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From Your President

Though this message is for December, it isn't Thanksgiving yet. So, in addition to wishing you Merry Christmas I get to add Turkey Day and New Year's. So please have a wonderful holiday season.

Jack Kerr watched us pass the mic back and forth in Merrill and decided that we should have individual mics so he donated a system to take care of that. Merry Christmas to us from Jack. Thank you Jack.

At the District 5 meeting last month, we had no fiddles show up. That is, the people who occasionally play fiddle did not bring one. Fiddles then were not represented at the meeting. Fortunately, old-time fiddle music can be played on banjos, mandolins, dobros and guitars and it was. We need to show much appreciation to those in-house fiddlers who continue to teach and help others young and old to learn more about fiddlers and their music.

~ Larry

From the Editor

With this issue, the Hoedowner treads new ground. For the last two weeks, Emily and I have been in Europe on a river cruise of the Rhine and Mosel rivers. The boat is equipped with Wi-Fi, and I have been assembling the December issue on my iPad. It's a new world.

The year is drawing to a close, and the membership renewal season (still \$20) is upon us. Patti Luse, the new state membership chair, writes in this connection:

"You can find a Registration Form at the OOTFA Website at www.oregonoldtimefiddling.org/membership. If you know of people who are attending some of the events in your area but are not members, they might like to join, so hand them one to fill out. Maybe you know of some musicians who have been members in the past and for one reason or another do not belong today -- they might like to join. Remember that you don't have to be OLD to belong to the Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers' Association.

"Many have asked... "What is a LIFETIME membership?" The OOTFA Standing Rules say "Any member or spouse who has been a paid up member for five (5) years and who reaches the age of seventy (70) shall be eligible for a LIFETIME membership." If you meet these qualifications, your membership is free and you need to contact your District Membership Chair. However, it does not cover having the printed Hoedowner mailed to you by the US Postal Service each month. So if you DO want it mailed, you will need to pay the \$20 Annual Dues. (This covers the monthly printing and mailing for the year.) Otherwise, at no cost, you can get the Hoedowner by going online to the OOTFA website OR getting it emailed to you in a PDF format."

District 4 is doing a fine job in recruiting and training young fiddlers. Just take a look at the photo elsewhere in this issue submitted by Judy McGarvey.

Finally, we here in District 6 are looking forward to hosting the quarterly state meeting and jam in Eugene on Saturday, January 12 at Crow Grange, repeat Crow Grange. This is a last minute change in venue to provide adequate parking. Hope to see you all there.

~ Joe

From the Editor Emeritus

Let me go back to 2003 when Alice and I had just returned from Hawaii and Pearl Harbor. I would like to share this story as my tribute to Linda Easley.

Our hotel room near Waikiki Beach was on the 11th floor. One afternoon Alice and I sat in our room resting after visiting Pearl Harbor that morning remembering my brother Bill. The sliding glass doors were open to the balcony. A little bird with a blush of red on his head lit on the balcony railing, raised his head and began to sing a beautiful song. The bird sang what seemed like several minutes. I sat there enjoying it and thinking what a beautiful song it was.

Back home when I told a Linda about the bird singing, she asked, "You know who the bird was, don't you?" At first I didn't know what she was asking. I looked confused. She said, "It was your brother, Bill, singing to you." I can't say that it was Bill singing to me but the more I think about it, the more beautiful the thought becomes. I had been to see the Arizona Memorial and when I threw the flowers from the lei into the water over the Arizona it was my way of sending a message to my brother who was on the USS Phoenix. My imagination just might let me believe it was Bill coming to see me and sing a beautiful song there on the balcony. He would have done that if he could have. Maybe he did.

And then a touching story about Zach Konowalchuk's recent memorial in Newport -- a friend of his wrote:

"While at Cafe Mundo, two hummingbirds flew in and flittered

around the rafters the entire time. We told the waitress and she was shocked, so not a common occurrence. I've been told that strange bird sightings are significant in these kinds of situations and I believe they were. Pretty neat! Two hummingbirds? Did Zach have a twin? Meet up with his soul mate again? They looked happy and free up there.... Together. Then one was not seen but the other would sit at times in front of a high center window."

