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From Your President

"Paying it Forward" is a phrase we hear all the time and that is a good thing because a good act creates a new chain of energy that provides positive results for the giver and the receiver. It's a good time of year to be thinking of how we can "Pay it Forward" not only as individuals but as an organization that continues to provide music for citizens all over the state. With our upcoming holidays, we can "Pay It Forward" being thankful for our many blessings of family, friends and music.

I'm pleased to be able to relate a very nice "Paying it Forward" story: some five years back as one fiddle camp came to an end, another music camp idea was put forward by District 6 for the West Cascade Fiddle Camp & Workshops (WCFCW). During the first year the state board donated funds from the inactive fiddle camp to the District 6 committee — more than \$1000. After last year's fourth successful WCFCW fiddle camp, committee 2015 chairman Jerry Parks tells me that they are donating \$1,000 back to the state's general fund. This all started with the state "Paying it Forward"; now it has come full circle.

This year will be the 5th Annual West Cascade Fiddle Camp & Workshops. We can all be proud of the efforts of the past and present committee members in District 6 for their successful music camps and the exceptional work they have done — to say nothing of their generous donation, "Paying it Forward" back to the state.

Speaking of donations, we are now ready to begin fundraising for the 50th anniversary year. I've been told by many members that they would like to donate to the OOTFA general fund but don't know how to do it. There has never been a better time to think about an extra donation, or "Paying it Forward" to OOTFA, as our budget has no funds for our public relations, membership and fundraising committees.

It is now easy to donate on the www.ootfaJoinDonate.com website specifically designed for donating to, or joining, OOTFA. If you would like to make a contribution to our operating fund visit: www.ootfaJoinDonate.com, and then click the "donate" button. I thank you in advance for "Paying it Forward" if you make, a timely contribution.

Our membership drive is well under way. Patti Luse, membership chair, tells me we have over 100 new members this year; with all of you reaching out, I expect we will continue to grow. Our new website, www.ootfaJoinDonate.com, will help potential new members to easily download the OOTFA information and membership forms they need.

Gentle reminder: get your 2015 Dues in early!

In the spirit of the holidays thank you for "Paying it Forward" and a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you all,

~ Roland & Laura White

From the Editor

Eileen Walter, newly in charge of the State Fiddle Contest, writes to announce the creation of a new fiddle contest category, "Anything Goes." The division rules are as follows:

"In addition to the general contest rules, the following rules apply specifically to the Anything Goes Division:

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1. This division is for fiddlers of any age, whether they have entered a regular division or not.
2. This division is one round consisting of one tune played within 3 minutes – fiddling only, no singing, and no other instruments taking breaks.
3. Up to three accompanists will be allowed; accompanists cannot take breaks or play melody.
4. Judging will be done by the regular contest judges, from the audience, using the regular judging criteria and also giving consideration to entertainment value, personality, creativity, technical ability, stage presence, and originality. A different score sheet will be used.
5. The purpose of this division is to have fun entertaining and playing a tune which might not normally be played in a regular contest round – such as a “show” tune, a “trick & fancy” tune, a “hot” fiddle tune, a swing tune with some improvisation, etc. ”

Sounds like it will be fun, and a challenge.

District 10 mandolinist Joe Ross organized a quite successful contradance recently at Sutherlin Grange, and is promoting another event there February 28 featuring Sourdough Slim and Robert Armstrong. For more information, contact Joe at rossjoe@hotmail.com.

We note with regret the passing of two long-time OOTFA members: Beth Perry, District 1E, and Bob Ervin, District 3. Beth was a former reporter for the Hoedowner, while Bob played many roles over the years, among them District 3 chairman, and OOTFA president. They will both be missed.

So who was the person in the bathtub on the back of the District 1E Labor Day parade float? Drum roll, please



Why, of course: Sharilyn McLain!

~ Joe



A panoramic view of the District 6 Thanksgiving jam.

From the Editor Emeritus

The “fiddle family” as we call the familiar picture, came about, as we now know it, many years ago when our talented daughter-in-law, Karen, saw the cartoon fiddler that was often used at that time, but, being practical, thought the proportions of his legs were not to her liking, so she redrew him. (Mannie Shaw in Idaho might have drawn the original.) Alone, the fiddler didn’t tell the story she wanted, so she drew a boy fiddler to go with him. This worked for a period of time, but others suggested the need for a woman fiddler, too. Then it was only natural to add a woman and a girl fiddler, too. The four of them suggested the “fiddle family” that is so used in Oregon and across the nation.

