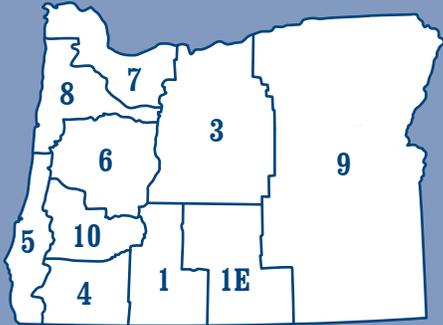


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From Your President

Greetings Fiddlers, Pickers, Singers, Friends and Families,

I'm excited about 2015 now that the holidays are finished and we have some great events to look forward to. Your districts and the State Board are stepping up to make this a landmark year for OOTFA to spread music in all parts of the state. I'm excited to tell you that in applying for some grants we determined that we provided over 10,000 hours of music last year for community, children, schools and seniors throughout the state. I think this gives us some bragging rights.

Recently I did a search on Google for OOTFA and found that our public relations effort is starting to make a difference as many of the press releases that have been distributed are appearing in papers throughout the state. Thank you Marcella Easley, our public relations chair, for your excellent work in getting the stories out. In addition, the new OOTFA Join Donate website has had over 1000 hits on the web and is beginning to attract some donations and membership. Members are regularly posting on the new Facebook pages, further adding to our recognition throughout the state.

We still need some funding help for these events so we kindly ask our districts and members to make a donation to either event this year to keep us in the black.

Fiddle contest chair Eileen Walter has completed this year's contest entry form which is enclosed in this issue. Be sure and send it in soon; there is no entry fee for early registration. This year there will be a new speciality division entitled "Anything Goes", which will give fiddlers a chance to play their favorite advanced fancy tunes in any style. We are also busy working on adding youth and adult workshops for the contest and convention — stay tuned for more information about them.

Added to our slate of campouts this year will be the first one from central Oregon's District 3. It will be held the July 31 - August 3 weekend in Prineville at the Crook County Fairgrounds. The organizing committee is working hard to make it a good first year; more information will be out soon.

In our next issue I will provide more information on the contest and convention workshops and hopefully news on grants we have been working on.

On behalf of all our members I want to send a "get well" shout-out to Sharon Gallagher who recently experienced a health setback that had many of us concerned. I recently spoke to her; she is feeling much better and hopes to be back to good health soon. Keep Larry and Sharon in your thoughts and prayers for a speedy healthful recovery.

~ Roland

From the Editor

Do not miss District 1 reporter Keith Steward's appreciation of OOTFA in this month's District 1E report. Keith starts by noting that he got hearing aids over Christmas, which understandably proved to be a blessing. He adds, in part: "I grew up around Homer McLain and old time fiddle music. I liked it but I guess that I didn't pay enough attention to what I was really hearing and seeing them do — like Homer fiddling behind his back wearing a big hat and a big grin on his face. He made it look so easy that anyone ought to be able to do it. WRONG."

Starr McMullen writes: "I would like to congratulate District 8 for being the first to confirm their contribution to the 2015 Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest! This contest is the

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second oldest in Oregon — 2015 will be its 18th year! It will be held August 1 at the Benton County Fairground --- a unique venue that allows lots of people to experience fiddle music for the first time ... I urge OOFTA districts and members to contribute anything they can. Checks can be made out to "Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest" and sent c/o Starr McMullen, 866 NE Thousand Oaks DR., Corvallis, OR 97330. Thanks and keep fiddling!"

Joey & Sherry McKenzie, who are coming to Salem in March to help judge the Oregon State Fiddle Contest, ask that anyone interested in private or group fiddle or guitar lessons contact Sherry at 817-875-6022 or email her at sherry@twinfiddleproductions.com. Also ask for details on the concert with Joey McKenzie, Gavin Kelso, and 2014 National Swing Fiddle Champion James Mason.

