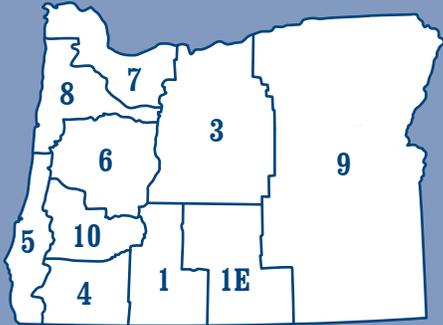


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## From Your President

Greetings Valued OOTFA members,

With spring just a breath away, we have many blessings that our fine organization should be thankful for. But the biggest blessing is the friendships that we cherish with our fellow members.

Earlier this month, we received the news of the passing of Phil Fry in District 1. Phil had a twinkle in his eye that shined with brightness and kindness to all who met him. He was a leader in District 1, finding a way to do whatever was necessary to make an event successful and fun. I hope that Phil's willingness to serve OOTFA and the public at large will be an inspiration for all of us to serve as he has done. We are a family of musical friendships in OOTFA, and we extend our sincere condolences to Sheila Fry, their family, and their friends.

In January, District 10 hosted our board meeting and certainly made it a memorable weekend. A big thank you to Colleen Hanks, Sharon Thompson, Gene Hodson, Gynn Deaton, and all the volunteers of District 10 for the set-up and hospitality. Joe Ross, reporter, took beautiful photos of the weekend and then posted them on our Facebook pages for all members to enjoy.

Spring is rapidly approaching and with it two of our biggest yearly events. This month will be our **Annual Oregon State Fiddle Contest on March 19th**. For those who haven't seen a full day of serious fiddling, our annual fiddle contest should be on your calendar! Under the excellent leadership of Eileen Walter, we had a huge turnout last year with over 70 contestants. **Entering the contest is free if you pre-register. See our Junior Hoedowner section for details.**

The second big event of the spring is **April 6-9: the OOTFA State Convention in Rickreall!** In addition to a slate of fiddling and jamming fun, evening performances and workshops are being planned, and new officers will be elected at the membership meeting. A schedule of events will be posted at the convention. Darla Knudsen reports that we will also be voting on a proposed amendment to the bylaws which would change the beginning of the term of office for the newly elected officers.

During the convention, our **Annual Banquet** will be held at 5 p.m. Saturday, April 9. There, we will honor and recognize outstanding members. We have a menu choice of either **Beef Brisket with Barbecue Sauce** or **Parmesan Chicken** (both entrees come with a salad, au gratin potatoes, and a special dessert) for \$15.95. **Please send your checks for banquet tickets to Sharon Gallagher** (and let her know your preference of entrees) at 1601 Rhododendron Dr., #541, Florence, Oregon 97439.

Districts 7 and 8 will host Wednesday, April 6, for the early birds (in the room around back). Food service will be provided at the convention Thursday through Saturday. As in the past, each district should provide three potted plants for the banquet tables.

Best wishes to all, and may the new season put "spring in your steps."

~ Roland, State President



President Roland fiddling in Sutherlin.

## From the Editor

I had the fortune to play with District 8 in the rotunda of the capitol for Oregon's birthday in February. It was wonderful to be a part of this historic event. I so enjoyed watching the children as they walked in the door, heard the music, and instantly started bouncing to the beat--with smiles on their faces and curiosity in their eyes. It is important to appreciate that our members

are offering a rare glimpse of live, acoustic, traditional music that many young people in our state would not otherwise experience. This music IS history, and it's a gift we can uniquely give young Oregonians.

~ Karen

## From the Editor Emeritus

Whoever would have thought that "being a fiddler" or belonging to OOTFA would take us down so many interesting paths? Over the many years we have played at grange halls, senior centers, picnics, churches, weddings, funerals...you name a place and we have probably played there. Writing this on February 14, I can say that yesterday was a very special day for Oregon and for OOTFA. A number of us arrived at the capitol building early to plan our tunes for the first set. The front doors opened, and as people came in, we started playing. Many stopped by, surprised to hear fiddle music in the rotunda of the capitol. Many sauntered by, but many stopped and clearly listened, intrigued by our music.

asked questions about our instruments, told us stories about their fiddles or about their family playing fiddle in the "olden days." We had our sign out in front that called attention to our association. Then at noon, we picked up our fiddles again and played for another hour for an ever-changing audience. Hundreds of pictures were taken of us playing. Video recordings will allow people to see and hear us later.

