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## From Your President

I was asked recently what is "Old Time" music? From my perspective, old-time music is a type of North American folk music, with roots in the folk music of many countries, including England Scotland, Ireland and countries in Africa. It developed along with various North American folk dances, such as square dance, buck dance, and clogging. The genre also includes ballads and other types of folk songs. It is played on acoustic instruments, generally centering on a combination of fiddle and plucked string instruments (most often the guitar and banjo(!)) Historian Richard Nevins says "It is likely all countless variations of country fiddling in North America can be traced to seven or eight different styles brought over by Celtic immigrants from Northern Ireland, southern Scotland and parts of England."

Songs of British origin included; Soldiers Joy, Irish Washerwomen and Molly Put the Kettle On. American tunes included, Flop-eared Mule, Cumberland Gap and Cripple Creek. Also included are Black influenced fiddle airs like Cotton-Eyed Joe, and Old Zip Coon better known today as Turkey in the Straw. But old-time tunes can come from unlikely sources. The old time waltz, Over The Waves, was originally written by Mexican composer, Juventino Rosa as Sobre las Ola!. Old-time fiddling is a style of playing of the fiddle that includes slides, double stops, shuffles and double shuffles. There are many distinct styles of old-time fiddling based on geography. I am sure that many of you have other definitions you would like to share.

Please plan on joining us for our Quarterly Board meeting, potluck and jam session to be held at Emerald Park, at 1400 Lake Drive in Eugene, on January 15th at 10:00pm. Jam session and potluck will follow. See you all there.

Happy Holiday's to you and you families. Have a Holly Jolly Christmas and a wonderful New Year!

~Hal Weiner

## From the Editor

We here in District 6 are still recovering from all the food served at our Thanksgiving jam, and are looking forward to the second in this year's series of barn dances, be held at Spencer Creek Grange on November 20, too late for readers of this issue of the Hoedowner. Never fear, we have another one coming up on December 18. If you like called dances such as the Virginia reel, think about attending. Alan Ede will be the caller.

District 6 is also working on establishing a fiddle camp, to be held at West Fir (near Oakridge) in July. Details are still being worked out. You can assist by completing and returning a questionnaire included with this issue.

District 6 is open to financial donations to help get the fiddle camp off the ground. For more information on this topic, contact District Six chairman Ken Luse or Darla Knudsen. The workshop fund has already received a nice donation from Musician's Friend, Inc.'s charitable giving committee.

~Joe Moyle

## From the Editor Emeritus

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I received this letter several years ago and was given permission to use it so I thought I would share it with you this month. It goes beyond just playing a tune - but how fiddle music touches our hearts and affects our lives. I think this letter expresses it so well.

Hi Lew, my name is Jennifer Polk.

I've been receiving your emails & newsletters for quite some time as I have been a member of OOFTA. I'm writing to let you that my Dad, Jim Wilson, who has been an OOFTA member since before I was born in 1969, passed away on May 27, 2007. I've been meaning to write you for some time now. It has been kind of hard adjusting to my Dad being gone. He has been such an inspiration to me. I have grown up listening to his fiddle music, the music was a normal part of my home life and I loved it. A couple years ago I took fiddle lessons from Amy Booher and I told her about my Dad and how he inspired me to want to play. I enjoyed my lessons so much and to Amy's gleeful surprise, I knew most of the tunes already because I had heard my Dad play them.

At that time he gave me a fiddle that he brought back from Austria during WWII; he found it in a house that had been partially blown up --- it's beautiful. After he passed we found plans for making a fiddle and a partially made one that he hadn't finished. I am currently not taking lessons but I am continuing to learn new tunes and I get to play with my sister, Cindy Jo Norenburg, (also an OOFTA member) occasionally and she inspires me also. She as well grew up listening to our Dad's fiddle music. We played some tunes that were my Dad's favorite at his services. I believe my Dad was originally a member of district 4 or 5, southwestern Douglas county. He then may have changed to district 8 when we moved to Marion county. Jim Wilson was a wonderful fiddle player, inspiration, and most of all a wonderful Dad and I just wanted to let you know this.

