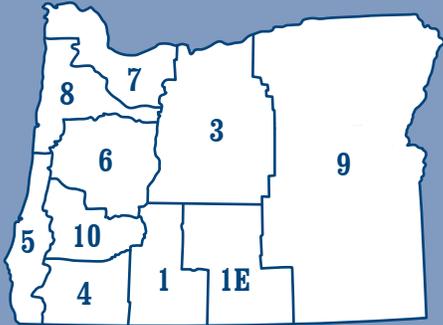


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From Your President

Greetings,

As our calendar year comes to a close and we approach Thanksgiving and Christmas, it is very reassuring to read over the activities of the districts. It appears that we are finishing the year with a lot of community service and music throughout the state.

As I write this month's message, our state districts will be planning their holiday potlucks and jam sessions that will bring our friends and families of OOTFA together to celebrate the many blessings and experiences held throughout this year. While we gather in different locations in the state, let's take a moment to reflect on our great country and send our thoughts and prayers to thank all those that serve in the military.

The holidays are also a good opportunity to think and act for those in need that are in our own communities and neighborhoods. There's never been a better time to help out with those community services that distribute food and clothes to hungry and needy families.

As members of OOTFA, many of you will be spreading plenty of joy and happiness in your musical service to the communities over the holidays. We can be proud of our service to others, providing old time music to brighten another person's day and bring back memories of a slower time.

OOTFA members statewide contribute well over 10,000 hours of musical service a year through all the volunteer efforts, performances, lessons, workshops, contests and fiddle camps. I would like to thank our entire membership for all the service you provided this past year. If it wasn't for our activities with members playing, organizing, teaching and serving others, we would not be a thriving organization.

So, as this year comes to a close and you see your district officers maybe getting tired and worn out, think about how you can serve this next year and step forward for a new job you haven't done before. If that's too much... think about a committee that you can contribute some time to. It won't be very long before it's time to nominate and elect your future leaders for district and state offices. Please help our OOTFA continue to prosper with a strong volunteer-minded membership and think about how you can help make it even stronger.

I leave you one last thought on service: "To give real service you must add something which cannot be bought or measured with money, and that is sincerity and integrity"by Douglas Adams

I sincerely wish each and every one of you in our OOTFA Family a wonderful holiday season. Best wishes.

~ Roland, State President

From the Editor

I will return to my coverage of our National Treasures in January. Our news overflows this month, so I'm going to keep mine short. Mostly, I want to wish you a happy holiday. I hope you're spending it with family and friends, with a little music in the background.

~ Karen

From State Treasurer, Sharon Thompson

Y'all Come to the 2016 Membership Jam/State Board Meeting on January 23, 2016!!!

It will be great to see old friends again and share our love of music. Please draw your number at the welcome table when you arrive, if you wish to entertain us with your talents on stage. Dinner service and beverages will be supplied. So, bring your favorite dish to pass and enjoy!

Schedule:

Doors open at 9 a.m. for registration, meet and greet, and circle jam

Board meeting - 10 a.m.

Potluck - 11:30 a.m.

Stage performances - 12:30 - 4 p.m.

From State Secretary, Darla Knudsen

A reminder to those of you wanting to apply for a Kielhorn grant and want the payout before the Board meeting in April at Rickreall. The application must be in to the secretary, referred out to the screening committee and back to the Board before the Board meeting January 23rd. So please be prompt with your requests.

Thank you,

~ Darla jkdkjc@q.com

From the Editor Emeritus:

I find the following two statements very true. 1) If it isn't written down, it never happened, 2) The woods would be strangely silent if no bird sang but the best. Let me take a moment and comment about the second one. We would not be much of an association if "only the best played." We admire and perhaps envy those who play the best but we owe much of our success to those who don't play "the best", and we don't acknowledge often enough those who don't play at all but who contribute so much to OOTFA. Often members who don't play will be those that set up chairs, set up the potlucks, do the publicity, etc.. I'll share one such member that was so important in District 8 many years ago but who is now gone. You old timers will remember Faythe Maahs.

