closing act with, "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling."

Other guests were Steve and Rebecca Harris from Frenchglen and also Vernon Estes, who became our newest member. Before a car accident put him in a wheelchair, Vernon played music and is a soundman. He has also offered to send my

emails as he lives in the same apartment complex. Welcome Vernon and thanks.

Cards have been signed for John Borelli (still in California with heart problems), Hilda Sahlberg, who had back surgery, and Darlene Wingfield, who is having shoulder surgery. It was good to see Pearl Heinz at the jam, as well as, Hilda.

In the absence of Dona Townsend, Co-Chair Walter Cooper held our meeting for election of officers. Dona had agreed to continue as Chairperson, Darlene Wingfield will be the new Co-Chair, and George Sahlberg will continue as Secretary, Treasurer and Membership for District 9.

At a recent jam, Janet Brayman shared an email from Jim Rhodes of Ketchikan, Alaska. Jim worked

here for three-months and played music with us and still keeps in touch. He also made arrangements to see Dennis and Dona Townsend while they are at the music festival in Juneau. Our April play dates will be: The Aspens on April 10th at 7:00 p.m. And Ashley Manor on Monday, April 13th at 6:00 p.m. The Senior Center potluck and jam falls on the 12th, which is Easter Sunday. Hope we have an audience!

As we plod along toward spring, we are having a few more sunny days in with the cold winds and occasional snow flurries. Hope the weather will be good for all you conventioners!

Respectfully Submitted:
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We didn't have many at the jam this month, most people had other things to do, but we still had a nice potluck, and jam. There were only about 8 players and singers; didn't get a break, but we all had a good time, we had a few dancers and audience. It was nice seeing Chuck Hasty there, he had a good time MCing and playing.

There's been some people that have been going to the Dr's and having tests, hope they're okay. Clare Eaton is doing good, and should be home soon.

There have been a lot of birthdays

and anniversaries this month, (March "Happy" to you all.

We've been playing at Rosehaven Nursing Center, Umpqua Valley Nursing Center, Callahan Court, Bridge-wood Rivers, and Roseburg Senior Center every month.

Due to the Convention in April, we won't be having our regular monthly jam in April. Our next MEETING potluck and jam will be May 9th at Riversdale Grange, on Garden Valley. Meeting at 11 am, potluck at noon, and jam from 1pm to 4pm.

Our new officers for next year are: Chairperson and membership: Jo Barnes, 541-459-4522 Co-Chair: Jean Hanson 541-672-6929 Secretary: Sharon Thompson 541-496-3927 Treasurer: Gynn Deaton 541-839-4501 Reporter: Joyce Pickett 541-643-2995

Hope to see you all at the Convention at Rickreall.

Joyce Pickett District 10 reporter

District 5 cont.

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and Glenna wrote the words. How exciting! Our congratulations to both of you and we hope it goes to the top of the charts.

Our welcome is extended to Sonya and Richard Nute from Coos Bay who have recently joined our group.

Musicians, Please note the change in schedule for the 4th Wednesday. You will be going to Life Care Center on Ocean Blvd. and Hearthside.

Best wishes to all those celebrating birthdays, anniversaries and other momentous events in their lives this month. We're going to get that list going yet!

Hope you can all make it to the state

convention in Rickreall April 9-11. Fun!

Life is too short for drama and petty things; so laugh uncontrollably, love truly, forgive quickly, accept responsibility for your own actions and never regret anything that made you smile.

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State Calendar

April

9 - 11 Annual Convention Rickreall
30 - May 3 Silver Lake Campout

May

1-3 Columbia Gorge Fiddle Contest Hood River

June

18-20 Country Music Jamboree Harney County Fair-
grounds, Burns
22 - 27 Weiser Contest

July

30 Old Time Fiddle Contest
Union County Fairgrounds, LaGrande

August

1 Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest -- Corvallis
6 - 9 Diamond Lake Campout.
12-15 OOTFA Fiddle Camp Thousand Trails

September

17, 18 and 19 Merrill campout

New Members to Welcome:

Torrey Gage-Tomlinson, Eugene
Susan Drake, Eugene
Robert Camelli, Cave Junction
Timothy Dabill, Chiloquin
Ivan & Arlene Delman, Grants Pass
Col. Vernon Estes, Hines
Kriss Fenton, Springfield
Curt & Lisa Renfro, Eagle Point
Cathy Unversagt & Leslie Yaw, Bend
McKenna Kay Clayton, West Linn
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Janet Haney, Florence
Stuart, Valerie & Shannon Stein, North Bend

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