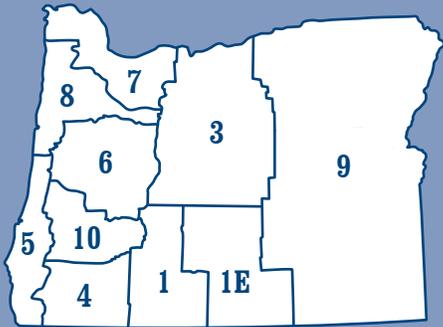


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## From Your President

Greetings from your President,

It's time to get ready for our annual gathering of the OOTFA clan, with our state convention in Rickreall April 8-11! I'm excited to think that we may have the biggest attendance in many years. If you have been on the fence about coming, please accept my personal invitation to come and help make it the best convention ever.

I'm sure by now you're packing, getting ready and practicing up your favorite jam and show tunes. Don't forget to bring donations for the once a year fundraising raffle.

Here is a last minute reminder to send in your RESERVATIONS for the SATURDAY, APRIL 11 BANQUET BY APRIL 7th. Send to: Sharon Gallagher, 2030 King Lane, Myrtle Point, OR 97458. Sharon can also be reached by email at [l.sgallee@yahoo.com](mailto:l.sgallee@yahoo.com) or by phone at 541-572-2742. The dinner is \$15.50 each. Choices are beef brisket and chicken parmesan both with all the tasty side dishes, trimmings, and a dessert of either cake or Marion berry cobbler.

We have been busy planning workshops that will include a new approach to some of our traditional ones. At the last board meeting it was voted that each district would make a modest donation to provide special workshops for adults. This year many of you have signed up to learn some southern Appalachian fiddle tunes and techniques by Chip "Dr. Horsehair" Cohen on Friday. If you would like to attend there is still space in both the morning and afternoon workshops. Email Roland: [fiddlplay@icloud.com](mailto:fiddlplay@icloud.com), specifying your preference.

Several members over this past year have asked about providing some mentor style teaching, so this year on Thursday afternoon from 3-5 p.m. you can attend a one-on-one 30-minute lesson in fiddle, banjo, guitar and mandolin with some of OOTFA's best musicians. Sign up boards will be in the main hall on Wednesday morning.

As your president this year, it has been a blur and OOTFA has accomplished a lot. We have made several positive developments with a statewide PR committee, social media inroads with Facebook pages, a new "Welcome Membership" package and a "Join Donate" website to attract members and donations. We have also continued funding for over 100 of Oregon's youth with tuitions and scholarships underwritten by the Kielhorn Endowment. Another new item is, as of the last board meeting, we now have a state scholarship fund for our adult members with a \$1000 contribution from District 6 and the "West Cascade Fiddle Camp & Workshop Committee". I would like to thank all of you who have embraced the celebration of our 50th Anniversary year by bringing in new members and telling our story at every opportunity.

Our annual membership meeting will be held at the convention on Saturday at 10 a.m. Any member who would like to nominate a new leadership team may do so at the meeting. If there are no new nominations from the floor, then our state officers are ready to continue, subject to your vote of approval.

I hope to see you all at the convention. As they say in the South, "Y'all come now!" Let's make it a memorable convention!

~ Roland

## From the Editor

For the past decade, Joe Moyle has prepared this newsletter for all of us oldtime fiddlers in Oregon. This has been a huge contribution over a long span of time, and I know we all appreciate his time and energy. Don't forget to let him know how much you personally have appreciated his efforts. As District 6 reporter over the past year, I have had the chance to work closely with Joe, and recently he asked me to take over as editor. My hope is I can maintain the quality and timeliness that Joe has set for the Hoedowner. Meanwhile, he is pursuing his travel passion with a trip Down Under.

Here's a little about me. I'm from the Newport area (District 8), and I began playing the fiddle about four years ago. I agreed to be editor in part because OOTFA has become a great source for meeting people who share my passion for traditional music. My husband, Steve, plays guitar and banjo so I have a built-in backup musician right in my home! We attended the West Cascades Fiddle Camp in 2013 and pitched our tent next to Ila Mae who encouraged us to join the District 6 intermediate class. Since then, we've been gradually learning the tunes that make up a fiddler's repertoire. I am still reluctant to "perform" on stage, but I love the jams where listening to and learning from each other is the focus. I plan to be at the convention in April, and I'm hoping to see you there!

