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## From Your President

Once again, I urge you to pay your dues. We still have 30 percent of our members who have not paid their dues for this year. Where else can you have the opportunity to share and meet with good friends and enjoy the music (and the food) for less than six cents a day for the entire family!

Our annual fiddle contest at Chemeketa Community College in Salem will be held on March 23-24. This is an important way to continue to preserve and promote old time fiddling for both young and old. I challenge all of you to come and enter. If a banjo player (me) can enter, then all of you fiddlers sure can do that! We all need to show our strong support for OOTFA and our younger kids who are excited every year about the contest. If you can't attend, please consider a district or personal donation.

Thanks to District 6 for hosting our quarterly board meeting and jam session on January 21! Great fun was had by all and we had a very informative and successful board meeting.

Stay tuned next month for details on our annual convention in Rickreall on April 12-14. If you have never attended, clear your calendar and be there. I guarantee great fun, good food and sore fingers or your money back! (I can say that because admission is free to all paid members. Another good reason to pay your dues).

Just wanted to thank District 5 and District 6 for sponsoring the Winter Folk Festival in Florence January 12-15. We had almost 1,000 kids get a free concert from Tom Chapin, and learn about the traditions of folk music. In addition we had some of the hottest old time fiddlers in the country from California, Texas, Washington and Montana perform for very appreciative audiences. This included two young groups that each played a one hour set of true old time music!

See you all in Salem, and stay tuned for more information on our convention.

~Hal Weiner

## From the Editor

I have long used the Fiddler's Companion website as a source of information about tunes, and for its downloadable music pdfs. The Fiddler's Companion website has been redesigned and is now known as the Traditional Tune Archive, and can be found at [www.tunearch.org/wiki/TTA](http://www.tunearch.org/wiki/TTA). The site claims to have more than 17,000 tunes on it!

Another website which is new to me, but which also has downloadable music on it, is the Nashville Old Time String Band Association site at [www.nashvilleoldtime.org](http://www.nashvilleoldtime.org) -- Elk River Blues, the Tune of the Month, is taken from this website.

I also like and use the Calgary Prairie Mountain Fiddlers website, at <http://calfolk.ca/prairie/index/htm>.

Starr McMullen writes: "The 15th annual Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest will be held on August 4 at the Benton County Fairgrounds in Corvallis. Last year our Grand Champion was Tabitha Gholi, from West Linn. This contest has the regular age divisions except there is only one adult division (18-59) and one senior division (60+).

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In addition to age divisions we also have a novice division for people who have never played in a contest before to help people "get their feet wet." This is always an event good for all day jamming around the fairgrounds and it goes from 10 a.m. until 5:30 p.m., so it is all completed in one day."

## From the Editor Emeritus

I received an email the other day from Nancy asking if I had heard anything new. Here is her original letter -- still not giving up, hoping that somebody might be able to help her.

"Dear Lew, My husband's father was Donald "Mick" Leith who once was President of OOTFA in 1968-69. He made a number of fiddles, which his widow sold. I'm trying to find one if possible for my husband. I figured when Noni sold them, it probably was to someone in the association. Please let me know if you can help or refer me to someone else. Also, if anybody any old photos from when Mick was president, I would appreciate getting copies. He lived in the Salem area then (Keizer). Thanks so much for your help. Nancy Leith"

The other day Dave Altman from Dundee gave me a 1976 roster. There are only a few names that are in our 2012 roster. I'll see if I can get it on our web.

Quoting from the OPB web -- "Tatiana Hargreaves is making her mark on the world of old-time fiddling, and classical performance -- and she's still in high school in Corvallis. We get a glimpse into her two musical worlds." (If you missed the program on the 13th or the 15th, you can "Google" "Oregon art beat Tatiana" where you can see her part of the program.)