A different thought. Almost every day I think about our gathering at Merrill in September. As I eat pickled beans, enjoy wild plum and raspberry jam, put salsa on my meat and look forward to the pickled asparagus and an apple pie, I think of the basket I won at the drawing. Even though the basket cost me \$30, I appreciate Patti Northcraft, if I remember correctly, who put the basket together and donated it to the drawing. I still think about and continue to enjoy her basket full of Klamath County "goodies."

Dolores Booher writes:

"Mike and I would both like to send a big THANK YOU to all who signed the card for Mike at Burns in June, and to the person who mailed it!"

I am looking for old video tapes that have Bunky McFee on them. Bunky was one of favorite fiddlers, He died in 1994, I believe it was. Please contact me if you might have one that I could borrow. Thanks.

~ Lew

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It is hard to believe, but it won't be long before Christmas and then another New Year. So District One wants to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

This is what Sheila Fry wrote for this month:

"Our Hoedowner Reporter stood at the last meeting and told us all we were all going to get a chance to write for the newsletter. Just want you know that our Ali S is like a terrier nipping at your heels---you pay attention and just don't say "no".

I was selected this month, so here goes.....

"I want to say how much appreciation, I have for the folks in the fiddlers, that work to make the club "work". That goes for all state level and sistrict level workers, chairman, co-chair, secretaries, treasurers and yes, Ali, all the reporters. I especially appreciate all the behind-the-scene folks, the ones whose names you don't hear or see very often. For all the teachers, who take time to pass on the great music, for all the backup players, without them the music would be incomplete.

For those who work in the kitchens, setting up and cleaning up., and those that write and send the thank you, get well and condolence cards

"I so very much appreciate those few in each district that come out to support all the venues like the nursing homes, and the senior centers.

December

1	Practice	Luther Square	1-4 p.m.
2	Meeting/Pot Luck S	Shasta Community Center	12-4 p.m.
4	Gig	Plum Ridge	10:30-11:30 a.m.
4	Gig	Quail Park	12:30—1:30 p.m.
8	Practice	Luther Square	1-4 p.m..
9	Dance	Shasta Community Hall	12-4 p.m.
11	Jam	Senior Center	10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
15	Practice	Luther Square	1-4 p.m.
18	Jam	Senior Center	10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
20	Gig	Shasta View Care Center	1-2 p.m.
20	Gig	Linkville House	2:30-3:30 p.m.
29	Practice	Luther Square	1-4 p.m.

I am sure there will be more on the schedule later, for updated information call either Sheila Fry or John Northcraft.

There is not a lot of glory playing those, but the smiles and the laughter and the appreciation from those folks, make it so worth the effort. A lot of the time, there are only a few players, and the music, not so good—but they love it anyway.

"Then there is Fred Stiverson and Loraine Degan!! They come and dance, smile, sing, and make all of us, players and listeners, Happy!!

"Thank You!! All you workers and players, for passing on all this great music and making a few folks Happy."

Thanks Marlan for last month & Sheila for this month.

Johnny & Darleth Rogers have left us for warmer weather, while they are enjoying their winter all warm and cozy, John Northcraft will be in charge. Let's all help him with everything. Also nice to have Phil and Carol Fulbright back from their summer job. They are a good addition to our group.

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We all want to extend a welcome to our newest members, Frank & Karen Ayres. Frank plays a guitar and sings.

Thanks everyone for helping to play for the Shaw Historical Library fundraiser, and also all the other events we play for.

Lets all wish Happy Birthday to Irene Ruddock, Tim Dabil, Marlon Jannuzzi, Dave Alexander, & Mervin Woodard.

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

We live in the present, we dream of the future, but we learn eternal truths from the past.

~ **Ali Swartwood, District 1 Reporter**

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There is not much going on around here. Since Rosa Lee has been laid up with her knee, the Thursday nights have been postponed.

Perry fell and dislocated his shoulder so he is down also.

Terry, Larry, Mary Ann and Lexie spend a wonderful time with District 1 on the 11th. We have such a good time when we go over the hills to see them.