After our second set, Oregon's birthday party was over for the fiddlers, time to go home. We appreciated a good turnout of fiddlers and backup from up and down the valley and the coast as we celebrated Oregon's 157th birthday, which actually was on Valentine's Day -- as was Alice's and my 63rd wedding anniversary. We celebrated along with Oregon.

~ Lew

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### March Events

13	meeting/dance/jam		12:15 - 3:00 p.m.
15	gig	Pelican Point	10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
17	gig	Plum Ridge	10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
17	gig	Brookdale	1:30 - 2:30 p.m.
24	gig	Quail Park	10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
24	gig	Rogue River Place	1 - 2 p.m.

Practice on Saturdays at Luther Square at 1 p.m. Check with Irene Ruddock to verify time and dates: 541-882-6418.times. 541-882-6418

I'm writing this today with a heavy heart. On February 4, our Phil Fry passed away after having a massive stroke. Phil will not be a silent fiddler in District 1 and 1E, as I for one can still hear him fiddling. Phil was born in Grass Valley, CA, Jan. 5th, 1943. He lived there until he graduated. He moved to Klamath Falls and attended OIT, receiving a degree in gunsmithing. He was then recruited to work for the Atomic Energy Agency in Idaho Falls. Philip later returned to Grass Valley to care for his parents. He then worked for the Nevada City Road Department and moved to Coos Bay. In the late 80's, he opened an antique store, and this is where he found his love for music and musical instruments. As a luthier, Philip made violins, guitars and just recently ukuleles. Phil was a longtime member of OOTFA, joining early in the 90's. He loved teaching fiddle and learning from his students. Phil was an avid gardener. He loved hunting rocks, mushrooms and anything else interesting in the woods. He will be greatly missed. Sheila wants to thank each of you for all the cards, phone calls, prayers, flowers, and for just caring. We will have a party in the spring for Phillip and will keep you informed.

Birthdays for March: Jon Blasius, Faye Patterson, Virginia Priddy  
Anniversaries: Bill and Ann Bonser, James and Jenny Dreyer  
Just an FYI, Bill Bonser will be 80 on April 10. His daughters will be having a birthday party for him and will be providing the food. This will be on our regular dance/jam day.

Happy Bunny day on the 28th!

~ Noranne Sparks, District 1 Reporter



Phil Fry, District 1 and longtime OOTFA member

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District 1E has new officers for the coming year. Terry McLain, who served as Chairperson for the past year has turned over the reins to Cambria Amacker. She is a longtime member of our district, and we know she will be a wonderful representative for our group. We are all indebted to Terry McLain for his leadership and his dedication to our local community of musicians and the greater organization as a whole. Thank you, Terry! Happily, he can devote himself to just fiddling around now. In addition, we are so appreciative of Keith Steward's interesting and colorful reporting. He always had some humorous tidbit that added a chuckle to his monthly reporting and that made us smile. He left big shoes to fill and I have small feet, so I hope I live up to expectations.

Sadly, as many of you now know, we lost Phil Fry on the 4th of February. Often, Phil and Sheila drove over from their home in Keno, Oregon to jam with us and they also performed with District 1E on many occasions. Phil was a big man with a personality to match, friendly and personable, always eager to share a hug or lend a hand, and blessed with a woodworking talent that allowed him to build some wonderful fiddles. The last time we jammed with the Fry's was this past fall before the weather turned, when Phil brought along his dobro for the first time. He normally played fiddle on these occasions, and it seemed someone always requested that he sing "Ghost Riders" and "Up the Lazy River" in his deep baritone voice. His passing was sudden and left us all stunned to learn we'd had our last jam with him. We hope Sheila will continue to join us at our jams and know our thoughts, good wishes and prayers are with her as she goes forward.