Another story from my files: I received this letter . . . . "A resident brought her husband from the health care in a wheel chair. She said that he used to play in a similar group several years ago and as he listened, tears trickled from his eyes down

We have received queries about advertising in the Hoedowner. The Hoedowner does not accept advertising. I will on occasion, if asked, mention in this space that someone has an instrument (or musical saw) for sale, for no charge. But that's it, as far as advertising goes.

~Joe Moyle

his cheeks. You know that he loved your music. Many, many thanks! Edith"

Another dream -- Donna Oldham was a very active OOTFA member in District 8. She passed away unexpectedly several years ago. Somehow I inherited a scrapbook she kept of stories about members of OOTFA. I have made copies of each fiddler's story. I am now asking for volunteers who might be willing to type a page or two - rather short -- and mail them to me only by email so I can make a document to put on our web. Now I think it is about time to start collecting autobiographies and biographies of our current members and of those who are not in the book. So if you see me coming, please don't run and hide. We need your autobiography -- no more than a page long. When Donna asked for autobiographies, she asked the following questions - they serve as a good guide for your writing. 1) Name, 2 Where were you born? 3) How long have you lived in Oregon, 4) How and when did you get your first instrument?, 5) What training if any, have you had?, 6) What musical instruments do you play?, 7) When did you start playing in public?, 8) When and why did you join OOTFA?, 9) Tell about your accomplishments and honors as a musician. 10) Other. (These are only suggestions. They might have been more pertinent for old timers when Donna asked them so feel free to write what best tells your story." If you don't have email, write your answers and we'll get them typed. Surprise me.

~Lew Holt

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### February

5	Meeting & Pot Luck		12 - 4 p.m.
7	Gig	Plum Ridge	10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
7	Gig	Crystal Terrace	1 - 2 p.m.
12	Senior Dance, music, & finger food		12 - 4 p.m.
15	Gig	Shasta View Care Center	1 - 2 p.m.
15	Gig	Linkville House	2:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Practice every Saturday at Luther Square unless something else is going on, 1 - 4 p.m. Any questions regarding schedule call Irene Ruddock

Our New Year started by having a large dinner and jam. Approximately thirty five people attended. It was so nice to have the McLains, Terry, Larry, Mary Ann & their daughter Rhayanna join us. Also several of our members that we have not seen for sometime were able to be there. I will try to name a few, Pete & Carol Brown, Isom Patterson, John Blasius, Dean Oliver. Gosh it was nice to see all of them and of course everyone else.

John Blasius on the fiddle, Sherm Taylor on guitar playing House of the Rising Sun, it was awesome. Also Steve Curry with some really good back up, impressed us with Bandy the Rodeo Clown.

Hopefully Steve will be able to put that cane down soon, and be on both feet so he can join us more often. Everyone else did some really good songs. We did have great backup, we just can't thank them enough. We hope everyone will continue to join us all year.

We played at the Senior Center January 6. Thanks everyone for coming to play. I counted nineteen players, we made some very good music. The audience enjoyed the music very much. It was a good time.

We want to welcome our new members Ron & Paulette Neiderbrach from Chiloquin. They join us every month for the dance; it was obvious they have danced many hours together.

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At the time I am writing this, it is like a pretty spring day, so far this winter we have had no snow. Hopefully there will be some soon.

Happy birthday wishes to Ben Coker, Lynn Foster, Don Reese & Delbert Sparks.

I do not have any anniversaries on my list for February. Hopefully we didn't miss anyone, let me know if we did.

Keep looking forward, to new adventures that lie ahead with friends and music.

~ Aline Swartwood, District 1 Reporter

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### February

Not much going on around here. Due to illness or injury, we have not had a business meeting the last two months.

Larry, Mary Ann, Rhayanna, Lexie, Terry and Miles loaded up and headed to Klamath Falls for a New Years Day jam. We had a great time. You all make us feel so welcome when we are able to come over. We always have a wonderful time. Thank You! What a great potluck you guys had. And also all the visiting we get to do in a short amount of time.

