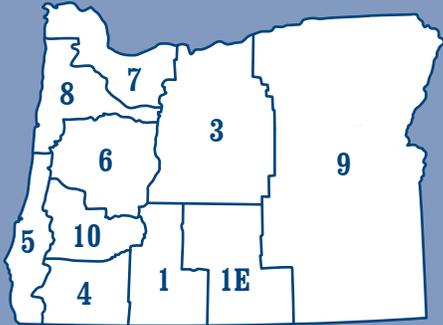


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From Your President

Greetings and Happy New Year for 2016.

If the new year goes as fast as last year, I think we are in for a fun-filled year of activities for OOTFA. Coming right up is our first state quarterly board meeting of the year to be held in Sutherlin on Saturday, January 23 from 9 am to 4 pm. District 10 put on a great event in Sutherlin last year--with a big turnout of OOTFA members as well as the local community. I expect District 10 will do another great job, and I'm looking forward to seeing many of you that will attend.

Throughout the state, plans are already forming for this year's State Fiddle Contest, State Convention, Fiddle Camp, and state campouts in various locations, not to mention the monthly jams and performances for our local communities and neighbors.

We accomplish so much on a tight budget. I would kindly ask that any OOTFA members feeling they would like to help, please donate to the State General Fund or a specific function. These annual gatherings are our major productions that demonstrate our mission statement: to "promote and perpetuate old time fiddle music". All the budgets for these functions are stretched thin, but the events are so important. Over these past years, many individuals and districts have contributed to make these possible. Please consider a contribution for the good of the order. Contact your district or State Treasurer Sharon Thompson, or visit www.OOTFAJoinDonate.com and follow the "Donate" link.

I've been given a few more ideas from the membership that I want to present to you as food for thought. One suggestion is to have the term for officers be based on the calendar year instead of the current system, which has the new officer's first meeting in September of their election year. I know from my personal experience that it felt weird to be elected in April, not officially be in office until July 1, and then not have my first meeting with the membership until the 4th quarter of the year. This is not anything that can be easily changed but I would encourage some thinking in that direction.

Last month, I mentioned a position that I would like to fill from a willing volunteer as soon as possible. I need a state-wide Grants Coordinator who would assist the districts and the Kielhorn Committee in originating ideas for grants and helping to write and submit them correctly--with the sole purpose being to keep our Kielhorn Endowment active for the purpose which it was intended. This has the potential to be a really fun position--creating projects for our OOTFA districts and working with exciting musicians who would have opportunities to teach and reach out to more learners. I believe we would see the living results of this work in the happy faces of our youth and family members.

In regards to upcoming grants, our Secretary Darla Knudsen reports "I'm trying to remind those who want the Kielhorn money paid out before the April board meeting to please get the applications in to me, so they can be sent to the committee and still get back in time for board approval in January."

I look forward to seeing as many as possible for the January meeting in Sutherlin. In the meantime, Happy 2016 New Year to all of our wonderful OOTFA family.

~ Roland, State President

From the Editor

I am continuing my series on the National Treasures. Here are a few more of these loyal OOTFA members who contribute so much to the richness of our organization:

- Phyllis Coffin has been a member for 12 years. She enjoys music and singing with OOTFA. She also enjoys reading and spending time with family. She's been interested in music since she was in the 3rd grade.
- Francis Stephenson has been a member for 5 years and has been interested in music for 79 years.
- David "Rocky" Davis has been a member for 12 years. He has been interested in music for 70 years. Gene Williams got him involved with OOTFA. He enjoys hunting and fishing. His life's work was logging.
- Loita Colebank has been a member of OOTFA for 20 years. She enjoys music, quilting, raising her children, and missionary work. She states, "The fiddlers have been very kind and thoughtful, through the recent loss of my music partner."

Happy fiddlin'!

~ Karen

From the Editor Emeritus

I found this piece I had written back in December of 1999. I wanted to share it with you.

After visiting with our fiddle friends following the service for Faythe Maahs, Alice and I drove to Falls City, a little town on the Luckiamute River that time had passed by after the saw mill closed down way back in 1923. We had read the obituary in the local paper that Linda Carver's father had passed away and would, also, be buried today.