It's time to start thinking about our **Silver Lake Campout**, a short month following the State Convention. We will gather **May 5-8**, and this is the one gathering where there are **no meetings** to attend...just good friends joining together to

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Howdy from District 3:

We were looking forward to our monthly Powell Butte Community Center (PBCC) jam/dance, since it actually landed on Valentine's Day. Folks got a chance to dance on a very special day. Hope you had a very good Valentine's Day.

A business meeting for all members was held before the jam with discussion of new officers and our upcoming 2nd Annual Central Oregon Country Music Gathering. We are already beginning to plan for the event, but we do need to start getting more people involved. We have small jobs as well as large, and we are a fun

### March Events

5	jam	Senior Center	2 p.m.
7	business meeting*	Senior Center	7 p.m.

\*Business meetings will now be held the first Monday in each month.

bring alive old time fiddle tunes and lots of other styles of music on a variety of instruments. Plan on the "Hat Contest" an event that involves a hat decorated to represent the song you'd like to perform. Teddy Bears are awarded to those who can stay up and jam until 3 a.m. and then dance with the bear. The McLain Family puts on this gathering and feeds the entire bunch, so all you need to do is show up and bring voices and/or instruments and a desire to make music and have a great time. Volunteers are always appreciated. More information to come in the April Hoedowner.

**Camping:** Limited number of electrical-only sites for trailers around the outside of the Silver Lake Fire Hall; first come, first served, for \$10 per night. Dry camping around the outside of the Fire Hall is free. **Other options:** Silver Lake Motel (541-576-2131), Silver Lake Trailer Park (541-576-2789), K&K RV Park (541-576-2258). Approximately 20 miles out is: Horse Ranch RV Park, near Ft. Rock Turnoff, (541-576-2488). Christmas Valley Desert Inn (541-576-2262), Lakeside Terrace (541-576-2309), Summer Lake Lodge (541-943-3994).

Rosa Lee McLain underwent spinal surgery in Bend on the 3rd of February. She is recuperating at our Lakeview Hospital now and hopefully, will be able to return home soon. I'm sure she'd appreciate cards or a note of encouragement. Her home address is: 1029 South F Street, Lakeview, OR, 97630 if you'd care to send a note or card. We wish her a speedy recovery.

We jam on Thursday nights at Rosa Lee's house and the first Saturday of every month at the Senior Center in Lakeview. If you're in the area feel free to join us!

~ Nancy Yialouris, District 1E Reporter

### March Events

13	jam/dance	PBCC (Powell Butte)	1 - 4 p.m.
19	jam/dance	Madras Senior Center	1 - 4 p.m.

group to work with!! We need your help, so give us a call if you can help make this wonderful event come to life!

You will notice that the Madras jam/dance which is held at the Madras Senior Center normally on the 4th Saturday of every month will be instead on the 3rd Saturday in March, since the 4th Saturday falls on Easter weekend.

Time sure seems to be really flying fast here in Central Oregon. Think spring!

~ Pat Borden, Kim Martin, District 3 Reporters

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Driving to our February jam in Ruch, Oregon, I drove through the beautiful Applegate Valley. I have made my way through there many times, but not for several years. I passed many of the familiar road names: "Hawk's Spy", "Board Shanty", and my favorite, "Hum Bug Creek". Where once acres of wild thistles were growing, there were now beautifully cultivated grape vines. The sleeping plants nudged near the winding two-lane road. Hills covered with evergreens seemed to protect the valley, and the Applegate River ran deep and green through its heart. Oregon at its best! The building where we held our jam was new and so very nice. Its central location generated a large group of listeners and musicians. We missed Everett Costa, who was ill, and we also missed Carol and Lenny Ferrara.

Beginning fiddle classes are progressing well; the students are learning "Red Wing" and "Red River Valley." Our state-sponsored Fiddle Contest is coming up March 19. If you've never been, you should try to make it this year. The contestants really appreciate an

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"Normal" is a good word! It quite aptly describes our last month. It consisted of our regular Wednesday gigs at the surrounding care centers, attending the State Meeting, Jam and Potluck in Sutherlin, talking about and preparing for the contest in Salem, and having one of our young players, Tucker Hood, qualify for the state swim meet. He will be competing in the 200-meter butterfly. These kids today are very determined and talented, and they add so much to our district. "Normal" is equivalent to daily life. Read on.