~ Joe

From the Editor Emeritus

I had originally planned to share some OOTFA history with you this month but yesterday Alice and I received a letter from Susan Joubert in District 5 sharing with us a story about a group of young fiddlers.

It dawned on me that perhaps I should share (with her permission) her story with all of you. District 5 has an unique group of young fiddlers. They live near the rural community of Allegany -- 14 miles or so up the river from Coos Bay. Having set the stage, let's let Susan tell her story (I first went to Allegany in 1952 -- at that time crossing the river on a ferry):

"The young fiddlers are homeschooled (using the community building). There are two moms that are the teachers, as far as we can tell, and they are the two who are working so diligently with the children. Some of the District 5 members are going to Allegany on the first Thursday of the month to support with encouragement and by accompanying the group. The moms are learning to play the fiddle, too. One of the moms plays and helps by playing the guitar.

" A great environment. Last Thursday Judy McGarvey came all the way over from Medford to again teach the children from Allegany. When she walked into the room, where they were practicing, her face lit up. I would think it was for a couple of reasons: 1) they were at task; 2) they sounded great. As teachers we know what it means to us when there is follow-through on the part of the students. Again they played for a potluck luncheon that noon and thrilled the attendees.

"One of the moms who is working diligently with the kids, not only with fiddles, but is one of the primary teachers in general told Ken they practice from 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. and an hour in the afternoon and that since they started doing the practice time as a part of the school day, the day goes much better. 'Viva la Music'."

"I am sure that getting a report like this regarding this upcoming generation encourages you both who have given so much to OTF. Thank you."

And thank you, Susan, for letting me share your letter about the young fiddlers in District 5.

~ Lew



Fun in District 5: Pat Weyer, Ken Jouvét and Judy McGarvey and the kids in the Allegany Fiddle Class.



District 6 Plays at the Eugene Elks on New Year's Eve.



John and Thelma Steele dance at the District 6 monthly jam; in the background, Jesse Knudsen and Shirley Humphreys.

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By the time this Hoedowner goes to print, the quarterly state meeting in Sutherlin will be over.

Ali and Jake Swartwood will have lots to tell us in our February meeting.

Our District 1 meet the member for February is Jake Swartwood.

Jake was born in Littleton, CO., one of six children. His grandpa played the fiddle and his uncle played the guitar. Jake only got to see them once a year but it started his love for country western and fiddle music. He wanted to play the guitar but, as you all know, when you have a family, it comes first.

Jake married Alie in the early fifties; they have three wonderful daughters, with grandchildren and great grandchildren following. Jake served in the Air Force for four years in Okinawa. He then was a long-haul truck driver for many years. Jake became a private pilot and owned a small plane. For many years his trips included back country landing strips in Idaho and Alaska with camping along the

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My apologies to Barrett Amacker for missing his 10th birthday on December 15. Happy belated birthday, my friend.

Our first jam of the year was great! We had guitars, fiddles, a harmonica, several very good singers, an appreciative group of listeners and two dogs (who were just there for the food). We had 13 musicians, ranging in age from 10-80+. Jerry and Laura Light, (District 1E alumni) now from Nevada, were gracious enough to join us. It's always great to see them.

I'm writing this while I'm at the jam. The music sounds extra good to me. I got hearing aids over Christmas; it's a real blessing to be able to hear again. I'm still slowly learning to play the guitar. The good news is that I got hearing aids. The bad news is I sound worse than I thought.

I grew up around Homer McLain and old time fiddle music. I liked it but I guess that I didn't pay enough attention to what I was really hearing and seeing them do — like Homer fiddling behind his back wearing a big hat and a big grin on his face. He made it look so easy that anyone ought to be able to do it. WRONG.

Now that I've dipped my big toe in the music water, I am shocked and amazed about what you Old Time Fiddlers can do. A memory of what seems like a million songs, being able to play them all without written music. You can start playing a song at the beginning or in the middle. It don't matter.