On the edge of Falls City at the little country cemetery we parked and started walking across the old graveyard to where the family was gathering. Ahead of us we saw Linda Carver carrying her fiddle case. She did not realize that we would be attending or that we even knew that her father had died, but when she saw Alice, she commented that she had planned to play but since Alice was there, would she play instead? So when it was time for a tune, Alice took the old fiddle and bow out of the case and played "Amazing Grace." Everybody listened.

As Alice played, I looked around thinking about "the moment." There was the nice casket decked with flowers, ready to be lowered into the ground. The old man's friends were already dead, so they weren't there. Fourteen members of the family stood there silently listening to the tune drift across the country graveyard into the ash swale down below. The sun was shining brightly but we were in the shade of tall, old Douglas fir trees. The temperature hovered just above freezing. Shivering came

easily. I could see old tombstones with dates in the 1800s and early 1900s -- many of them children. Nearby a bird chirped a simple tune. The plastic flowers on a few surrounding graves were the only color on a winter's day.

The simple fiddle tune, played on an old fiddle by a friend gave closure to the service. We bid Linda good-bye and walked back to our car. As Linda drove the 200 miles back home to Coos Bay, probably one of her thoughts will be the fiddle tune going through her mind. We are glad that we are members of a fiddle association. Thanks for letting me share this day with you.

~ Lew



District 5'ers: Verna Lee, Larry Costa, Ruth & Pat Weyer, Colleen Hodges & Art Bigelow--volunteers who make things happen on the south coast.



District 1's amazing junior fiddlers and their mentors perform at Klamath Falls: Mervin, Jonathan, Gracie, Alanna, Irene, Jerry and Rebecca.

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January Events

10	Meeting / Jam	Shasta Grange	12:15 - 3:00 p.m.
19	gig	Pelican Point Care Center	10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
21	gig	Plum Ridge Care Center	10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
21	gig	Brookdale Care Center	1:30 - 2:30 p.m.
28	gig	Quail Park	10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
28	gig	Rogue River Place	1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

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

PLEASE PAY YOUR DUES

Happy New Year 2016! Can you believe it?

On Saturday the 12th, some of our junior fiddlers went and played Christmas carols at a nursery in town. Each year the Mountain Valley Gardens have a live nativity scene. Rebecca Hazen, Jonathan Eppers, Alanna Kliewer, and Gracie Kliewer played. Backup was Mervin Woodard, Irene and Jerry Ruddock and Richard, and Mary Knapp. All had a great time and the kids really enjoyed the cookies.

Well... we finally got some long awaited snow here in Klamath County, but it made us cancel our holiday dinner that we had planned. The turkey was in the oven, the potatoes were getting ready, the rolls were raising, and the pies had been

baked (sounds like the beginning of a Christmas carol). So a few folks that could get out ate some of the food. Maybe we will do something later on to celebrate the holidays.

The different care centers keep us busy, so we won't get the "winter blues".

We wish all a Happy New Year and we will be thankful for each day we have.

January Birthdays are: James Dreyer, Phil Fry, and Johnny Rogers

Let us know if we are missing anyone.

~ Noranne Sparks, District 1 Reporter

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January Events

11	business meetin	Senior Center	7 p.m.
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There was a large crowd of holiday shoppers when we played at the Holiday Fair.

Jeanette Bondsteel, VP of District 3, and her grandson, Garitt, made the long drive from Terrebonne to join us for our December jam. It's always great to have out-of-town friends join us. Thank you for coming. Jeanette was gracious enough to send us some pictures she took at the jam.

Hopefully I can get them sent in for the Hoedowner. My computer skills are sorely lacking in that department.

We have been having some beautiful winter weather! Today, Dec. 13, when we went to town, snowflakes the size of a quarter were softly floating down. My kids probably think I'm crazy when I tell them how much snow we used to get when I was a kid. I tell them that was back in the "Days When Dinosaurs Still Roamed the Earth." Honest, it wasn't uncommon for us to have to shovel the snow off our roofs, or see 4-strand barbed wire fences drifted completely over. The highway to Klamath used to get closed by drifts at least once a year. We used to have a "snow day" only when the wind was causing a "whiteout" or drifting the roads shut. We also "hooky bobbed" by grabbing onto the back bumper of a car on a snow-packed road and sliding on our feet.