Years back when we were playing for the reopening of Wells Fargo banks here in the valley and across the Columbia River, Karen adapted the fiddle family with a stagecoach.

If you don’t receive the “OOTFA Updates” from me telling of events, deaths, etc., and would like them via email, drop me a note. If you receive them but don’t wish to receive them, drop me a note.

Alice and I wish all you a “Happy Holidays” and a “Happy New Year”

~ Lew (and Alice)



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We want to say a special thank you to Karen Ayres who has agreed to be our historian and archive go-to person. She has already made her first beautiful album of our district. Thank you Karen.

We are planning on having our holiday dinner December 7th. BBQ tri tip and potatoes will be provided; all else is potluck. The jam will follow dinner and run from 1-3 p.m.

There will be no meeting in December.

We had such a fun day yesterday at our monthly dance. We had a great turnout, twenty-five members and sixteen visitors. It is such an inspiration to see all the dancers still kicking up their heels. We are excited here at District 1 because we have nine young students and a couple of adults who are taking fiddle lessons from various members. We have had to do some scrambling to have enough fiddles. We still need two half-size fiddles, as there are two little girls who would like to start.

We want to wish Naomi Bruhn a Happy Eightieth Birthday; several from here went over to Eagle Point for a big jam session celebrating her birthday.

District 1 "meet the member" for this month is Don Hensley. Don was born in August 1925, in New Bridge, OR., a small farming community.

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That was a great story last month about my buddy, (probably yours, too), Barrett Amacker. His football team had a great year but lost by one point in Corvallis. I'll bet they made lots of memories playing where the "big boys" do.

I'm sad to report that District 1E lost another member, Beverly Perry, who died last month. She played dulcimer when her health permitted. When she could no longer play, she sold her instruments and donated the money to the state scholarship fund. What a nice thing to do! District 1E folks played at her funeral.



Lew and Alice Holt, District 8 at a recent jam

December

7	Potluck and jam	Holiday Dinner BBQ and jam	11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
11	Gig	Plumridge Care Center	10:30 -11:30 a.m.
11	Gig	Quail Park Care Center	12:30 -1:30 p.m.
14	Jam and Dance	Shasta Grange	1-3 p.m.
16	Gig	Pelican Point Care Center	10:30 -11:30 a.m.
18	Gig	Shasta View	10:30 -11:30 a.m.
18	Gig	Eldorado Heights	1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Practice on Saturdays: Luther Square, check with Irene Ruddock for dates and time, 541-882-6418.

Don is a banjo player whose uncle played the fiddle. Don was going to start playing the fiddle but joined the Army Air Corps in 1943, instead. Serving in England, and then Japan, he spent ten and a half years in the service, getting out in 1963. During that time he met Elaine Steel from Halfway, OR; they were married in 1950. Don and Elaine had six children: three boys, and three girls.

Don could always find a bunch of guys to get together and have a band going. Don and Elaine moved to Seattle in 1958, where he worked as a heavy equipment mechanic. In 1964 they moved to Klamath Falls; he worked as a farm mechanic on different area farms. Don retired in 1998 and moved to Lakeview for a time and met up with Homer McLain. He then joined the Old Time Fiddlers. Don now lives in Merrill; all of his children live in Halfway. Don gets to as many jams and gigs as he can. His favorite banjo tunes are "Camptown Races" and "Oh, Susanna".

December birthdays: Tim Dabil, Marlon Jannuzzi, Irene Ruddock, and Mervin Woodard.

December anniversaries: Phil and Sheila Fry, Carol and Phil Fulbright, Jerry and Irene Ruddock, and Jake and Ali Swartwood.

We in District 1 send to you all Christmas Blessings and wish you a Joyous New Year.

~ Noranne Sparks, District 1 Reporter

December

6	Jam	Senior Center	2 p.m.
8	Business Meeting		7 p.m.
	Thursday Jams at Rosa Lee's		6 p.m.

A very nice man donated \$250.00 to our local scholarship fund. That was his way of saying thanks to the Old Time Fiddlers for always being available to play music at funerals for free when people need cheering up the most.