February

1	Monthly Meeting/Potluck/Jam	12:30 - 3 p.m.
8	Dance/Jam	1 - 3 p.m.
12	Plum Ridge	10:30 -11:30 a.m.
12	Quail Park	12:30 - 3 p.m.
17	Pelican Point	10:30 -11:30 a.m.
24	Linkville Care	10:30 -11:30 a.m.

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

way. When Jake and Alie retired, they became full time RVers for the next sixteen years. They were camped at Thousand Trails in Bend where they met Ruel Teague and Willie Carter, who encouraged them to join the fiddlers. Jake and Alie enjoyed traveling around the country meeting and playing music especially the times they spent in Quartzsite, Arizona. Jake plays guitar and sings country western tunes and is a real special member of District 1.

Some of our members are down South for the warmer weather; we really miss them.

Our condolences go out to Naomi Bruhn with the passing of her husband. May you be blessed with the sweet memories of the one you loved.

February Birthdays are: Ben Coker, Lynn Foster, Jasmin McLeane, Del Sparks, and John Stewart.

No February anniversaries. Let us know if we are missing anyone.

~ Noranne Sparks, District 1 Reporter

February

7	Jam	Senior Center	2 p.m.
9	Business Meeting	Senior Center	7 p.m.
Thursdays	Jam	Rosa Lee's	6 p.m.

I love watching Larry and Nancy strum and pick their guitars. They are super. I've seen Terry play the fiddle, guitar, and mandolin, all in the same song, without missing a lick. It is "way cool" to watch Barrett and his grandpa play. Doug playing the mandolin and singing songs with his Mama, or Don Thomas singing and playing the old songs brings tears to my eyes. Jerry Light sounds like Merle Haggard to me.

I think I've finally "cracked the code" on how you do it. It's not a hobby, it's a way of life. Music is your passion. I have lots of hobbies that I'm "fair at" but I'm not great at any one. You have music. There are no strangers only new friends. Your jams are like the best part of a family reunion. I now know that the Old Time Fiddlers Association members really are family. I can't thank you enough for what you've done for my daughter Reba's self-esteem. I am so blessed that every week I get to hang out with you

~ Keith W. Steward, District 1E Reporter

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The new year is off and running, with the weather changing every day. I write this just after our jam/dance at Powell Butte Community Center. We had lots of good music and dancers on the floor.

There was a meeting following the jam to discuss plans for our upcoming Central Oregon Country Music Gathering. The dates for this is July 30,31 and August 1. We are looking for a lot of folks that are willing and ready to help host this event at the Crook County Fair Grounds in Prineville. Please come ready to tie in and nail down these work parties with us. We have a wide variety of things to take on with this event so don't be shy about jumping in on this maiden voyage with us. All help will be truly appreciated.



District 3's Garitt Bondsteel.

We now have a grounds map ready to be uploaded onto our event website, <http://centraloregonfiddlers.com>, which will allow us to start taking RV camp reservations as so as it goes live. Way to go Robin Lindsey and Kim Martin! We also have the schedule of events nearly locked in, food vendors narrowed down, several leads on providers of sound systems, and the final selections ready for feature artists. We are still looking for one of our group

February

8 Jam Powell Butte Community Center 1-4 p.m.

March

8 Jam Powell Butte Community Center 1-4 p.m

to step up and spearhead day parking and a few other key areas for the event so please don't be shy about calling Ron Jackson (541-462-3736) or Jeannette Bondsteel (541-410-5146) to sign up to help.

We have a new youth member, Garitt Bondsteel, 13 years old. Garitt is a beginning guitar player with a real aptitude for sound equipment. John Schultz, our sound person, has been working with him setting up our equipment at jams so that Garitt can back him up. Thank you to both for doing this.