As a relative newcomer to OOTFA and to the fiddle, I will be on the lookout for possible tunes for the Hoedowner. If you have any suggestions that we might want to include in the coming months... be sure to let me know. My email is [ksjohnson210@gmail.com](mailto:ksjohnson210@gmail.com). I'd love to hear from you

~ Karen Johnson, editor

## From the Editor Emeritus

As we celebrate the 50 years since the beginning of OOTFA, it is interesting to look back over the years to remember those who have served as our presidents. Perhaps at the convention this year, we can get a current photo of those present at the same

time. I have been fortunate to have known almost all of them. A number of us have served several terms. Maxine Benson, Zelma Foote, Sally Jordan, and Irene Ruddock have served as our women presidents. Mighty good ones, too. There are pictures of all the OOTFA presidents on [Oregonoldtimefiddling.org](http://Oregonoldtimefiddling.org).

### Here are our presidents since 1967:

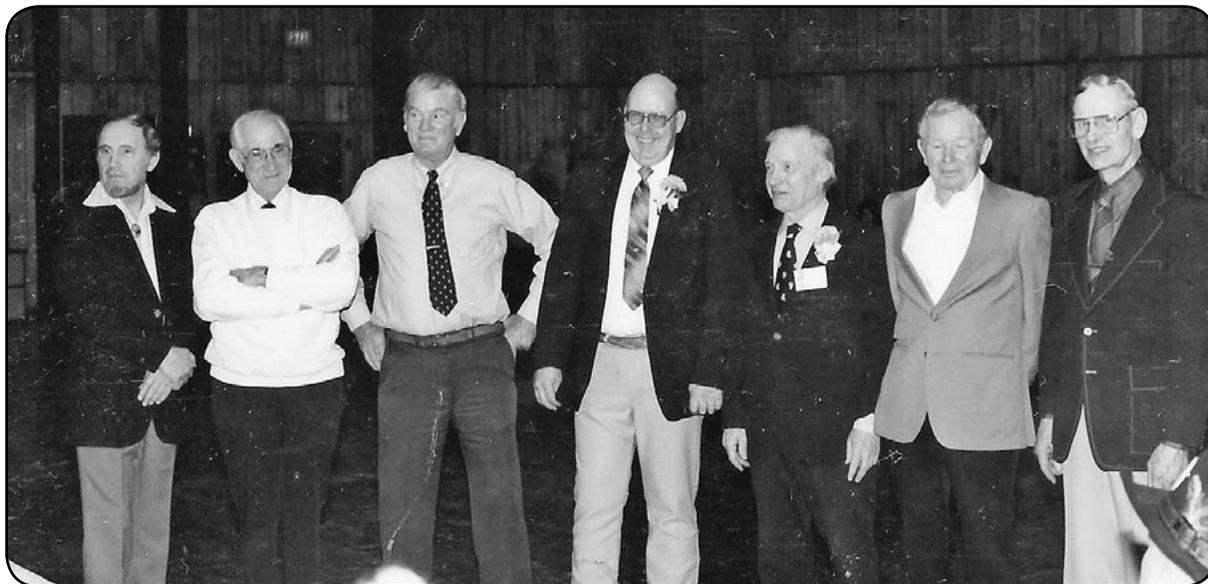
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- (5) 1971-72 Wayne Holmes
- (7) 1973-74 Don Gish
- (8) 1974-75 Wayne Walter
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- (29) 1995-96 Chad Terrusa\*
- (30) 1996-97 Louis Roy\*
- (31) 1997-98 Roger Germundson\*
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- (33) 1999-00 Fred Hardin\*
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- (42) 2008-09 Hal Weiner\*
- (43) 2009-10 Jack Kerr\*
- (44) 2010-11 Hal Weiner\*
- (45) 2011-12 Hal Weiner\*
- (46) 2012-13 Larry Gallagher\*
- (47) 2013-14 Larry Gallagher\*
- (48) 2014-15 Roland White\*

\* presidents that I believe are still with us

~ Lew



Past Presidents-- LeRoy Sims, David Boyd, Bill Yohey, Les Tucker, Wayne Holmes, Buck Milligan, Leonard Maahs

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Here it is April already. I hope everyone has a great time at the State Convention in Rickreall! Here at District 1 we are keeping busy with all of our gigs and our junior fiddlers. Our junior fiddlers are doing great! It's fun to see how fast they learn and how much they retain. We have two new students, Hannah and Dana Scott, who have joined our after school group. We also began teaching at the Horizon Christian School in March. Jerry Ruddock has eight guitar students and Irene Ruddock, Mervin Woodard and Noranne Sparks have eight fiddle students. We are having so much fun with them all!