I hope you're getting lots of moisture wherever you live. One of my favorite things to remind people is, "It wouldn't feel good to be warm if you've never been cold."

All of us here, behind the Sagebrush Curtain, hope that your new year is filled with many blessings. One of the blessings is to be able to play music with your friends! Don't forget to thank those who keep us safe and free!

~ Keith W. Steward, District 1E Reporter



Larry McLain and Garitt Bondsteel jamming at the Lakeview holiday gathering.

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Howdy from District 3...where we all woke up to snow on Dec 13th !

Despite the weather, our Christmas party was a huge success! A special thanks to the Tuckers for Christmas decorations and party favors. We were happy to have about 29 musicians and 70-75 guests. Turkey, ham, stuffing, gravy, potatoes; we could go on and on. Thanks to everyone for bringing such wonderful food. Another special thanks to Vivian Tucker for cooking the turkey, ham and all the fixings. We had a great set-up crew, and after dinner, everyone pitched in to take the tables down and replace them with chairs, making room for dancing. It was a treat to have our youngest fiddle player and singer, Louisiane Potvin, entertain us, even singing in French!

A big welcome and thanks for joining us goes to Ron Phillips and Carl Stinnett, with the Blue Mountain Fiddlers who came over from John Day. Their "picking" added to our music.

Ed Fritz from Redmond, Judy and Oliver Robinett from Madras, Gordy and Debbie Michael from Powell Butte, Ronald and Alma Niederbrach from Sisters and Nora Haine from Redmond all joined the OOTFA District 3 on Sunday and we welcome them.

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

Although the calendar says we still have a few days of autumn, at the time of this writing, the Rogue Valley woke up to a blanket of beautiful white snow, just in time for our Christmas season. Lovely!

Our district has made some changes to our monthly responsibilities. Judy McGarvey is still doing the booking but the responsibility for managing each gig is being handed to volunteers. At each monthly jam there will be a list of the gigs, and you are asked to choose a gig you would be responsible for. That means you must contact musicians to play for it, contact the person in charge at the facility, and set up the physical site for the players. We need everyone to help with this new arrangement. This new arrangement does not change the format of our gigs. Everyone is welcome at each gig unless there is a space problem and this is rare, so we hope to see all musicians doing their best to attend as many play dates as possible.

Beginning fiddle classes are progressing nicely; they learned "Jingle Bells" just in time for the holidays but will return to "Boiling the Cabbage" when they resume classes after the holidays. Our district played for the annual Thanksgiving Dinner, given by the wonderful volunteers at the First Presbyterian Church in Medford. They fed over three hundred hungry tummies while we played our

January Events

1	jam/dance	Madras Senior Center	1 - 4 p.m.
10	jam/dance	Powell Butte	1 - 4 p.m.

On December 5, several members played at the Festival of the Trees at the Deschutes County Fairgrounds. Thanks to John Schultz, Frank Borden, Jack Kerr, Vivian and Tommy Tucker, Ron Jackson, Ted Shoelenberg, Leroy Newport and Glen Churchfield.

Dancers...We must thank our dancers, for all your support (and food) all year. You keep us going with excellent dancing to our music. Wayne Bobbitt's new knee works very well, and he and Vickie gave us some good dancing.

In January of 2016, there is going to be a jam/dance at the Madras Senior Center on New Years Day from 1-4 p.m. and we hope to see you there. Also our regular jam/dance at Powell Butte will be on Jan 10 at 1-4 p.m.

A great big thanks to our set-up and clean-up crews.

Thanks again to Rhea Bigelow for all her hard work as reporter. As of this issue, we are taking on the reporting duties, and we welcome all ideas and suggestions.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL

~ Pat Borden, Kim Martin, District 3 Reporters

January Events

2	meeting, potluck, jam	Fruitdale Grange, Grants Pass	meeting 11:30 a.m., potluck 12:00, open-to-the-public jam 1 - 4 p.m.
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tunes and filled their hearts. The church does this for families and the needy in the community every year and does a terrific job!