(Dec. 1999) Recently there was a discussion about fiddle associations -- what they stood for -- their value -- etc. Today Alice and I experienced one of the "other values" of being a member of the Oregon Old Time Fiddlers Association. We experienced the deepest friendship of the association.

Directions:

Exit 136 from I-5, east on Central into Sutherlin. 1.4 miles east of freeway, on the right is a city park identified by a steam engine in the corner. Turn right on South Willamette. The Community Center (150 S Willamette) is behind the engine on the left. There is plenty of paved parking!

After the community center is set up and decorated, we are holding an impromptu jam Friday evening at our grange site (851 S Comstock).

Call me (Sharon) at 541 430 5898 for more information.

~ Sharon



Young musicians taking a lesson with the old time fiddlers in Allegany

Today we drove in the fog on a cold frosty morning across the Willamette Valley to McMinnville to attend the funeral of the wife of one of our great fiddlers here in the valley. Faythe Maahs passed away on Christmas Day. She had been an officer in our district off and on over the years; she and Leonard have been members since our district was first formed. She was a supporter of both Leonard and his playing and of our district. And she baked great pies, which she often encouraged us to eat. The funeral service ended with Carol Anne Wheeler playing a medley of "The Waltz You Saved for Me," "In the Garden" and "Old Rugged Cross." The beauty and sincerity of the tunes and her beautiful playing with Lee Jones backing her on the guitar couldn't help bring a tear to anybody's eyes. Especially knowing that Leonard started every dance with "The Waltz You Saved for Me." It was "their tune." Today it was played for her.

~ Lew



District 3 musicians perform in Redmond.

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Sadly, we have a silent banjo; Don Hensley passed away November 2nd. Don would get to as many jams and gigs as he could. He would come in his straw hat and bow tie. Don was 90 years old. His favorite tunes were: "Camptown Races" and "Oh, Susanna". We will surely miss him.

We are inviting all of our members to our holiday dinner--including District 1E. The beef and turkey will be provided. All are asked to bring their favorite dish. Please call Noranne Sparks to RSVP and to tell her what you will be bringing (541-884-2071) or email delnori1973@msn.com.

You will notice that there are some changes in officers' positions. Linda Stroup will be taking over the treasurer/ membership position from Sheila Fry. We want to thank Sheila for being our

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According to Barrett our November Jam was a "good one". Between the wonderful musicians and the appreciative audience, we had a total of 13 folks. That's a good crowd for us on a monthly jam. Special thanks to Mike Foster and Phil and Sheila Fry for making the long drive to come join us. We always enjoy their music and good company. Terry said the jam wasn't a long one; they started around 2:00 P.M. and quit about 7:30 or 8:00 P.M.

Phil was multi-tasking. He was watching Nancy play the dobro while telling me how to fix a guitar and fix the sights on a pistol. Phil said he is learning to play the dobro also. Phil and I had a good laugh about me telling him and Sheila about a ukulele group in Lakeview they might be interested in playing with. It turns out those folks were the exact opposite of what our kind of music ought to be...FUN. I am like the crooked rancher of yore; I definitely gave them a "Bum Steer". Next time I'll try and save my good advice for someone who really needs it... me!

We'll be playing at the Holiday Fair at the Fairgrounds on Friday, December 4th at 7:00 P.M.

I've been coming down with this horrible craving to get a Team Hoedowner T-shirt made for myself. The design that keeps swimming in my head is two happy pigs wearing "tutus" dancing on their hind legs, one playing a fiddle and the other a guitar, with TEAM HOEDOWNER in large capital letters overhead. I'm sure it's just a coincidence that the McLain Twins are my inspiration for the shirt. Let me know if you have an inspiration to help design this for our hardworking Hoedowner team. Email me at ustacood@outlook.com if you have some ideas for us.

December Events

13	Christmas/New Year Dinner	Shasta Grange	12:15-3:00 p.m. (eat at 12:30)
15	gig	Pelican Point	10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
16	gig	Rogue River Place (Linkville)	10:00 - 11:00 a.m.
17	gig	Plum Ridge	10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
17	gig	Brookdale (Eldorado)	1:30 - 2:30 p.m.
18	gig	Quail Park	10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

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

treasurer since May and for her commitment. Irene Ruddock will be helping Noranne with scheduling. We want to thank these new folks for stepping up and helping.