Our "Meet the Members of District 1" this month highlights Phil and Sheila Fry. Philip was born in Grass Valley, CA. He came to Klamath Falls to attend Oregon Institute of Technology and received a degree in Gunsmithing. He then worked in nuclear energy in Idaho Falls and returned to Grass Valley to take care of his parents. His next move was to Coos Bay, where he opened an antique store. In the 1980's he became interested in the Old Time Fiddlers and decided he wanted to learn to play the fiddle. He bought an old fiddle and sent it away to be repaired. Many months and dollars later, he decided he could have done it himself. It wasn't long until Philip became a self-taught luthier. Over the years he has made many fiddles, tenor guitars, a mandolin and a ukulele. Phil can play all of these instruments. He became a member of OOTFA in the early 90's and

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At our March 7 jam we had about a dozen musicians and some appreciative listeners. A special thank you to Ben & Fran Coker and Mike Foster, from District 1, who came to join us. More musicians=more fun.

We had new elections and all the officers agreed to keep their present positions. In a small group like ours there's not a lot of choices. Our typical business meeting only has about 8 adults present. We are small but mighty!

Plans are well in hand for the Silver Lake Campout, April 30-May 3. It'll be the same agenda as last year: Friday- Hat Night, Saturday- Draw Band & Potluck, Sunday a.m.- short gospel program and clean up. Breakfast & hot dogs for lunch will be available.

Camping: Limited number of electrical only sites for trailers around the outside of the Silver Lake Fire Hall; first come, first served, for \$10 per night. Dry camping around the outside of the Fire Hall is free. Please stay away from the helicopter landing zone. We don't want to disrupt emergency services. More

### April Events

5	Monthly Meeting/Potluck/Jam	Shasta Grange	12:30 - 3:00 p.m.
9	Gig	Plum Ridge	10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
9	Gig	Quail Park	12:30 - 1:30 p.m.
12	Dance/Jam	Shasta Grange	1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
14	Gig	Pelican Point	10:30 - 11:30a.m.
14	Gig	Shasta View	1:00 - 2:00 p.m.
16		Eldorado	2:00 - 3:00 p.m.
28	Gig	Linkville	10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

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

served as chairman for District 5. Now for the other half of the story. Sheila was living in Coos Bay, and her mother, Rose Johnson, was a longtime member of OOTFA. Rosie sang and played the harmonica and spoons. Her companion, Pat Creamer, felt that Sheila should learn to play the fiddle. Pat gave Sheila a fiddle and taught her to play "Twinkle Twinkle Star". Her children threatened that they were going to leave home if she continued. Not long after that, she was introduced to Philip Fry. Philip rescued her and taught Sheila how to play fiddle. Abby Shaffar was one of her inspirations who taught her timing and rhythm. Two of her favorite songs are "Arms Of My Love" and "Ookpik". Sheila was told to learn the best way you can and have fun. Phil and Sheila married in 2000 and stayed on with District 5 for a while. They visited the east side of the Cascades and moved to Keno, Or in 2004. They love playing music, gardening and building things. Phil and Sheila are such a great addition to District 1! We love their laughter, playing and singing.

Birthdays for April: Bill Bonser, Al Meyers, Kari Larson, Frank Ayres, Lisa Russell.

Anniversaries: Frank and Karen Ayres, and Howard and Virginia Priddy Happy, Happy, Happy Birthday and Anniversaries.

~ Noranne Sparks, District 1 Reporter

### April Events

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

options: Silver Lake Motel (541-576-2131), Silver Lake Trailer Park (541-576-2789), K&K RV Park(541-576-2258). Approximately 20 miles out are: Horse Ranch RV Park ,near Ft. Rock Turnoff, (541-576-2488). Christmas Valley Desert Inn (541-576-2262), Lakeside Terrace (541-576-2309), Summer Lake Lodge (541-943-3994).

**IMPORTANT CAMPOUT NOTE: NO GAS OR PROPANE WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR SALE IN SILVER LAKE!!!!** The service station has closed and they have only a card lock system for existing customers. The closest gas and propane will be in Christmas Valley, approximately 26 miles away: Chevron (541-576-2200) Santa's General Store & Hardware(541-576-2999).

We hope you enjoy the state fiddle contest and the state convention. After those are over, put the hustle and bustle of the city behind and join us in beautiful downtown Silver Lake for the fresh air & fun. Y'all be glad you did!

Birthdays: April 12-Ryan Amacker, April 14-Bill McLain

~ Keith W. Steward, District 1E Reporter

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Howdy everyone!