Our ever faithful, Carol Ferrara, wears many hats in our organization, but she is passing on the chef's cap. The job of setting up the kitchen for each of our jams is more than making the beverages; you must also inventory supplies of food, paper goods, etc. and buy them ahead of each jam. Judy Lyons will be teaching anyone interested in taking on this responsibility. Our January 2nd jam is our holiday potluck at Fruitdale Grange in Grants Pass. The meeting will start at 11:30, but if you're bringing food you can come as soon as 11:00. Ham and fried chicken will be furnished by the district. If you have not already signed up for a side dish to bring, contact Judy Lyons. We hope everyone will come; it's going to be a day of wonderful food, friends, fun and music! Our February jam is at the Applegate Valley Fire District 9, 1095 Upper Applegate Rd., in Jacksonville. Check our website for the map, or call an officer for directions.

~ Judy Lyons, District 4 Reporter

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Junior Hoedowner: Tucker Hood



Tucker Hood

This year, at age 13, District 5 Oregon Old-Time Fiddler Tucker Hood picked up a mandolin for the first time. "One of my favorite characters in a book played the mandolin," he says, referring to a title in the Ranger's Apprentice series. "But, I'd never really seen or heard a mandolin before, to my knowledge." Tucker does play other instruments, though. In the North Bend Middle School Band, he enjoys playing tenor sax and flute. At home, he plays piano, ocarina and the penny whistle, as well as the

mandolin. He was inspired to pick up an instrument to complement the fiddle when his close friends and neighbors in Allegany started fiddling, under the tutelage of Judy McGarvey from District 4.

Although he can wield a bow fairly well, he recognized that with many of the Allegany kids fiddling, there was more need for an accompanist than another fiddle player. Also, spending most of his day at school in town means that he doesn't have time for everything - like the monthly fiddle lessons and daily group practice time that the kids routinely get in Allegany. The mandolin allows him to join in when time allows, and he enjoys staying connected with his friends. "Making music is fun and challenging," Tucker states.

Tucker's opportunity to add mandolin to his list of instruments came when District 5 old time fiddler, Ken Joubert, offered him a deal on a mandolin. "I worked ten hours total to pay off the mandolin," Tucker says. He adds, "This deal would have been hard to find without Ken and Susan's willingness to help the younger generation of music-makers."

Then came Fiddle Camp. "At first, Fiddle Camp seemed like it would be an interruption to summer," Tucker says. However, it turned out to be an amazing experience and gave him lots of insight into playing the mandolin. His teacher, Emily Fox, taught him how to play new chords, how to pick songs on the mandolin, and how to identify the key of a song. A fluent note-reader, Tucker recognizes the importance of his musical background in making the mandolin more accessible. "Understanding notes allows you to learn a song without ever having seen the person who wrote it," he says. "But, accompaniment engages a different part of your mind than just playing a tune. You have to be able to listen and spontaneously understand what's going on."

When he has a chance, Tucker shares what he's learned with his fiddling friend, Dallen Mathias. Dallen recently inherited his uncle's mandolin and has an itch to play it, so Allegany can now boast of two prospective mandolin players. Most of Tucker's time is juggled between school, sax, and competitive swimming, but when he has a spare moment, you can often find him with his mandolin and a couple of friends, making music in Allegany.

Tune of the Month: Larry O'Gaff

This is a traditional Irish jig that Fred Virtue (Coquille) used to play. This tune is a rarity in Oregon; not many Irish jigs show up among U.S. old time fiddlers. Some of the jigs here come down from Canada, others are home-grown in New England or the upper midwest, or come from 19th century quadrille sets in dance books. I've sometimes heard fiddlers dismiss jigs as "Aw that's just an ol' 6/8er." Fred said he learned this one from his Irish immigrant father's harmonica playing. He even remembered a few words his father used to sing to the tune.