Thank you for taking the time to read my little bit of Dad history,

Jennifer L. Polk

(Thanks Jennifer for allowing me to share your letter.)

A number of you volunteered to scan back issues of the Hoedowner to save as PDF files. Don't give up on me; I'll be getting back to you. I have one volunteer here in Salem who is doing some. Some of the older ones are probably too weak to scan as PDF so will need to be retyped. I envision all of our Hoedowners from 1967 to the present being on line one of these days and available on CDs for those who would enjoy copies of back issues. As I work with the back issues, I find them very interesting. I think you would, too.

I am on a "nostalgic kick." This last week I received 8 old video tapes to burn to DVDs - many hours from back in the early 1990s. Those of us who were members of OOTFA then, can remember many of the fine old time fiddlers that were playing in our jams. Many are gone now. This afternoon I watched a 1998 tape taken in McMinnville. Many members of District 7 came down. I think of those gone - Leonard Maahs, Bob Fast, Chuck Williams, Donna Oldham, Bob Church, Lee Jones Lew Standiford, Bud Beck, Bob Crump, Ace Wehus, Bob Crump. As well as Les McLeod, Paul Williams, Fred Virtue, Homer McLain, . . . . They are gone but not forgotten because they can be enjoyed on video tapes/DVDs.

If you have email and do not receive the "OOTFA updates" I send out and would like to, please contact me with your email address. I have dropped a "handful" of addresses this week that came back as "non-deliverable mail."

~Lew Holt

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### December

5	Meeting/Christmas dinner	12 - 4 p.m..
7	Plum Ridge	10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
7	Crystal Terrace	12:30 - 1:30 p.m..
12	Senior Dance, music, & Finger Food	12 p.m.- 4 p.m.
16	Shasta View Care Center	1 p.m. -2 p.m..
16	Linkville House	2:30 p.m.. to 3:30 p.m.

Practice every Saturday at Luther Square unless something else is going on 1:30 - 4 p.m.

It was nice to have visitors join us Sunday. Steve & Lori Emley, Steve plays guitar. Raury Blackman also joined us; she plays the fiddle. We all hope they will be back to play with us again.

It was decided at our November meeting that instead of buying gifts to exchange at our Christmas party, we would donate money to Super Kicks. This is a martial arts center for youth, as well as an after school program.

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## District 1 continued...

We will have a short meeting in December and then have our Christmas dinner.

Happy Birthday to Irene Ruddock, Tim Dabil, Garry Hammock

Anniversaries for December are: Phil & Sheila Fry, Jerry and Irene Ruddock, Phil and Carol Fulbright, Jake and Ali Swartwood.

Hopefully we didn't miss anyone, if we did let us know.

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year to all from District 1.

~Aline Swartwood, District 1 Reporter

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### December

3 Gig  
4 Potluck, Jam  
12 Gig  
13 Meeting

Christmas Holiday Fair, Lake County Fairgrounds 6-8 p.m.  
Lake County Senior Center 4 p.m.  
Christmas Bazaar, Lake County Senior Center 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
Lake County Senior Center

We've had such mild weather here of late that it seems difficult to fast forward to Christmas activities, but here are a couple that are written in stone so far. December 3rd we are scheduled to play at the Christmas Holiday Fair in the Lake County Fairgrounds exhibit building from 6 o'clock until a tentative 8 bells. There are all sorts of homemade items for sale, and lots of goodies to eat. Step right up and get a head start on those ten extra pounds we all put on over the holidays. Then the next day, 4th of December, we'll have our monthly potluck and jam in the Lake County Senior Center. 4 p.m. is our usual starting time. Scarcely a week later we will be in the same place from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. to play for the Christmas Bazaar. Then, by golly, if we stayed right there in that same spot until Monday the 13th we'd all be early for the monthly scheduled meeting! Don't ever let it be said that we don't get enough use out of our venues.

Well, I know this weighs heavy on all your minds this time of year, but we've got a date picked for the Silver Lake Camp Out already... I know, I know, it's almost an equinox away, but the early bird gets the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese. (or the best trailer hook-up?) May 5 through the 8th looks good.