I will let you know when Thursday nights are on again.

Next jam Dec 1st at the Senior Center; next meeting December 10th, same place.

~ **Mary Ann McLain, District 1E Reporter**

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December

1	Circle Jam	VFW Hall, Redmond	1-3 p.m.
23	Jam	VFW Hall, Redmond	1-3:30 p.m.

January

13	Circle Jam	VFW Hall, Redmond.	1-3:30 p.m.
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Note: November to March there will be one jam per month on second Sundays at Redmond VFW Hall • 1836 SW Veterans Way Redmond

We had our last "two jams per month" in October with great turnouts of musicians and public. Due to a conflict of dates with the VFW we had to cancel our November 11 jam and change the December jam to the 4th Sunday on December 23rd.

Please note that the December jam is on December 23rd rather than December 9th. This is due to a visit by the Oregon National Guard training unit that the VFW will host on its annual visit to central Oregon on December 9th. We have agreed to cooperate with the VFW in support of the National Guard troops.

We are looking forward to our District 3 Christmas party scheduled for December 8th at the Pine Forest Grange on NW Boyd Acres Road in Bend from 12-4 p.m.

Be sure and arrive early for the December 23rd jam if you want to participate in the fiddlers jam from 12-1 before the regular dance program. I need fiddlers, so ya'll come!

By the time December 23rd arrives I think we will all be looking forward to an afternoon of music. Otherwise nothing else to report except have a safe and wonderful Thanksgiving with best wishes to you all.

~ **Roland White, District 3 Reporter**



Sue Cooper, at the District 6 intermediate fiddle class.



District 4 junior fiddlers sound off!

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Fruitdale Grange was the site of our November Jam. How nice to have visitors Pat Weyer (District 5) and Hal Thompson (District 10). Also Jack Kerr (District 3) joined us with long absent Peggy Hudson (we still claim her as District 4). They all added a lot to the good music that our good group of musicians provided – a great jam!

Mike Lindgren got a nail from a nail gun in his right hand, and ended up in the hospital for five days, but is now back at work, and able to play with us. Don Evans, the “spoon man”, had carotid artery surgery and is on limited activities for a while. Annette McPherson was in the hospital and had surgery. Gene Williams is still in Hearthstone rehab. We wish you all well . . . real soon!

We played Oregon Trail songs with brief stories about them for AAUW (American Association of University Women) and the Friends of the Library. We had many positive comments, and they want us back again in January.

Oh! Oregon Frontier Park was the setting for the Applegate Autumn Fest. The audience was small but very appreciative, asking us back in the spring.

We play again at St. Vincent de Paul for the community free Thanksgiving Dinner, sponsored by the Central Point Presbyterian Church. We need folks to come out and play – it’s always a big crowd.

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The featured performer at the November jam will be Bob Shaffer, from Bandon. He started playing music when he was a young man and has been fiddling around ever since! In his early musical days he, with the help of a friend, built his own fiddle which he plays today. He also plays dobro, guitar and standup bass. He began giving fiddle lessons in Bandon about three years ago and now OOTFA has some new and upcoming fiddlers. Bob also plays in several bands, notably Hudon Ridge, which is noted for its excellent bluegrass music and another band called Hungry Mountain. While he manages the City of Bandon’s electrical systems, he would rather be fiddling. His wife, Jerene, often makes music with him, playing standup bass. His granddaughter, Shelby, is also starting fiddle lessons under his tutelage.

December

1 Jam, feast RoxyAnn Grange, Medford. 11:30 a.m.

January

5 Jam, snacks Eagle Point Grange 11:30 a.m.

February

2 Jam, snacks Fruitdale Grange, Grants Pass 11:30 a.m.

Our membership chairman, Carol Ferrara, does an exceptional job (with great help from her sister Edna Chitwood) of welcoming newcomers and inviting them to join in and play with us. We need to continue to be more “inclusive” and not “exclusive”. We submitted two new and eight renewal memberships this month.