Linda Danielson

Note: On the internet, I "searched" for "Larry O'Gaff fiddle tune", which brought up several videos and recordings of this jig. ~ Karen

G Major

A G C G (A) D (D)

G C G 1. D G 2. D G

B G C G 1. D G 2. D G



Fiddle Tips by Eileen Walter: Volunteering and Competing at the State Fiddle Contest Saturday, March 19, 2016



Eileen Walter

Another month has gone by quickly, and now the State Fiddle Contest is only about 2½ months away! Last month, I mentioned some of the volunteer positions supporting the fiddle contest, and it occurred to me that the contestants and accompanists are also volunteers because they are helping to put on a terrific show for the public! This month, I will continue to write about volunteer positions and what to expect as a contestant. If you have any questions about the State Fiddle Contest, feel free to contact me at: gdaewalt@comcast.net or 503-701-1578.

Registering and Signing in

Entering the contest is free if you pre-register, which you can do by mail, email, or phone. See the pre-registration form in this Hoedowner.

Once you arrive at the contest, the registration desk is an important “hub” at the contest. There you will find copies of schedules, rules, tune sheets, name badges, etc. People there will help you register and answer your questions. Be sure to check in as early as possible (even if you’ve pre-registered) – preferably at least an hour before your division is scheduled to begin. An “Order of Play” list (copied and posted by our volunteer “runners”) will be posted approximately 30 minutes prior to the start of each division. Complete a tune sheet for Round 1 as soon as possible, and complete a tune sheet for Round 2 as soon as you know that you’ll be playing in Round 2. There are bins on the registration desk for blank and completed tune sheets.

Practicing

You can practice in the “practice” or “warm-up” room, and line up your accompanists. Be sure you communicate clearly with them so they understand that you are asking them to play on stage with you. Tell them what tunes you’ll be playing and what keys the tunes are in. It’s also a good idea to bring chord charts if you have them. You may need to wait in line to run through your tunes as the accompanists are always in demand. If you need help finding an accompanist, check with the “Contestant Wrangler” or check with me. When your turn is approaching, keep your eye on your accompanists and make sure they know that your turn is coming up.

Rules Changes

There have been a few rule changes... mostly clarifications. You can read them if you look for a link to the Bylaws on the oregonoldtimefiddling.org website. The PeeWee Division will now be called the Small Fry Division. The top 10 contestants in the Championship Division will play Round 2, and both rounds of the Championship Division will have 5 minute time limits. There is a clarification about what to do if a string breaks, and time limits have been set for tie breakers. If a contestant wins two years in a row in Small Fry or Junior Junior Divisions, they move to the next age division in the following year. The other divisions move to the Championship Division as in the past.

Awards

The awards have changed slightly. The prize money has been increased. The top 5 of each division will receive money and trophies, and places 6 through 10 will receive ribbons.

Judges

I’m excited about our terrific panel of judges: Katrina Nicolayeff and Roberta Pearce (both from Idaho) and Tabitha Gholi (from Oregon). Next month I’ll write about what goes on in the Judging & Tabulation Room.

~Eileen



The District 6 fiddle class in December at River Road in Eugene



The fabulous junior fiddlers from District 5 performed on stage at Winchester Bay’s Thanksgiving jam.



Old time fiddlers from various districts jamming at Jim Deaton’s memorial service.

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As I write this report, the beautiful season of Christmas is evident, but by the time you read the January Hoedown, thoughts will have moved to 2016. District 5 sends double bear hugs and an extra dose of friendship to all.

Sickness prevented Ken and myself from attending our holiday dinner, but thankfully, our dependable scouts do a great job gathering information. From all reports, the food, music, camaraderie, and atmosphere were so wonderful that smiles and blessings were abundant. A few quotes will explain.

Mapril Combs said "Gideon and Mikelle Stasak (two of our youth) played a Redwing duet in a spectacularly professional manner and it was just beautiful". Sharon Thompson spoke of the day as "a wonderful musical family event." Linda Sweatt reported that "the tables were groaning with food and we had lots and lots of kids."

John MacRae returned for a visit from California and joined the festivities. The guests included Steve and Karen Johnson, District 8, Luke and Charlotte Verhagen from Washington, Hal and Sharon Thompson, and Barbara and Bill Adney from Dist. 10. Thank you for sharing your day with us!

