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From Your President

Greetings,

I always love the day that the Winter Solstice arrives, not because it's the shortest day of the year, but because of what follows. Each day then begins and ends with a few more minutes of light until we have the brightness of spring waving good bye to winter.

Speaking of the light of spring, please send your healing prayers and loving thoughts to Bob Hanson in District 10 and Pat Weyer in District 5, who both have had some health issues. Bob & Pat, all of us who know you, we are sending you love from our OOTFA family.

I hope you're all as excited as I am to be looking forward to our annual spring events! First up after the January State meeting will be our State Contest in March. Our fine fiddlers from all over the state--from young ones to Senior/Seniors will play their favorite fiddle tunes at Chemeketa Community College in Salem. Many of our players are State and National Champions, and several have placed in the top ten or better at the Nationals. Last year we had a record number of contestants, and this year also bodes well for a fine event.

Please encourage your fiddling member friends to come and join the fun. Our wonderful Contest Chairman Eileen Walter says, ***"Entering the contest is free if you pre-register, which you can do by mail, email, or phone, or download your forms on www.OOTFAJoinDonate.com or, Use the pre-registration form in last months Hoedowner. If you have any questions about the State Fiddle Contest, feel free to contact me at: gdaewalt@comcast.net or 503-701-1578."***

What could be better following the contest than to celebrate our success for another year at the **OOTFA State Convention in Rickreall on April 6th- 9th?** Members from all over the state arrive for our biggest jam, show and banquet. Please put this date on your calendar, and let's make this the best convention ever! We will be electing our new leadership for the coming year. *"I want to apologize now for what will be a shorter appearance from me this year, as I will be recovering from some knee replacement surgery in late March and will be hobbling around with limited mobility. This year if you can lend an extra helping hand, let me know and I will find a task for you. 541-647-4789"*

In light of this being the year to elect leadership, our wonderful Secretary Treasurer team of Darla Knudsen & Sharon Thompson has agreed to continue to keep OOTFA running smoothly, along with Glen Churchfield as Co Parliamentarian. I'm excited to announce we have received the nomination of Jim Kuether, our current VP, to run for President. If you have any other nominations for the good of the order, please forward ASAP to Darla Knudsen for preparation of the voting ballots.

I look forward to the remaining months of my term as OOTFA President with great pride to be a part of such a wonderful organization with new and old friends that I've been lucky to meet from all over the state. I hope to see as many of you as possible over the course of our upcoming yearly events. So stay warm and cozy, welcome the spring, and enjoy our precious gifts of life, family, and friends.

~ Roland, State President



Kelly Wadsworth and Lois Eagleton with holiday cheer at District 10's holiday party.

From the Editor

Here are four more of our "National Treasures", interviewed at Myrtle Creek this past summer:

- Naomi Bruhns has been a member for 35 years. She was introduced to OOTFA by Lee Cushman. Naomi enjoys cooking, sewing, writing, and dancing. Her life's work has been to own and manage a restaurant.
- Judy McGarvey has been a member of OOTFA for 18 yrs. She's been playing fiddle for 73 years. She enjoys swimming, teaching fiddle, and music. Her life's work was as an adolescent psychotherapy nurse.
- Bruce McGarvey, husband of Judy. He enjoys trains, history and geneology.
- John Renfro has been a member for 10 years, but has been interested in music for 60 years. Gene Williams introduced him to OOTFA.

~ Karen

From the Editor Emeritus

"Coming home" October 12, 1997 - Newport Elks Breakfast.

On the way home from Newport, Alice and I stopped by the "old home place" near Falls City where my family moved to in 1940. When we approached the front porch we saw two women visiting with my brother . . . "neighbor girls" we knew 55 years ago. Their father had been an "old time fiddler." Since Alice and I had our fiddles, we were invited to "play a few tunes." We played a couple of tunes that their father might have played. My brother asked for Missouri Waltz which was the favorite of our mother

and father, and then we ended with Amazing Grace. There wasn't a dry eye in that little group sitting on the porch. It only serves to remind me that you don't have to play in Carnegie Hall or in Nashville to bring pleasure to people. I just imagine as the ladies returned to California and Montana this week that this story will be told again and again "about the fiddle music just like Dad and Howard use to play." Sometimes just playing our fiddles on a warm afternoon on the front porch for three people brings back many memories and adds to the joy of the moment.