It is wonderful to feel welcome at the care centers and to have the residents sing and tap their feet to the music. Just knowing that Pat came through his surgery and post-op appointment with flying colors made our hearts sing. Pat asked me to thank everyone for all the cards, notes and phone calls he received during his recent surgery and recovery. He said he appreciated it so much.

This month I would like to introduce you to Rachel Eickhoff. This young lady, who was born in Coos Bay and turned 10 in January, is extremely talented. She began playing piano in the first grade, plays the spoons and recorder every Sunday at church, plays fiddle and sings. In addition to her busy musical schedule, she takes ballet and tap dancing lessons and plays sports with a local team. Rachel loves performing and being with others. She is a straight A student, has lots of friends, and

### March Events

5 meeting/jam Eagle Point Grange 11:30 meeting,  
open-to-the-public jam 1 p.m.

audience, and the performances are so inspiring. When you see the little ones performing, you'll be convinced the future of old time fiddling is in good hands. Our state convention is also rapidly approaching: April 6-9 in Rickreall. It's always a good time, filled with jamming and visiting.

Our March jam will be at Eagle Point Grange, in Eagle Point, on March 5. Meeting starts at 11:30, open-to-the-public jam at 1 p.m. Bring snacks to share. Our April jam will be held at Pioneer Hall, 73 Winburn Way in Ashland. On April 2 the meeting will start at 11 a.m. and we'll be electing officers.

Here's a quotation from one of our beloved past presidents: "No matter how much cats fight, there always seem to be enough kittens." Abraham Lincoln

~ Judy Lyons, District 4 Reporter

### March 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, North Bend	1:30 - 2:30 p.m.
9	gig	Evergreen Court (next to Bay Crest) North Bend	3 - 4 p.m.
16	gig	Westwind Court, Bandon	1:30 - 2:30 p.m.
16	gig	Pacific View, Bandon	3 - 4 p.m.
19	gig	Memory Care, Coos Bay	1:30 - 2:30 p.m.
19	gig	Avamere, Coos Bay	3 - 4 p.m.
23	jam	Winchester Bay Comm. Ctr. on stage	1-3 p.m., circle jam, 3 - 4 p.m.

gets along well with her younger brother, Tyler. Her favorite songs are "Reuben", "RACHEL" and "Old Joe Clark"; at this time she is learning "Arkansas Traveler."

Guests attending our monthly jam in January were Keith and Christine Barr, Bev Schriver and Hal Weiner from District 6. We always enjoy it when guests come to our jams. A number of our members attended the Sutherlin event in January. It was a fulfilling day with fantastic music, fellowship, and an over-the-top potluck.

Our Allegany group enjoys sharing their music with neighbors. Woodland Hood describes here some of their recent musical experiences:

*We frequently do "drive-by fiddling" in Allegany for our friends and neighbors. The other day, we played for a couple of our older neighbors, Hilda and Lionel Youst and it was Lionel's birthday! We played "Happy Birthday" and a few other songs. He loved it and said that he'd never had such a special birthday serenade.. His twin daughters came home for their birthday, and he called to see if the Allegany Fiddlers could come to their party and play. Of course! There were 35 or 40 people there, many of them old-time Allegany residents whom the kids already know. When we got ready to play, everyone packed*

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## Junior Hoedowner: Nishika Irish (District 1)



Nishika Irish (District 1)

Nishika starting taking lessons in April 2015. Her teachers are: Irene and Jerry Ruddock, Mervin Woodard, and Noranne Sparks. Nishika goes to school at Horizon Christian in Klamath Falls. When Nishika first started taking lessons, she had five fellow students. That spring, for one of their school functions, she played "Skip to My Lou" and "Jesus Loves Me." Nishika and one other student from this school have continued on. When asked why she became interested in playing fiddle, she said she found it interesting. Nishika practices a lot but does find it difficult. She has played at the different fiddler functions and has found it to be fun. Nishika likes playing for her family and making up her own tunes. Her favorite songs are: "Oh Susanna", "Skip to My Lou", and "Rag and a Fiddle." She has never tried any other instruments, but maybe she will someday, as she is learning to read notes and she can memorize very quickly. She also likes to play volleyball, and she hopes to go on to college and get a degree.