Our weekly gigs have been going well; it is always thrilling to have the children join us at Evergreen Court on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. The residents are very pleased to see them and listen to them play their violins. It is refreshing to see kids that are developing valuable skills which can last a lifetime. We have about 15 children in our district; what a way to ensure the continuance of OOTFA on the southern Oregon Coast!

Remember that it is time to pay your dues for 2016.

Fred Grove was recently in the hospital for a couple of nights.

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Fiddling knows no seasons. Usher in now the scents of evergreen, baking cookies and the accompaniment of a crackling fire to your playing; winter season is upon us.

A monstrous converted sawdust furnace crowded musicians into cozy quarters during the first Willakenzie Grange jam on November 27. The number of players matched the date, so it was a great turnout. Thanks to Joe Canaday for swinging the

January Events

6	gig	Oerdings, Coquille	1 - 2 p.m.
6	gig	Myrtle Point Care Center, Myrtle Point	3 - 4 p.m.
13	gig	Bay Crest, North Bend	1:30 - 2:30 p.m.
13	gig	Evergreen Court (next to Bay Crest) North Bend	3 - 4 p.m.
16	jam	Winchester Bay, On Stage 1 - 3 p.m., Circle jam	3 - 4 p.m.
20	gig	West Wind Court, Bandon	1:30 - 2:30 p.m.
20	gig	Pacific View, Bandon	3 - 4 p.m.
27	gig	Memory Care, Coos Bay	1:30 - 2:30 p.m.
27	gig	Avamere Coos Bay,	3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Pat Weyer is going to have bladder cancer surgery on Dec. 30 at the University of Washington Medical Center. Cards can be sent to him in care of Ron Weyer, 14807 139th S. E. Snohomish, WA. 98290. Ruth's cell phone is 541-297-3419.

Joan Long, one of our incredible violinists, and David Fisher were married by a Justice of the Peace on Nov. 10th. We congratulate them and wish them many wonderful years together.

In an ongoing attempt to help us become better acquainted one another, I would like to introduce you to Colleen Hodges, one of the team who helps ensure that our district runs smoothly. Colleen, who was born and raised in Idaho Falls, had 11 brothers and sisters. She met her husband, Lewis, when he was in the Air Force, and together they raised 3 girls in the Salt Lake City area. After retiring and moving to Florence, they joined District 5 because they enjoyed the jams. A few years later, Lewis began playing the banjo.

They enjoyed many winters in Quartzsite, AZ. where they met up with other OOTFA members and had a great time playing music and building friendships. Colleen said that members of OOTFA were extremely helpful and courteous to Lewis as he was learning to play. Prior to retirement, Colleen worked in quality control for Abbott Labs in Salt Lake City. She enjoys traveling and can be found taking long walks around her neighborhood in Florence. We can always count on her to help in the kitchen and at the raffle table. Colleen is a fun loving person and has a great sense of humor. Hopefully you will get to know her soon, if you don't already.

If a composer could say what he had to say in words, he would not bother trying to say it in music. ~Gustav Mahler

~ Susan Joubert, Reporter

January Events

1	jam	Eugene Hotel	Happy New Year!	7 - 9 p.m.
2		Intermediate Fiddle Class	River Road Annex	1 - 4 p.m.
4		Basic Fiddle Class	Bethesda Lutheran Church	1 - 4 p.m.
8	jam	Crow Grange		7 p.m.
9	jam, meeting, & potluck		Central Grange	11 a.m.
15	jam	YaPoAh Terrace		7 p.m.
22	jam	Willakenzie Grange		7 p.m.

arrangement, which eases the travel burden on our east county friends.

Evelyn Horner, Mark Ratzlaff, Nina Hoffman, Jim Ford, Ken Luse, Jerry and Linda Parks, and this reporter supplied the soundtrack for the Farmer's Market at Lane County Fairgrounds on 12/6. The band enjoyed watching elfin dancers down in front of the stage.