We had a nice jam on the seventh. Had some rock hound friends show up. Debbie and John, it was good to see you again.

Still doing Thursday nights that is if everyone is well. Had to cancel on the 12th.

As always our jam is on the first Saturday of the month.

Don't forget about new officers or old officers, however that works.

Nothing much coming up for us until April and May (our yearly camp out).

That's all for now.

~ Mary Ann McLain, District 1E Reporter

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### February

12 Jam

Redmond VFW Hall

1 to 3:30 p.m.

Beautiful weather out here in Central Oregon with sunny days, some near 60 degrees. At our jam at the VFW on January 8th, we had the biggest turnout since we left the VFW about four years ago. In addition we had 20 musicians that showed up to play.

The VFW staff were very helpful and provided food and drinks for sale and our convenience.

Returning to the VFW opens up other possibilities for District 3 members. The VFW hall has two additional rooms that can be used for tuning or jamming without disturbing the stage presentation. This will be great for those of you who like to trade tunes and licks with other fiddlers as well as play in circle jams.

Roland White is teaching a Winter Term class titled; "The Advancing Fiddler". The class is focused on techniques to improve your sound and five or six new tunes in the ten week class. He was also featured as "Fiddler Shares Passion with his Music in the NW SENIOR BOOMER NEWS Central Oregon Winter Edition.

Our next scheduled jam will be at the VFW hall in Redmond, 1836 Southwest Veterans Way, Redmond, on February 12th.

Our jams will be always on the second Sundays unless people are notified otherwise. Just a reminder, try to get your dues paid to avoid missing your issues of the Hoedowner.

~ Roland White, District 3 Reporter

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We had a great turnout at Eagle Point Grange with a lot of good socializing during the snacks and desserts. Several new folks heard about us with our new publicity (thanks, Ron), and they plan to come back. We've had 61 renewals and four new memberships so far this year; Carol Ferrara, with the able assistance of her sister, Edna, did a great job manning the entrance table. If you haven't renewed, time is short to get in the roster. Many thanks to Everett Costa who managed the sound and the em-ceeding in the absence of several of our regulars! We again did the circle jam for the last hour, and several folks, new to the jams, came up and told us they thought that was the best part of the program. They even helped put chairs away!

Scott Phillips was in the hospital and is recovering at home from a "lung infection". John Renfro's tests are okay for now. Gene Williams was having some health problems, but is doing better now, thanks to Lola's TLC. Libby DeWees fell and broke her left wrist. Looks like her fiddle playing is out of the picture for a while. Don Maddox was in the hospital following some throat tests, and is resting at home and "better". Ron and Marilyn Bolstad both hit the "sick list" following their trip to Portland for Marilyn's mother's funeral. Our sympathy goes out to their family. Get well, y'all, and come back soon.

We're back to our regular gigs and schedule, with a couple new ones coming up. We always need folks to come out and play! Check the calendar on the website, or call one of the officers if you didn't pick up a schedule.

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### February

1 Gig

1 Gig

8 Gig

8 Gig

15 Gig

18 Meeting, Lunch, Jam Winchester Bay

22 Gig

22 Gig

### February

4 Meeting & Snacks Fruitdale Grange 11:30 a.m.

### March

3 Jam & Snacks Eagle Point Grange 11:30 a.m.

### April

7 Jam & Snacks Roxy Ann Grange, Medford 11:30 a.m.

We played our usual at Waterford, and a new gig at Twin Creeks, a new "active Adult Community" in Central Point. We're getting asked because the residents request us – a good sign! The happy smiles and foot tapping/chair dancing makes it all worthwhile!

The quarterly meeting in Eugene will be history when this comes out, but several of us are looking forward to going. It's always good to see folks from all over and hear all the good music! We have a group of four kids, ages 7, 10, and 11, starting to work on contest tunes. It's exciting to watch them prepare for their first contest -- they are working hard, and we enjoy the fruits of their practice at the jams!

