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Greetings From your President

As I sit at my desk and write this, it is 49 degrees and raining and tomorrow it is expected to be 80 degrees and sunny. How fast the weather changes – almost like the chords in a fast swing tune! By the time you read this, both the High Desert Jamboree and Weiser will be over and I'm sure everyone had a great time. Thanks to District 9 for organizing this fun event. I understand they tried to get their mosquitoes to join OOTFA, as they sure like musicians!!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Jack Kerr, Judy McGarvey and Sharon Gallager for their outstanding service as your past officers. As we move into a new year, we, like many other organizations, face some financial challenges and opportunities. But I am sure with your support we will continue as a strong and vibrant organization. More will be forthcoming at our semi-annual meeting at Merrill in September.

I will be looking forward to seeing you at one of the campouts or jam sessions this summer.

Your prez,
Hal

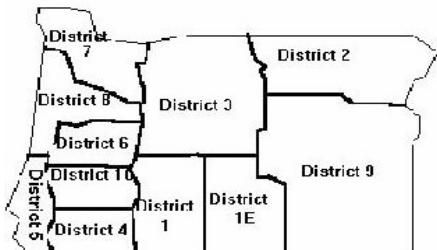
FROM THE EDITOR :

Ah, the wonders of the internet – I write this while sitting at a table in the Super Eight motel at Eau Claire, Wisconsin. Almost all hotels/motels offer free wireless internet connections these days, so it's no sweat to go online and do the Hoedowner from wherever I may be.

Bob Ervin writes: "All persons intending to attend the OOTFA Fiddle Camp should get their fees and registration in soon. The dead line is fast approaching and I need to know how many to schedule for. The dates for the camp are August 11-14th.

Contact me at 541-447-5451 or Email at ptran@crestviewcable.com anytime. Some of the districts and the state have scholarships available to pay for this."

Joe



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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July

Practice, Every Sat. 1:30 to 4:00 Luther Square, unless something else is going on that day.

4th The regular meeting for this Sunday was canceled due to the holiday.

6th Plum Ridge nursing home 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., then Crystal

Starting the First of July the new officers will take office. Irene Ruddock will be the new chairman; the rest of the officers will remain the same.

I think I can speak for all our District 1 members when I say how much we appreciate all the work that John and Patti Northcraft put in on our behalf. The chairman's job requires so much time and effort. John took on the job of hauling the sound system around to our gigs -- a big job in itself. Organizing the convention, they're in Merrill and so many of the gigs in the Malin area I know took a lot of work, and Patti backing him up all the way. We thank

you both. We were sorry to hear that John has suffered a mini stroke in recent days. He says he is doing pretty good, but has trouble remembering words to songs now. Seems like we all have that trouble from time to time.

I have noticed that during special events during the year, such as the state conventions, or the campout events like Silver Lake, Diamond Lake, Winchester Bay, Merrill convention, Burns Jamboree, or fiddle contests, often we have the real active members of our club attending these special events. When this happens the local scheduled events seem to be running very short on players.

Terrace 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.
9th Eldorado Heights retirement home 2130 Eldorado Blvd. 1- 2 p.m.,
11th Shasta Community Center, senior dance and jam, finger foods.12:00 to 4 p.m.
15th Shasta View Care Center 1- 2 p.m., then Linkville House 3- 4 p.m.
17th Farmers Market Ninth and Main Street 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
17th Covered Wagon Days Bliss Rd. rescheduled from last month, 6 p.m.
31st Farmers Market Ninth and Main Street 10 a.m to 12 p.m.

Now, since our membership is probably bigger than any other district in the state, I would like to ask members of our district to take that into consideration and step in and help out,
PLEASE.

We have a bunch folks having birthdays this month. They are as follows: John Northcraft, Fran Coker, the cowboy Jim Lancaster, our Les Tucker, June Sandusky, and Allie Swartwood

Johnny Rodgers,
District 1 Reporter

District 1E

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Reporter: Eileen McLain

July

3 Jam Lakeview Senior Center Lakeview
12 Business Meeting
18 Gig Firemen's Barbecue
New Pine Creek 12-4 p.m.,

The only thing we'll have this month in the way of performances will be the annual firemen's BBQ in New Pine Creek, on the 18th. We start to play at noon and continue until the crowd thins out around four p.m.