December 5th we'll be playing at the Holiday Fair at the fairgrounds. We start at 6:00 p.m.

December Birthdays: 6 Alexis Bryant, 12 Connie Steward, 13 Eileen McLain, 27 Reba Steward.

We here in District 1E wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas. May your holidays be filled with music.

As I write this it feels like winter's arrived. The cold north wind is making its presence known. I have to remember to tell myself that "It wouldn't feel good to be warm if you've never been cold."

~ Keith W. Steward, District 1E Reporter

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District 3's second Sunday jam/dance at Powell Butte was another huge success. We had so many wonderful dancers and outstanding musicians that I think they could have played non-stop until next month but, alas, they called it quits at 4 p.m. as planned. Vivian Tucker made a wonderful apple cake and the hot coffee was a welcome addition because it was windy and really cold outside.

We had around 20 musicians and several fiddlers this month. That's unusual for District 3 as we are mostly guitar, piano and mandolin players over here. It was really good to have fiddlers to play with.

One of our young members, Jackie, has come so far over the past year; she played several dance tunes with her instructor, Barbara Higgins.

Christmas Dinner Dance: December 14 at Powell Butte Community Center. Dinner will be served at 11 a.m. and we will have food and dessert out throughout the afternoon/evening. For those planning to attend that HAVE NOT already signed up to bring a specific item: if your last name begins with A-E please bring a salad, F-N please bring a casserole, O-T please bring dessert, U-Z please bring rolls, butter, condiments, crackers, cheese, chips, etc.

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District 4 Website: www.OOTFA4.org (Check us out!)

What a great jam at Fruitdale Grange in Grants Pass. We had an enthusiastic audience and lots of good music. Pat Weyer and Hal and Sharon Thompson were a welcome addition to our group – it's always nice to have visiting OOTFA ers!

We had a couple new instruments, too – a cello and a bowed dulcimer. What a treat to have Sheri West come and play some of her great tunes! She's feeling much better, and plans to come out when she can.

A short but informative meeting was held. For our holiday potluck on January 3, we will have BBQ chicken and a vegetarian main dish provided by the district – please check with Judy Lyons for your choice of side dish to bring. Comment was made about dressing appropriately for gigs.

Plans are afoot for a July 11 picnic honoring our older members (80+) from all over the state. When I spoke it into my "smart phone" as "honoring oldsters" it read "honoring old strippers" – go figure! (Maybe it's smarter than I give it credit for . . .)

The nominating committee is open for suggestions for officers for next year, as our chairman Avi and vice-chairman Cathy have

December

14 Jam Christmas Dinner Dance

Music and dancing from 1 to at least 4 p.m. We can play as late as we want, so we'll see how the evening progresses.

We are asking for folks to sign up for set-up at 10 a.m. and clean up after 4 p.m. Please give Jeannette a call 541-410-5146 or email jbond@bendcable.com to commit to helping with these tasks so I don't fret about getting it all done with the same "old" volunteers.

At the district meeting, we made plans for our upcoming Christmas Dinner Dance and finalized the last votes for the name of our music event coming up July 30, 31, Aug 1 in Prineville. We encourage everyone to visit our website centraloregonfiddlers.com to watch us grow. This site is new and in its first stages of being built so please be patient with the meager information and don't hesitate to send us your comments.

~ District 3 Reporter: Jeannette Bondsteel for Rhea Bigelow



On stage in District 3 (l-r): Ted Schoenborn, Judy Walters, Hollis Real, and Tom Tucker

December

6 Jam Eastwood Baptist Church, Medford

January

3 Jam Holiday Potluck, Fruitdale Grange

February

7 Jam Snacks, Central Point Grange

served two years. Step up and volunteer to be a part of this great organization.

Judy Lyons will be taking over as Hoedowner reporter and Cathy Frutchey and Melinda Grant have offered to manage the loaner instruments.

Our sympathy goes out to our lap dulcimer player, Carol Vorce, on the loss of her husband, Robert. Our thoughts and prayers go out to her and her family.

Neal Jones has been under the weather and we miss him and his good banjo playing. Get well soon!

