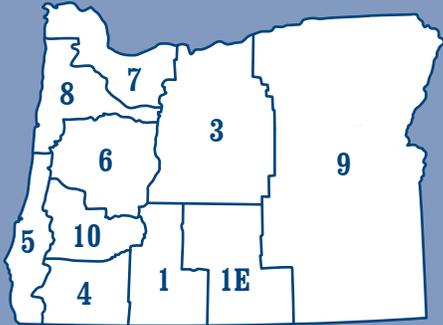


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From Your President

By the time you read this we will have passed OOTFA's annual convention and all that it entails. Many things were important, but some of them I thought interesting were the banquet that treated us all with fine food and camaraderie. But wait, there was also the awarding of several fine folks for their outstanding contribution to our association in the form of the Norm Nash Distinguished Service Award (Ila Mae Carmickle) and the Bill Yohey award for Back-up Person (Hal Thomson). Of course before that, was the Friday night public talent show, open to the general public. And what a showcase we presented! From ages very young to nearly 100--presenting excellent fiddle music. A good time was had by all. If you missed out this year I would encourage you not to miss next year's event.

One of the big items discussed by the Board of Directors and subsequently voted on and passed at the general voter's meeting was to change the date at which state and district officers start the new year. The new start date for all officers will be May 1, with terms running May 1-April 30.

I am personally excited about the coming year. I certainly have big shoes to fill as President Roland was a mover and shaker for our organization. I wish him and Laura the best in their official retirement from OOTFA. I know they will be supporting us from behind the scenes big time. Let me end this by saying that I've been elected to serve you the members, so as time and events go by, don't hesitate to call or e-mail me with your thoughts and concerns. Together we can grow this wonderful group we call the OldTime Fiddlers. Someone once said: "Music is what feelings sound like."

Sincerely,

~ Jim Kuether, President

From the Editor

Did you know that last year at Fiddle Camp, a class in CLAWHAMMER BANJO was offered? And it looks like it's a go again this summer with Jim Ford as the teacher! When I think about old time music, I think about the haunting harmonies and the complex rhythms of the banjo. I am lucky enough to be married to a clawhammer player, so we spend hours together practicing our tunes. There's one down side of the clawhammer style, and that is their tunes are specific to a tuning of the banjo. The upside is that these tunings are how they get the beautiful harmonies, melodies, and their distinctive sound. But it means they have to tune their banjos when we change keys.

I know we are all concerned about the declining numbers in OOTFA. Here's one thing we could do to attract or keep members who are BANJO PLAYERS. If they are playing bluegrass (Scruggs) style banjo, they can play in any key without retuning. This doesn't concern them. However, if there's a clawhammer player trying to jam with us.... we fiddlers could just keep the key the same for a while and give the banjo players a chance to tune. Who knows??? Maybe we'd attract a few more banjo players to our membership.

~ Karen



Mira Spokes, District 7, competes on stage at the Fiddle Contest with Jeff Walter. After winning the Youngest Fiddler Award, she told Eileen she would now have to work on getting the Oldest Fiddler Award!

From the Editor Emeritus

Greetings all. No doubt others will have written about the convention but I must add my two cents worth, too. As always, it was a great four days starting with our informal gathering on Wednesday. Thanks to Districts 7 and 8 for an abundance of food. I fear leaving people out, but I have to especially thank Darlene Bryant who was there early Wednesday morning dealing with all the supplies, food, setting up and having hot coffee for us as we came in. Late that evening we packed her car with all the things she brought, sending her home after a long day. Coffee pots, plastic ware, napkins, salt, sugar -- you name it, we filled her station wagon.

The fiddle music was absolutely fantastic, but so were the workers who set up the stage, carried, stacked, arranged, swept, mopped, as well as the emcees who did their magic on stage..... we couldn't have a convention without all of the volunteers. They were great doing all their work for us. Les Tucker is an unsung hero for his untiring dedication to the PA system for four days. Not only is he our Sr-Sr champion but, also, a champion for the work that he did for all of us with the PA. It wouldn't be right if I didn't mention the women that worked so faithfully behind the entrance tables for four days. They were well organized, anticipating our needs. Wow, the crew that handled all the raffle prizes and distributed them at the banquet!! The workers that set up the banquet tables, changing the simplicity of the hall to our

fancy banquet that made us so proud. And the keeper of the keys who locked up each night. I heard nothing but excellent reports about the workshops. Thanks to all who were involved.

The Friday night show was great, opening with the "Allegany kids" for a half hour along with Paula's three students. Our hats off to the rest of you in the show. (I'll take the credit for the weather. ha, ha.) Yes, I no doubt left out some very important "thank yous," -- always a gamble. And to all of you who brought raffle prizes, others who drove many miles to be there -- thank you for your dedication to making another successful and enjoyable convention.