~ Lew

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February Events

14	meeting/dance	Shasta Grange	12:15 - 3:00 p.m.
16	gig	Pelican Point	10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
18	gig	Plum Ridge	10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
18	gig	Brookdale	1:30 - 2:30 p.m.
25	gig	Quail Park	10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
25	gig	Rogue River Place	1 - 2 p.m.

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

Hope your New Year is going great.

Our first dance of the New Year was wonderful--lots of listeners and players. A big thank you to Irene and Jerry for opening up the hall, working in the kitchen and the to others that helped cleaning up. Noranne had to be out of town.

Since our next jam and dance is on Valentine's Day, maybe someone can come up with something special to do. It will soon be time for elections, and we will need a new chairman and co-chair. District 1 really needs members to step up and take these positions.



John MacRae invited every child in the room to get up on stage with him to sing the tune, "Ally Bally Bee". Winchester Bay, December 2015

District 1 (continued from page 2)

Our "meet the member" this month is Marie Kliewer. Marie was born in Rabey, Minnesota, a town that is no longer there. Marie has a twin sister. The twins were visiting one time at a house that had a piano. Her sister sat down and played by ear "Home Sweet Home". It wasn't long before their dad got a piano for the girls. Marie's sister went on to play quite well, but Marie only learned to chord. Marie grew up loving music and writing songs and poems. She had five of them recorded. Back in that day, Floyd Tillman was popular, and he sang one of her songs: "Pour Me A Heartache". Brenda Carter sang "I Can Read Your Mind" and "The End Of Every Woman Is a Man". All of these songs went on to be recorded. Marie and her sister sang over the radio station KOZY in Minnesota. Her twin sister sang melody and Marie sang harmony. Marie's other love is poetry. Hardly a day goes by that she doesn't write a poem or a song. I asked her to share one of her poems with me. Marie wrote this one in 1985: "Who's Who".

I've heard much about winners and losers, assumptions have never made sense.

Because a man loses that one thing, to call him a loser is dense.

To say a man is a born loser is petty and said by a fool.

An assumptive arrogant thinker, one who is thoughtless and cruel.

Though a Doctor, may be a great doctor, he may not be financially astute.

A ball game may be won by winners, then be losers at the marksmen's shoot.

Do we learn most from winning or losing? Ask yourself and forget about pride.

Is it not true when you lose at something you learned more for the next time you try?

Life is much like a ball game, we win some and we lose some, it's true.

We are all born winners and losers; There is no such thing as "Who's Who".

Marie Kliewer, 1985

Marie is lots of fun and is a great supporter to District 1.

February Birthdays are: Ben Coker, Lynn Foster, Del Sparks
Let us know if we are missing anyone.

~ Noranne Sparks, District 1 Reporter

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February Events

6	jam	Senior Center	2 p.m.
8	business meeting	Senior Center	7 p.m.

Our annual election of officers will be held at our February 8th Business Meeting. If you'd like to volunteer for office or if you're afraid you'll be elected if you don't show up, then be there! We always have fun. Also remember it's time to get your dues in to Sharilyn, \$25 with paper copy of Hoedowner or \$20 if you want to read it electronically.

Our condolences go out to Faith Kersey, whose husband, Ron, died on Jan 4. They are long time members of District 1E, from Christmas Valley. May Faith be blessed with lots of great memories.

The Umpteenth Annual Silver Lake Campout and Jam will be on May 5-8. Please come join us for more fresh air, food, and fun than you know what to do with. The folks I know that go always bring home enough good memories to last them for a whole year. Sharilyn has been collecting hats for songs that Terry doesn't know yet.

Happy Valentines Day to all you romantics out there. I don't know about the rest of you but I believe in Santa Claus, The Easter Bunny, and the little red fella that flies around and shoots the arrows on Valentines Day. Just 'cause you don't see them doesn't mean they aren't real.

Our prayers for snow have been answered this winter. It's been great; we've been getting an inch or two at a time. It's only up to the bottom wire on a barb wire fence but it's packed down and should last a while. The mountains have been getting a lot. The lowest wind chill temperature we've had has been somewhere south of 15 below. Yesterday was amazing; we had freezing fog. Everything was covered with a

beautiful layer of frost. The trees and bushes were especially pretty, covered with "sparklies".

I was recently reading a book from Baxter Black, cowboy poet extraordinaire. He was defining why the world needs cowboys. "The world needs cowboys for the same reason we need knights, punt returners, banjo players and Marines. You have to have someone you can send in first." I salute those of you in OOTFA who go first! You're a huge encouragement to the rest of us.