It'll be just good food, a good cause and good music. We'd like all of you from District 1 who aren't too busy to come on over and help us. We sure have a great time when you help us out

and we really appreciate it as well.

Our next jam will be on the 3rd of July in the Lakeview Senior Center. We'll be potlucking the snacks. The next business meeting will be on July 12 (Doug McLain's birthday, BTW). Also aging a year will be Perry Forga on the ninth, and Donna Lynch on the 29th. Apologies to Rosa Lee McLain, who I missed in last month's report. She should disown me.....But those who get the report online and early

can call and say Happy Birthday to her on JUNE 23.

You ever wonder-- if toast always falls butter side down, and a cat always lands on his feet, what would happen if you strapped a piece of buttered toast to a cat's back? Something to ponder. See you all sometime, somewhere.

Eileen McLain, District 1E Reporter.

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July	August
No Jam 1	Monthly jam Pine Forest

We had a good time at our regular jam at the Pine Forest Grange. There was a pretty good group of attendees. Roland White was not able to be there so we did not have any young fiddler lessons. Due to conflicts with summer vacations, we will resume young fiddler lessons in October. Betty Chapman from District 1E joined our other musicians. Betty is always popular because of her yodeling

abilities. Bob Ervin has lined up a gig at the Redmond Centennial on July 3rd. We will not have our regular jam at Pine Forest Grange because of the conflict with July 4th.

At our last jam on June 6th, we had a reporter from KBND radio in Bend visit with us. She interviewed me and Jack Kerr seeking information about the Old Time Fiddlers. She taped the interviews and some of

our music. The reporter's name is Kelly Bleyer; the interview and music was played on KBND on Wednesday, June 9th three times. Kelly promised to send two copies to me so I can play the recording at our next meeting.

Our next scheduled jam will be at Pine Forest Grange on August 1st.

Ron Odegard, District 3 Reporter

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July	
3 Jam	Butte Falls Park
August	
7 Jam	Fruitdale Grange, Grants Pass

We had a small but enthusiastic crowd at the monthly jam at Fruitdale Grange in Grants Pass. The potluck was delicious, the meeting short, and the weather just right! We welcomed our "almost regular" members from District 10, Guy Kinman, Bob Hanson, and Hal Thompson, and another fiddler, Vern Ludwig. They are always a welcome addition to our program.

We were greatly saddened to learn of the death of Life Member Don Lindsey. He was such an inspiration to many of us, and we frequently play the old time "Don songs" that he taught us. He is the only member of District 4 to get the State Distinguished Service Award for lifetime achievement. A donation was given in his name to the District 4 Scholarship fund, at his daughter's request. Our sympathy

goes out to his family. He will be greatly missed and fondly remembered. New member guitarist Jeff Peterson died in a tragic accident at his home in Wilderville. He had played with us only a couple times and joined us playing at the Wood House Celebration in Eagle Point. Our sincere sympathy to his wife, to Tonia, daughter (who is learning guitar), and family. A donation is being given in his name to the District Scholarship fund, at the family's request.

We have our contract for the Jackson County Fair. We will be playing Tuesday, July 20, 11:30-12:45 p.m. and Sunday July 25, 3-4 p.m. We received a nice thank you from the Friends of the Ruch Library for playing for the entertainment and dancing with folks of all ages. They told us they want us back again!

We are scheduled to play for the Britt Children's Festival again in July as strolling musicians on the grounds. Burns and Weiser will be history by the time this goes to press. I'll bet it was (is) fun! District schedules are available, and all schedules are on our website (or call an officer). The Wednesday beginning fiddle group will be adjourned for the summer, and resume in the fall

. . . and remember: To the world you might be one person, but to one person you

Judy McGarvey,
 District 4 Reporter

District 5

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July

Since so many of our musicians were gone, off to Burns, Weiser, Alaska and wherever else, the June jam was cancelled. There will be a meeting to install the new officers and take care of whatever business there may be, at 11 a.m., before the jam on July 17. Bring finger foods for lunch.