Wishing you all a wonderful holiday season to enjoy the joys of the celebrations. Go ahead, eat too much – you can diet later!

Q: What's a good holiday tip?

A: Never catch snowflakes with your tongue until all the birds have gone south for the winter.

~ Judy Lyons and Judy McGarvey, Reporters, District 4

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All About Isabel Kirbach



Isabel Kirbach

Isabel was four years old when she first showed interest in the violin. She watched a street performer playing beautiful classical music on a subway platform in New York City for change from passersby and was captivated by his performance.

Shortly after that, her great grandfather, Bob Huffman, who has been a member of the Oregon Old Time Fiddlers for a number of years, recognized that Isabel had some musical talent and arranged for her to take lessons from his good friend, Eileen Walter.

She's been taking lessons now for almost two years.

When asked what Isabel likes most about the violin, her response is that she likes playing with other students. Though learning new tunes and keeping good time seem to come naturally for her, performing in front of people does not. She's working on that and this year she performed in the school talent show at her school.

Like many young music students, Isabel has a hard time remembering to practice everyday without being reminded, but once she gets started she loves to play the fiddle and she's very proud when she masters a new tune. Right now her favorite fiddle tunes are Old Joe Clark and Shady Grove.

Isabel loves getting lost in a good book and one of her favorite series of books is Heroes in Training. She's anxiously awaiting the eighth book to be published.

She likes the outdoors and loves taking long bike rides in her neighborhood.

Fiddle Tips, by Eileen Walter – About Fiddle Contests, Part 1



As I've been working on the details of the State Fiddle Contest (which will be held in Salem on March 21), I've decided to write about contests. There's way too much information to cover in a short article, but I'll divide it into four sections; there'll be one in each of the next four Hoedowners, beginning with this one. My experience with contests has primarily been in the western states — I don't claim to know a lot about fiddle contests elsewhere.

Fiddle contests have been a folk tradition for more than 250 years. They provide an opportunity for fiddlers of all ages, styles, and levels to gather to provide and enjoy a show for the public and for each other, and to perpetuate fiddling and fiddle tunes. Many a fiddler has been inspired to practice and to learn new tunes after attending a contest.

Most contests are open to all who wish to enter, although a few are invitational, and state and regional contests are open to those contestants living within the state or region; some also have an out-of-state division. Common divisions are Small Fry or PeeWee - through age 8, Junior/Junior - age 9-12, Junior - age 13-17, Young Adult - age 18-36, Adult - age 37-59, Senior - age 60 - 69, Senior/Senior - age 70 and above, Championship or Open - open to fiddlers of all ages. Smaller contests may combine some of these divisions and/or have different age groups. Occasionally a Novice Division will be included for those who've not previously entered a contest. Sometimes there are other divisions such as Twin Fiddle (one fiddler plays the melody and the other fiddler plays the harmony), Gamblers (tune names drawn out of a hat), Show, Swing, Waltz, Anything Goes, and Acoustic Instrument Picking Divisions to name a few.

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Each regular contest round usually consists of three tunes played in this order: a hoedown, breakdown, or square dance type tune (usually a reel or a hornpipe in 2/4 or 4/4 time with repeating 8 measure phrases); a waltz (¾ time); and a tune of choice that's not a hoedown or waltz (such as a rag, polka, jig, 2-step, fox trot, schottische, clog, etc.)

Canadian contests may require a jig, Scottish contests may include a strathspey, air, and/or march, and some contests allow another hoedown to be played for the tune of choice. There is generally a time limit, often 4 or 5 minutes per round. It's important to read the rules pertaining to any contest you enter.

Next month I'll talk about getting your tunes and rounds ready. The following month I will discuss judging, scoring, and tabulation, and the final column will be about accompaniment and whatever else I didn't mention in the previous columns, so stay tuned (no pun intended).