~ Keith W. Steward, District 1E Reporter



New Years Day at Madras: Barb, Marcel, Lulu, Steve, Dave Carlson, Vivian Tucker

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Howdy from District 3:

We would like to say HI to all and thanks to our musicians, all 29, for coming out today and making our jam a great success. There were a few musicians who were there for the first time and we hope they come back.

Our jam started with Jack Kerr leading us in our National Anthem with all standing and hats off. It is very good in this day and age to see the respect.

It is still pretty cold here in Central Oregon but the sun was shining, and that helped bring all our guests and dancers out. Sun and of course... the good music. We have some wonderful dancers, and it is fun to watch some of the awesome steps being done. We are also getting quite a few line dancers joining us.

There were approximately 80 guests today with several being 1st timers. We also welcome new members, Don and Naomi Rowe from Sisters. Thanks to Teri Tucker for doing all our bookwork, as lots of members renewed for 2016.

District 3 was on TV !! We were happy to have a reporter from News Channel 21- KTVZ here today. A video of musicians, dancers and a short interview with Jeanette Bondsteel was shown

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District 4 Website: www.OOTFA4.org Check Us Out!

We're into another new year, calendar-wise, and also another new water year for our state. According to the weather reports, it's a good one for water--maybe too good for some districts! Here in the Rogue Valley, it seems to be just right. The hills are showing some green, the Rogue River is churning along, pushing back its banks and promising a lovely water activities year ahead. In every garden, bulbs are nudging through the moist soil ensuring us, "Yes! There will be SPRING!"

Beginning fiddle classes have resumed, and the students have really mastered "Boiling Cabbage". Judy is starting them on "Pop goes the Weasel", and from the sound of their first day, I'm sure they will soon have it down and be moving on to another tune in a few weeks. Our other fiddle teacher, Pat Manion, has improved, health wise, and would appreciate any students to drop in and play some tunes with him. Pat is mostly home bound and if you are not experiencing any health problems, grab your musical instrument and pay him a visit.

Our January jam was terrific. We had a great variety of main dishes, wonderful salads and many desserts. Thank you to everyone who brought food, to the musicians and to all who helped clean up. It

February Events

1	gig	Madras Senior Center	1 - 4 p.m.
9	jam	Bondsteel's home	5 pm-?
10	jam/dance	Powell Butte Comm. Ctr.	1 - 4 p.m.

on the 6 p.m. and 10 p.m. news. A big thanks to KTVZ !!

Members Vivian and Tommy Tucker, The Tucker Family Band, hosted a New Years Day jam at the Madras senior center from 1-4 p.m. They were joined by OOTFA players, Brad Gray, Frank Borden, John Schultz, Jack Kerr, Hollis Real, Wayne Bobbitt, Ron Jackson and Gordy Michael. There was a very good turnout of guests and dancers.

On Saturday the 9th there was an impromptu jam at Jeanette Bondsteel's. There were about 5-6 musicians who worked on songs and had a good time.

Mark your calendars for September 8, 9, and 10th, 2016. Those are the dates for the 2nd annual Central Oregon Country Music Gathering (COCMG) in Prineville. Details will be in the Hoedowner and posted on our website www.centraloregonfiddlers.com. We hope to see all there.

A Happy Birthday wish goes out to Ben on the 18th, Gerry on the 22nd and Marge on the 26th.

Stay warm and dry, but think SNOW ! We need it.

~ Pat Borden, Kim Martin, District 3 Reporters

February Events

6	meeting/jam	Applegate Fire District 9, 1095, Jacksonville	11:30 meeting, jam begins at 1 p.m.
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was a fun day. Unfortunately, the day of our jam we received the sad news of the passing of our long-time member, Rocky Davis. Rocky and his wife, Elizabeth, lived in Prospect, Oregon. Rocky played the accordian. The audience loved for him to play "Snow Waltz", and they would join in with the whoop. We will miss Rocky, but we'll keep many warm memories in our hearts.

On Christmas morning, we woke up to the unbelievable news that the Butte Creek Mill had burned to the ground. Our hearts are with Bob Russell, the owner. He has used our group every year and several times a year to play at the mill. At this time, he plans to rebuild. Our February jam is at a new location: the Applegate Fire District 9. 1095 Applegate Road in Jacksonville. There is a map attached to our monthly calendar on the website. If you need further directions, call a district officer. There will be a meeting at 11:30. Open-to -the-public jam starts at 1:00. Bring snacks to share. The March jam we will be at Eagle Point Grange in Eagle Point.