December Birthdays are: Irene Ruddock, Dana Scott, Mervin Woodard

December Anniversaries: Phil and Sheila Fry, Carol and Phil Fulbright, Jerry and Irene Ruddock, Ali and Jake Swartwood
Let us know if we are missing anyone.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

~ **Noranne Sparks, District 1 Reporter**

December Events

5	Jam	Senior Center	2:00 p.m.
14	Business Meeting	Senior Center	7:00 p.m.

On a purely serious note (which is very rare for me)... you, me, my family, your family are purely blessed to have the McLain Family as our friends. There's no such thing as strangers to them, just new friends they haven't met yet. As you know, "Better friends a man will never have!" Just thinking about them makes me smile.

December Birthdays: Donald Steward, Lexi Bryant, Connie Steward, Eileen McLain, Barrett Amacker, Reba Steward
Anniversaries: Doug & Eileen McLain

~ **Keith W. Steward, District 1E Reporter**



Joe Moyle, Sue Cooper, and Hal Thompson perform at District 6's Thanksgiving potluck.

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Howdy:

Our last jam/dance was full--with music from musicians and dancers. How grateful we are to have such talented people among us and friends to enjoy it with. The cooler days are here to enjoy.

We had a great jam last Sunday at the Powell Butte Community Center. We had about a dozen musicians playing some good dancing music for the crowd. A couple of new faces showed up, Oliver & Judy Robinette, friends of Tommy & Vivian Tucker. Judy got up on stage and belted out a couple of great dancin' tunes. Wow, what a singer. She had good backup from our fiddle players and of course from our lead guitar player, Tommy Tucker. How nice when someone shows up and contributes to the "dancin" music right away. Think they might be joining our group as regulars.....I sure hope so. We have some nice talent on stage, so come on out and bring yer dancin shoes.

A small bunch of us played for a Grand Opening at a Senior Assisted Living Center in Redmond last month. It turned out real well, and all had a good time and were treated to a nice catered lunch. Can't beat that.

Our next jam will be on Sunday, December 13th at the Powell Butte Community Center. This will be our Christmas potluck, jam and dance. Vivian Tucker will be cooking the Christmas turkey & ham, and I promise, you don't want to miss her cooking. Jack Kerr will bring rolls. Bring a side dish and your dancing shoes or a musical instrument. The food will be ready to eat at noon, and the music will start at 1:00.

Last names: A-H will bring holiday related cold dishes and salads, condiment trays, butter.

Last names: I-O will bring holiday related hot side dishes (mashed potatoes, baked yams, green bean casserole)

Last names: P-Z will bring lots of yummy holiday desserts.

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District 4 Website: www.OOTFA.org Check Us Out!

The Jacksonville Victorian Ball was a huge success! The elegantly dressed attendees danced, glided and sparkled to waltz, polka and Hoedowner tunes. A large group took part in the Virginia Reel, forming two lines and promenading enthusiastically, then even "Varsovienned" to the tune of "Put Your Little Foot". The hours flew by for the fancy, but not so much for the musicians who had played 3 hours at our monthly jam, quickly changed into their "ball" clothes to play two and a half more hours at the ball. It was so successful that we were begged to stay longer and were quickly booked for next year's dance! The beginning fiddle class is going well with seven students, a mix of youth and adults. Judy McGarvey is teaching beginning fiddle and Melinda Grant is teaching the more advanced students to read music. Guitarists Ron Bolstad and Mark Carter are accompanying to keep the rhythm.

December Events

13 potluck/jam/dance Powell Butte Community Center 11 - 4 p.m.

OOTFA will provide drinks and dinnerware. So show up around 11:30 or so to get things set up. Our National Treasure, Mr, Jack Kerr, always opens the show with a patriotic song you won't want to miss. We look forward to seeing ya all there.

Coming up next year is our second annual COCMG or Central Oregon Country Music Gathering. What an opportunity for us to take over the state quarterly meeting along, with our major jam of the year. Thanks to the bunch in Merrill for doing such a good job for all the years they held their jam/meeting. This next year our COCMG will be on Sept. 8th, 9th, & 10th at the Crook County Fairgrounds in Prineville, Oregon. So mark your calendars, as we hope to see ya all there. Be sure to check our website: centraloregonfiddlers.com. Much thanks to Kim Martin for keeping it current.