December gives us two birthdays for a couple of "old broads." Merle Shepard's special day is on the 10th and yours truly's is on the 13th.

Vaya con Dios,

~Eileen McLain, District 1E Reporter.

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### December

5 Jam Pine Forest Grange 1 p.m.  
11 Xmas Dinner and Jam Pine Forest Grange 12:30 p.m.

We had our regular jam on November 7th at the Pine Forest Grange in Bend. Roland White gave fiddle instruction to about eight young beginners. Prior to our one pm start, these young fiddlers performed on stage and were a big hit with the audience. We picked up anew member; he joined in with his fiddle during the jam. Also we had a guest player, John Schultz, who is a member of the Washington Old Time Fiddlers. John now resides in Prineville and expressed a desire to join our group at the next jam.

dinner. Some food assignments were made and the rest of the dinner will be pot luck. The dinner will be on Saturday December 11th for members and guests. Rumor has it that perhaps Santa will be there.

Our next scheduled Jam will be at the Pine Forest Grange on December 5th at 1 p.m.

Happy Thanksgiving!!

Ron Odegard, District 3 Reporter

After the jam we held a short meeting to discuss the annual Christmas dinner and Jam. The dinner will be held at the Pine Forest Grange at about 12:30 and we will jam before and after

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Our monthly jam at Fruitdale Grange in Grants Pass Hosted several visitors from out of town: Jerrine and Bob Shaffer from Bandon, Bob Hanson and Hal Thompson from District 10, Edna Chitwood -- Carol Ferrara's sister, and past state president Jack Kerr and Peggy Hudson. What great additions to our music and audience! Y'all come back, ya hear?

Cathy Frutchev did announcements in lieu of a meeting for Scott who has been under the weather, but doing much better now. We were reminded to sign up for the December holiday dinner, and to be thinking about officers for next year.

We would like to invite any and all visitors to join us on December 4 for a very special event during our jam. Come, bring your instruments, and help celebrate!

We played for the Harvest Festival for a church group at a private home. Teenagers and adults had a wonderful time doing the Virginia Reel, schottishes, polkas, and waltzes -- dancing in the rain! We also entertained at the Fall Festival at Talent Elementary School -- with beautiful little girls all dressed up in their "princess" costumes dancing gracefully to hoedowns!

The "Jammers" played old time gospel tunes for the Halloween service at church -- and kids in costume and other kids of all ages really enjoyed the music and singing.

### December

4 Jam Roxy Ann Grange, Medford

### January

8 Jam Eagle Point Grange

### February

5 Jam Fruitdale Grange, Grants Pass

We have learned of the death of Dottie Cooper last month. Cliff, her husband, was a member for years until he passed away several years ago. We extend our sympathy to the family and friends.

A new gig for us is the Orchards Assisted Living facility, and they want us on a monthly basis, by popular demand. Folks "dance" in their wheelchairs, and clap and tap their feet to the music. One gentleman sings the words to "Westphalia Waltz" in Polish! We call it the "Volkswagen Waltz", but I have no idea what the words are in English!

We had a great turnout of musicians at Fountain Plaza Retirement, and were blessed with the addition of Cathy Frutchev's sisters Pem and Judy, and their husbands, John and Ray from Eugene, all of whom play and/or sing. We actually outnumbered the audience, but they enthusiastically joined in the fun.

Hope I got all the names spelled correctly, remembering "Dew Knot trussed yore spell chequer two fined awl ewer mistakes".

Wishing you all a glorious holiday season, enjoying the music and joys of the season.

Happiness is not something you experience -- it's something you remember.

District 4 reporter: Judy McGarvey

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### December

1	Gig	Oerdings	Coquille	1:20 p.m.
	Gig	Myrtle Point Care Center		3 p.m.
8	Gig	Baycrest Memory Care	Empire	1:30 p.m.
	Gig	Ocean Crest	Coos Bay	3 p.m.
15	Gig	Heritage Place	Bandon	1 p.m.
18	Jam	Winchester Bay Community Center		1 p.m.
22	Gig	Life Care Center	Coos Bay	1:30 p.m.
	Gig	Hearthside	Coos Bay	3 p.m.