Our next jam/dance dates are February 8th and March 8th, from 1-4 p.m. at the Powell Butte Community Center on Reif Road. Anyone interested in playing music, becoming a part of learning traditional fiddling or any other stringed instruments are welcome to join us.

Apologies to Marcel and Louisiane Potvin, whose last name was misspelled in last month's report. The family is traveling through the west and mid-west, visiting family and friends before they make their way to Quebec for the maple syrup season. Marcel and Louisiane have been playing a lot of music recently, to everyone's delight!

Happy Birthday and Anniversary to those who have them this month.

May God Bless those who are sick and have lost loved ones.

May God be with those who are serving our country.

~ Rhea Bigelow, District 3 Reporter, with an assist from Jeannette Bondsteel

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

The morning of our first jam of the New Year dawned cold and foggy, with some of our members ill. Our chairman, Avi Zohar, called the meeting to order. Announcements included information about our Senior/Senior Honor Weekend. It will be held on Sunday, July 12 at Millsite Park in Myrtle Creek. The celebration is sponsored by Districts 5,10 and 4. It will be a potluck, and will be District 4's July jam. RV parking is available but limited; if needed, contact Sharon Thompson of District 10 soon.

Other announcements included the sad news of members passing. Harold Fischer, who played guitar and sang, died in late November and was buried in Canada. Ed Futchey, father to Tom and father-in-law to Cathy, passed just before Christmas. Ed enjoyed old time music and even as his health was failing came to our performances. We will miss you Ed; every time we hear Darktown Stutters Ball played we will think of you, and smile.

February

7 Jam Snacks, Central Point Grange

March

7 Jam Snacks, Eagle Point Grange

Red Wineman, husband to Betty Jane, passed recently. They were faithful dancers at our jams and many other area dances. Betty Jane made their western dance outfits and they were standouts on the dance floor.

Bob Bruhns, husband to Naomi, passed in early January. Our thoughts and prayers are with these members and their families and friends.

After the meeting we feasted on all the wonderful food brought for our potluck. The food was varied, beautiful, plentiful and delicious. Thanks to all and especially to Carol Ferrara and Edna Chitwood for decorating, set up and clean up.

After we feasted we filled the grange with happy music that brought smiles to musicians and listeners.

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The Musical Foster Family



The Foster family four (l-r): Mairyn, Kaiden, Alaina and Maycie.

Fiddle music won the hearts of the Foster family when they first heard Rudi Booher play in a friend's living room. They joined Old Time Fiddlers in 2014 and the whole family enjoys the basic fiddle lessons with Ila Mae Carmickle each month. They have been thrilled to be able to play such catchy tunes with such a nice group of people.

The four children, Kaiden – 16 yrs., Maycie - 12 yrs., Mairyn – 10 yrs., and Alaina – 8 yrs., were also learning to play violin in Junction City at the Community School of Music. Kaiden and Alaina enjoy playing by ear and picking out popular songs that they like; Mairyn especially loves Celtic fiddle music. Favorite songs include Ashoken Farewell, Angeline the Baker, Boil 'Em Cabbages, Red Haired Boy, and Cripple Creek. The family participated in the Fiddle Camp last summer too and enjoyed learning from the masters.

2015 brings much change. Kaiden took up bagpipes in the summer of 2014 and thought he could manage two instruments. Bagpipes, however, won out as his favorite and he's decided to pursue only one instrument at a time for now as he juggles music, sports and a busy high school schedule. Mairyn received a long awaited guitar for Christmas and is hoping to be able to find lessons for that soon. Maycie wants to go back to piano but still thinks her fiddle is fun. Alaina, however, still loves her fiddle which brings much joy to her mother; she will hopefully be able to get private lessons after the family moves to Alaska at the end of the school year. They are hoping to somehow be able to blend this mix of instruments into something happy and harmonious once they have each mastered their instrument of choice.