New members include C.W. Smith and his wife, Gina Lee. She plays banjo, and he is learning to play the fiddle – like his grandpa did! Also new are Serafeina Tang and her brother Charlie who play the fiddles, along with their supportive parents, Yan Wang and Ping Sheng Tang.

I imbibed a bit too much over the holidays, so decided to take the bus home. It was comfortable and quick, and I was very surprised! I'd never driven a bus before, and I still don't know where the heck I got it!

~ Judy McGarvey, District 4 Reporter

Oerdings, Coquille	1 p.m.
Myrtle Point Care Center, Myrtle Point	3 p.m.
Baycrest, North Bend	1:30 p.m.
Ocean Crest, Coos Bay	3 p.m.
Heritage Place, Bandon	1 p.m.
Meeting, Lunch, Jam Winchester Bay	11 a.m.-4 p.m.
Memory Care, Empire	1:30 p.m.
Hearthside, Coos Bay	3 p.m.

There will be a business meeting, beginning at 11 a.m., preceding the monthly jam on the 18th. Everyone is requested to bring finger food to share for lunch. Please make an effort to be there. We can't make important decisions if we don't have a quorum.

After all the excitement and special events of the holiday season, January saw the group back in its regular routine, playing at the nursing homes and retirement centers with no added gigs or jams for the month; February appears to be the same. Those who regularly show up to participate in these play dates are to be thanked and congratulated for the time, effort and personal finances they devote to these programs. I know, from experience with both my late husband and my brother, how much music means to the patients. For those with dementia problems, the appreciation of music is the last sense they lose. When everything else is gone they still recognize and enjoy music.

Guests at the January jam were Marlene and John Renfro from Medford and Hal Thompson and friend, Anna, from Glide. Always good to hear John's amazing guitar playing and Hal's great singing.

Several members from District 5 attended the Winter Folk Festival in Florence on the second week end in January and report having had a great time and seeing a very inspiring program. District 5 annually makes a donation too help out with the expenses involved in getting all the grade school children in the area involved with the program. Transportation and all other expenses are met through donations. Participating students came from North Bay School, Light House Charter School, Reedsport School as well as Florence and surrounding area schools. The kids participated with much gusto and enthusiasm

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## Fiddle Contest Advice

(Continued from Last Month)

**Step 5 Contest Day** - Let's hope you have had the opportunity to go over your tunes with your accompaniment before the contest, because there is little time to meet with your guitar players while the contest is in progress, as they may be involved with other contestants who are ready to march on stage. Get that practice in and be confident you are ready; who needs glitches to add to the foam already churning inside? Play your tunes a few times, with or without accompaniment, to get warmed up and then rest.

Return to your fiddle after awhile and play those tunes another time. If you have the opportunity to play other tunes that are fun tunes with some one and just jam a bit, do so, it will help you relax a little more, but don't over do as there is an emotional fatigue point that you want to be aware of -- and overplaying may erode your energy peak for the day. This is also important in regards to eating. Do not skip any regular meals on contest day, keep your normal sugar level steady, avoid the plunge for a sugar doughnut or a candy bar for energy sake. Take it easy on the coffee or caffeinated tea or soft drinks, as caffeine will make your beat faster and make you feel nervous and flighty.

No one needs to tell you to watch the time and "order of appearance" schedules as they appear in the designated posting area for the contest. When it is your turn to go on stage, you have priority of your guitar player's time. You need to play your tunes a final time in the practice area (still not at top speed) and once in the final practice room set aside for "next on stage" players. You may or may not choose to go through your tunes again in this room, you may elect just to go through the beginning of each tune. You are in control of this moment. When you step on stage - go up to the mike and make sure it is in the proper position. Most contests will assign a stage person to assist you in the proper placement of the mike. Allow your guitarists to step into their places. The official timing of your tunes does not begin until you hit the first note of your first tune and is then continuous until you draw the last bow of your tune of choice. Play your tunes through and accept your well earned applause.