Tune of the Month - Hull's Victory

This hornpipe/reel is shown here in the key of F, but can be easily converted to the key of D, using your open "A" as the starting point. The tune commemorates Hull's victory off the coast of Nova Scotia in the War of 1812. An American hero, Captain Isaac Hull, was commander of the frigate USS Constitution ('Old Ironsides'), which engaged the British frigate HMS Guerriere under Captain Richard Dacre in fierce combat in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, about 750 miles out of Boston. The battle lasted 55 minutes and left 101 dead. With the Guerriere dismasted and smashed beyond salvage, Captain Dacre struck his colors. The Constitution, heavier and more solidly built, suffered little damage and only 14 casualties. The impact of the clash, however, was to shock the British Admiralty and hearten America and the fledgling American Navy in the dark days of the War of 1812. (source: Fiddler's Companion)

Hull's Victory



At the District 6 Thanksgiving jam (l-r):
Bob Strelow, Willie Carter, and Jerry Parks.



Ila Mae Carmickle (l) and Darla Knudsen (r),
helping to grow a fiddler.

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The fiddle lessons being taught at the private school at Alleganey are going well with a good turn-out of students and several parents who also are learning to play the fiddle. Judy McGarvey, from District 4, drives up once a month, from Medford, to teach the classes. A dozen new fiddles have been purchased for use by the group. These are available as loaners for the younger people or can be purchased by both them and the adults.

The Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, where the group will be playing on the 19th, is located at 1290 Thompson Road in Coos Bay.

Rudy Spence is making plans for a gig in Brookings on February 7, 2015 at the Chetco Grange. This will start with the kids at 11:30, on stage sign up 12 – 2 and acoustic jam 2 – 4 p.m.

Ruth and Pat Weyer and Sharon and Hal Thompson are back home after their very enjoyable month-long trip to Branson, MO and other places along the way. They attended many shows in Branson including one presented by Larry Gatlin. He announced that he and his brothers knew every gospel song ever written and asked that someone in the audience name one and he would sing it. Hal named one that Larry

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We had a wonderful gathering for our Thanksgiving feast and jam at Central Grange on November 8, with over 45 people attending. Our out of town guests made the day even more fun and musical: Sharon and Hal Thompson, Jim and Joyce Kuether, and Bob Hanson from District 10 as well as Pat and Ruth Weyer from District 5. It was great to see everyone. Thanks to our helpers in the kitchen who put together a superb Thanksgiving meal for us all to enjoy.

Our December jam will take place in Lebanon at American Legion Hall on the 13th. Lunch will be offered for sale by the folks at the American Legion for a small cost per plate. We'd love to have a big turnout for this. We've had to cancel the Lebanon jams for weather and scheduling the last few times we've tried, but barring any calamities, this one should be a "go"; we would love to have you there.

HELP GROW A FIDDLER" SALE AND SILENT AUCTION. Our scholarship committee is planning this exciting event that will take place during our jam and meeting on January 10 at Central Grange.

December

3	Gig	Oerdings, Coquille	1 – 2 p.m.
3	Gig	Myrtle Point Care Center	3 – 4 p.m.
10	Gig	Baycrest, North Bend	1:30 – 2:30 p.m.
10	Gig	Evergreen Court, North Bend	3 – 4 p.m.
17	Gig	Heritage Place, Bandon	1 – 2 p.m.
17	Gig	Westwind Court, Bandon	3 – 4 p.m.
19	Gig	Gloria Dei Lutheran Church Christmas Party, Coos Bay	10 – 11 a.m.
20	Monthly Jam	Winchester Bay	1 – 4 p.m.
22	Gig	Memory Care, Empire	1:30 – 2:30 p.m.
22	Gig	Hearthside, Coos Bay	3 – 4 p.m.

had never heard of and asked Hal to sing it for him—which he did. I imagine that must have been one of the highlights of the trip for Hal. He always does such a good job with his songs.

By the time you are reading this we will have had our combined Thanksgiving and Christmas "holiday" dinner, probably the first of several for most of us. I hope you enjoy every bite and find time to express your appreciation for all that we have in this great country in which we live. Those pilgrim ancestors have always left me in awe with all the hardships they endured to make a place for themselves and the succeeding generations. Most of today's population would never survive living and working as they did. I am so grateful for what they did and what they have left us. I wonder what they would say if they could see how we live today. Probably wouldn't believe it!

"Vegetarian" is an old Indian word for bad hunter.

May you all have the merriest of Christmases and the happiest of New Years.