The nominating committee is looking for those who are willing to serve as officers for next year. The Judy team has already had two years, so we must have new blood. Come and volunteer to help your organization as an officer. There is lots of help available, so don’t be afraid to serve.

Fiddle lessons are going well with a big thanks to all who have pitched in and made this a district event. Carol Ferrara registers and gets attendance and name tags, Ron Bolstad and Avi Zohar provide great accompaniments, and Cathy Fruchey, Scott Phillips, Len Ferrara, and Yoshe Zohar have assisted with tuning, encouragement, and help where needed. Many thanks for such a good job!

We have 15 kids participating, and they are learning and having fun!

Have a wonderful holiday season – I plan to! Let’s keep the music happening!

Just for fun: I’m not really a gold-digger – girls just wanna have FUNDS!

~ Judy McGarvey , District 4 Reporter

December

5	Gig	Oerdings, Coquille	1 - 2 p.m.
5	Gig	Myrtle point Care Center	3 - 4 p.m.
12	Gig	Bay Crest, North Bend	1:30 - 2:30 p.m.
12	Gig	Ocean Crest, Coos Bay	3 - 4 p.m.
14	Gig	Inland Point, North Bend	11 - 12 noon
15	Monthly Jam.	Winchester Bay	1 - 4 p.m.
19	Gig	Heritage Place, Bandon	1 - 2:30 p.m.
26	Gig	Memory Care, Empire	1:30 - 2:30 p.m.
26	Gig	Hearthside, Coos Bay	3 - 4 p.m.

Have you noticed how many new members have joined District 5 lately? In addition to the 13 listed in Patti Luse’s new members list in the November Hoedowner, we have 11 more this month. They include Katherine and Bo Petzold from Brookings, Lucie LaBonte from Gold Beach, Patty Ann and Drew DaCunha from Smith River, CA, Denise and Carl King from Gold Beach, Hunter Angode and his dad, Matt, from Bandon, and Elizabeth and Jerry Adams from Coos Bay. Some of these new people are from Bob Shaffer’s fiddle classes mentioned above. Welcome to all of you and we hope to see you soon at our jams in Winchester Bay and/or Brookings. We do have fun!

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Chris Booher's Letter

In many past issues of the Junior Hoedowner young fiddlers have been featured. Occasionally the story of a "grown up" Junior Fiddler is used. This month another grown up Junior Fiddler is featured. Here is an unsolicited letter from Chris Booher that tells what he thinks in his own words. It is a good example of how our time, effort and recognition of young fiddlers pays off. Thanks Chris, for allowing your letter to be shared.

"Hi Lew,

"Thank you for your dedication to such a great cause! We appreciate all your updates! Sadly, it is very difficult for us to go to many events at this stage due to the size and nature of our family, but we hope to become more involved as things continue to settle in. We are singing and playing quite a lot (here

at home and church) and are looking forward to enjoying the great opportunities that the Oregon Old Time Fiddlers gave Rudi, myself, and the rest of my siblings when we were much younger. I have always wanted to personally thank you and all those amazing players who took the time to show us a new guitar chord, fiddle lick, piano riff, or song... I would love to list some names, but the list would be way too long! Little did we know the musical experiences we had as young teenagers at jam sessions, dances, contests, and other events would eventually lead to a lifelong enjoyment of great music, even professionally for some of us. As I listen to my young children sing in three-part harmonies, I realize just how far the legacy that you (and this wonderful organization!) blessed us with has been carried on! May God bless you, and we hope to see you at a jam soon!

Chris Booher, for the Chris and Lisa Booher family"

Fiddle Tips by Eileen Walter – Shifting

This month's column will address shifting out of first position. Most fiddle tunes are played primarily in first position. There are passages in some tunes that require shifting in order to reach notes which are higher in pitch or to be able to form certain double stops (chords). Sometimes shifting is done for the convenience of staying on one string.

Some more complex versions of tunes have entire sections in higher positions – Sally Johnson, Hotfoot Rag, Billy in the Low Ground, Beaumont Rag, Leather Britches, and Tom & Jerry come to mind. Other tunes have a few notes or short passages of notes in higher positions – Grey Eagle, Cotton Patch Rag, Peaches & Honey, Rat Cheese Rag, Dew Drop Hornpipe, Maynard's Rag, and Lone Star Rag come to mind.