## Fiddle Tips, by Eileen Walter

### Hokum Bowing Basics

Have you ever heard that great sounding "double shuffle" or "hokum" bowing and wondered how to do it? If so, I'm here to tell you that it's not so mysterious if you break it down. If you don't know what I'm referring to, check out the tune "Back Up & Push" on You Tube; it's generally done as part of that tune. It's also commonly played as part of other tunes, particularly rags such as Cotton Patch, Beaumont, Texas Crapshooter, etc.

The usual format is groups of 2 measure segments made up of 16 eighth notes (1/2 beat each). Within each 2 measure group of notes there's a pattern of 3 notes (2 lower string and one upper) that is repeated 5 times, with one extra lower string note in order to make 16 notes. The first thing to do is to get comfortable with this bowing pattern using open strings. For this example we'll use the D and A strings: D D A D D A D D A D D A D D A D Set a metronome to make sure all your notes are the same length of time. You may notice a tendency to take more time on the higher string. 100 is a good place to start with a click on each 1/2 beat, or each note. It may feel awkward at first to be playing 3 repeating notes in 4/4 time. Your bow will be traveling in a different direction each time you get to the higher string - which can be disorienting until you get used to it.

The next thing to do is to accent the higher string by using a little more bow on that note (in other words, your bow will be moving faster on that note, so it will be louder). You can also give it a little extra push with some arm weight and index finger on the bow.

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Now it's time to add fingers – your fingers and strings will be different depending on which tune you're playing and which key you're playing in. Here's the tablature for a 4 measure example. The second fingers will be in the "low" position, and you'll need that second finger to cover both the D & A strings in the second set. Leave your 1st and 2nd fingers down; the 3rd finger will be the only one going up & down:

1 1 2 1 1 3 1 1 2 1 1 3 1 1 2 1      2 2 2 2 2 3 2 2 2 2 2 3 2 2 2 2  
D D A D D A D D A D D A D D A D      D D A D D A D D A D D A D D A D

- Keep down bows and up bows even – up bows may need an extra push as you're working against gravity.
- Find the proper bow hair tension for what you're playing – also the proper speed of the bow and amount of bow.
- Transferring the proper amount of "pressure" or "weight" through your first finger onto the bow – which will constantly change depending on what you're playing and which part of your bow is on the string.
- There are many other things to consider – pivoting over a string, accenting notes, etc. but I've run out of space.

I encourage you to contact me with suggestions or if there are certain bowing or other issues which concern you. Thanks, Eileen (503-701-1578) or [Eileen@portlandfiddleteacher.com](mailto:Eileen@portlandfiddleteacher.com)

## Tune of the Month: Elk River Blues

The Elk River is located in West Virginia. Do not be put off by the differing time signatures in this transcription. Several versions of this tune can be found on YouTube --- consult them first. The tune transcription below comes from the Nashville Old-time String Band Association (NOTSBA) website.

### Elk River Blues

1) CCCCC      GGGG CCCCC      DDDD  
2) AmAmAmAmAm      GGGG AmAmAmAmAm      GGGG

Old-Time  
From NOTSBA.com  
Arr. Ray Mathes

The musical notation for 'Elk River Blues' consists of four staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 2/4 time signature. It features a sequence of notes: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4-A4-G4 (beamed eighth notes), and a repeat sign. The second staff continues with a C chord, a 3/4 time signature, and notes G4, A4, B4, C5, B4-A4-G4. The third staff has an Am chord, a 3/4 time signature, and notes G4, A4, B4, C5, B4-A4-G4. The fourth staff has an Am chord, a 2/4 time signature, and notes G4, A4, B4, C5, B4-A4-G4, followed by a first ending (1.) and a second ending (2.) leading to a double bar line.

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in all parts of the program including the coloring of the stage settings. District 5 members involved in the program were Hal Weiner (in charge of the week end's activities), Colleen Hodges, Pat and Ruth Weyer, Larry Costa and Sharon and Larry Gallagher.