There were two extra gigs added to the June calendar. The first was on June 5 at the historical museum in Simpson Park in North Bend with 16 musicians joining in the music-making. The occasion was a picnic to honor the area pioneers who used to gather for a three-day outing to picnic, play

music, visit and enjoy themselves. During the ceremonies, one of our fiddlers, Mapril Combs, was given an award for her volunteer work in helping to preserve the history of the pioneer days in Coos County. The second gig was at Bullards State Park at Bandon on June 11.

According to the schedule above, you musicians are going to be playing quite regularly during both July and August. In preparing for those, don't forget to pick a song with the name of a state in it for the Friday night show at the Winchester Bay Camp Out in August.

Hope those of you from other districts who will be attending the

3	Gig	Tenmile County Park, Lakeside	2-4 p.m.
9	Gig	Bullards State Park, Bandon (Just north of bridge.)	6:30-8 p.m.
17	Meeting	Winchester Bay	11 a.m.
	Monthly Jam	Winchester Bay	1-4 p.m.
22	Gig	Sunset Bay State Park	6:30-8p.m.
27	Gig	Coos County Fair Myrtle Point,	2-3 p.m.
August			
4	Gig	State Park, Bandon	6:30-8 p.m.
12	Gig	Sunset Bay State Park	6:30-8

Winchester Bay Camp Out have found reservations, are getting your songs polished up and are looking forward to the festivities as eagerly as those of us who live here are. For more information go to our website at: www.fiddleonthebeach.info.

Let us be grateful to people who make us happy: they are the charming gardeners who make our souls blossom. Marcel Proust

Mary A. Weist, District 5 Reporter

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July

10	Meeting, Jam and Potluck	Santa Clara Grange	10:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
24	Parade, Jam	Mary Cole Days	Marcola

August

14	Monthly Jam	Long Tom Grange	10:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
19	Jam	Senior Day Lane County Fair	

On July 10th, come and welcome our newly installed officers, Ken Luse, John Gent and Bernie Roberts. The district meeting will start at 10:30 a.m. with a potluck lunch and jam to follow. To get to the Santa Clara Grange drive north from the Beltway on River Road toward Santa Clara. Turn right on Azalea Drive. 295 Azalea Drive will be on the left.

We had a great turn out for the Spencer Creek Jam June 12. Ken an OTFA member from Yuma, Arizona sang a few old country songs. Hal Thompson from District

10 and Les Tucker from District 8 also shared some great songs and fiddle tunes. Tim Moynahan from District 8 showed up at the end of the jam just in time to play a few tunes.

July 24th will be Mary Cole Day in Marcola. If you would like more information contact Joe Moyle at 541 343-5894. We will have a float in the parade, at 9 a.m., and an open jam at the fire hall beginning at 11 a.m., plus a performance on the stage at 3 p.m. Musicians needed for all three events.

Join in the fun at the Benton County Fair Fiddle Contest August 7 in Corvallis. Come and cheer on the contestants, or if you would like to compete contact Starr McMullen at 541 745-5130.

Mark your calendar for August 14th Jam at the Long Tom Grange. We will have either a potluck lunch or a brown bag lunch depending on your votes at the July district meeting. Which would you prefer? To get to Long Tom Grange take Hwy 99 north through Junction City, then go toward Monroe on Hwy

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July
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Lake Oswego Senior Center
Lake Oswego
Tanner Adult Center

Our good friend Jeannie Morris has moved to Albany to be closer to her family and a bigger presence to her grandchildren's lives. She has moved into a retirement community and is planning a big get-together on Sunday, July 11th at her house. We are all invited down to help her "warm" her house. A good thing! Get particulars from Linda Easley: leasley406@aol.com

Friday, July 2nd we play from 11:30 to 12:30 at the Lake Oswego Senior Center at 505 G Street for their July 4th lunch. This crowd loves our playing.