~ Mary A. Weist, District 5 Reporter

December

5	Friday night jam	Eugene Hotel	7-10 p.m.
6	Intermediate Fiddle Class	River Road Annex	1-4 p.m.
8	Basic Fiddle Class	Bethesda Lutheran Church	1-4 p.m.
12	Friday night jam	Crow Grange	7-10 p.m.
13	Lebanon Christmas Jam	American Legion Hall, Lebanon	10-4 p.m.
19	Friday night jam	Yapoah Terrace	7-10 p.m.
26	Friday night jam	Central Grange	7-10 p.m.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR MUSICAL ITEMS that YOU might be willing to donate. ALL of the proceeds will go toward our scholarship program which helps fund lessons, camps, and materials for young people or adults who need some financial help to access instruction in fiddling. Ideas for the items we're looking for might be: instruments, bows, cases, music stands, books, strings, tuners, or any accessories related to music. The smaller items will be priced and sold, but the more valuable items will be auctioned off IN A SILENT AUCTION to the highest bidder, starting with a minimum bid. For any donation of \$25 or more, Darla would gladly write out a receipt that could be used as proof for a tax deduction. Please let Darla know if you have items you'd like to contribute to the cause or just bring your items along at the next OOTFA meeting or event!

Don't forget, it is time to update your membership and pay dues for 2015! Patti Luse is ready to hear from you!

~ Karen Johnson, District 6 Reporter

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District 7 has two events in Estacada this December. On the 14th, the Estacada Community Center will have their annual Christmas lunch; OOTFA members have been invited to play again this year. We look forward to jamming together and providing Christmas and Old Time music for the afternoon festivities. It is always fun for us and we enjoy the lunch they serve (for a fee).

December 21st is the next monthly circle jam at the Estacada Library. Last month our new circle jam was a "blast" according to Marcella Easley. There were about 20 players and lots of listeners enjoying the music. We will play from 2:30 to 4:40 p.m.

We are sending out good wishes to a number of members who have been in the hospital or have had health problems. Donna Foreman had a hip fracture from a fall and is recovering at home. Myrtle Arnold is recovering from surgery and doing well. Esther Snider and Lori Brennan are also recovering at home from their health problems. We hope everyone will soon be on their feet and feeling better.

We also would like to welcome new member, Larry Ellis, who plays guitar. Welcome to OOTFA, Larry.

December

14 Jam Estacada Community Center (our annual Christmas Jam) 1-3:30 p.m.

21 Jam Estacada Public Library (new circle jam) 2:30-4:40 p.m.

Happy Holidays, everyone.

~ Elaine Schmidt, District 7 Reporter



District 7 members at the new circle jam at the Estacada library.

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The feasting for Thanksgiving is past. We can be thankful our blessings every day of the year, including for our good friends in OOTFA.

District 8 fiddlers were recently asked if we played the Oregon state song. We didn't try it then, but I suggest we learn it. Many of us know the tune and at least some of the words. The name of the song is actually Oregon My Oregon. It became the state song in 1927. The music is written in the key of Bb. I find it easier to play in G. Since we're invited to play at the capitol on Oregon's birthday, February 14th, it would be nice to play it there.

The COLD weather is still with us at this writing. Hope everyone was ready for it. It's leaf raking time too. I enjoyed scuffing through fallen leaves on a recent dry day. The colors are a treat for the eye and it's fun to hear the crackle when we walk through them.

Our November district jam was November 15th, at Newberg. Twelve musicians played for a very nice audience. We each played at least two tunes, and played a number of audience requests. At a short meeting before the jam, we voted to give \$1,000 to the

December

19 Gig Willamette Heritage Center/Mission Mill, Salem

20 Gig Senior Center, Dallas

February

14 Gig State Capitol, Salem

OOTFA fiddle contest and \$300 to the Willamette Valley contest. Lew urged members to pay their 2015 dues as soon as possible. Send to Elaine Connors. Dues are \$20 if you get the Hoedowner online, and \$25 for a mailed paper copy.

Friday evening December 19th at 5:30 to 8 pm, we'll be playing for Magic at the Mill. This is at the Willamette Heritage Center at 1313 Mill St. S.E. in Salem. We play in the Pleasant Grove Church on the hill. We played there last summer. You'll enjoy the thousands of lights and other displays the Center people put up each year.