Our group is growing with all the new members who have joined recently and we all need to cooperate and do all we can to make it as good as it can possibly be. To this end, I would like to make the suggestion that we show a bit more respect to our performers on stage by being quiet while they are doing their bit. It has to be very annoying to have people talking while you are performing and it is annoying to those of us trying to listen when the program can't be heard. Go out in the dining room if you have to talk so loudly!

O.K. Fire me if you want to!

Happy Valentine's day to everyone. Love you all!

Experts say caffeine is bad for you. Sugar is bad for you. Fat is bad for you. But don't worry---'cause that's bad for you, too!

~ Mary A. Weist, District 5 Reporter

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### February

3	Jam	Eugene Hotel Lounge	7-10 p.m.
10	Jam	Crow Grange	7-10 p.m.
11	Jam, Meeting & Potluck	Santa Clara Grange	10 a.m.-4 p.m.
18	Barn Dance	Spencer Creek Grange	7-10 p.m.
24	Jam	Santa Clara Grange	7-10 p.m.

### March

2	Jam	Eugene Hotel Lounge	7-10 p.m.
9	Jam	Crow Grange	7-10 p.m.
10	Election Meeting and Jam	Santa Clara Grange	10-4 p.m.
17	Barn Dance	Spencer Creek Grange	7-10 p.m.
23	Jam	Santa Clara Grange	7-10 p.m.

There will be a District 6 business meeting on Saturday, February 11. The meeting will begin at 11 a.m., with potluck at noon

A group of District Sixers from the intermediate fiddle class will play from 11:15 a.m. to noon in the Hult Lobby on Thursday, February 2. Bring a bag lunch and listen in!

Election of officers for the coming year will take place on March 10 at a meeting and jam at Santa Clara Grange. Interested? Contact, or send your nomination, to Mark Ratzlaff, chairman of the nomination committee.

A Carol Ann Wheeler Workshop is scheduled for February 25 in Eugene as a fund raiser for the 2012 West Cascades Fiddle Camp and Workshops. It will run from 9:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. with an hour lunch break. There is space for 30 active participants and 25 silent observers. Space is limited. Contact Darla Knudsen ([jkdjkc@q.com](mailto:jkdjkc@q.com) or 541-998-2064) for more information.

The basic fiddle class will be held on February 27. There will no intermediate fiddle class in February. For Info, contact Darla Knudsen ([jkdjkc@q.com](mailto:jkdjkc@q.com) or 541-998-2064.)

The Old Time Appalachian Jam at Cosmic Pizza in downtown Eugene will be February 26 from 4-7. Call Melissa Takush at 541-228-1644 or email her at [melissamandra@yahoo.com](mailto:melissamandra@yahoo.com) for further information. This is held on the last Sunday from 4-7 p.m. until further notice.

The 2012 West Cascades Fiddle Camp & Workshops (July 23-26) at Westridge Middle School near Oakridge is quickly coming together. Roland White of Bend will be our Music Coordinator. Classes will be offered in fiddle, banjo, guitar, beginning mandolin and bass. Tuition will be \$70 for youth and \$80 for adults. If you or your district would like to make a donation to this camp, please send a check (made out to WCFCW) to our Registrar, Darla Knudsen, 240 Boden, Junction City, Oregon, 97448. For more information on the camp and classes, contact Patti Luse at 541-915-3231 or [pattiluse@comcast.net](mailto:pattiluse@comcast.net).

HELP...Remember you are ALL reporters for District 6 so if you have something for me to report which is appropriate for this column, please let me know.

Jam venues: Crow Grange - 85994 Territorial Hwy, Eugene (in Crow); Eugene Hotel - 224 E. Broadway, Eugene;; Santa Clara Grange - 295 Azalea, Eugene; Spencer Creek Grange - 86013 Lorane Hwy, Eugene.