The most common position other than first is third – Your hand moves up the fingerboard so your first finger is playing where your third finger would play if your hand was in first position. Here is a way to practice shifting to third position on the E string (and you can do a similar practice on the other strings as well):

Play the open E string, then the first finger (F), second finger (G), and third finger (A), then another open E string, and while

playing the open E string, move your hand up the neck and place your first finger on the A note where your third finger was when you were in first position. Play that note, and then place your second finger on a B note (where your fourth finger would be if you were in first position), your third finger on a C note, and your fourth finger on a D note – and check with your tuner along the way. You'll notice that your fingers will be slightly closer together as you move up the neck.

Second, fourth, and fifth positions are also used in fiddling; I rarely see anything higher. Second position is when you position your hand so your first finger is where your second finger would be in first position; Fourth position is when you position your hand so your first finger is where your fourth finger would be in first position, and Fifth position is when you position your hand so your first finger is where your third finger would be if you were playing in third position.

Shifting is a good technique to become comfortable with – You'll be able to play many more great tunes! In my next column I'll talk about how to practice shifting with double stops

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At the business meeting in October it was voted to make a generous donation to the Florence Folk Festival which will be held the last weekend in January. It was also decided to try out a new sound system. The welcoming message for new members and the jam etiquette suggestions list, on which Jolly Hibbits has been working the last few months, were adopted by the group. Thank you, Jolly, for all your time and effort spent getting all the information together. Marlene and John Renro from District 4 and Sharon and Hal Thompson from District 10 were guests for the day.

Congratulations to Mapril and Grant Combs who will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary the last week in November. May you have many more happy years together.

May the merriest of Christmases and the best New Year be yours!

Music is the social glue that holds communities together.

~ Mary A. Weist, District 5 Reporter



Dancers at the Spencer Creek Grange barn dance.

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It's time again to PAY DUES. Bring your check book so you'll be assured of being included in the 2013 membership roster. Hoedowner expenses come from this revenue, and it helps the Secretary/Treasurer balance the bank accounts for the new year.

Missed in last month's Hoedowner, (sorry) Is our Lebanon jam at the Moose Lodge, December 2, a tradition of many years. As a new member, this was the first OOTFA event I attended. Not knowing what to expect, I thought it possible to be incognito. People made me feel right comfortable introducing themselves. This is not a potluck! The Lebanon Moose graciously serves us with a delicious hot meal, courses fitting royalty, just like Mom's home cooking. The drive was beautiful. I seldom get off the freeway traveling north, so I took the back road through Sweet Home on my return. This year, the fall colors will be spectacular! Directions from the south: Travel I-5 N from Eugene toward Portland. Take exit 228 for OR-34 toward Lebanon/Corvallis. Turn right onto OR-34 E. Slight left onto W Morgan St. Take the 1st right onto US-20 E/S Main Rd/S Santiam Hwy. Continue to follow US-20 E/S Santiam Hwy. Destination will be on the right. Moose Lodge 1866, 4070 South Santiam Highway, Lebanon, OR 97355. Come out and enjoy the fun!

District 6 is hosting the quarterly state meeting on Saturday, January 12 at Crow Grange. Doors will open at 9 a.m. The state board

December

2	Jam	Moose Lodge, Lebanon	10-4 p.m.
7	Jam	Eugene Hotel Lounge.	7-10 p.m.
8	Jam, Mtg, Potluck	Santa Clara Grange	10-4 p.m.
14	Jam	Crow Grange	7-10 p.m.

January

4	Jam	Eugene Hotel Lounge.	7-10 p.m.
11	Jam	Crow Grange	7-10 p.m.
12	State Mtg & Potluck	Crow Grange	10-4 p.m.
25	Jam	Santa Clara Grange	7-10 p.m.

meeting will be held 10 a.m.; potluck will be at noon. The sign-up jam will start at 1 p.m.