We have a lot of hard workers in our district, and I would like to thank a couple for their tireless service: Teri Tucker, our Membership Coordinator, Jeannette Bondsteel, our Vice Chairman, and Jack Kerr, Treasurer.

The holidays start soon, first Thanksgiving, then the Christmas season followed by New Years. Be thankful for all the blessings we have as individuals, as a community and as a nation. Sing praises, be joyous, and be happy in the new year. God bless you all, with a special mention for military personnel serving abroad. May they all come home soon. Pray for Tommy Tucker's continued recovery. Via Con Dios!Ron

I am thinking about our vets that have served and are serving our country. Let us be grateful for their pride in protecting us. Thank you from my family to yours for your service. May God bless those who have lost love ones or are sick this month.... Rhea

~ Rhea Bigelow, District 3 Reporter

December Events

5 Meeting/ jam Eastwood Baptist Ch, Medford 11:30 mtg / 1 - 4 p.m. jam

It's membership renewal time again. Please remember to renew your membership soon. Carol Ferrara, our lovely membership chairperson will retire this position after this year's drive. Carol has done such a diligent and thorough job, she will be most difficult to replace. Thank you Carol! We hope to see you out on the dance floor more now!

The December jam will be at Eastwood Baptist Church in Medford. There will be a meeting at 11:30, and an open-to-the-public jam from 1:00 to 4:00 P.M. Bring snacks to share. Our holiday potluck is on January 2 at Fruitdale Grange in Grants Pass. We will be signing up for dishes to complete the meal at the December jam.

Stay well, keep the music flowing in your hearts.

" Music expresses that which cannot be said and on which it is impossible to be silent." Victor Hugo

~ Judy Lyons, District 4 Reporter

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Fiddle Tips by Eileen Walter – December 2015

Wow – it's December already, and definitely not too early to start planning for the contest – March 19th is less than four months away! I'm very excited to be working on the contest again this year. There will be a few small changes (nothing major) – so watch for mention of those in the next month or two. I encourage all of you to attend the contest this year – as a contestant, as a volunteer, as a member of the audience, and maybe as two or three of these!

Do you find yourself asking what to expect at the contest? Or wondering about what goes on behind the scenes? I plan on writing a little about the contest in the next few Hoedowners. The contest would not be possible without the help of many volunteers working on many important jobs. We had a terrific group of volunteers last year and I'd like to invite everyone back, and also any new volunteers (email me at gdaewalt@comcast.net if you're interested – it's a lot of fun!)

I'd like to mention the volunteer position we affectionately call the "Contestant Wrangler", a position which has been held by Dick Dery for many years, and also the "Backstage Manager", a position which has been held by Scott Phillips for many years. If you are a contestant, these people are there to help you in any way they can – they are patient and polite while nudging you in the right direction. The Wrangler carries around a clipboard with the order of play list, extra tune sheets, and pencils, and will let you know when your turn is approaching, where the backstage area is located, make sure you've completed a tune sheet, assist you in locating accompanists, etc. The Wrangler should be in the practice room at the early morning meeting with the contestants and the judges in order to be introduced to the contestants. The Wrangler will know things like where the restrooms are located, which areas of the building are off-limits, where to direct people towards the backstage, or to the registration desk, etc. The Backstage Manager is there to help you on the stage, adjust the microphone, make sure the MC has the correct tune sheets, communicate with the Wranglers and the MC, assist in finding people, communicate with the judge's room if necessary, and whatever else needs to be done.

When I compete, I always find these volunteers to be a very calming influence, which is really helpful under the circumstances! I will mention some of the other volunteer positions in the months to come.

~Eileen Walter



Tune of the Month : Simple Gifts

We'll return in January to our journey through Linda Danielson's rich memories of tunes that are significant for Oregon fiddlers. Here's one that Dick Dery sent in (District 8) that he enjoys playing on hammered dulcimer.