## Tune of the Month: My Dad's Polish Wedding Waltz

"My Dad's Polish Wedding Waltz" is what Stan Gonshorowski of Eugene always called this tune. But if you get into a discussion about where it's from, some will claim it is Swedish, others will claim Norwegian, and there are numerous variants of the tune. Stan grew up in a rural community on the North Dakota-Minnesota border, in a mixed neighborhood of Scandinavian, Polish, and Bohemian settlers. He said he thought he remembered hearing it from his dad, also a fiddler. I picked it up from Stan and have probably varied it in small ways over the years.



Linda Danielson

My Dad's Polish Wedding Waltz - From Stan Gonshorowski

last time - last two bars



## **Fiddle Tips by Eileen Walter: State Fiddle Contest-More Thoughts about Contests**



**Eileen Walter**

As I've been working out all the details of the upcoming State Contest, I've been thinking about the many different reasons I enjoy contests. I love playing and listening to fiddle music, and the contest is a great show. I hear a lot of different fiddlers and many different tunes in one day. If I'm competing, I'll probably be motivated to practice a little more than usual. I will catch up with fellow fiddlers I rarely see, and I will meet new fiddlers and accompanists. I can record tunes I want to work on.

Contests can inspire you and expand your fiddling horizons. It's not so much about competing against other people, but motivating you to do your best fiddling. You can feel proud of your performance.

If you hear a tune you like – jot down the name of it and record it if you can. Look it up on YouTube and see if you can find a version you really like – or ask a teacher or a fellow fiddler if they can share a version with you.

Many people feel nervous about performing. This is normal. If you feel that you've prepared properly and have a clear idea about what you're doing, that will help. When you practice your contest rounds at home, pretend you're on the stage, and when you're on the stage, pretend you're at home having fun.

Take a breath before you start, and don't rush into your first tune – there's plenty of time. Make sure the microphone is the right height (someone will be there to help you), and make sure you're close enough to it, but not so close that you might hit it with your bow. It should be a few inches above your fiddle, behind the pathway of your bow. Make sure you know the first few notes of your tunes really well so you can get off to a good start. Before you begin a tune, take a moment to hear the tune in your mind and make sure you start at the correct tempo – the accompanists will play at whatever tempo you begin, and they will either hold you to it, or they will be scrambling to find where you are. Getting off to a good start is important – playing a couple of "chops" or counting is helpful in setting the tempo and making sure everyone starts together. Be sure you begin the tune at the same speed as your "chops". This does take some practice ahead of time; metronomes are very helpful.

If you're attending the contest as a member of the audience, I encourage you to take a walk through the practice room where the fiddlers and accompanists are warming up – it's an experience!

I hope to see you at the contest on March 19. Remember, you can contact me about anything any time – types of tunes, explanation of rules, volunteering, etc. And please send or email me your pre-registration form, or just give me a call (or text) with your information.

I'm looking forward to it!

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~Eileen



Willie Carter plays Orange Blossom Special in Sutherlin with Jerry Parks and Joe Ross.



Wayne and Annie Carter (District 6) jamming in Sutherlin.

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into the largest room in the house to listen. We played "Happy Birthday", then went on to play our "set", about ten songs that we've polished. We had people clapping and smiling the whole time. We got lots of compliments afterward. One woman said, "This music really tugs at my heart. I just love to hear these old tunes!" One gentleman in the audience knew a little fiddle and could play "Soldier's Joy", but he wouldn't touch the fiddle after the kids were done. "They're in another league," he said. The twins loved their birthday music and one had tears in her eyes, it meant so much to her. She said it was really overwhelming. (Hopefully in a good way?!) It's our first request for services and it went very well. Hopefully we'll get more calls, but if we don't, we'll just keep on fiddling!