Directions: To reach Crow Grange from I-5, get off I-5 at exit 195; follow the Randy Pape Beltline west to its end at West 11th. Turn right (west), and follow Rte 126 (West 11th) to the stoplight at Veneta. Turn left and follow Territorial about two miles to Crow. The grange is on the right.

The series of barndances at Spencer Creek Grange has begun again, with the first one held November 17. The dances will continue through April,

Please note that the evening jam at Santa Clara, December 28th, has been cancelled, due to the holidays.

Anniversaries: Thelma Steele12-1; Dave & Lena Stubbs12-11; Mark Carmickle12-6 ; Joanne & Gerald Clark12-29.

Birthdays: Brian Neal12-12; Marlene Chatoian12-14; Lloyd Shriber12-23; Della White12-24; Richard Marino12-27.

~ Gary Davis, District 6 Reporter



At the Spencer Creek Grange barn dance (l-r): Ila Mae Carmickle, Deborah Weese, Lisa Ponder.



District 6 Chairman Wayne Carter and wife Annie.

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Can you believe it is nearly Christmas – where did the year go? Time to dig out that old holiday music and start having some fun gigs!

Thanksgiving has come and gone, but I just want to take this opportunity to say how truly thankful I am for my Oregon Old Time Fiddler family. I had not picked up a fiddle for over 50 years, and was not sure really talented and skillful players would be so willing to give their time, help, support and encouragement to novice players. THANK YOU ALL so much – and Merry Christmas everyone!

Just a reminder that our own very talented Donna Foreman is still sharing her skills every Monday evening at workshops held at the church on the corner of Eastman Parkway and SE Powell Blvd. in Gresham, starting at 6:30 p.m.

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It's December already! How is it that time goes so much faster than it used to? It must prove the old adage: Time flies when you're having fun. And fiddling is fun, right?

District 8 played several times in late October. On the 21st we played at the Silverton Senior Center. Because they had other activities planned, we only played for an hour. We enjoyed the potluck lunch. Several of our young fiddlers joined us. It's always great to hear them play! Several of us from Salem and the mid-valley played with the McMinnville group at Parkside Retirement in McMinnville. We were treated with tasty snacks after playing. A small group from the Salem area played at the Dallas Retirement

Our December/January playing lineup to date includes:

- Dec. 2 Estacada Senior Center: 200 SW Club House Dr., Estacada, 97023
Doors open from 11:00 am – 4:00 pm.
Sign-up playing from 1:00 pm - 3:30 pm.
This is our annual Christmas party jam. Christmas dinner will be served at noon for a fee.
- Dec. 5 Milwaukie Lutheran Church: 3810 SE Lake Road, Milwaukie, 97222
This is their Christmas lunch. We will start playing at 11:30 a.m., stop and have lunch with them, and resume playing at 12:30 p.m.
- Jan 6 Gladstone Senior Center: 1050 Portland Ave., Gladstone, 97027
Playing times from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Sign-up playing from 1- 3:30 p.m.
This is our first jam for 2013. We will have a meeting to decide on funds for the contests, so please attend.

As usual, please watch your emails for any other future gigs!

~ Marcella Easley, District 7 Reporter

December

15 Jam Woodburn Grange

January

19 Jam Dayton Community Building

February

16 Jam Oak Grove Grange -- west of Salem

Center on October 26. To end our October gigs, we played for the members and friends of Falls City United Methodist Church. Rain and an important football game kept the audience small. We had fun anyway and they enjoyed it too.

The scholarship committee met on October 24th. Ray Cunningham, committee chair, reports that we have ten students receiving scholarships now. They range in age from five to thirteen.

Don't forget, your dues for 2013 are due now. Dues are \$20 per calendar year. Thank you to those who have paid already. It really

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helps the membership chairperson. Pay Wally Case. Use the address above if you are mailing your check.

We will have played at Woodburn Estates Clubhouse on Thursday November 15th and held our regular jam at the Senior Center in Dallas on November 17th. More on these next month.