American Traditional

The musical notation for 'Simple Gifts' is presented on four staves in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is written in treble clef. Chords are indicated above the notes. The chords are: G, Em, G, Em, Am, D7, G, C, G, Am, D7, C, G, Em, G, Bm, Am, D7, G, C, G, Am, D7, C, G.

Tune of the Month Bonus: The Oregon Fiddler's Waltz

This tune was written FOR US, the Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers. It was composed by Peter Robinson of Scotland in appreciation of the classes he's been following online. He saw on the District 6 website the many classes that Ila Mae has taught, Colleen Hanks has videotaped, and Joe Grivel has posted on line. He says, "For some time now, I've been playing along here in Scotland, learning some new tunes and loving the atmosphere of the classes. The videos are a wonderful resource. I have sent you a tune I wrote to say thank you to all the members of the group, for allowing me to play along with you. Thanks, Peter".

Peter's website is called Carpe Diem Productions, He teaches English at a Fife secondary school. As a singer and actor, he has performed with many companies in Edinburgh and Fife, and is often to be found in the pit as MD for amateur musical and operatic companies.

~ Karen

The Oregon Fiddlers' Waltz

Chord progression for the first staff: G, G/D, Am, Em

Chord progression for the second staff: Am, C, Am, C/D

Chord progression for the third staff: G, G/D, Am, C

Chord progression for the fourth staff: Am, D7, G, 1. G, 2. G7

Chord progression for the fifth staff: C, C, G, G

Chord progression for the sixth staff: C, C, Am/D, G

Chord progression for the seventh staff: G, G, Am, Em

Chord progression for the eighth staff: Am, D7, G, G

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This photo was taken in 2005 in the practice room at the state contest: Eileen with 3 of her students- Tabby Gholi, Kian Dye, and Andrew Heritage. Tabby and Kian went on to become champion fiddlers, and we are all very proud of them.



Gene Hodson (District 10) plays bass at Katie Farley's memorial service in Roseburg on November 7.



Sandy Harter, Shasta Ray, and Cindy Dufer sing at Katie's memorial service

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Here we are ready to welcome the holidays and the rain, two wonderful things to which we can look forward. Our October was very calm; we were disappointed that the Oregon mist caused us to cancel an event for The Church of God in Reedsport. The evening promised a spaghetti dinner and about an hour of playing time. Perhaps next year. At the moment, we are looking forward to our own Thanksgiving/Christmas dinner to be celebrated on the 21st of November in Winchester Bay. We will all contribute to the turkey/ham dinner, Pat Casey will decorate the hall and, as always, music will be the "icing on the cake".

Verna Lee, Pat Weyer and Larry Costa attended a week of workshops put on by the South Coast Folk Society; from all reports it was well worth the time and effort to be involved, and a lot of learning took place.

Our time at Allegany on Nov. 12th was thrilling, as we had 10 children playing under Judy McGarvey's leadership! They worked on songs with which they were familiar and began a couple of new ones called Devil's Dream and Westphalia. The children's energy and enthusiasm are contagious!

We offer condolences to Adam and Wendy Taylor on the death of his mother, to Bob and Jerene Shaffar on the death of her mother, and to Charlotte Dow on the death of her husband, Shorty.

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Fall frost is yet to come, but early darkness is nudging us toward hearth and fiddle. The bounty of this year's harvest has been put into pantries and freezers, promising succulent potlucks for future jams.

Darlene Fiducia wrestled and prevailed against a combative frozen turkey before the annual Thanksgiving and potluck at Central Grange in order to feed the masses who showed up for the well-attended jam. Patti Luse did not have to mud-wrestle the ham and the rest of the laden table was docile. The array of desserts ranged from savory-sweet green tomato bread to pumpkin pies to Death by Chocolate served in a huge sundae cup, compliments of Janet Canaday. Folks feasted with abandon. Thanks to everyone for their contributions!

Upwards of 50 musicians, their families and fans, attended the day's festivities. We welcomed out-of-district guests: Hal and Sharon Thompson, Colleen Hanks, Irena Lane and Jim and Joyce Kuether from District 10.