We had a good time and a really good dance. It was a beautiful day for a good old foot stompin' jam/dance. About 80 dancers and 20 musicians turned out. Vivian Tucker had coffee and cupcakes for everyone. There were some awesome dance tunes played for the dancers.

Over the past month, District 3 has played at the assisted living home in Prineville as well as a new gig at the Heights Center in Redmond.

Our next jam/dance will be: April 12th at Powell Butte Community Center on Reif Road. We will also be holding elections of officers at the membership meeting following the dance. Chairmen (Ron Jackson), Vice Chairmen (Jeannette Bondsteel), Secretary (Vivian Tucker), Treasurers (Jack Kerr and Leroy Newport) are all eligible and willing to continue in their current positions for one more year, if reelected. If anyone in our District 3 membership is interested in being nominated for any of the board positions listed above, please contact: Ron Jackson at: 541-462-3736 or email rononmjackson@Hotmail.com, and your name will be added to the list of nominations.

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**Reporter:** Judy Lyons, 541-956-0618

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

Well, this weather has been spectacular! If we can't have the rain and snow storms we should be having this time of winter, we might as well have this early spring. But we will pay for it this summer, no doubt!

The March meeting at Eagle Point Grange was fun. We celebrated Jim Winslow's 99th birthday with great snacks, birthday cake and ice cream. Jim's lovely lady, Dottie Birkett, was unable to attend due to her recent accident where she broke bones in both her ankle and foot. She underwent surgery to repair the breaks, and is now rehabilitating at Three Fountains. We miss Dottie, wish her a rapid recovery and home soon, but the latest news is she will need a few more weeks re-hab.

We also missed Melinda and Gene Grant. Melinda's dad, Frank Portello, Jr. passed away, and the family had gathered to celebrate his life and support each other. Our thoughts and prayers are with both these families for comfort, peace and healing.

At the meeting, our chairman, Avi, reminded everyone that at our next meeting we must elect new officers. Avi and Cathy have served for two years and must step down. Anyone who has been a member for one year is eligible; you do not have to be a musician, but just be willing to serve. Please keep this in mind and plan to attend.

### April Events

12 Jam & Election of Officers Powell Butte Community Center 1-4 p.m.

The Central Oregon Country Music Gathering July 30-Aug 1 at Crook County Fairgrounds is coming up fast! The steering committee is really getting geared up to make this first time event a one-of-a-kind experience for everyone--packed full of music, fun and memories galore. The campground reservation form and camp map is available on our website: [www.centraloregonfiddlers.com](http://www.centraloregonfiddlers.com). Be sure to make your reservation early.

We will have plenty of camp spaces for everyone, but we only have 50 RV sites with power and water. The rest of the camping will be dry camping with restrooms and showers nearby. We will have food and music-related vendors at the event, so all our needs should be met. Questions? Contact Jeannette Bondsteel at: jbond@bendcable.com or (541) 410-5146.

Happy birthday and anniversary to those who have them this month.

May God bless those who are sick or have lost love ones. May God bless those serving our country. May they all be home soon.

~ Rhea Bigelow, District 3 Reporter

### April Events

4 Meeting & jam Ashland Community Center 11 a.m. meeting/  
12:30 p.m. jam

Ron Bolsted, our publicity chairman gave a report, and there are some exciting events in the planning process, so stay tuned. Thank you Ron. You are doing a wonderful job for District 4.

Also in the news is the announcement that Rayna Zohar, Avi's daughter, was elected Pear Blossom Princess for South Medford High School and will represent her school. Congratulations and the best of luck! Rayna is active in many events at her school.

We had two different events this month other than our usual gigs. We played for the Dine and Discovery Club, at the Grants Pass Golf Club. We presented the "Songs of the Oregon Trail" program that Judy McGarvey put together, narrated, and led us in the tunes. It was well received, and many of the listeners commented afterwards how much they enjoyed the program.

Also we played for our dinner and paid our "rent" at the Methodist Church where the Wednesday night jams and the beginning fiddle classes are held each week. The ladies of the church fed us a delicious turkey dinner and afterwards Judy McGarvey led them in a bouncing "Virginia Reel" while we played for our dinner. What fun!

Next month we will be meeting at the Ashland Community Center. There will be snacks, and please plan to attend as we MUST elect

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## Lena Dreyer



Jr. Hoedowner: Lena Dreyer

Lena is 11 years old and lives in Klamath Falls, Oregon. Her mom wrote the following article about their shared interest in learning to play the fiddle.