Mom would rather they all went back to their fiddles; they could then be the Foster Fiddlers in the Last Frontier! They have greatly enjoyed their involvement with the Old Time Fiddlers, and are looking forward to continuing to play at the basic lessons until the move. Each child has grown significantly in musical skill this last year and has been so very blessed by the Old Time Fiddlers as a group, but also want to say a big Thank You! to those who have spent time working with them individually. Mom loves the way music fills the air. The Old Time Fiddlers has been a great inspiration, having given them both the desire and the means to play fiddle music.

Fiddle Tips, by Eileen Walter – About Fiddle Contests, Part 3



While contestants are busy on stage putting on a show, there's a lot going on behind the scenes. Commonly there are three or five judges (hired by the contest committee) who judge off-site (by listening to the fiddlers in a room away from the auditorium and without hearing the introductions) or by sitting quietly in the audience. Score sheets vary depending on the contest; commonly there are 100 points possible for each of the three tunes in each regular round. The judges will consider many things about the quality of the fiddling including steady rhythm, intonation, tone, clarity, fiddling ability, execution, appropriate tempo, and overall presentation. Points will be deducted for going over the time limit or playing tunes out of order or not in the correct category.

Things that may cause a judge to lower a score are breaking time by stopping and starting over, rushing, slowing down, leaving out or adding beats, unclear notes, playing out of tune, or playing at a tempo that's not appropriate for the fiddler and/or for the tune. Interesting tune versions and variations can be helpful if well executed. Most important is the overall feel – is the fiddler playing "in the groove", does it feel good, is this someone people will want to hear again, is the fiddler in control, and is the difficulty level appropriate for the fiddler's ability. Judges will often put comments on the score sheets as well as number scores. Since the score sheets are collected by the tabulators immediately after each contestant plays a round, the judges keep a separate notebook. They list the contestant number, what they played, what scores were given for each tune, and other notes about the fiddling. This allows the judges to keep referring back, making comparisons, and making sure they stay on the same scale. Wherever they start, they must leave room for someone who should score higher and/or someone who should score lower.

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When there are five judges, the highest and lowest score for each contestant in each round is discarded and the other three are added together. The scores are cumulative from one round to the next. Part of the tabulation job is to do the math and determine which fiddlers have scored highest and will advance to the next round. In a two round contest, it's usually the top five. The tabulators will provide a list of the winners in order so the prize checks can be prepared and the M.C. can make the announcements. The tabulators also operate the stopwatches. When you consider that each tune lasts about one minute and there's a score for each tune, that's a lot of numbers and a lot of activity in the judge/tabulation room!

Tune of the Month - Waltzing Through The Leaves

This tune originated with Canada's Graham Townsend, but is associated in Oregon with Wally Bloom and District 7's Pete Peterson. The use of drones with this tune can be very effective. The version shown here comes from the Calgary Prairie Mountain Fiddlers website.

Waltzing Through The Leaves

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Graham Townsend, 1966
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- Record: Graham Townsend, The Inimitable Graham Townsend
- Record: Patti Lamoureux: Cross Canada Fiddle
- Record: Calvin Vollrath: Live From Mon Oncle Edmond's

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During the jam it was our pleasure to stop and honor our Oklahoma singing cowboy, Lem Guthrie. Lem has been a member since 1972, and he also plays backup guitar and banjo. It's almost impossible to remember a time when Lem was absent, even when he was having hand and finger pain. Thank you, Lem, from all of us — we sincerely appreciate your service to our district. Our next jam will be at Central Point grange and will be snacks

only. The March jam will be held on the 7th and will be at Eagle Point grange and will be snacks only. Mark it on your calendar and come have fun!

Music washes away from the soul the dust of everyday life.