There were many highlights, not the least of which was an incredibly beautiful solo by Bob Strelow, and rich duets by Ila Mae Carmickle and Jesse Knudsen, Jesse and Jim Kuether, and vocals by Beth Anderson and Darlene Fiducia.

December Events

2	gig	Oerdings, Coquille	1 - 2 p.m.
2	gig	Myrtle Point Care Center, Myrtle Point	3 - 4 p.m.
9	gig	Bay Crest, Coos Bay	1:30 - 2:30 p.m.
9	gig	Evergreen Ct. (next to Bay Crest, Coos Bay)	3 - 4 p.m.
16	gig	West Wind Court, Bandon	1:30 - 2:30 p.m.
16	gig	Pacific View, Bandon	3:00 - 4:00 p.m.
19	jam	Winchester Bay	1:00 - 3:00 on stage, 3:00 - 4:00 circle jam
21	gig	Memory Care, Coos Bay	1:30 - 2:30 p.m.
21	gig	Avamere, Coos Bay	3 - 4 p.m.

This month I would like to introduce you to one of our staunch supporters. Mary Weist, our former reporter, is not a musician but until very recently you could always find her at our monthly meeting and jam. You knew she had arrived when the aroma of her home-baked cookies filled the air, and her smile warmed the room. Mary, who has been a member of OOTFA for about 12 years, will be 88 on November 16th. She grew up in the Smith River area outside of Reedsport and was one of 5 children. As a young girl she rode to school in a boat, but that did not dampen her desire to be a teacher. After graduating from OSU in 1950, she taught home economics in Brookings and Reedsport and vocational classes (before community colleges existed) in Florence and Reedsport. Her husband was related, by marriage, to Cliff Buker, whose name you will find listed on the inside cover of the OOTFA directory. He was the first state president! We appreciate Mary very much and are always pleased to see her at our performances at Evergreen Court where she has lived since August of 2014.

"Music is what feelings sound like." ~Author Unknown

~ Susan Joubert, Reporter

December Events

4	jam	Eugene Hotel	7 - 9 p.m.
5	Intermediate Fiddle Class	River Rd. Annex	1 - 4 p.m.
7	Basic Fiddle Class	Bethesda Lutheran	1 - 4 p.m.
11	jam	Crow Grange	7 - 10 p.m.
12	Christmas jam	American Legion Hall in Lebanon	
18	jam	YaPoAh Terrace	7 - 9 p.m.

Sue Cooper brought her cello to the last couple of jams, providing a warm middle register to our tone poems.

Welcome to new member Renate Goucher of Oakridge, who aspires to join the ranks of fiddlers. This is a timely reminder to renew your membership if you want to enjoy card-carrying member status.

Many of us are playing a gauntlet of holiday festivals all around the valley. We are hoping Mother Weather lets us play the Holiday Jam at the American Legion Hall in Lebanon on December 12. Join us at 480 S. Main in Lebanon between 11 and 3. The Ladies of the Legion will provide an affordable sandwich luncheon.

Birthday wishes to Thelma Steele, Doug Wise, Mark Carmickle, Brian Neal. Marlene Chatoian and Dolores Talbert. Happy Anniversary to Dave and Lena Stubbs and Joanne and Gerald Clark.

~ Amy Burrow, District 6 Reporter

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During November, in addition to our regular jams, District 7 members were able to play in a number of smaller jams that were organized by Roger Germundson. We played at two memory care units—one where Roger's wife, Jackie, lives. Each month Jackie's facility celebrates birthdays with our fiddle music, lots of balloons, and a big cake. In the summer we play outside in their lovely garden and during the winter we play in their recreation room. There is lots of room for dancing, and while we are playing, the staff does an excellent job of dancing with the residents. Whenever we see Jackie we always play one of her favorite tunes—Kathleen! The residents always enjoy the music and there is a lot of toe tapping, clapping, and "directing" going on.

Also for many years Roger has organized a group which plays at the Advent Fair at his church—Trinity Lutheran in Gresham. This is an all-day event, but we usually just play for several hours in the morning. We separate into two groups, one plays upstairs and the other downstairs. There are many booths and lots of food. There are greens, holly, ribbons and bows for wreath making. We enjoy playing Christmas music as well as our favorite old time tunes and, of course, love the delicious lefse and other goodies.