I still remember the first time my eleven year old daughter, Lena, asked me for fiddle lessons. We were in the car driving to her tennis lesson with her little brother screaming bloody murder in his car seat. He was two and quite good at it, and I was thinking... MORE NOISE? I remember it so clearly because she was so calm and focused when she said it. I remember really considering it and thinking, "Huh, that does sound cool." I let it go after that because sometimes kids ask for things but then change their minds. Well, some time passed and she asked me again, except this time she said "I really, really want to take fiddle lessons." I told her I would look into it, which meant I had to see if my sister would lend us the violin she had as a kid, if she even still had it. I called and got the OK from my sister and made a 3.5 hour drive to pick it up. We then started searching for fiddle teachers...not a violin teacher... a "FIDDLE" teacher, as Lena kept reminding me. I talked to lots of violin teachers but no one in the fiddle style. It was starting to look pretty bleak until I stumbled upon the Oldtime Fiddlers website. I was able to track down a local phone number and made the call.

The lady I talked to was awesome; she took our info and said she would pass it around and get back to us. What happened after that has truly changed our lives! We were connected with Ms. Faye Patterson and Mr. Phillip and Ms. Sheila Fry; the most wonderful, giving, generous and just overall delightful people!!! They quickly assessed our fiddle and determined that Lena needed a smaller fiddle and that I (yes, me!) would get to play my family fiddle. How special for me! That family fiddle was my Great Granddad's, and learning to play on it is especially poignant for me!!!

I know that without my husband's love and support, it would not be so easy walking out the door each week for our amazing lessons together: mother and daughter! Ms. Faye, Mr. P and Ms. Sheila have certainly taken both Lena and I under their wing, and each lesson with them has been nothing but positive praise and encouragement...they each have devoted themselves to our success and have so unselfishly given their time and talents for not one penny!!! They have inspired us with amazing talent, generosity, and patience! I would say Lena's best songs are "Cripple Creek" and "Oh Susanna", while my best are "I Don't Love Nobody" and "Jesus Loves Me". I recently asked Lena what the best thing about playing fiddle was, and she said "learning to play an instrument and Ms. Faye!" How wonderful that I get to experience the world of fiddle music in such a unique way, with my beautiful daughter, Lena. Now how special is that?!

## Fiddle Tips News

Eileen Walter has decided to take a sabbatical from her column for six months or so. However, we will look forward to hearing from her next month after the Fiddle Contest. Thank you, Eileen, for your efforts to make the contest a success and to help all of us improve our playing!

I'd love to print articles from some guest columnists during Eileen's sabbatical. All you fiddlers out there... give me a call if you have any ideas. It can be about a certain style of music, a historical piece, or some tips on technique. I'll print this in the space that Eileen usually uses for her column! I hope to hear from you in the coming weeks.

~Editor, Karen

### Tune of the Month - Loon Waltz

This beautiful waltz was written by longtime OOTFA member and past president, Leroy Sims. He writes, "About the time I wrote Loon Waltz in the 70's, I was doing some recording in the town of Philomath. Playing fiddle was my life then, along with working and fishing. We lived there 18 years and were active in the Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers. The song just came into my mind while playing the fiddle and the name came later. We live now in Jama, Ecuador on the coast. The temperature is 75 to 85 everyday of the year and we love it."

**Loon Waltz**

Swing the eighth notes Leroy Sims

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15 E A

19 D G E Sl.

23 A Sl. D

You can hear Ila Mae teaching this tune to the Intermediate Fiddle Class at: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=8rjy-2nAeVI](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8rjy-2nAeVI)



District 1 junior fiddlers (l-r) Johnathan, Tyler, Alaina, Rebecca and Gracie, with mentors (l-r) Delbert Sparks, Irene Ruddock, Jerry Ruddock and Noranne Sparks.



District 3 musicians and dancers at the March 2015 2nd Sunday Jam Dance in Powell Butte



Joe Moyle & Hal Thompson

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officers. We will also receive news of the State Fiddle Contest, and don't forget the State Convention April 9-11 at Rickreall. Hope many of you plan to attend. The convention is wonderfully educational and a great social event! See y'all soon.

*"Music gives a soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination and life to everything." Plato*

~ Judy Lyons, District 4 Reporter

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### April Events

1	Gig	Oerdings, Coquille	1 - 2 pm.
1	Gig	Myrtle Point Care Center	3 - 4 pm.
8	Gig	Baycrest, North Bend	1:30 - 2:30 pm.
8	Gig	Evergreen Court, North Bend	3 - 4 pm.
15	Gig	Heritage Place, Bandon	1 - 2 pm.
15	Gig	Westwind Court, Bandon	3 - 4 pm.
18	Monthly Jam	Winchester Bay	1 - 4 p.m.
22	Gig	Memory Care, Empire	1:30 - 2:30 pm.
22	Gig	Hearthside, Coos Bay	3 - 4 pm.