Birthdays: Gary Baran on 2-9; Maxine Benson on 2-10; Phyllis Coffin on 2-20; Arnold Canning on 2-23; and Dave Stubbs on 2-25.

Anniversaries: John and Jackie Parsons on 2-3; and Arnold & Betty Canning on 2-3.

Happy Valentine's Day to you all!

~ Patti Luse, District 6 Reporter

## District 7

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### February

12 Jam

24 Gig

### March

18 Jam

Juanita Pohl Senior Center, Gladstone 11 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Tanner Adult Center, West Linn 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Lake Oswego Senior Center, Lake Oswego 11 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

If you want to brush up on your technique, learn some new songs, or just practice, practice, practice, be sure to attend Donna Foreman's Monday night class, from 7 to 9 p.m., at the Trinity Lutheran Church. The address, 507 W. Powell in Gresham, is located at the corner of Eastman Parkway and Powell. The class is held in the basement that is accessed from the entrance on the north side of the building. The cost is \$5.00.

The Gladstone jam was a huge success. Twenty-eight musicians came and played to a full hall filled with appreciative listeners. We had three wonderful young players who "stole the show" as the saying goes: Aurora Bitans, Randy Zhang and Josh Ashcroft. A special thank you to these talented youngsters!

Another Carol Ann Wheeler workshop has been scheduled on March 31st at the Gladstone Senior Center. Be sure to get the date on your calendar. Additional details will be available soon.

Be sure to check out the Fiddle Tips column written by Eileen Walter in the Junior Hoedowner.

February 12, Sunday, our monthly jam will be at the Juanita Pohl Senior Center, 8513 SW Tualatin Road, in Tualatin. Doors open at 11:00 a.m. and the sign-up jam is from 1 to 3:30 p.m.

February 24, Friday, we are scheduled to play from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. for the folks at the Tanner Adult Center, 23000 Horizon Drive in West Linn. We will be playing at Tanner the last Friday of every 2nd month starting in February.

March 18, Sunday, we are scheduled for our monthly jam at the Lake Oswego Senior Center at 505 G Street in Lake Oswego. Doors open at 11 a.m. Signup playing starts at 1 p.m. and goes until 3:30 p.m.

~ Gail Foster, District 7 Reporter

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Happy Valentine's Day and Happy Leap Year! Do you suppose we can get caught up on things on that extra day - February 29th?

Our next regular jam is Saturday, February 18th at McMinnville Senior Center. Doors open about 10 a.m. for informal jamming and setting up. IMPORTANT MEETING at 11 a.m. We'll be electing district officers for the coming year. Brown Bag lunch at noon. Sign up jam from 1 - 3:30 p.m.

District 8 had a great jam on January 14th with 24 signed up to play. Linda Schaffer, Amelie Redman, Dave and Mike (missed their last names) played backup. We welcomed Jesse and Darla Knudsen from District 6. Before the sign up jam, Phil called a short board meeting to discuss new, less expensive, locations for our monthly jams. We'll be announcing them later when we have confirmation. Thanks to Marie Bailey for scouting out some good locations. More Thanks go to Darlene Bryant who makes coffee for us; Robert Terry for setting up tables and putting them away; Les Tucker for setting up the sound system. And all the others who help Les carry the sound equipment, stack chairs, and other jobs. One reason our district runs so well is because people jump in and help wherever needed. Thanks everyone!

### February

18 District Jam Senior Center McMinnville

### March

23-24 State Fiddle Contest Salem

### April

11-14 State Convention Rickreall

The Salem Statesman Journal featured Amy Booher in the "Today's Young Professional" column on January 8th. A very good write up, and yes, it did tell about her fiddling.

Curly Roberts is back home now. He had a few days in the hospital for back surgery and a care facility for recovery. Allison says she's doing okay too.

Remember the election meeting Saturday, February 18th.