Special thanks go out to Verna Lee and Larry Costa for their help in transporting the sound system, and others doing other important items to keep our club functioning, especially while

Pat, our president was away. They did a superb job keeping everything running smoothly.

On Saturday May 14th, the Fiddle Fest will take place at the Harbor Grange, which is in the Brookings area. The day will start with an early jam from 9-11; the youth will play from 11:30-noon. The show will start at noon and run until 2, and an open jam will go from 2-4. Details about opportunities for playing on Friday will be in the April Hoedowner. In previous years the Wild Rivers motor lodge has given us a discount. <http://www.wildrivermotorlodge.com/> If you have any questions please email Michael at [levintia@hotmail.com](mailto:levintia@hotmail.com) Hope to see you in Southern Oregon in May.

"I write music with an explanation point!" R. Wagner

~ Susan Joubert, District 5 Reporter

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Even as snowdrops and crocus yawn and stretch toward the limited sun, the hibernation instinct still tugs at some. The jam at Eugene Hotel had a balance of enthusiastic players and listeners up until the break, when more musicians meandered in, many in the audience toddled off to bed, and we outnumbered them, two to one. While the remaining listeners obviously enjoyed the music and banter, it was the players who had a blast! What turned out to be a jam looked a whole lot like the instructor roster for this year's West Cascade and Fiddle Camp: Linda Danielson, Doug Fleener, Jim Ford, Ken Luse and Donna Wynn were all there, along with The New Folksters Trio and other regulars.

The Sutherlin State Meeting, Jam and Potluck was memorable, with many celebrated National Treasures presiding. Willie Carter brought down the house with Orange Blossom Special, and it was obvious from his grin that he knew he nailed it.

### March 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.

The circle at Ila Mae Carmickle's February Intermediate Class expanded and broadened, as twenty-two fiddlers tuned up and joined the fun. This class presents a wonderful chance to learn and review new and standard jam tunes. We hope to see Shirley Humphrey's smiling face soon back in the saddle after her back surgery. In the meantime, Tony will continue to play and keep Shirley in the loop.

District 6 members send sincere condolences to the family of Philip Fry, of Keno. He and Sheila were instrumental in pulling off the many events in Merrill. He will be remembered fondly.

Birthday greetings go to Ed Sather, Cara McKenzie, Joanne Clark, Patti Luse and Jerry Brown. Anniversary shout-outs to Ed and Dorothy Sather, Sal and Darlene Fiducia, and Wayne and Annie Carter.

~ Amy Burrow, District 6 Reporter

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### March Events

12	gig	Linda Easley Memorial Event	North Tillamook Library, Manzanita	3 - 4:30 p.m.
13	gig	Clarke's General Store and Eatery,	Beavercreek	1 - 3 p.m.
20	circle jam	Estacada Public Library		2:30 - 4:30 p.m.
27	NW jam	600 NE 8th St.,	Gresham	Doors open at 11:00 a.m. Sign-up playing 12:30 - 3:30 p.m.
29	gig	Hearthstone at Murrayhill,	Beaverton	1 - 2 p.m.

A few comments about our March events:

- For the Linda Easley Memorial Event it is suggested that you arrive by 2:30. The fiddlers will play between 3:00 and 4:30 as needed, and there will be a short program at 3:30.
- For the Clarke's General Store, arrival at noon is okay as the store is open. The sign-up performance is from 1-3 p.m., and it is a small place but a good audience.
- For the Hearthstone at Murrayhill, this is a new location in Beaverton so let's have a good turnout: 10880 SW Davies Rd.

On February 12, about 15 musicians played at the Eagle Creek Grange for a lovely Valentine's Day celebration. The grange was decorated with hearts, streamers, and all things red! We were served a delicious ham dinner and all the trimmings. After dinner, we assembled on stage in front of ten large tables filled with people celebrating the festivities. We played and sang for two hours and everyone enjoyed the waltzes, love songs, as well as the old time tunes. We especially enjoyed the lovely waltz danced by Ron and Ella Beatty!