District 9

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We're back! Well, some of us are. The monthly jams at the Senior Center started up in October with a special guest: Ruel Teague's sister, Mae. November's jam had a nice crowd of about 40 and a handful of musicians were kept busy entertaining. December will be the holiday potluck with the fiddlers providing the turkey.

George Sahlberg has landed in the hospital with the discovery of a staph infection during a total knee replacement. What was expected to be a few weeks of being laid up has turned into over two months. George is in the Harney District Hospital and will be there until around the first of the year when hopefully the infection will be gone, and the knee gets put in. Several organizations are becoming aware of how valuable George is to them, the fiddlers included!

Joe Enneberg has been failing and is now living at Ashley Manor. Our prayers go out to Joe and Micky as they navigate this portion of their lives.

Darlene Wingfield and Paul Hyland took a trip to the California State Grange Convention in Willits. Though they had a reportedly good time overall, coming back the car suffered a blown engine causing them some grief.

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The jam we had in October was the biggest we've had in a long time. Larry Costa, Verna Lee, and Pat Weyer from district 5 were there, as were Breffni Wheelen and Margaret Keene from District 4. There were some great players. We all had a good time. (Guess I didn't take enough banana bread, cause it went fast.)

Also we signed up a new member, Allen Clary; welcome Allen, glad to have you.

Everyone did such a good job -- I would like to thank Sharon Thompson for all the help she has given us.

In October, we played at Rosehaven Nursing and Rehabilitation, and Umpqua Valley Nursing Center.

Bob and Jean Hanson have been on vacation, and will be home soon. Hope they had a good time. Jon Tilley and Julie paid

As you can see by the calendar above, we are playing at different venues this winter. Hope to have many of you come to join us. We love out of district visitors too!

Our wish for all is a Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

~ Alice Holt, District 8 Reporter

December

14	Gig	The Aspens
17	Gig	Ashley Manor

Weekly jams are held nearly every Friday evening. Dr. Paul Arrington, a visiting surgeon from Hawaii, has been attending while he is on duty in Burns. Paul builds and repairs ukuleles and does just fine playing them. Though he is unfamiliar with much of the music we play, he is enjoying the camaraderie and we are enjoying hearing Hawaiian tunes and the wonderful snacks he brings. Paul was able to repair a 1915 ukulele belonging to Robin Gadbury on his last trip home. Robin is thrilled to have it in working order and to learn of the instrument's history.

Anthony Moulton is a student of Ruel's who has attended several of the Friday jams. He's coming right along.

Ruel and Margaret Teague have headed south for the winter.

Many thank yous go out to Walt Cooper for all his years of service as our sound man. Walt, you are a star!

In December we will play at the Aspens on Friday, the 14th and at Ashley Manor on Monday the 17th. Hope to see everyone on Friday nights!

~ Janet Braymen, District 9 Reporter

December

27	Jam	VFW Hall, Roseburg	1-4 p.m.
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their dues for next year, 'cause they're headed for Arizona, we'll miss them.

Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to all that had them, and if you're down with the crud, hope you're up and around soon. Stay well.

Our next jam will be December 27th at the VFW hall 1127 Walnut St. Roseburg, from 1-4 p.m. We'll have finger food for everyone; we'll try to bring more this time.

Until next time, hope you're all well and happy. Hope to see ya'll here next month -- bring your instruments and your voices and have a good time with us.

~ Joyce Pickett, District 10 Reporter



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State Calendar

- January 12 State Meeting and Jam, Crow Grange, Eugene
- March 22-23 State Fiddle Contest, Chemeteka Community College, Salem
- April 10-13 State Convention, Rickreall
- July 22-25 West Cascades Fiddle Camp, Oakridge

New Members to Welcome!

Frank & Karen Ayers, Chiloquin
Simon Baum, Eugene
Paul & Becky Christiansen and Nolan, Paige, David, Maia & Phoebe, Central Point, OR
Alan & Kim Clary, Roseburg
Peggy Easter, Astoria

Donna Freeman, Central Point
Della Frost, Yreka, CA
Charles Landers, Medford
David & Ann Larson and Ellie, Dyrin, London, Vienna, Asher & Kari, Klamath Falls
Ron Larson, Prineville
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