Isn't it funny how people say you should practice, but then nobody wants to hear you do it. - Anne Duston

~ Alice Holt, District 8 Reporter



District 1: Welcomes  
the New Year

## District 9

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### February

10	Gig	Aspens	7 p.m.
12	Jam and Potluck	Senior Center	1-4 p.m.
20	Gig	Ashley Manor	6:30 p.m.

On Sunday, January 18, we held our potluck at the Senior Center with nine musicians; a total of 38 attended the jam. George Sahlberg passed out the 2012 OOTFA local directory.

Marge McRae and Sally Lovins brought a friend Harley Hess who has lived in Hines for six months. Harley is an accordion player and hails from Alaska.

Janet Braymen attended the state meeting in Eugene representing District 9

A Friday night jam at Billie Lanier's had 13 in attendance. It was good to have John Borelli's music and his wife Linda there.

We held a jam at Janet's home on December 30th to ring in the new year with good attendance, pinochle and music.

It's good to have Joan Suther back after a few weeks visiting Costa Rica.

Gordon and Marianne Andrews commented on the enjoyment they receive from the Hoedowner. Marianne especially enjoys the music and fiddle playing tips.

February's schedule has the fiddlers playing at the Aspens on the 10th at 7 pm, the Senior Center on the 12th with potluck at 1 p.m. and music from 2-4 p.m., and at Ashley Manor on the 20th at 6:30 p.m. Of course, the Friday night jams continue at various locations.

~ Darlene Wingfield, District 9 Reporter

## District 10

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### February

25	Meeting, Jam & Finger Food	VFW Hall, Roseburg	1 - 4 p.m.
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Since we have our jam so late in the month, we canceled December because it was on Christmas Eve.

We will be having an important meeting in February, to vote in new officers. Anyone that would like to get involved in The Oregon Old Time Fiddlers, it would be appreciated much if you came to the meeting on February 25 and see what you can do to help out our district, it sure would be great. I know some of you would like to, from talking to a few of you.--As of now, we're still at the VFW hall, 1127 Walnut St. in Roseburg, from one to four p.m., but for the meeting you might come around noon. We also have finger foods during the day.

Dave LeBleu is in the hospital in Portland, after his surgery he has to wait a bit, then have his chemotherapy.

If anyone wants to send him a card, his address is:

Dave LeBleu  
 908 SW Gaines, Apt #7  
 Portland OR97239.

He'll be there for awhile, don't know how long.

Chuck and Margie Hasty seem to be doing pretty good.

If anyone else is under the weather or ill, hope you're up and around soon.

Anyone besides me that had a birthday in January, Happy Birthday, and, Happy Anniversary to those that had them.

Hope to see you at the District 10 meeting and jam, Thanks.

~ Joyce Pickett, District 10 Reporter



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 District 3 dancers.

**Right (this page):**  
 District 4's Sera and Charlie Tang perform.



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We're on the web:  
[www.OregonOldTimeFiddling.org](http://www.OregonOldTimeFiddling.org)

## State Calendar

March 23-24	State Fiddle Contest, Chemeteka Community College, Salem	
April 12-14	State Convention	Rickreall
May 3-6	Silver Lake Campout	Silver Lake
June 14-16	High Desert Jamboree	Burns
June 18-23	National Fiddle Contest	Weiser
July 23-26	West Cascades Fiddle Camp	Westfir
August 2-5	Diamond Lake Campout	Diamond Lake
August 4	Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest	Corvallis
August 7-11	LaPine Fiddle Camp	LaPine
August 18-21	Winchester Bay Campout	Winchester Bay
September 13-15	State Quarterly Meeting and Jam	Merrill

### New Members to Welcome!

Juliet Thompson, Dexter  
Nancy Yialouris, Lakeview  
Melody Morrell, Eugene  
Ron & Paulette Niederbrauch, Chiloquin  
Cynthia & Kevin Hamm, Vancouver, WA

- Mark Ratzlaff, OOTFA State Membership