Happy Valentine's Day. "Music is love in search of words." Leigh Hunt

~ Judy Lyons, District 4 Reporter

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Junior Hoedowner: Meyer Mathias



Meyer Mathias

Meyer Mathias, age 14, has been playing the fiddle for a little over a year. When he first saw the fiddle he wondered, "How can you make a million songs with just four strings?" Since then, Meyer, along with his classmates, have learned approximately thirty plus songs and continue to learn more. Every month, Meyer and the rest of the students visit a local assisted living care facility and play with other Old Time Fiddlers. Meyer says, "My favorite part about playing is seeing them smile!"

When Meyer isn't fiddling, he is usually building something. From the time Meyer was a toddler, you could find him playing outdoors making forts. Meyer's love for construction continues as he gets older. Whenever he can, Meyer works with his dad, Allen, an electrical contractor, watching and learning all he can about the building process.

Whether fiddling or building, Meyer is always having a fun time.

Tune of the Month: Marmaduke's Hornpipe

Marmaduke's Hornpipe

from Earl Willis
Springfield, OR
(originally Missouri)

* The G chord (IV) provides a sense of movement even though it clashes slightly with the melody. This set of chords is known as "Missouri Rules" and is often preferred whether or not it fits exactly.

Variations on measures 2 & 3.

Earl would play close to the frog on this one for a choppy sound. The tip of the bow would fly back and forth, what he called the "Missouri whip."

The first three of these were Earl's standard interchangeable licks for this type of tune. The last one is lifted from Cricket on the Hearth. Also, try playing the 'A' part up an octave.

A classic Missouri tune played by Earl Willis of Springfield, Oregon. The tune is named for a Nineteenth Century governor of Missouri. Earl was raised in Boone County, Missouri, a descendant of Daniel Boone's brother on his mother's side. A fine hoedown fiddler, while he lived in California, Earl played for square dancers at the Los Angeles County Fair and for a private party at the home of film star Norma Shearer, where a drunk Frank Sinatra grabbed Earl's fiddle saying, "Lemme see that thing." This carefully detailed transcription comes from Stuart Williams of Seattle, music editor of the Washington Old Time Fiddler's Association newsletter. The transcription appears in the *Evergreen Fiddler Tunebook Vol. 1, 2001-2002*.



Linda Danielson

Note: On line you can find a nice youtube video of Stuart and Vivian Williams discussing this tune and playing a variety of different versions.
~ Karen



Carole Vorce (District 4) playing the bowed dulcimer at Rogue Valley Retirement Center in Grants Pass.

**Fiddle Tips by Eileen Walter:
State Fiddle Contest: Judging and Volunteering ~ Saturday, March 19, 2016**



Eileen Walter

Counting down to contest time....about 7 weeks away!!

Judging

The Judging Room/Tabulation Room is a fast paced, busy place. In addition to the three judges who are busy listening carefully and filling out score sheets, there are two tabulators who are busy adding and totaling scores, making lists, completing forms, determining who will be playing in round 2, and who will be receiving awards. There is a time-keeper timing the rounds to determine if there will be any point deductions for rounds that go over the time limit.

The people working in the judging room will not be able to watch the contest or hear the introductions of the contestants. They will hear the music through speakers which are turned off and on by the MC at the podium. The exceptions to this are the Twin Fiddle Division and the Anything Goes Division where the judges sit in the audience.

The judges have a demanding job – to listen carefully to each tune and consider aspects of the fiddling such as tempo, rhythm, danceability, tone, intonation, dynamics, control, and overall quality of fiddling. In addition, they are thinking about the many intangible and difficult to define qualities of musicianship. Thinking of all these qualities, they form an opinion that can be converted to a number so the contestants can be ranked. In addition to writing the numbers for each tune on the score sheets (which are collected by the tabulators after each contestant completes the round), the judges keep a separate notebook listing each contestant by number, what tunes they played, what scores they gave each tune, and any identifying characteristics to help them remember when they look back to compare. A judge must be totally focused the entire time; there is no time for their attention to wander. At just about the time they're writing down a score for the last tune a contestant plays, the next contestant is beginning their round. The judges must think fast; they only have a little more than a minute per tune.