I am sorry to report that, circumstances beyond my control, let's just say the dog ate it, have made it impossible to submit a district report this month. This is very much regretted and I will attempt to do better next month.

Hope you all have the merriest of Christmases and a very happy New Year.

~Mary A. Weist, District 5 Reporter

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*"Some people, no matter how old they get, never lose their beauty---they merely move it from their faces into their hearts."*

*Martin Buxbaum*

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## Oh, Those Boohers!

We often wonder what becomes of our young fiddlers and how the OOTFA has helped mold them to become the great fiddlers of today? Friday night, Nov. 12, I watched Alex Hargreaves play on Austin City Limits. He has been our state champion a number of years and now on public television with his superior skill and ability. At the last District 10 jam this month a 15 passenger van pulled up to the hall. Out came Chris Booher, his family and others. Chris's family joined the OOTFA many years ago. His mother gives much credit for his success and his brother's and sister's success because of their early involvement with the OOTFA. Rudi, Meriwyn and Justin have all been Oregon State Champion fiddlers and are thankful for the help, the experience, the many tunes and friends they have received from OOTFA.

I can remember visiting with maybe eight and ten year old Chris and Rudi Booher at the state convention at the Douglas County Fairgrounds at Roseburg back in the 1980s. I would ask them, "Where's your mother." And they would answer, "Oh, she's home with the babies." In a recent letter I asked their mother, Dolores, to write about the "babies."

Chris, 40 (Drain, OR) 6 children, ages 2-17, all singing and playing fiddles, piano, ukulele, cello, etc. Chris earned two Grammys for his piano work with Asleep at the Wheel. When Chris married Lisa, we had the privilege of welcoming her beautiful little 6-yr-old daughter, Ericka, into our family. Chris adopted her, so she's a real Booher, and wonderful help to her mom with all the little ones. She has graduated from high school almost a year ago, and works for Rudi at his Main Street Espresso in Yoncalla. Chris and Lisa and family are new members of OOTFA as of the Saturday Dist. 10 jam. Chris' only son, Kenneth, loves to fiddle and sing. His little sisters are following suit! Chris works with them on their harmony parts. Lisa is a born and bred Texan, with generations of Texans in her lineage, so if you hear her say "Y'all" or that she's "fixin'" to do something, you'll know why!

Rudi, 39 (Nov. 15) (Yoncalla, OR), 6 children, ages 1-12, all singing and playing fiddles, guitar, ukulele, piano, cello. Rudi teaches his children harmony vocals, and technique and tunes on their instruments. Myles is becoming a mean little fiddle player. He's 10 now. 12-yr-old Emily has taken up the cello! She's a good fiddle player, too. Rudi's wife Carla sings and plays piano with the family. Rudi and Carla met at her parents' home in Hacienda Heights (LA area).

Ned, 37 (Redmond, OR) 2 children, James & Lorelei. 14-yr-old Lorelei plays piano and penny whistle and sings wonderfully well. Ned is on the "worship team" in a small church in Redmond. He plays guitar and is their lead singer. He and Lorelei sing together a lot.

Justin, 36 (Kennewick, WA) He and Desiree adopted 2 little girls in 2009 (not siblings). The oldest one, Roanna (she'll be two in Feb.), can sing the notes to Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star and Jesus Loves Me perfectly in tune (she's not talking much yet). Ellen just turned one year old. Justin teaches fiddle, guitar, mandolin, piano, cello and voice in his backyard studio. A couple of years ago he was National Adult Fiddle Champion, and also won the NW Open Championship. To be concluded next month.

# Tune of the Month: Jingle Bells

Jingle Bells was written in 1857 for a Boston church Sunday school Thanksgiving celebration, but has been indelibly associated with Christmas from the very start. It should be in every fiddler's repertoire.