~ Judy Lyons, District 4 Reporter

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February

4	Gig	Oerdings, Coquille	1 – 2 p.m.
4	Gig	Myrtle Point Care Center	3 – 4 p.m.
7	Jam	Brookings	1 – 4 p.m.
11	Gig	Baycrest, North Bend	1:30 – 2:30 p.m.
11	Gig	Evergreen Court, North Bend	3 – 4 p.m.
18	Gig	Heritage Place, Bandon	1 – 2 p.m.
18	Gig	Westwind Court, Bandon	3 – 4 p.m.
21	Meeting	Business Meeting, Winchester Bay	11 a.m.
21	Jam	Monthly Jam, Winchester Bay	1 – 4 p.m.
25	Gig	Memory Care, Empire	1:30 – 2:30 p.m.
25	Gig	Hearthside, Coos Bay	3 – 4 p.m.

Happy Valentines Day, everyone. Love ya all!

Bring finger food for lunch at the business meeting on the 21st.

Several of our members are recovering from recent illnesses; we hope they will soon be back with us. Rudy Spence, who was organizing the Brookings jam, is in the hospital in Medford recovering from a stroke. Larry Ball and Adam Taylor will be standing in for Rudy at the jam. Sharon Gallagher is improving following her recent health problems; Jolly Hibbits has been suffering from an attack of shingles and the consequences of her fall from the wagon when loading hay on her farm last summer. Our thoughts and best wishes are with all of you.

The fiddle lessons at the home-school in Allegany are coming along nicely and are being enjoyed by the young people and their parents. There are approximately twenty children who are joined by five mothers who are also learning to play the fiddle. And the old time music lives on!

Mapril and Grant Combs are the proud grandparents of a new baby girl, Eden, born recently to their son and his wife, Andy and Annie. Another fiddle player? Congratulations to all of you!

We have a new member, Pat Brady, to welcome to our group. He lives in Coquille and plays the guitar.

Laugh a little each day. It's better than chicken soup. At least that's what the chickens say.

~ Mary A. Weist, District 5 Reporter

Several of our members will be attending the folk festival in Florence the middle of this month, January, in Florence. District 5 is one of the sponsors of this interesting and fun annual event.

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February

6	Friday night jam	Eugene Hotel	7-10 p.m.
13	Friday night jam	Crow Grange	7-10 p.m.
14	Monthly jam, potluck and meeting,	Central Grange	10-3 p.m.
20	Friday night jam	Yapoah Terrace	7-9 p.m.
21	Intermediate Fiddle Class,	River Road Annex	1-4 p.m.
23	Basic Fiddle Class	Bethesda Lutheran Church	1-4 p.m.
27	Friday night jam	Central Grange	7-10 p.m.

Our district had a good jam and potluck on January 10. Thanks to Phyllis Coffin and Beth Anderson who prepared the lunch and added some great vocals of their own to the day's entertainment. It is always great to have our out-of-district guests: Sharon and Hal Thompson and Jim Kuether. During the day at Central Grange, the scholarship committee



At the District 6 monthly jam: Ken Luse and Jim Kuether

held their first "HELP GROW A FIDDLER" sale, in which several nice instruments and related gear were auctioned off. Thanks to all the people who donated their used instruments and a big thank you to our scholarship committee: Doug Wise, Chris Sytsma, and Darla Knudsen! We made exactly \$500 from the sale, and all of it will go directly to scholarships!!! Any of the materials or instruments that did not sell at the auction will be offered for sale at the fiddle classes this month.

Our fiddle classes are going strong, and we seem to be attracting new fiddlers all the time. It's wonderful to see this resurgence in old time music!

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We will hold a business meeting at the February district jam on February 14 at 11 a.m. From now on, monthly district jams will officially end at 3 p.m., since most people are gone by then, anyway.

Melody Morrell invites District 6ers to participate in the Frontier Fair, February 14 and 15 at the Lane County Fairgrounds auditorium (the quonset building next to the Asian Celebration). The event runs Saturday 9-5 and Sunday 9-3 (raffle at 3). Musicians get in free and are welcome all day. Because the event is two days, it worked really well last year for players to come in at random times instead of doing a single gig. Allow time to wander — there are traders, displays and

demonstrations. For more info, call Melody at 541-689-4281.