The tabulators keep very busy adding up the judge's scores. After compiling the scores from round 1 in each division, they will determine which contestants have the highest scores and will be competing in round 2. They will draw up the order of play for round 2, make copies, and give the copies to runners to distribute. As the scores come in from round 2, they will continue to add them together, document everything on forms, and rank the contestants in order.

Volunteers

Our state treasurer, Sharon Thompson, does a lot of work for the contest. She's the person with the checkbook, so she writes a lot of checks for awards and many other things. She handles the money at the contest, arranges for our contest to be Weiser certified, and completes the Weiser certificates for the first place winners. She also helps out in many other ways. Our state membership chair, Patti Luse, keeps busy at the contest registering new members. Many others have provided valuable assistance over the years, and we thank you again for all your help.

Many volunteers keep the contest running smoothly: the contestant wrangler, the backstage manager, the "runners", the tabulators, the time keepers, the registration desk helpers, the front door ticket sellers. There are many other tasks taken on by volunteers that make things run smoothly – such as making copies, collecting money for CDs and books, bringing food and drink to the judging room and the MC, etc. We also have volunteers recording the contest and taking photos. Some of these positions require several people to take different time shifts. I'm specifically looking for volunteers to take shifts at the registration desk, at the front door, and as time keepers in the judging room. Please contact me if you're interested – it is work – but it is fun work!

Registration

It's not too early to pre-register! The form which lists the information I need can be found as an insert in the January Hoedowner. You can also find the schedule there. On line, just google: OOTFA Hoedowner, then click on Hoedowner Insert January 2016.

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~Eileen



Ron Jackson and John Schultz jamming at Madras on New year's day



Bernice Orr plays harmonica at the holiday party in Sutherlin



Bob Hanson, Jim Kuether and Hal Thompson

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Reporter: Susan Joubert

Once again, we welcome a new year as it gives a sense of renewal, routine and pursuit of personal and team goals to help make our clubs better.

How very grateful we were to hear that Pat Weyer had a successful surgery on Dec. 30th, and that he is recovering well at their son's home, hoping to be back in Coos Bay before the end of January. His audiences and fellow musicians have missed him and Ruth during their absence. How wonderful it will be to have them back in the swing of things.

Although our December jam did not have many in attendance, all who were there enjoyed it. We welcomed the following guests: Jim Kuether, Hal and Sharon Thompson, Bob and Jean Hanson (all from District 10), as well as Zane and Phyllis Coffin and Jesse and Darla Knudsen (from District 6).

A special thanks to Darla for manning the raffle table as some of the key members of our team were unable to be with us that day. Thank you, Darla, for helping out with this ongoing monthly project.

After Christmas, on our return home from Beaverton, while driving south on I-5, I noticed a leafless tree standing alone in a green field, a flock of more than 200 geese soaring across the sky, and hills dotted with snow. The loveliness of the scene led me to think about districts, musicians and OOTFA. Each item of the winter scene made up the whole-- just as each of us, in various districts, reach out to help and encourage one another. The musicians play various instruments and with different degrees of abilities. Some play, others sing and there are those who perform as back-up musicians and others who stand in the back as they improve their skills. Each one is

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New Year's Day fell on January's first Friday, 1-1-16. Word was that our popular monthly jam at Eugene Hotel was a no-go because of the holiday, but in an 11th-hour switcheroo, the jam was on and musicians rallied in force. Eighteen jammers showed up to entertain Hotel residents, and all parties had a splendid evening of fiddle music and song. Thanks to Doug Fleener for joining the fun! We look forward to seeing him at more jams and as an instructor at the 2016 West Cascades Fiddle Camp and Workshops.

Also jam-packed with talent and good spirit was the District 6 jam, business meeting and potluck. At the meeting, a

February Events

3	gig	Oerdings, Coquille	1 - 2 p.m.
3	gig	Myrtle Point Care Center, Myrtle Point	3 - 4 p.m.
10	gig	Bay Crest, North Bend	1:30 - 2:30 p.m.
10	gig	Evergreen Court (next to Bay Crest) North Bend	3 - 4 p.m.
17	gig	West Wind Court, Bandon	1:30 - 2:30 p.m.
17	gig	Pacific View, Bandon	3 - 4 p.m.
20	meeting/jam	Winchester Bay Comm. Ctr.meeting on stage 1 - 3 p.m., circle jam	11a.m. - noon 3 - 4 p.m.
24	gig	Memory Care, Coos Bay	1:30 - 2:30 p.m.
24	gig	Avamere Coos Bay,	3 - 4 p.m.

needed. The bottom line is that each person, musician or not, is important to our organization.