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The holiday jam at the Lebanon American Legion Hall was very well attended. It was clear that this was an eagerly anticipated event, as members and guests turned out in their finery to listen and dance. An intriguing standout on the dance floor was Richard Salvage, a Lebanon resident who makes a point to show up and show off at events that feature old time music. He was bedecked with homemade garb that honored his interest in and respect for Native American culture. Raised by Indians in an orphanage in Jacksonville, his mother cultivated in him that interest. Richard's couture was a blend of handmade leather vest and coat, fur trimmings, bear claws and deer horn, and some seriously glittery bling.

Thanks to all of the members, from in-district and from afar, for making Lebanon a special event.

We have a few members who are ailing. Please send healing thoughts during this season of love, celebration and renewal to those who are trying to heal.

Best birthday wishes to Joe Moyle, Gerald Clark, Galen Ness, Zane Coffin, Cal Montgomery, John Childers and Leah Canaday.

Warm wishes to Willie and Edna Carter and to Galen and Kathy Ness on their anniversaries.

~ Amy Burrow, District 6 Reporter



Colleen Hanks videotapes as Ila Mae Carmickle teaches the intermediate fiddle class in Eugene. The classes can be seen on line at district6fiddleclass.wordpress.com

District 7 (Portland, Northern Coast Area)

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January Events

3	jam	Gladstone Senior Center	1050 Portland Ave.	open at 11:30 a.m.
				Sign-up playing from 1 - 3 p.m.
17	informal circle jam	Estacada Public Library		2:30 - 4:30 p.m.
22	gig	Tanner Spring Assisted Living, West Linn		3:30 - 4:30 p.m.
31	NW jam	600 NE 8th Gresham	Open 11 A.M.	signup playing 12:30 - 3:00 p.m.

We hope that all of you have gotten through our rainy weather and maybe are enjoying some mountain snow at this time. Also we hope that you had a wonderful holiday season with your family and friends and were able to play some good old time music during the holidays. District 7 fiddlers and other musicians had a wonderful Christmas jam at the Estacada Community Center and especially enjoyed the delicious lunch we were served before we began playing. This is always such a festive event and we are happy to play for the seniors and others who attend each year.

Coming up this month we have two sign-up jams which are always fun. This is a good time to polish up a favorite tune or learn a new one and then to play it for appreciative listeners. You can ask someone who plays the guitar to back you up and if you are not sure what to play, waltzes are especially enjoyed because lots of

folks like to get up and dance.

It's not too early to start thinking about the state fiddle contest which is coming up on March 19th. Eileen Walter is the person to talk to about this. Please refer to the December Hoedowner where she has written about the contest, in addition to what you will see in this January issue.

We have a new member this month. Her name is Kirsten Sandberg, and she is from Oregon City and plays the fiddle. Welcome to OOTFA, Kirsten, and to District 7.

Stay warm everyone,

~ Elaine Schmidt, District 7 Reporter

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

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A new year is here with a new calendar to fill with many music events for our fiddle family. From reading the Hoedowner we know that our state members provide much pleasure for others as well as ourselves. It's amazing how many different kinds of events are enlivened with fiddle music. Let's keep it going!

As predicted, District 8 members had a great time playing for an ice cream social at the senior center in Monmouth. We had a

January Events

16 jam Community Center, Dayton 11 a.m. circle/ 1-3 p.m. sign-up jam

large group of musicians possibly outnumbering the audience. We enjoyed our ice cream with choice of toppings, nuts and whipped cream.

The second weekend in December was a rainy one but we kept busy playing. A couple of our gigs asked for small groups since there were meals involved and/or not much space. Five of us played Friday evening in Dallas, seven played Saturday evening in Salem. Sunday afternoon we played at the senior center in Silverton. The total amount earned for the three gigs came to \$225 for the district!

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Late December events: the 19th at senior center in Dallas and the 20th at Mission Mill in Salem. I'll report on those next month.

We'll have our monthly jam at the Community Center in Dayton on January 16th. The address is 606 4th Street. We'll be in the second floor auditorium. Hope to see you all there!

Mark your calendars to play at the Oregon State Capitol on February 13th. Details next month.