## District 7 (Continued from previous page)

District 7 member, Jeanine Orme, would like to let everyone know that she will again be teaching her summer fiddle camps. Her camps are 2 hours per day (mornings or afternoons) for four days during the weeks between July 15 and August 22 for basic, intermediate, and advanced fiddlers. For more information, see: [www.fiddlinworkshop.com](http://www.fiddlinworkshop.com).

"Refresh your Fiddling" A Workshop! Would you like to learn how to work on small things that will yield big results? On Saturday, April 23, 11:30 to 3:30, Eileen Walter will teach a workshop in the basement of Trinity Lutheran Church, 507 W. Powell in Gresham. Open to all ages and skill levels, the cost is \$10.00 and there are scholarship funds available (contact Rick Bergeron). To Register: Let Eileen know by email, phone, or mail. [gdaewalt@comcast.net](mailto:gdaewalt@comcast.net) 503-701-1578 6020 SE Lexington Street, Portland OR 97206

~ Elaine Schmidt, District 7 Reporter

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

**Chairman:** Dick Dery 503-585-9595, [dickdery@centurylink.net](mailto:dickdery@centurylink.net)  
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**Membership:** Elaine Connors, PO Box 557, Dallas, OR 97338  
**Reporter:** Alice Holt, 503-391-5377

We've been enjoying spring-like weather here in the Willamette Valley. Daffodils are blooming!

On January 23 several from our district attended the OOTFA quarterly meeting at Sutherlin. Chairman Dick Dery represented us at the board meeting. Others who went were Jim Wallace, Fred Hardin and Lynn, Lew and Alice Holt. Thanks to District 10 for the opportunity to play music and visit with friends from other districts!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OREGON, our 157th year of statehood. District 8 fiddlers played two 1-hour sets in the rotunda at the state capitol. We had a great turnout of musicians including Karen and Steve Johnson from Newport. Many of the capitol visitors stopped to listen to our music and take pictures. The Golden Pioneer strolled



District 8 performs at Oregon's 157th birthday party in the rotunda of the state capitol.



District 7 members at Eagle Creek Grange's dinner celebrating Valentine's Day.

### March Events

12 meeting/jam Mountain View Mobile Estates, Newberg meeting 11 a.m., jam 1 p.m.

about the building as did Dr. John McLaughlin. The large murals on the walls are a history lesson to be enjoyed. The visitors came in all ages, from the very young to oldsters.

On March 12, we will be electing officers for the coming year. The meeting will start at 11 a.m., and the jam at 1 p.m. in the Community Building at Mountain View Mobile Estates, Newberg. The residents make us feel very welcome. Please come and join us. The address in 2901 East 2nd St. Turn on 2nd St. (across from the airport on the southeast end of town).

Remember the OOTFA Fiddle Contest on March 19th. Come, listen, and applaud your friends. Or better yet, come and enter the contest.

~ Alice Holt, District 8 Reporter



Bob Hanson (District 10) performs on stage at Sutherlin.

## 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

Janet went to the OOTFA convention and besides seeing and working with you special folks in the other districts, she applied for and received the Kielhorn Grant and has purchased District 9 a new sound system! Thanks to Phil Drain, the sound system suits our needs and sounded great at our Sunday potluck and jam.

We are planning a jam and pizza party for the young players of the surrounding area.

## District 10 (Roseburg, Canyonville, Sutherlin Area)

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

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**Secretary:** Jerry Hash, 541-817-3161, olsmoothe3400@aol.com

**Treasurer:** Gynn Deaton, 541-839-4501, gynnde@charter.net

**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

District 10 hosted the State Meeting and Jam at Sutherlin Community Center on January 23. A large crowd attended, and 45 signed up to perform from 1-4 p.m. Thank you to all the organizers, volunteers and attendees for their hard work and support. Hundreds of photos (and several videos) from the event have been circulated on Facebook. If you'd like to see them (but aren't on Facebook), contact me and I can send you (via e-mail) a link to an album with them.

Our fourth Saturday jam in Sutherlin had a members' meeting beforehand. Among other things, we talked about upcoming shows, whether we should charge a standard fee for public events, and ways to increase membership. Decisions from the meeting will be reported in the April Hoedowner.