Our thanks to outgoing president, Roland White, for his enthusiasm and dedication for two years of service. Welcome to our new president, Jim Kuether and VP, Scott Phillips who will both take off running. And a special thanks to Darla, Sharon, and Patti who are staying in place for another round.

~ Lew

P.S. Saturday night late we discovered a bright maroon/red cloth to lay over the strings of a fiddle when it is in its case. Also, a small purple towel - probably to wipe off the strings. Holler if they are yours.

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May Events

8	jam	Shasta Grange	1 - 3 p.m.
17	gig	Pelican Point	10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
19	gig	Plum Ridge	10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
19	gig	Brookdale	1:30 - 2:30 p.m.
26	gig	Quail Park	10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
26	gig	Rogue River Place	1 - 2 p.m.

Practice on Saturdays 1 - 4 p.m. Luther Square, check with Irene Ruddock for date and times 541-882-6418



Bill Bonser celebrates his 80th birthday with the old time fiddlers!

Greetings All from District 1,

As I'm writing this, we are wrapping up a fabulous Bill Bonser 80th birthday party/monthly jam at the Shasta grange hall. Many attended, both young and old alike. There was plenty of food, fun, and toe-tapping music to be had plus a nice rendition of happy birthday for Bill, with all his many family and friends celebrating his milestone day! Other news is Ben Coker has been elected chairman for District 1 and will be taking over for Ali Swartwood. Johnny Rogers and Sherm Taylor will be taking over as co-chairmen. Linda Stroup will be taking over treasurer and membership, while Jenny Dreyer and Karen Ayers will be taking over the newsletter.

Our junior fiddlers played for the Sons of Norway and did a very fine job; we are all very proud of them! Many of us in District 1 are looking forward to the upcoming Silver Lake campout, May 5-8th. Hope to see you all there, with your "hats" on!

May Birthdays are: Lena Dreyer, Sheila Fry, Phil Fulbright, Gracie Kliewer, Lucinda Kliewer, Mary Knapp, Darleth Rodgers, Linda Scott, Fred Stiverson, Jake Swartwood, and Lois Tucker.

May Anniversaries: Theresa and Bill Hazen.
Let me know if I missed anyone!

Hope you're all enjoying some of the nicer, warmer weather we've had heading into spring. -

~ Jenny Dreyer, District 1 Reporter

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April's 1st Saturday jam was wonderful. We had visitors from District 1, and we want to thank Ben and Fran Coker, Jake and Alene Swartwood, and Johnny and Darleth Rodgers for making the trip to help make our Saturday so much fun. Keith Steward, former District 1E's reporter, declined to sing for us, but he did recite an original poem he wrote to honor a horse training friend of his that had us grinning. His daughter, Reba, announced that she's getting married July 2nd and wanted the McLain's to make music for the occasion. One of our song-writing friends, Rocky St. Claire, joined us this month. He has a rich baritone voice and graced us with several songs (some originals) at our urging, so a good time was had by all. This was the first Saturday since Rosa Lee's surgery that she has been with us, so it was great to have the family back together again!

We held our business meeting on April 4, and the first order of business was Rosa Lee's request to thank everyone who sent cards while she was convalescing. She received quite a few, and the kind words of encouragement meant so much to her.

I mentioned last month that the Friends of the Library are holding their annual fund raiser in June. It is held June 25 in Alturas, CA, the last weekend of the National Fiddle Contest in Weiser. If anyone is interested in attending, just google Modoc County Library, Friends of the Library and there is a link with all the information and directions. We'd love to see some familiar faces. Bring your instruments and help us out!

District 1E participates in "Adopt a Highway," so we are picking up trash April 24 along a section of Highway 140. There

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Howdy from District 3

It is not quite spring here in Central Oregon. The wind conditions on our jam/dance day March 13 blew a good crowd our way. We had 61 guests/dancers and 16 musicians. Our National Treasure, Jack Kerr, led everyone in our National Anthem to start the jam. A circle jam was organized, and players came in at 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Music was enjoyed by Jack Kerr, Eddie McKenzie, Garitt Bondsteel, Ed Fritz, Jeannette Bondsteel and Glen Churchfield. The plan is to continue the "Pre Jams", as we have use of the PBCC facility all day.

Our plan for the May dance/jam is for a Mother's Day potluck. We will begin setting up at 11 a.m. We plan on eating from 11:30 -12:30, so we can clean up and be ready for the music at 1 p.m. District 3 will provide a meat dish, plates, cups, utensils, etc. Please bring a dish to share; everyone is welcome.