## Jingle Bells

Key G

D-D-D bass bridge

B-A-G treb D bass

Workshop Copy

G C



D D D B A G D D D D B A G E E

D7 G



E C B A F# F# D D C A B D D D B A G D D D

C G D7 G



D B A G E E E C B A D D D D E D C A G D

Chorus

G C



B B B B B B B D G A B C C C C

G A7 D7 G



C B B B B B B A A A B A D B B B B B B B

C G D7 G



B D G A B C C C C C C B B B B D D C A G

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Many thanks to all who helped make the November Thanksgiving dinner and jam at the Santa Clara Grange a big success, including Phyllis and Zane Coffin who were up at the crack of dawn decorating. Ken Luse reported "We had seventy five people at the Thanksgiving Jam with several new faces. We even let Hal Weiner (OOTFA State President) play his ukelele." We also welcomed Tim Moynahan from Dist. 8.

**Jam Update:** The first Friday night Central Grange jam is no longer an OOTFA event. The rent was raised to \$150 and that is beyond our budget. We are currently searching for another site for that night. We will continue with the second Friday night at Crow Grange and in November we started a jam on the fourth Friday night at the Santa Clara Grange, 7 p.m - 10:30 p.m. with finger food potluck. We will skip the Santa Clara jam in December because it is Christmas Eve, but will start again in January.

Save your appetites for the Christmas dinner and jam at the Lebanon Moose Lodge, December 5. The lodge cooks will provide the wonderful dinner, and the hat will be passed, for donations to be divided between the lodge and the Fiddlers. You never know, even Santa may show up. Directions: from I-5, Take exit 228 (Hwy 34) toward Lebanon. Go through Lebanon toward Sweet Home. The Moose Lodge is on the southeast edge of Lebanon, on the right, about a mile past Wal-Mart.

Yes, we will have the barn dance this month. The Spencer Creek Barn Dance will be December 18th at 7 p.m. Spencer Creek

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On Sunday, Dec 5 we will have our annual HOLIDAY PARTY at the Estacada Community Center, 200 S Club House Drive. Meals will be available starting at 12 pm. Playing time from 1:00 to 3:30 pm. Be sure to brush up on holiday music for the occasion. Price of dinner is \$10 per person. Directions: take Hwy 224 to Estacada, turn on Beech Rd., to Cedar Rd to Club House Drive.

Linda Easley has a new left knee and is comfortably recuperating at Myrtle Arnold's home. We expect her to up and running by the beginning of the new year.

We have a new member. George Niedhart, a banjo player and singer has joined. Be sure to extend a warm welcome when your musical paths cross.

### December

5 Holiday Dinner & Jam Moose Lodge 10:30 a.m.- 4 p.m

### January

15 State Meeting, Jam & Potluck Emerald Park, Eugene 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Grange, 86013 Lorane Hwy, Eugene, 97405, is at the intersection of Lorane Hwy and McBeth Road.

We are looking forward to hosting the OOTFA State Executive quarterly meeting coming up on January 15th,. Directions from I-5: Take the Beltline to the River Road exit. Go South on River Road to Howard Ave. Then turn right on Lake Drive to 1400 Lake Drive, Eugene.

We have started to raise funds for the District 6 fiddle camp and workshop scheduled for next July. The fiddle camp committee continues to meet and determine the organizational responsibilities for the camp, under the leadership of Lisa Ponder.

We recently lost three long time OOTFA members. Lola Grant died October 20th, Ellen Strelow died October 29th and Marge Sykes died November 2nd. We send our condolences to their families.

**December Birthdays:** Thelma Steele 12/1, Mark Carmickle 12/3, Rick Dobson 12/10, Brian Neal 12/12, Marlene Chatoian 12/14, Loyde Shriber 12/23, Della White 12/24, Richard Marino 12/27 and Joan Nelson.

**December Anniversaries:** Dave and Lena Stubbs.

~Lynne Baran, District 6 Reporter

### December

5 Holiday Party, Estacada Senior Center Estacada

### January

16 Gladstone Senior Center Gladstone  
28 Tanner Adult Center West Linn

Sunday, Jan 16 our monthly jam is at the Gladstone Senior Center, 1050 Portland Ave, in Gladstone. Doors open at 11 am. Playing time is 1:00 to 3:30 pm.