Happy Easter, everyone, and may the Easter bunny fill your basket to the brim! Considering the festivals throughout the northwest that I find listed on my calendar for this month, spring must be just around the corner. These festivals include the apple blossom, the tulip and the daffodil. Isn't it great to live where you don't have to wait for all that snow to melt before you can smell the flowers?

"Nautical" has been chosen as the theme for our annual campout and jam in Winchester Bay in August. That makes a wide choice available including boats and ships, lighthouses, ocean, shore, fishing, beach combing, etc. It's time to start thinking about songs and costumes. I know, as every year, you will come up with some winners. The Thursday night dinner, which District 5 will provide, will feature a potato bar with all the fixings, chili, salads and dessert.

The students learning to play fiddle from the home school in Allegany again joined the fiddlers at their monthly gig at the Evergreen Court retirement center last month. They were much enjoyed and encouraged by the residents there who are looking forward to seeing them again. They have had five lessons under the supervision of Judy McGarvey who comes up from District 4 once a month to instruct them and some of their mothers. They all are showing great progress--to the point where some of them will be participating in the state fiddle contest. The two hours of practice they have every day is evident in their performance. Way to go, kids!

There was a good turnout of musicians for the Hauser firemen's spaghetti feed last month. This included Tyler and Rachael Eickhoff (recently featured in the Hoedowner) singing a nice song with their mother, Linda.

Ruth Weyer has been busy organizing the summer programs where the group will be entertaining at several of the state parks in the area throughout the summer. We will have a complete schedule for the summer for next month's issue of the Hoedowner.

Among those not feeling so well recently are long-time member, Charlotte Dow, who is recovering from surgery and Jolly Hibbits who is still suffering from a severe and very painful case of shingles. We extend our sympathy and hope you will both make a hasty recovery.

The trouble with bucket seats is that not everybody has the same size bucket.

~ Mary A. Weist, District 5 Reporter

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### April Events

3	Friday night jam	Eugene Hotel	7 - 10 p.m.
4	Intermediate Fiddle Class	River Rd. Annex	1 - 4 p.m.
6	Basic Fiddle Class	Bethesda Lutheran Church	1 - 4 p.m.
10	Friday night jam	Crow Grange	7 - 10 p.m.
17	Friday night jam	Yapoah Terrace	7 - 10 p.m.
18	Monthly jam and election of officers,	Central Grange	10 - 3 p.m.
24	Friday night jam	Central Grange	7 - 10 p.m.

West Cascades Fiddle Camp and Workshops is simmering on both front burners. Check out the website at [www.fiddlecamp.org](http://www.fiddlecamp.org) for instructor profiles, course descriptions, the week's schedule and registration form. We encourage you folks to jump on in, the music is fine!

Granges. There are other avenues for playing fiddle that are emerging in the Eugene area, and some great fiddlers are turning out. Although not OOTFA sponsored events, they provide us with additional venues to practice and learn. Ask Amy Burrow for details about these jams.

For those of you who are ready to assume leadership positions, District 6 is inviting you to throw your hats in the ring before the meeting on April 18. Send nominations for Chairman, Vice Chairman and Treasurer to Mark Ratzlaff (ratzloff58@gmail.com). If there is more than a single contender for an office, a popular vote by secret ballot will be conducted.

Upcoming big events include the State Contest on March 21, at Chemeketa Community College, the State Convention at Polk County Fairgrounds during April 8-11, and don't forget the Silver Lake Campout Jam during the first weekend of May.

District 6 members have turned out in force for memorable, well-attended jams at Eugene Hotel, YaPoAh Terrace, Central and Crow

Ila Mae Carmichael's fiddle classes continue to pack in the players to learn and practice new tunes and knock the tarnish off of some standards. The February class lured 24 fiddlers out of the sunshine, backed by loyal guitars, banjo and bass.

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District 6 members bid a fond farewell to OOTFA member Bev Gitchell, an extraordinary human and musician who played ukulele and spoons.

Happy Birthday to: Alice McDowell and Carol Ede!  
Happy Anniversary to: Joe & Leah Canaday, Arlo & Louise Hamilton, Emily & Joe Moyle, and Linda & Jerry Parks!