We look forward to the OOTFA fiddle contest in March and the convention in April.

~ Alice Holt, District 8 Reporter

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

January Events

1	jam	Friday night jam (check with Janet to be sure)	
8	jam	The Aspens	7 - 9 p.m.
10	jam	Senior Center	1 p.m. potluck, 2 p.m. jam
15	jam	Friday Night Jam	
18	gig	Ashley Manor	6 - 7 p.m.
22	jam	Friday night jam	
29	jam	Friday night jam	

We had a wonderful Christmas Sunday jam. Sue Minnear, Ian's Grandma, cooked a wonderful turkey. In spite of the 5 inches of fresh snow, we had a 50 person turnout and lots of dessert (I was particularly fond of Darlene Savage's lemon meringue pie). Eleven musicians were singing Christmas carols and other fun songs. Randy Cook performed for his first time with our group. He has a great voice and plays a good guitar. Thanks.

Jim Sahlberg passed away on Thanksgiving day, so we will keep our thoughts and prayers with George Sahlberg and the rest of Jim's family.

Be certain to call one of the officers for the home or facility that the jams are held in. They always welcome newcomers.

Happy New Year to one and all. May 2016 be the best ever. Make music!!

Musically Yours,

~ Marianne Andrews, District 9 Reporter

District 10 (Roseburg, Canyonville, Sutherlin Area)

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January Events

13	Show	Rose Haven (2nd Wednesday)	10:00 a.m.
18	Show	Callahan Court (3rd Monday)	2:30 p.m.
23	State Meeting/Jam	Sutherlin Community Center	9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
25	Show	Callahan Village (4th Monday)	3:30 p.m.
TBA	Show	Bridgewood Rivers	1:30 p.m.
TBA	Show	Brookdale	10 a.m.
TBA	Show	Riverview Terrace	4 - 5 p.m.

Our fourth Saturday November 28 jam in Sutherlin was cancelled so we could play at Jim Deaton's memorial service and luncheon in Myrtle Creek on that day. Jim (and his wife Gynn) started and ran the Canyonville Pioneer Days Fiddle Contest for 40 years. As volunteers, they were also involved in the state convention in Roseburg for many years. Jim served as OOTFA State Vice President in 1980-81. Gynn continues to serve as District 10 Treasurer and audits the state books on an annual basis. She plans to attend the January State Meeting and hopes to see many of the old timers.

Sixteen musicians and several member listeners attended the memorial/jam in honor of Jim Deaton. The family was very gracious to include us and enjoy our music. Wayne and Annie Carter of District 6 also made the trip south. Thanks for coming.

Our December 26 jam in Sutherlin also included a meeting. Decisions there will be reported in the February Hoedowner. To not conflict with state meetings in 2016, we'll be back to holding district meetings before the jams in February, May, August and November.

District 10 will host the January State Jam and Board Meeting at Sutherlin Community Center (150 S. Willamette Street) in the town's Central Park on Saturday, January 23 from 9 am to 4 pm. After the center is set up on Friday, an impromptu jam will take place at Sutherlin Grange Hall (851 Comstock Rd.) that evening for early arrivals. Please contact Sharon

Thompson to volunteer. This year, we have National Honor Roll high school students helping us with the hard work. We need assistants and supervisors.

In December, we played regular gigs at several assisted living, memory care and nursing center facilities. Mark your calendars 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. Contact Sharon if you can help out.

January birthdays to celebrate include those for Joyce Pickett on Jan 1, Julie Yarbrough on Jan 11, Bernice Orr on Jan 14, Caleb Hartsell on Jan 15, and Francis Stephenson on Jan 24. Happy Birthday All!

Bob Hanson is in need of your prayers and thoughts due to health issues. His cancer has spread, his health is failing, and Jean is caring for him at home.

At our jams, we have a table for music-related items and instruments for sale, exchange or rent. A donation by the seller back to District 10 and OOTFA is encouraged.

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.

March 19 State Fiddle Contest Chemeketa Community College, Salem Bldg 6, 7:30 a.m.-10 p.m.

(see schedule)

New Members to Welcome!

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Arlene Seto Ching
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