Hoping to see you at the state jam in Sutherlin on January 24!

Happy Birthday to Kathy Ness, Gary Baran, Tony Humphrey, Karen Johnson, Phyllis Coffin, Steve Johnson, and Dave Stubbs

Happy Anniversary to Arnold and Betty Canning!

~ Karen Johnson, District 6 Reporter

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District 7 members really turned out for our first jam of the year at Gladstone Senior Center on January 4. About 26 people signed up to play and sing; it was great to see many dance to the lively music. It was wonderful to see such a great turn out. We continue to have some great jams coming up in February. The first is at the Eagle Creek Grange's Sweetheart Banquet. This is a wonderful annual event where we are fed a lovely dinner (at 5:30) and then we can play after we eat until 7:30. The building is all decorated for Valentine's Day and the whole evening is very festive. I know everyone will enjoy themselves.

Our next gathering is on Feb. 15th at the Estacada Library for a circle jam. The purpose of this jam is to play old favorites and

February

13	Gig	Eagle Creek Grange 24491 SE Eagle Creek Road	5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
15	Jam	Estacada Public Library 825 NW Wade Street	2:30 to 4:40 p.m.
22	NW Jam	600 NE 8th St. Gresham	12:30 to 3:30 p.m.

learn new ones. The public is invited. If you have any questions please contact Donna Foreman. 503-630-3577.

We are all looking forward to the state fiddle contest in Salem on March 21; we hope many of our members will sign up for it. District 7 is making a generous contribution this year and we look forward to hearing wonderful music during the day. Good luck to all who are playing.

We have a new member this month: Leo Goodrich. Welcome to OOFTA, Leo.

~ Elaine Schmidt, District 7 Reporter

District 8 (Salem, McMinnville, Tillamook/Newport Area)

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Reporter: Alice Holt, 503-391-5377

February

14	Gig	State Capitol, Salem
21	Gig	Community Center, Dayton

March

21	OOFTA Fiddle Contest	Chemeketa College, Salem
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April

9-11	State Convention, Rickreall	
25	Gig	Ag Fest, Fairgrounds, Salem

Happy Valentine's Day to all lovers and music lovers.

The Wednesday night practice group played for a group of seniors at a church in Salem. We've played there several times, so I guess they like us. We always have a good time and a good lunch too.

On December 19th the District 8 fiddlers played at the Willamette Heritage Museum at Mission Mill in Salem. We were in the little church. We had a good audience all evening with as many as 30 at one time. We played from 5:30 to 8 p.m., with people listening for a while, then moving on to see the lights and other displays. It was a fun evening — a few sprinkles of rain didn't dampen our spirits.

December 20th our district jam took place at the Dallas Senior Center. An appreciative, if small, audience. Lots of cookies to choose from and free coffee. Another fun gig which we always enjoy.

January 17th we will have played at Mountain View Mobile Park in Newberg. This is a new venue for us.

We're looking forward to the state meeting in Sutherlin at this writing. The folks in District 10 make us very welcome.

A group of us will be playing at the State Capitol on February 14th. Oregon will be celebrating its 156th birthday.

Stan Kilbourne fell recently, resulting in two black eyes and several stitches on his face. Hope you're better by now, Stan.

February 21st is our monthly jam. We'll be in Dayton at the community center. The address is 606 4th St. We'll be in the second floor auditorium. Thanks to Brenda Halgrimson for arranging for the facilities.

Quote: "Music is the language of the soul".

~ 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

Thirteen musicians made our Sunday potluck jam, which is a record lately. Guests were Willa (on mandolin) and Preston (on guitar) Janssen, and Rudy Thompson (on mouth harp). We hope they all had fun and will be back.

Our next Sunday potluck jam is February 8th.