Correction: The March Hoedowner reported incorrectly that the money collected from our silent auction held in January was to benefit the West Cascades Fiddle camp. It actually went to the District 6 Scholarship Fund. It may be used for attendees to the camp, but the donations do not go to the camp. They are totally separate entities, and any donations to the silent auction are 100% tax deductible.

~ Amy Burrow, District 6 Reporter

## District 7 (Portland, Northern Coast Area)

**Chair:** Donna Foreman, 503-630-3577  
**Co-Chair:** Rick Bergeron, 503-655-6969  
**Secretary/Treasurer:** Ron Zabudsky, 503-630-7499  
**Membership:** Marcella Easley, 503-631-3149  
**Reporter:** Elaine Schmidt, 503-492-0750  
**Scheduler:** Ron Zabudsky, 503-630-7499

District 7 members have been busy in the last few months. Three events have not been mentioned in previous Hoedowners. In February we were invited to play with the N.W. Music Jam, we played on KBOO Radio for an hour, and we played at the Eagle Creek Grange's Sweetheart Banquet in honor of Valentine's Day. The banquet was a lot of fun for everyone! The grange was decorated with hearts, balloons, streamers, and even flashing lights. Thirteen OOTFA members enjoyed a delicious dinner and then played for a very lively crowd who gave us a rousing ovation after each number. This is an annual event and we already look forward to next year's celebration.

Coming up we have the state convention from April 8-11 and we hope a lot of District 7 members will attend. There will be some excellent workshops with master fiddlers for intermediate and advanced players, as well as workshops for the youth.

Also continuing through May on the second and fourth Mondays at 6:30, Donna Foreman will teach a group fiddle class at Trinity Lutheran Church in Gresham.

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

**Chairman:** Lew Holt, 503-391-5377, lewholt@aol.com  
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**Reporter:** Alice Holt, 503-391-5377

The annual OOTFA fiddle contest will be over by the time we get the Hoedowner. Many thanks to Eileen Walter for all her work organizing the contest. Thanks also to all the others who helped in so many ways. There are lots of behind the scenes workers who make things run smoothly. Not to be forgotten are thanks to the contestants!

Several OOTFA members were featured players during the Polk County Folklife Festival at Rickreall. Young fiddlers Erin, Josie,



Karen Johnson & Willie Carter

### April Events

17 Gig	Juanita Pohl Center in Tualatin	12 - 1:30 p.m.
19 Gig	Hillsboro Senior Center	12 - 3 p.m.
26 NW Jam	Gresham	Doors open at 11:00 a.m.

Sign-up playing 12:30 - 3:00 p.m.

We would like to mention our new members this month: Natalie Ford, Aaran Carter, Luke Price, Norman Parker, and Loyce Martinazzi. We are happy to welcome you all to the Oregon Old Time Fiddlers!

~ Elaine Schmidt, District 7 Reporter



District 7 fiddlers at Eagle Creek Grange: Joyce & Rick Bergeron, Don McLaren, Donna Foreman, Marcella Easley, Jeff Croxford, and Roger Germ

### April Events

9-11	State Convention	Rickreall
25	Gig	Ag Fest Fairgrounds, Salem 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m.

James and Michael did us proud! Truman introduced the kids, as well as playing sets of his own. Many others attended to enjoy all the events.

Convention is right around the corner, April 8-11. Districts 7 and 8 will provide coffee and finger food all day Wednesday, the 8th in the Arts and Crafts Building. Darlene Bryant will be handling the kitchen with help from others.

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Convention time is a favorite for many of us. A chance to visit with friends from around the state. Opportunities to jam with friends. Workshops. Browsing the raffle tables. The Friday night show. The Saturday night Banquet and Dance. Read other sections of the Hoedowner for more convention news.

Saturday, April 25th we'll be playing for the Ag Fest at the Oregon State Fairgrounds in Salem. The times are 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.. Come for one or all. Lots of interesting things to see between playing times. It's always fun to see the kids, along with their parents learning how their food is grown.

## District 9 (Burns - John Day Area)

**Chair:** Janet Braymen, 541-573-1323, hammerin@centurytel.net

**Co-Chair:** Pam Listcher

**Secretary/Treasurer:** George Sahlberg

**Reporter:** Marianne Andrews

Our monthly second Sunday of the month potluck was slower than the last two months, with only 7 musicians, but we had one great bunch of listeners. One guest was a missionary clear from India! He loved the old timey feel.

Keep marking your calendars for the Burns Jamboree in June. We'd love to see you there!