In December we have two excellent events which are listed above. We hope to see you at our annual Christmas jam on Sunday, Dec. 6th at the Estacada Community Center. There is a lunch served at noon and we will play from 1:00-3:00. Also

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

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Merry Christmas to all. The best gift we could possibly give and receive is Peace On Earth. If each of us strive for that, it's a start toward that lofty goal.

Our October jam at the Methodist Church in Falls City kept toes tapping as we played for the audience. Most of us enjoyed a nice potluck lunch before playing.

Fiddlers played October 24th at the Kroc Center (Salvation Army) in Salem. A food tasting event earned money for the SA's charitable causes.

The Salem area group played for the Golden Agers luncheon in Salem. We enjoyed a nice lunch after playing.

Friday Nov. 20th we're scheduled to play at the Monmouth Senior Center. It's an ice cream social. Mmmm, sounds like fun.

In November we couldn't work out a location for a regular jam, but in December we have two. The first is on Sunday December 13th at the Silverton Senior Center, 115 Westfield St. The jam will start

December Events

6	Christmas Jam	Estacada Comm. Ctr.	200 SW House Dr.	Lunch & Jam:	12 - 3 p.m.
20	Circle Jam	Estacada Public Library	825 NW Wade Street		2 - 4 p.m.

we will have our informal jam at the Estacada Public Library on Sunday, Dec. 20th.

Last month we were interviewed by a reporter from the Estacada newspaper, and she was very impressed to see so many fiddlers who gathered to play old tunes as well as to learn new ones. We will have another informal jam the third week in January and hope to see some new faces.

We want to send our good thoughts to Marcella and Dennis Easley and family, as Dennis is battling a serious illness.

All the best to you during this holiday season.

~ Elaine Schmidt, District 7 Reporter



District 7 members after jamming at the Estacada Library circle jam

December Events

13	jam	Senior Center, Silverton		1 p.m.
19	jam	Civic Center, Dallas	11:30 a.m. Mtg, jam	1 p.m.
20	gig	Magic at the Mill, Mission Mill, Salem		7 - 8 p.m.

at 1 PM. We are invited to join the members for a potluck before the jam. Bring food to share. They are holding an Ugly Christmas Sweater Contest. We can participate if we wish.

The second jam will be on Saturday December 19th at the Civic Center in Dallas at 945 SE Jefferson St. We will have a BUSINESS MEETING AT 11:30. Sign up jam starts at 1 PM. The local senior center will probably be selling cookies.

The next day December 20th we are invited to play at Mission Mill in Salem. It's their annual Magic at the Mill with hundreds, maybe thousands, of colored lights decorating the buildings, trees, and walkways in the park. We'll be in the Dye House from 7 to 8 PM. The address is 1313 Mill St. S.E. In Salem.

Congratulations to Dale and Vern Smith on the birth of twin grandchildren! A girl and a boy.

Wishing all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

~ Alice Holt, District 8 Reporter

District 9 (Burns - John Day Area)

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November 8th was a delightful potluck and jam. Fifty people, of whom 10 were musicians, came and played, sang, danced, visited, listened, and/or played cards. Tex Dawson came to hear his great-grandson, Ian, play his fiddle. Claude Sterling is back in Burns after 20 years and came for his first time. He used to work with Janet and Joan. We all love to have the back-up bass of Dorman Miller.

A new member joined us-- Marie Stiles from North Park, Colorado. Because she has always enjoyed the sound, she is planning on learning the banjo from Ruel. She enjoys listening to our old timey music as well as bluegrass. Welcome on board Marie!

We had a great jam at the Aspens in November. We really

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Our fourth Saturday 12 – 3 P.M. jams are always well attended. Creating Facebook "events" and contacting local media do result in larger crowds. Welcome to all guests. We always have four meetings a year that begin at 11 A.M. To not conflict with state meetings, we hold our district meetings before the jams in February, May, August and November.

Sharon Thompson has done a great job as interim Program Director, but she is busy as State Treasurer. We still need a permanent Program Director. This is a rewarding, exciting position offering live music and socializing with other professionals and musicians. If you can help, talk to Colleen.