Just this week, our young ones were in the midst of picking their songs for the fiddle contest to be held in Salem in March. I would encourage you to take in the contest, if only for an hour or two. It will make you proud to be part of this group. Bring a friend with you, to help spread the word about OOTFA.

Keep your ears and eyes open regarding an event in Brookings to be held sometime in the spring.

This week I want to introduce you to Art Bigelow, one of our non musicians, but a very dependable member and hard worker. He arrives early at our jams and helps to set up chairs, carry equipment from the back room, and put out the sign for the community so the locals know they are invited. Art was born in Coos County, and through his younger years he attended various schools, including those in Inglewood, Tiller, Canyonville and Day's Creek, where he graduated from high school. He met his wife, Charlotte, when she was in 1st grade and he was in 4th. They lived in Shady Cove from 1959-2011. Art worked 14 years in the plywood mills and ended his career with the US Forest Service where he was employed for 26 years. His hobbies included fishing, camping and farming as well as collecting old cars that he enjoyed tinkering with. He and his wife toured with a 1968 Mercury Montego Convertible, and he is now is looking for a 1930-31 Model A roadster. You can always find Art at our events with his good friend, Colleen Hodges.

~ Susan Joubert, District 5 Reporter

"Music is like ice cream; it is good for your soul." Ken Joubert

February Events

5	jam	Eugene Hotel,	7 p.m - 9-ish
6	Intermediate Fiddle Class	River Rd. Annex	1 - 4p.m.
8	Basic Fiddle Class	Bethesda Lutheran Church	1 - 4 p.m.
12	jam	Crow Grange	7 p.m.
13	jam	Central Grange	12 - 4 p.m.
19	jam	YaPoAh Terrace	7 - 9 p.m.
26	jam	Willakenzie Grange	7 p.m.

three-person advocacy committee was created to be a communication conduit and conflict mediation resource between members and the Board. The membership also voted that potluck lunches will only be hosted at the quarterly business meetings, with a circle jam from 10-11, meeting at 11, lunch at 12 and jamming from 1 until 4.

For regular monthly jams, folks are invited to bring finger foods that will be available during a 20-minute break, for those who choose. Others may elect to play on. Coffee will be provided and we will consider offering a birthday cake each month. The

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starting time of the jam will be adjusted so that it will begin at noon and end at 4:00 p.m..

Dave Altman, Dave Morris, Hal and Sharon Thompson and Jim Kuether added elements of diversity, energy and polish to our jams. Thanks for making the drive!

Fiddle Camp plans are percolating. A stellar line-up of instructors have confirmed, brochures will be created late this month and will be available at the State Fiddle Contest and the Convention, so mark your calendars for July 18-21. If you have been, you know it's a top-notch camp. If you have not had the pleasure, maybe 2016 will be your year to get in on the groove.

Best birthday wishes to Kathy Ness, Gary Baran, Tony Humphrey, Phyllis Coffin and Dave Stubbs. Happy Anniversary to these celebrants: Willie and Edna Carter and Galen and Kathy Ness.

~ Amy Burrow, District 6 Reporter

The Frontier Heritage Fair is a fun, hands-on event focusing on history of America prior to 1898. It takes place at the Lane County Fairgrounds Auditorium on February 20 & 21. The Old Time Fiddlers have been a valuable part of the event for the past several years, and you're invited again this year. It's informal; a few musicians just get together and show up when convenient. Musicians get free admission and are welcome 9-5 on Saturday and before 3 Sunday. There will be at least two OOTFA members present during the event. For information, call Melody Morrell 541-689-4281.

District 7 (Portland, Northern Coast Area)

Chair: Marcella Easley, 503-631-3149

Co-Chair: Donna Foreman, 503-630-3577

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

February Events

- 12 gig and banquet, Eagle Creek Grange, 24491 SE Eagle Creek Road, 5:30 p.m. Dinner, Play at 6:00 p.m.
- 14 jam, Gladstone Senior Center, 1050 Portland Ave., Gladstone, Doors open at 11:30 a.m. Sign-up playing 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
- 21 circle jam Estacada Public Library 2:30 - 4:30 p.m.
- 28 NW Jam, 600 NE 8th Street, Gresham, Doors open at 11:00 a.m., Sign-up playing 12:30 - 3:30 p.m.