Friday, July 23rd we are scheduled to play at the Tanner Adult Center in West Linn from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., located at 23000 Horizon Drive. This is a good lively crowd.

Saturday, Aug. 14th is the Bawb Bash in honor of Bob Huffman's 90th birthday. Party to be held at Andy & Terry Jorgensen's farm near Sandy. They would like to see 90 folks turn up for this momentous occasion. More information to follow.

Wednesday, Aug.

18th we are scheduled to play from 2 – 4 p.m., at the Clackamas County Fair in Canby for Senior Day. Same stage as last year. Free parking passes will be available from Ron Zabudsky in late July. Let him know if you need one: email him at rdzinstruments@msn.com.

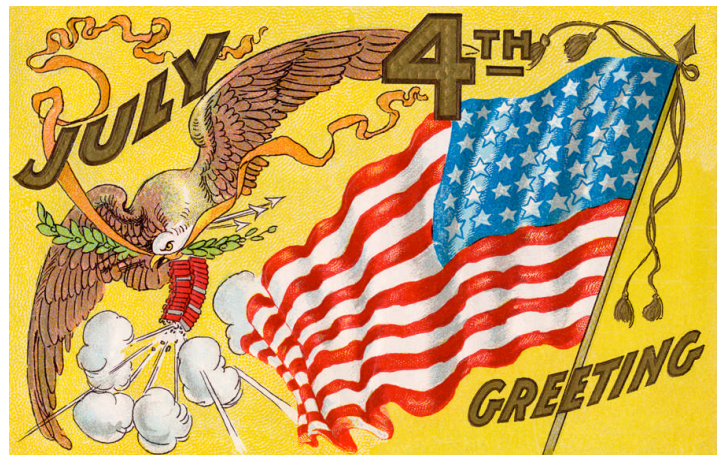
Sunday, Aug 29th we play from 5 – 7 p.m. at an outdoor potluck for the Tri-City Baptist Temple, 18025 Webster Road in Gladstone. This should be a large crowd and we are invited share their food during our breaks in playing. This would be a good time to have lots of District 7 and District 8 members participate.

Sunday, Sept 12th we play from 12:00 to 1:00 at Windfield Village, 8170 SW Vlahos Drive, in Wilsonville. They enjoyed our jam last May.

Sunday, Sept 19th we're playing at the King City Senior Center in King City. This is the first of our monthly jams. Building open at 11 am with jamming from 1 - 4 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 24th we have a return date at the Tanner Adult Center, 23000 Horizon Drive in West Linn. We are scheduled to play from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Gail Foster,



District 6 cont. (Continued from page 4)

99 West, turn left on Ferguson road and go about 5 miles. The Grange is on the right. 25855 Ferguson Road.

The fiddling fun will start early on Senior Day at the Lane County Fair, August 19th. Jamming will begin at 10:00 a.m. in the Trillium tent and will continue all day. There will be an acoustic performance open to all OOTFA members in the early afternoon. The Eugene Celebration Parade is earlier this year.

Hopefully August 28th will be warm and sunny for the fiddlers participating.

July Birthdays: Lynne Baran 7/3, Emily Moyle 7/11, Sal Fiducia 7/26, Esther Shriber 7/28 and Jerry Parks 7/31

July Anniversaries: Bernie and Marie Roberts 7/18, and Mark and Ila Mae Carmickle 7/29.

Lynne Baran, District 6 Reporter

District 8

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July

4 Celebration Riverfront Park Independence

8 Marion County Fair State Fairgrounds Salem

August

12 Polk County Fair Rickreall

WELCOME to our new officers! Thanks to all of you for stepping up to lead our district. As we start our year with new officers, we thank Lew Holt, Darlene Bryant, Marie Cunningham and Wally Case for their efforts at making our district a success for the past two years. Now we welcome Phil Ringle as our new chairman and Linda Schaffer and Dale Colebank, who will share the Co-Chair position. Marie and Wally will continue as Secretary and Treasurer respectively. Wally will also continue to take membership and Lew will continue as scheduler. The header above gives names, phone and e-mail information for the new officers.