## 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

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**Reporter:** Joyce Pickett, 541-643-2995

What a wonderful jam we had in February! The hall was packed, the music was great, we danced and had a wonderful time. Thank you everyone for coming. We have new members, in fact, a family, the Hartsells. The two boys, Christian and Daniel, played fiddle and guitar. They are learning and doing very well. We're very glad to have them! Our visitors from District 5 were Verna Lee, Larry Costa, Ruth and Pat Weyer, Bob and Jerene Shaffer, Mapril and Grant Combs, Art Bigalow, and Colleen Hodges. From District 6 we had Jesse and Darla Knudson. Thank you for coming, I'm starting to get to know everyone better now. Thank you to all who helped out in the kitchen, etc. They're all to be commended.

The only April birthday I can think of is Jean Hanson; she had a beautiful birthday cake (good too!). Barbara Sullivan's birthday is in March. Happy birthday to all that had them, and happy anniversary to all. Hope all who've been under the weather will be with us again soon.

Our district has several public performances planned for the coming months, and we encourage visiting OOTFA members to join us at all of these: Oakland Car Show (May 9), Umpqua Valley Art Center (June 26-28), Music off Central in Sutherlin (September 4).

Each month, we also do several semi-private gigs at the following venues: Callahan Court, Callahan Village, Brookdale Memory Care,

Saturday, May 9th is "Sheep to Shawl Day" at Mission Mill in Salem. Our time slot is 1:30 to 3 p.m.. Mark your calendars.

Dale Colebank is home and enjoys cards and notes from friends.

Did you hear about the bass player who had terrible timing? He got so depressed about it he threw himself behind a train.

~ Alice Holt, District 8 Reporter

### April Events

3	Jam	Friday Night Jam	
10	Gig	The Aspens	7 - 9 p.m.
17	Jam	Friday Night Jam	
20	Gig	Ashley Manor	6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
24	Jam	Friday Night Jam	

Remember to contact an officer for the location of the host of the Friday night jams.

~ Marianne Andrews, District 9 Reporter

### April Events

25	Jam	Sutherlin Grange	12 - 3 p.m.
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Riverview Terrace Assisted Living, Rosehaven Nursing Care. Contact Colleen Hanks if you'd like to join us on any of these.

Our next jam will be April 25th, at the Sutherlin Grange, 851 Comstock, Sutherlin OR, from 12 to 3 p.m. We'll have finger foods; donations are very welcome.

Thanks for coming, and see y'all next time.

~ Joyce Pickett, District 10 Reporter

### A Note from Colleen Hanks, Chairman District 10:

Joyce Pickett is stepping down from her post as reporter. We appreciate the good work she has put in to keep Hoedowner information current. Joe Ross has volunteered to take her place. Thanks to both of you.

Also Jean Hanson has stepped down from her program director position. She too has been a valuable volunteer, always providing balanced talent for our gigs. Sharon Thompson has volunteered to temporarily work this position until someone else can be found to take it on a regular basis.

Thanks to Barbara Sullivan for your steady membership work. Irena Lane has volunteered to be our new membership person.



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## State Calendar

State Convention	Rickreall	April 8-11
Silver Lake Campout	Silver Lake	April 30-May 3
Hi Desert Jamboree & State Board Mtg.	Burns	June 18-21
National Fiddle Contest	Weiser, Idaho	June 22-27
West Cascades Fiddle Camp	Westfir	July 20-23
Central Oregon Country Music Gathering	Prineville	July 30-Aug 2
Winchester Bay Campout	Winchester Bay	August 13-16
Merrill Campout & State Mtgs.	Merrill	September 17-20

## New Members to Welcome!

Shellie & Natalie Ford  
Jim Garrison  
Don Greenfield  
Shawn, Lucy, Christian, Daniel, Isaac & Caleb Hartsell  
Steve Honum

Portland  
Elmira  
Hines  
Sutherlin  
Bend

Edna Jenkins  
Ryan, Janna and Charlotte Medina  
Susan Morasci  
Joel, Linda, Tammah, Dana & Caleb Scott  
Lauri Wynne and Ron Terrazas

Chiloquin  
Salem  
Dexter  
Klamath Falls  
Grants Pass

**Patti says:** The **2015 Roster** will be available beginning April 9th at the OOTFA Convention in Rickreall for \$2 each. If you are not planning to attend, your district may have some to sell or you can have it mailed directly to you by sending \$3.75 for a roster plus shipping costs to: Patti Luse, 979 Ascot Drive, Eugene, OR 97401.

- Patti Luse, State Membership Chair