During January, the Portland area had some ice storms and because of that, we needed to cancel our first jam of the year. That doesn't happen very often and hopefully it won't happen again in February. We have four interesting events coming up, and the first is one of the most fun all year—the Eagle Creek Grange Valentines Banquet. If you have never come to this event, it really is a delight. It is great fun going to an old-fashioned country grange which is decorated beautifully for Valentine's Day and then being served a delicious dinner with homemade pie for dessert. We play on a stage for a very lively crowd that really enjoys our old time music. Everyone has a good time, and we look forward to seeing new players this year.

Many of us in District 7 enjoyed attending the 17th Annual Portland Old Time Music Gathering in January. It was held at the Tiffany Center and other venues in Portland. The five day event

was well- attended with excellent activities : square dances, open jams, concerts, children's activities, workshops—fiddle, guitar, mandolin, banjo, vocal, and others. If you missed it, check it out next year; it's really a unique gathering.

We are now getting ready for the State Fiddle Contest coming up on March 19th. Don't forget to check out Eileen Walters "Fiddle Tips" in the January Hoedowner for information on volunteering and competing at contest-- also look for the tentative schedule and a pre-application form. District 7 is happy to send in a donation to the contest every year. It will be a terrific show—don't miss it!

We hope by this time Ron Zabudsky is recovering well from his bypass surgery. We're thinking of you Ron—get well soon.

~ Elaine Schmidt, District 7 Reporter

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

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Reporter: Alice Holt, 503-391-5377

District 8 fiddlers and friends are invited to play in the Capitol Rotunda on Saturday February 13th to celebrate Oregon's Birthday. We are scheduled from 10 to 11 a.m. and may play outside later if the weather permits. This is a fun gig with lots of people visiting the capitol. Come and join us!

For several years a small group has played for an ALS fundraiser at the Masonic Lodge in Newberg. Since the group was small, they gave us free dinners. The date this year is February 20th. Because this is our regular jam date, we'd like to invite everyone in the district to come and pay for our own dinners. It's reasonably priced, and the

February Events

- 13 gig Oregon State Capitol Salem 10 - 11 a.m.
- 20 gig Chicken & Dumplings Newberg 4 - 7 p.m.

food is good, Chicken and dumplings, salad, pie and coffee. If you want to play and not eat, that's fine. We start at 4 p.m. and play until 7 p.m. with time to eat in shifts. The address is 402 East Sheridan St., Newberg. It's at the corner of Sheridan and Blaine. It's a large brick building. The dinner is in the basement via a ramp.

How to get there: Coming from the east going towards McMinnville, the block after the third light is Blaine with RR tracks going through it. Turn right to the north. The lodge is one block on the right -- the corner of Blaine and Sheridan. Coming from McMinnville, turn left going north on Blaine. Extra parking on corner of Hancock and Sheridan.

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Some of us will have attended the quarterly meeting and jam at Sutherlin on January 23rd. More on that next month, but we know it will be fun to visit and play music with friends.

We are saddened by the death of Allison Roberts. She and Curly were stalwart members of District 6 for many years. When they began to have health problems, they moved to Salem to be near their son, Ed, and his wife, Casey. We welcomed them and enjoyed them when they were able to come to our jams. Curly is an awesome harmonica player.

Spring will be here soon, bringing the OOTFA Fiddle Contest at Chemeketa Community College in Salem on March 19th. The annual OOTFA Convention will be at the Fairgrounds in Rickreall April 6th

District 9 (Burns - John Day Area)

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Co-Chair: Pam Listcher

Secretary/Treasurer: George Sahlberg

Reporter: Marianne Andrews

Janet started our Sunday potluck and jam with a short meeting so that we could support the State Fiddle Contest, and then Ian and Ruel kicked off the music. We had 10 musicians and a small clapper contingent. Randy and Paula Cook joined the OOTFA. Welcome to our newest members. Randy plays guitar and sings, and Paula, who plays mandolin, is Ruel and Margaret Teague's daughter.