We have many March birthdays to celebrate! They include Jean Hanson (March 1), Juanita Poelstra (March 10), Barbara Sullivan (March 12) and Gene Hodson (March 24). Jim and Joyce Kuether celebrate their anniversary on March 10! Congratulations, Jim and Joyce!

Bob and Jean Hanson thank everyone for the outpouring of cards, concern, and phone calls regarding Bob's cancer. Jon Tilley was recently



District 10 volunteers made the Sutherlin gathering a great success!

### March Events

4	jam	Friday night Jam	check with Janet to be sure)
11	gig	The Aspens	7-9 p.m.
13	jam	Senior Center	1 p.m. potluck-2 p.m: jam
18	jam	Friday night jam	
21	gig	Ashley Manor	6-7 p.m.
25	jam	Friday night jam	(check with Janet to be sure)

We send our condolences to Cliff Dawson and his family on the passing of his father, Tex Dawson.

We need to be thinking about electing officers for the coming year. Be certain to call one of the officers for the home or facility that the jams are held in. They always welcome newcomers.

Musically Yours,

~ Marianne Andrews, District 9 Reporter

### March Events

3	gig	Bridgewood Rivers (2nd Thurs every other month)	1:30 p.m.
9	gig	Rose Haven (2nd Wednesday)	10 a.m.
13	jam	Oakland Art Gallery & 2nd Street Coffee	2 - 4 p.m.
21	gig	Callahan Court (3rd Monday)	2:30 p.m.
26	jam	Sutherlin Grange Hall	
12 - 3	p.m.		
28	gig	Callahan Village (4th Monday)	3:30 p.m.
TBA	gig	Brookdale	10 a.m.
TBA	gig	Riverview Terrace	

diagnosed with Parkinson's, and we wish him the very best as he deals with that. He and Julie will be back from Yuma in the spring. We send our sincere sympathy to Lois Eagleton whose husband, Mark, passed away on January 26. He's at peace now. Lois says, "Life goes on." She is moving back to Lane County.

Keep on pickin and grinnin! ~ Joe Ross, District 10 Reporter

### Thank you from Sharon Thompson

It is now in the history books. A BIG THANK YOU to our state members for joining us in Sutherlin to make our gathering a success. The Friday night jam almost tripled in size. On Saturday, we greeted members from around the state, enjoyed the morning circle jam, a fabulous potluck at noon, and a riveting stage performances all afternoon with a packed house.

I would like to thank District 10 members for all their help in making the event a huge success. THANK YOU TO ALL!!

~ Sharon Thompson, District 10 & State Treasurer



Fred Young on stage at Sutherlin.



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We're on the web:  
[www.OregonOldtimeFiddling.org](http://www.OregonOldtimeFiddling.org)



## 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 20-25	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

## New Members to Welcome!

Ronald and Kathleen Bishop  
Rachel Buklad and Greg, Tehya & Evelyn Hanzel  
Randy and Paula Cook  
Diane Dunas  
Suzanne Johannsen  
Kory Kidd  
Bill Kline and Isabel Lamb

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Glide

Philip Noguere and Kody Hilsheimer  
Chris Nuttbrock and Tricia Aloisi  
Jim, Lisa, Ludi and Silas Phillips  
Hal Piper  
Don and Naomi Rowe  
Richard Salvage  
Allen and Bonnie Scheese

North Bend  
Keizer  
Ontario  
Eugene  
Sisters  
Lebanon  
Dallas

### A MESSAGE FROM PATTI LUSE, STATE MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

The 2016 Roster will be sent to the printer in the middle of March and will be available on April 7th at the OOTFA Convention in Rickreall. If you know of a member who hasn't registered, please talk to them.

On March 6th, Patti will email a short note to ALL members who have an email address they have given to OOTFA. If you don't get an email from Patti, we must not have your current email. Therefore contact Patti at pattiluse@comcast.net or 541-915-3231 by March 10.

**Honored LIFETIME Members:** When you first become a LIFETIME MEMBER, you were given (sent) a **PERMANENT MEMBERSHIP CARD**. This, as the name denotes, means that you are to keep it forever and will not receive a yearly membership card. If you have misplaced this card, please contact Patti Luse.