The spring jam in May, at Dallas Civic Center was well attended. We had 18 signed up to play or sing, plus Jack Bryant, Vern Smith and Gene Stephenson who played back up. The seniors sold a tasty variety of cookies. The audience had a good time, and so did we!

The first week of June was busy with a gig at Dallas Retirement's Open House. Other years this has been an outdoor event, but with rain falling, we set up inside. We had a nice lunch after playing and were presented a generous check for the district.

June 5th we held our annual district 8 picnic at Fred and Charlotte Hardin's in Dallas. Fred must have an in with someone, because the weather was gorgeous! Attendance was right at 50 folks from our district and visitors from districts 6 and 7. The potluck was an amazing and delicious array of hot dishes, salads and desserts. A couple circle jams kept music going for hours. Thank you so much Fred for hosting us again!

In late June we will have played at Salem Saturday Market and Aurora for the Strawberry Social. More on those next time.

Appropriately, we will play in Independence on Independence Day. Sunday, July 4th we'll play in

Independence at the park on the river front. We'll play around noon.

Thursday, July 8th, we're invited to play at the Marion County Fair. It's held at the state fairgrounds in Salem. We'll play for an hour starting at 2 p.m. Let Lew know if you are coming so we can have a list of names for the ticket people.

We're working on a gig in Aumsville on July 23rd. Will get the word out via e-mail when we know the details.

At 6 p.m., Wednesday evening, August 25 we're scheduled for the outdoor concert at the Nursing Home in Mount Angel. The address is: 540 S. Main St. We'll eat afterward at the Bavarian Haus restaurant at 115 E. Church St., in Mount Angel.

Hope many of you went to Burns and Weiser for fun fiddle events!

Alice Holt, District 8 Reporter

District 10

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July

10 Jam and potluck VFW Hall, Roseburg 12 p.m.

There were some players that weren't there this time, but enough to have a good time. I guess next month there will be less. Summer time and vacations.

Chuck and Margie Hastey have been under the weather, Hope they get to feeling better soon. We miss them. And, to anyone else that's under the weather.—

Bruce Werlinger stopped in and visited for awhile, and nice to

see him up and around.

It was Bob Hanson's 80th birthday, so Carlene brought a birthday cake, and we sang happy birthday to him. I don't have a list of birthdays, so happy birthday, and happy anniversary to anyone else that had them.

--Thanks to all that showed up to play, and brought food.--Not much other news.

Our next jam will be July 10th at the VFW hall, 1127 NE Wal-

nut St, Roseburg. "Potluck" at noon, and jam at 1p.m. Hope to see you all there, even if you can't play -- maybe you can dance or just listen. Maybe some of you are just learning the fiddle, we would be glad to give you a few hints, or you could just play what you can.

See ya' next month.

Joyce Pickett, District 10 Reporter

District 9

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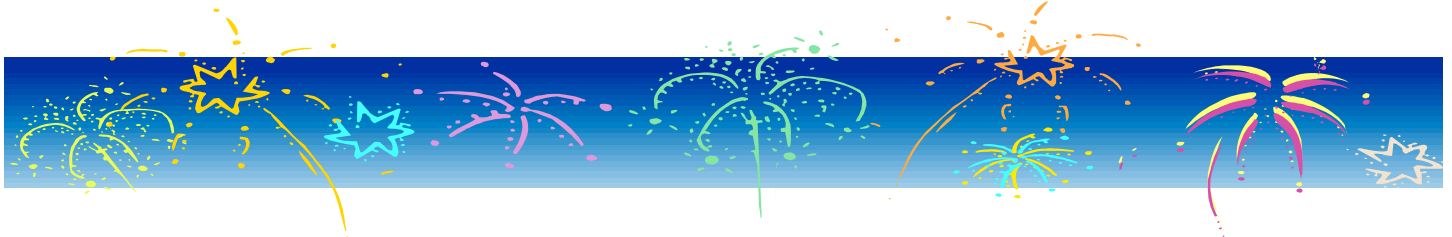
District 9 is all about getting ready for the Jamboree this past month. We've continued jamming every Friday at a member's house, but always the topic of discussion has been the Jamboree. It's an exciting and busy time for us and as I write this, Jamboree week has begun. This week before the Jamboree officially kicks off, we are playing at various restaurants in town. Monday night we played at the Elkhorn, Glory

Days Pizza, The Meathook and The Castle. Tuesday at Glory Days Pizza and The Castle, and Wednesday again at Glory Days, The Meathook, The Castle, The Pine Room, and at Teague's. Then on Thursday the Jamboree officially begins.