Friday, Jan 28 we are invited back to the Tanner Adult Center, 23000 Horizon Drive in West Linn. We are scheduled to play from 3:30 to 4:30 pm.

November 11, Veterans Day, the combined Oregon (District 7) and Washington Districts put on a public concert at Stevenson, Washington. It was a nice blending of talents from the two districts. We heard some touching stories from the attending veterans and a rousing rendition of God Bless America by one of the veterans.

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## District 7 continued...

If you were not able to attend the recital of the young fiddlers at Myrtle's house, you really missed a fabulous event. Students ranging in ages from 6 to 17 performed to a packed house. The following note was submitted by Ron Bergeron, Scholarship Chairperson: "The scholarship committee of district 7 would like to thank everyone who attended the fundraiser at Myrtle Arnolds home on 11/07/10. Thank you Myrtle, you are the best!"

With the generous donations of the nearly 70 people in attendance, and a portion of the CD sales from Tabitha Gholi's first ever CD (Bijou), the event raised approx. \$1700.00 for the district 7 scholarship fund. Wow, thank you everyone!

Thank you, Donna Foreman for suggesting the event and of course to Eileen Walter and her wonderful students for an entertaining and inspirational show. What joy these students

brought to all of us who attended. We should all be very proud of these young people and the work they are putting in to be great fiddlers. Following is a list of the performers: Evan & Ean Hildreth, Kelsey & Natalie Smith, Bryce & Summer Hanson, Naomi Childers, Tabby Gholi, Isabella Rollins, Josh Ashcraft, Gabi & Talia Surbrook and Matthew McCravey.

Thanks also to Jeff Walter for the excellent guitar back-up for most, if not all, of the 13 students and always being there for the fiddlers. Many people contributed to make this event a success. We appreciate every one of you, from the cookie bakers to balloon decorators and many more, thank you all!

~Gail Foster, District 7 Reporter

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The end of another year is almost here. Time to play Jingle Bells. Though some of us have been known to play it any time of year. His initials are C. G. and he plays banjo and bass!

### DECEMBER 18TH - CAKE WALK - FUND RAISER FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

We're proud of our nine student musicians! They receive scholarships to pay for a portion of their lessons. To fatten up our scholarship fund we're having a CAKE WALK. Please bring baked items for the Cake Walk. Cake, Pie, Bread, Cookies; a variety of goodies! Hint: think Holiday baked items. This is at our regular jam. Bring your own lunch. No potluck.

Two scholarship recipients, Ronnie and Stephen Doman, are honing their violin skills by playing in the Canby Community Orchestra. Way to go guys!

We are saddened by the death of Lola Grant, wife of Winston in October. Our condolences to Winston and the family.

### December

18 Jam McMinnville Sr. Center McMinnville

### January

15 Jam McMinnville Sr. Center McMinnville

### February

19 Jam McMinnville Sr. Center McMinnville

We joined congregation and town folk at the Falls City United Methodist Church on Oct. 30. After a nice potluck lunch, we played for a good sized crowd. We enjoyed hearing Truman Price play his old time tunes in his distinctive style.

On Saturday November 13th, at McMinnville Senior Center, 22 musicians played or sang. Six year old Joel Bennett, one of our scholarship kids played. Rozanne and Ken Spann from district 6 joined us, along with their granddaughter, Jennifer Campbell, who is doing great on fiddle and guitar. Myrtle Arnold and Linda Easley were welcome visitors from district 7.

Hope to have you join us December 18th at McMinnville for the Cake Walk Jam!