In November, we played gigs at six assisted living, memory care and nursing center facilities. Music has a lot of therapeutic and healing power. To better plan, Jean Hanson and Sharon Thompson have worked with many activity directors to schedule regular OOTFA shows on the same day each month. Please see the calendar and mark yours for shows on the first Wednesday (Rose Haven), third Monday (Callahan Court) and fourth Monday (Callahan Village). Additional shows at Bridgewood Rivers, Riverview Terrace and Brookdale Memory Care will be announced by Sharon after they're booked. We typically have between 6-8 players at each show. Contact Sharon if you can help out.

A note from District 10 Chair Colleen Hanks: We're at the end of our year and looking forward to hosting the State Meeting in January. I'd like to thank all our volunteers who made this year successful. Our jam attendance increased through our teamwork. Almost like magic, thoughtful folks brought in snacks for everyone's enjoyment. Many faithful members helped with set-up, clean-up, made donations and together enjoyed the entertainment provided by dancers and musicians. Thank you also to the valued visitors from other districts, emcee volunteers and sound equipment volunteers this year who have kept the jams alive. Our musicians play many gigs every month to support our costs. It took all of us to build the success we have shared. Keep up the fine work. I thank you all from the bottom of my heart and look forward to a fine year ahead.

~ Colleen Hanks, your Chairperson

December Events

4	jam	Friday Night Jam	
11	gig	The Aspens	7 - 9 p.m.
13	potluck/jam	Christmas potluck	1 p.m. / jam at 2 p.m.
18	jam	Friday night jam	
21	gig	Ashley Manor	6 - 7 p.m.
25	Merry Christmas!	NO Friday Night Jam	

enjoyed the sound. Perhaps the addition of bass guitar and mandolin just filled our sound out.

Sue Minear volunteered to cook and bring the turkey for our December 13th Christmas celebration (potluck and jam). Thanks! The potatoes, gravy, and dressing will also be assigned, so bring your favorite dessert, salad and/or side-dish.

Our Friday night jams have been very fun, and we want you to know you are welcome to join us. Remember to call one of the officers to discover whose house to go to. Happy Thanksgiving to one and all!!

Musically Yours,

~ Marianne Andrews, District 9 Reporter

December Events

9	Gig	Rose Haven (2nd Wednesday)	10:15 a.m.
21	Gig	Callahan Court (3rd Monday)	2:30 p.m.
26	Jam/Dance	Sutherlin Grange Hall (4th Saturday)	12 - 3 p.m.
28	Gig	Callahan Village (4th Monday)	3:30 p.m.
TBA	Gig	Bridgewood Rivers	1:30 p.m.
TBA	Gig	Brookdale	10 a.m.
TBA	Gig	Riverview Terrace	4 - 5 p.m.

We are all very saddened by the passing of Katie Farley (8/12/44 - 11/2/15). She was loved by many, her smile would light up a room, and her singing was always a joy to hear. As her daughter Nancy Trotter wrote on Facebook, "Wonderful mother. Loving wife. Loyal best friend. Beautiful angel. You fought a good fight. Leave it to an angel to know when it's just time to surrender. And you did it with a smile..."

In December, we have many birthdays to celebrate including those for Clarence "Whitey" Kelm on Dec 7 (he'll be 85), Dan Pohl on Dec 10, and Karen Pohl on Dec 31. Happy Birthday! On December 14, Kelly and Scott Wadsworth celebrate their 37th Anniversary. Happy Anniversary!

District 10 will again host the January State Jam and Board Meeting. It will be on Saturday, January 23rd from 9 am to 4 pm. For early arrivals, an impromptu jam will be Friday night after the hall is set up and the decorating is done. Please contact Sharon Thompson to volunteer. This year, we have National Honor Roll volunteer high school students to assist us with the hard work. We need assistants and supervisors.

Keep on pickin and grinnin!

~ Joe Ross, District 10 Reporter



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State Calendar

January 23 Membership Jam & State Board Meeting Sutherlin Community Center 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

New Members to Welcome!

Jessica Austin
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Shirley and Eric Huff

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Bend
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