Sadly, Joe Enneberg broke his leg on Friday and passed away Sunday, January 11. His tall frame, excellent guitar playing, and

February

6	Jam	Friday Night Jam	
13	Gig	The Aspens	7 - 9 p.m.
16	Gig	Ashley Manor	6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
20	Jam	Friday Night Jam	
27	Jam	Friday Night Jam	

sense of humor will be sorely missed. A memorial jam will be held when the weather warms. George Salberg was hospitalized for a couple of days, but, being the comeback kid, he is out already and back in action.

Myrtle Baldwin is excited about her violin she picked up and Ruel Teague put in playing order. We hope to hear her playing with us soon.

~ Marianne Andrews, District 9 Reporter

District 10 (Roseburg, Canyonville, Sutherlin Area)

Chair: Colleen Hanks, 541-733-5381

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Membership: Barbara Sullivan, 541-673-8981

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Reporter: Joyce Pickett, 541-643-2995

Our December potluck and jam went very well. Cold, but warmed up after we ate all the good food and started to play. Thanks to everyone for the food, and the ones who helped put it on (you know who you are). We had lots of good music and dancing, and a good audience. Those of you that didn't join us, you don't know what you missed.

I know that colds and flu are going around, and I hope everyone gets better soon. We missed you.

There were lots of birthdays and anniversaries in December — don't have a list, but hope you all enjoyed your day.

By the time you get this, the state meeting and jam will be over. February 28th we will be having a 'MEETING' and jam at the

February

28	Meeting and Jam	Sutherlin Grange	11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
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Sutherlin Grange, 851 Comstock, Sutherlin. Hope to see you there. Meeting at 11 a.m., jam from noon to 3pm. Come a little early. --- Dues for 2015 are due now — Will be having finger foods and donations are welcome.

~ Joyce Pickett, District 10 Reporter



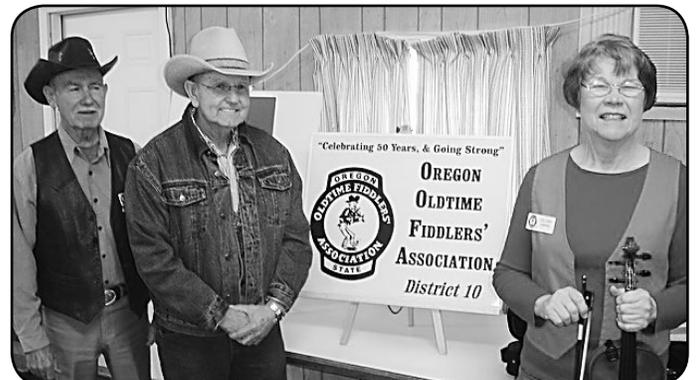
At the District 6 monthly jam:
Joe Moyle.



At the District 6 monthly jam: Shirley
Humphreys and Ila Mae Carmickle; in the
background: Hal Thompson.



At the District 10 monthly jam (l-r): Ann Hodson, Claire Eaton, Barbara Sullivan and Joyce Pickett.



District 10 officers (l-r): Jim Kuether (State V.P. and District 10 Secretary), Gene Hodson (District 10 Co-Chair) and Colleen Hanks (District 10 Chair).



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State Calendar

State Fiddle Contest	Salem	March 21
State Convention	Rickreall	April 9-11
Silver Lake Campout	Silver Lake	April 30-May 3
Country Music Jamboree	Burns	June 18-19-20
West Cascades Fiddle Camp	Westfir	July 20-23

New Members to Welcome!

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| Dave and Carol Carlson | Bend | Tyler, Daren and Summer Jordre | Klamath Falls |
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| Christine Cormack and Patrick Dauwalde | Roseburg | Willis and Patricia Roberts | Prineville |
| Jeral and Debbie Ellingsworth | Powell Butte | Jackie Salazar | Prineville |
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- Patti Luse, State Membership Chair