Our dear dancer and lemon meringue pie maker and wonderful helper, Rose Roberts, passed away December 19th at the age

District 10 (Roseburg, Canyonville, Sutherlin Area)

Chair: Colleen Hanks, 541-733-5381, crhanksba@aol.com

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Membership: Vacant (Please give your dues to Sharon Thompson)

Program Coordinator: Vacant (Contact Sharon Thompson if you can help out)

Reporter: Joe Ross, 541-670-9120 or 541-673-9759, rossjoe@hotmail.com

Our fourth Saturday jam in Sutherlin had a small turnout, but the music was great. We appreciated guest Bob Shaffar's participation on fiddle and Dobro. He even sang a number. A members' meeting preceded the jam, and the only major decision was to contribute to the State Fiddle Contest coming up in March. It was noted that both our Chairperson and Co-Chair's two-year terms are up in July, and they can't run again.

Our district's treasury is very stable with over \$4,000 in it. During 2016, we'll get back to holding our district member meetings before the jams in February, May, August and November. Come at 11 a.m. on February 27.

District 10 hosted the January State Jam and Board Meeting at Sutherlin Community Center on January 23. It was again a very successful event. We thank Sharon Thompson, Roseburg High School students, National Honor Society volunteers, and everyone who helped us.

In January, we played regular gigs at several assisted living, memory care and nursing center facilities. Mark your calendars for shows on the second Wednesday (Rose Haven), third Monday (Callahan Court), fourth Monday (Callahan Village), and second Thursday every other month (Bridgewood

through 9th. Hope many of you can attend these events. They are two of the highlights of our fiddle year.

Plan to come to the mobile home park in Newberg on March 12th. We will have an IMPORTANT MEETING at 11:30 a.m. to elect officers and take care of other district business. Bring a lunch if you wish. We'll play from 1 to 3 p.m. or so. Specific directions will be in next month's Hoedowner.

Many thanks to Elaine Connors for expending great effort to keep our membership up to date. If you haven't renewed yet, do it now! The new roster will be printed before the convention, and we want your information to be there.

~ Alice Holt, District 8 Reporter

February Events

5	jam	Friday Night Jam (check with Janet for time & location)	
12	gig	The Aspens	7 - 9 p.m.
14	jam	Senior Center Valentine's Day, 1 p.m. potluck	2 p.m. jam
19	jam	Friday Night Jam	
22	gig	Ashley Manor	6 - 7 p.m.
26	jam	Friday Night Jam	

of 91. We'll miss her greatly as she was a life member and very active. You will remember the red head dancing with her son. Be certain to call one of the officers for the home or facility that the jams are held in. They always welcome newcomers.

Take your valentine to a Fiddler's Jam!

Musically Yours,

~ Marianne Andrews, District 9 Reporter

February Events

10	gig	Rose Haven (2nd Wednesday)	10 a.m.
15	gig	Callahan Court (3rd Monday)	2:30 p.m.
22	gig	Callahan Village (4th Monday)	3:30 p.m.
27	meeting/jam	Sutherlin Grange Hall	11 a.m. mtg; 12 - 3 p.m. jam
TBA	gig	Bridgewood Rivers (2nd Thurs every other month)	1:30 p.m.
TBA	gig	Brookdale	10 a.m.
TBA	gig	Riverview Terrace	4 - 5 p.m.

Rivers) beginning March 10. Additional shows at Riverview Terrace and Brookdale Memory Care will be announced by Sharon after they're booked. Contact Sharon if you can help out.

Good luck to our Membership Coordinator Irena Lane who has moved to Letha, Idaho. Keep in touch with her at P.O. Box 54, Letha, Id. 83636. We're in need of someone to fill that position, as well as Program Coordinator which Sharon continues to temporarily handle. Dues for 2016 are currently being collected. We also bid a fond farewell to Mac and Patsy Parker who are relocating to Arizona.

The only February birthday I know about is Dona Brown's on February 3. Happy Birthday Dona!

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

March 19	State Fiddle Contest --Chemeketa Community College, Salem Bldg 6, 7:30 a.m.-10 p.m. (see schedule)
April 6-9	State Convention, Board Meeting, Election of Officers--Polk Co. Fairgrounds, Rickreall
May 5-8	Silver Lake Campout--Silver Lake
June 16-18	Hi Desert Jamboree & State Board Mtg.--Harney Co. Fairgrounds, Burns
June 22-27	National Fiddle Contest--Weiser, Idaho
July 18-21	West Cascades Fiddle Camp--Westridge Middle School near Oakridge
August 6	Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest--Corvallis
August 18-21	Winchester Bay Campout--Winchester Bay
September 8-10	Central Oregon Country Music Gathering--Prineville

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Jared Carter
Ed Fritz
Nora Haines
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Judy and Oliver Robinett
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Philip Smith
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