As much as we like giving and receiving gifts at the time of year, remember: "The best things in life aren't things." -- Art Buchwald

~Alice Holt, District 8 Reporter

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## District 9

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### December

3	Jam	Billy Lanier's
10	Jam	The Apens'
17	Jam	Rose & Wayne's
24	Party/Jam	Dennis & Dona's

On October 29th, the Portland Youth Philharmonic came to Burns and representatives from District 9 performed for them at the Catholic parish hall at 6:30 p.m. They made a great audience. After the performance, we continued to jam at Dona and Dennis Townsend's house. On November 5, we jammed at Janet Braymen's house. She has a nice big room dedicated to our jams. We like going there. On the 13th, we played at the Aspens. The Aspens had their annual arts and craft show occurring on the same night we played; the room was filled with people from around town and was loud and festive. On Sunday, November 14, we held our potluck/jam at the Senior Center in Burns. That is always fun. One of Ruel Teague's fiddle students, Shyanna Turner joined us playing her violet fiddle. She shared "Twinkle Little Star" and "Mary had a little Lamb" to enthusiastic applause.

After the jam, we held a OOTFA meeting for District 9. We planned our annual holiday party. It will be at the Senior Center in Burns on December 12 between 1 and 4 p.m. We will provide the turkey, potatoes and stuffing. Attendees are asked to bring vegetables, salads and desserts. We will also have great door prizes. Everyone is welcome to attend.

We also discussed the possibility of hiring someone to provide fiddle lessons to members of our group. Dennis Townsend is going to check out who might be available to give lessons. Once we find someone, we will discuss dates and times.

Coming up, we will jam at George and Hilda Sahlberg's on November 19th, and at Janet Braymen's on the 26th. In December, we will be at Billy Lanier's on December 3, The Aspens on the 10th, and Rose and Wayne's on the 17th. No jam on Christmas eve. On New Year's Eve, Dennis and Dona will hold a party/jam. Happy New Year!

~Dona Townsend, reporter pro tem,

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## District 10

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### December

11	Jam	VFW Hall, Roseburg	12-3 p.m.
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There were just a few of us again to start with, and wondering if we should just shut it down, but lo and behold, the door opened and in come little kids, medium size kids and bigger kids, and Mike and Deloris Booher. What a surprise!!! There were Mike and Deloris, Chris and his wife, and 6 children, and 2 children from eastern Oregon. Chris said he wanted to expose the little ones to fiddle jams. The kids sang, and played fiddles. It was wonderful. Mike played the fiddle, and Deloris sang with the 14 yr old girl. Very good. I was sooo tickled to see them again. Chris and family joined the fiddlers.

Also we had another person join today, Dave Bennett. Glad to have him. Bob Hanson was there, but Jean is still in Las Vegas; her brother in law passed away after a long illness. Our condolences.

Chuck and Margie are doing better now.--Delmar Beck is doing better after his stroke. He's walking with a 3 prong cane, it affected his left side, but his arm is okay. He's playing around with his guitar to get his fingers strong again. He's determined!!!

I don't have a list, but Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to all that had them.

Hope everyone that's under the weather is doing better now, and can come back soon. You too Lois !!

Our next jam will be Dec. 11th at the VFW hall, 1127 Walnut St. Roseburg OR from noon to about 3pm. We'll have cookies etc. and coffee. Hope to see ya'll there.

~Joyce Pickett District 10 Reporter

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## State Calendar

January 15	State Quarterly Meeting	Emerald Park, Eugene
April 6-9	State Convention	Rickreall
March 18-19	State Fiddle Contest	Salem
May 5-8	Silver Lake Campout	Silver Lake
July 25-30	West Cascades Fiddle Camp/Workshop	Westfir
August 4-7	Diamond Lake Campout	Diamond Lake
August 9-12	Thousand Trails Fiddle Camp	Lone Pine

### New Members to Welcome!

Sasha Chernoff, Eugene  
Erik & Katherine Surbrook, Portland  
Kevin Robinson & Cynthia Crandall, Portland  
Patricia & Terry Case, Helix  
Bill & Faye Spidell-Roberts, Eugene  
David & Kathy Altman, Dundee  
Marcel Potvin & Anne Chouinard, Prineville

- Mark Ratzlaff, OOTFA State Membership

Phyllis Coffin and Leah Canaday serve turkey at District Six's Thanksgiving jam.  
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