Our December 20th district jam is scheduled for the senior center - community center in Dallas -- it's on Jefferson Street, next to the public library. The seniors will have cookies and coffee for sale. Open by 11 a.m. for early jamming. The public program is 1 - 3:30 p.m.

Merry Christmas to all.

~ Alice Holt, District 8 Reporter

District 9 (Burns - John Day Area)

Chair: Janet Braymen

Co-Chair: Pam Listcher

Secretary/Treasurer: George Sahlberg

Reporter: Marianne Andrews

We missed Janet Braymen at our second Sunday in November potluck and jam, but surmise she didn't miss us, because she was in Hawaii, making music and seeing the sights.

Nonetheless, we had fun eating, playing, singing and dancing. Ian, Ruel Teagues's fiddle student, wowed us with his increasing repertoire and upbeat playing. Fun to see the kids grow and have a ball.

District 10 (Roseburg, Canyonville, Sutherlin Area)

Chair: Colleen Hanks, 541-733-5381

Co-Chair: Gene Hodson, 541-459-1644 or 541-378-7532

Secretary: Jim Kuether, 503-260-5972, J.Kuether@yahoo.com

Treasurer: Gynn Deaton, 541-839-4501

Membership: Barbara Sullivan, 541-673-8981

1257 Washington, Roseburg, OR 97470

Reporter: Joyce Pickett, 541-643-2995

Our October jam was a little smaller, but we all had a good time, and lots of good music and musicians. Robin Lindsey from District 6 was there, also Bressni Whelan and Margaret Keene from District 4. Glad to have them, and lots of visitors, we even danced.

Been putting together different things for the fiddlers 50th anniversary. Don't know all the particulars yet, but will let you know when I know.

Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to all that had them.—
And, hope everyone that's been under the weather will be up and around soon.



Contradancing in District 10

December

5	Jam	Friday night jam	
12	Gig	The Aspens	7 - 9 p.m.
14	Jam	Xmas/Harvest jam and potluck	
15	Gig	Ashley Manor	6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
19	Jam	Friday night jam	
26	Jam	Friday night jam	

The next second Sunday potluck and jam will be our Christmas/Harvest celebration. The turkey, dressing and mashed potatoes will be the centerpiece, so bring your side dishes and desserts.

George is encouraging everyone to get their memberships renewed, or start a membership.

~ Marianne Andrews, District 9 Reporter

December

27	Holiday Jam and Potluck	Sutherlin Grange	11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
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We will be having a HOLIDAY POTLUCK at our next jam, December 27th at 11 a.m.—and jam afterward from noon to 3 p.m. So, put together your favorite dish and come join us, at The Sutherlin Grange, 851 Comstock, Sutherlin, OR. You can come a little early if you want.—

Hope to see you all there — by the way, you can pay your dues for 2015 now if you want to.

~ Sharon Thompsen, for Joyce Pickett, District 10 Reporter



District 6 in action at the Holiday Jam(l-r): Steve Johnson, Ila Mae Carmickel, Pat Weyer, Jim Keuther, Nancy Johnson, Ken Luse



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www.OregonOldtimeFiddling.org



State Calendar

Quarterly State Meeting	Sutherlin	January 24
State Fiddle Contest	Salem	March 21
State Convention	Rickreall	April 9-11
Silver Lake Campout	Silver Lake	April 30-May 3

New Members to Welcome!

Errol, Ruth, Laura and John Dean
Larry Ellis
Terry, Deborah and Jonny Etters
Ellen and Roy Hager
William, Teresa and Rebecca Hazen
Floy Kimble

Eagle Point
Boring
Klamath Falls
Grants Pass
Klamath Falls
Burns

Laurinda, Ryan, Grace and Alanna Kliever
Mason Stuart
Joey and Sherry McKenzie
Dennis and Marry Oswald
Fran Rapport
Barbara Willhoft

Midland
Los Osos, California
Burlson, Texas
Roseburg
Prineville
Roseburg

Patti says: Pay your 2015 Annual Family Membership DUES now! This includes everyone in your household. Your district membership chair is ready to accept it at your next gathering. There are two choices of payment for the year, which runs from January 1-December 31:

- \$20 You will receive "The Hoedowner" directly from the printer in PDF format.
- \$25 You will receive "The Hoedowner" via the US Post Office.

- Patti Luse, OOTFA State Membership Chair