Everyone at District 9 has been contributing their time and energy to make the Jambo-

ree a success and we are especially excited this year because it is the twentieth anniversary of the Jamboree. We have many special things planned to make this a memorable occasion for all. Next month, the report will be all about the events at the Jamboree.

Dona Townsend, acting District 9 Reporter



From the Editor Emeritus:

The other day at the invitation from Laura I walked over to the state fairgrounds to visit with her about the fiddlers playing at the fair as we did last year. We are invited to play starting at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, August 31. Exhibit Space - Complimentary 10' x 10' exhibit space with pop up canopy allocated on Main Concourse for OREGON OLD TIME FIDDLERS ASSOCIATION . .

. . . Exhibit space located on the main concourse for maximum exposure and customer activation at the Oregon State Fair. Chairs provided for musicians. We are invited to play from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. but I don't know if we will stay that long or not -- long, long day. I'll have more details later, but all fiddlers/musicians are invited. I will need to know a week or so before our play date so I can leave a list with the fair people so they will know whom to admit free. We were well received last year by the public and I have heard nothing but "good" from the fair people.

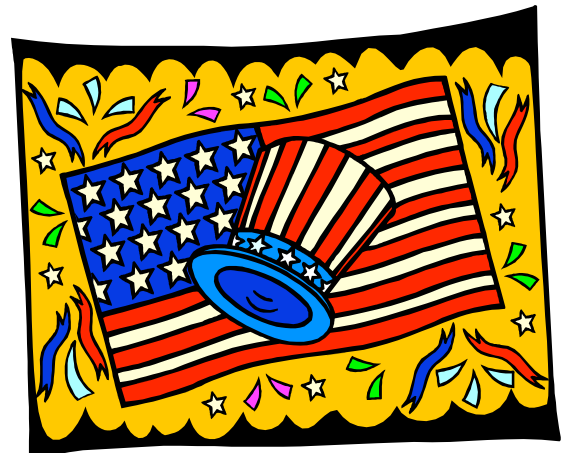
Junior Hoedowner - I have been the one who for the most part has selected the tunes for the Junior Hoedowner each month. If you have a suggestion for a tune let me know. Perhaps it could be used. Or if you have any suggestions for material for the Junior Hoedowner, I would appreciate hearing your ideas (trying always to deal with kids).

I am still working on the Hoedowner archives. I have most of them from 2000 up though 2010 thanks to some "good buddies." I have a complete set of hard copies since the very first one but now I am working on getting them all into PDF documents and hopefully on a web site. Perhaps I will be asking you one of these days to help with the scanning. My old HP printer has a good PDF scanner that I downloaded.

I would like to encourage you to check out the District 4 web - kind of envy them:

<http://ootfa4.org/Ootfa4Locations.htm>

Lew





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State Calendar

August 7	Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest	Benton County Fair, Corvallis
August 14	Bob Huffman's 90 th	Sandy
August 11-14	Fiddle Camp	Thousand Trails
August 19-21	Winchester Bay Jam	Winchester Bay

Post all your events, news
or meeting dates on:

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**Your Name
Here**

New Members to Welcome:

Jamie Gray, Medford

Emma Adams, Eagle Point

Ada Hodgen, Gold Hill

Miriam & Tom McReynolds, Gold Hill

Mark Ratzlaff, OOTFA State Membership

These name tags are yellow with blue trim with the OOTFA emblem and district number. The name tags with pins are \$8.00 and those with a magnetic back are \$9.00 mailed. Please send a check to , Earlene Ervin made out to her.

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