May Events

2 Business Meeting

5 - 7 Silver Lake Camp out

are two signs along that stretch in Lakeview that recognize the "Oregon Old Time Fiddlers" as a result of our efforts.

I want to remind everyone that the Silver Lake Campout starts on Thursday, May 5th and ends Sunday morning with a gospel jam. When I drove through Silver Lake on my way to Rickreall, I was pleased to see that the Plum Creek Deli has opened. It is the only other food option in the town of Silver Lake besides what is provided at the campout. Information regarding lodging options for those not camping can be found in the April Hoedowner. Camping is free unless you use electricity. No meetings are required at Silver Lake so bring your instruments, voices, and enthusiasm and let's jam!

Because our next **First Saturday Jam** falls on **June 4**, I'd like to extend an early invitation to join our jam at the Senior Center in beautiful downtown Lakeview. The Senior Center is directly across the intersection from the post office (north side) and there is a sign on Hwy. 395 that will direct you to the Post Office, so no problem getting there. We are across the street in the barn red building and will start up at 2 p.m. and go until we fizzle out, usually sometime between 8-10 p.m.

Don't forget the Burns Country Jamboree. District 9 always throws a great party so we hope to see you there.

May birthdays include: Mary Ann McLain and Rhayanna McLain, 2; Betty Chapman, 2; Nancy Yialouris, 21.

~ Nancy Yialouris, District 1E Reporter

May Events

8 PBCC Mother's Day Potluck 11 a.m. -12:30 p.m.

8 PBCC jam/dance 1 - 4 p.m.

A quick mention of our jam/dance guidelines which are posted on our website under the "About Us" menu tab, very important information for our new members and a good review for our current members. A quick reminder that election of officers for District 3 will take place at our jam/dance in June.

Planning is moving along on the Central Oregon Country Music Gathering, so don't forget to mark your calendars for September 8-10, 2016. We should have more information available and posted on our website by June. And some good news, our Chairman, Ron Jackson was able to secure a grant from Facebook to help with the expenses for this gathering!

Enjoy the spring weather,

~ Pat Borden, Kim Martin, District 3 Reporters

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

Our Saturday monthly jams just seem to be growing in popularity with the public. Our day in Ashland had perfect weather, and the in-house listeners--those in the patio and the walkers on the sidewalks--were clapping and tapping feet to our music. It was a fun day.

Our newly elected officers are: Scotty Phillips (chair), Cathy Futchey (co-chair and membership), Ron Bolstad (secretary) and Gene Grant (treasurer). The appointed chairs remain the same. Congrats to all and thank you for stepping up to serve.

If you didn't make it to the convention in Rickreall, you missed a lot of good music and a fun time. At the Friday night show, District 4 was well represented with many members participating. The real show-stoppers were the kids from Allegany who practically brought the roof down with the applause from the crowd. These young people play so well and have mastered many tunes in their short year and a half of instruction. They really amazed everyone. The future of old time fiddling is in good hands.

At the Saturday state meeting, new state officers were elected. Chairman is now Jim Kuether. Our own Scott Phillips is Vice-chair. Darla Thompson, Sharon Thompson, Karen Johnson and Patti Luse remain in their offices. Roland White has been such an outstanding president and we applaud his two years of service. He, in return, awarded lovely medals he designed to many of his helpers. Scott Phillips received one for his continued guidance as Parliamentarian and his tireless assistance at the state contest. Judy McGarvey was presented hers for her instruction of youth and adults in fiddling and her unending support of old time music. We're so proud of you both and many thanks.

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Reporter: Susan Joubert

March 19th was a busy day for our district as it was our regular monthly jam at Winchester Bay **and** the state fiddle competition in Salem. With the many efficient members in our district, the two events were properly executed. What a privilege to have three families from our district participate in the competition. Others of us went to enjoy and encourage. We had 21 members go to Salem and of those, 12 participated in the contest. It was a long day, beginning before 8 a.m. and ending at 10:20 p.m. The Fiddle Contest is extremely well organized and the schedule runs very close to times posted. A heartfelt thanks to everyone that made it happen, especially our esteemed coordinator, Eileen.

May Events

14	2nd Saturday Jam	Butte Creek Mill, Eagle Pt.	11:30 a.m.
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We are so fortunate to have Sheri West as a long time member in our district. She has been playing the fiddle since she was eight. Her grandfather gave her her first fiddle. Her grandparents were Bud and Vi Brown, both members for many years. Sheri was soon playing at all the jams and went on to contests in Oregon, California, Washington and even Weiser Idaho. She has been judging fiddle contests for twenty years. When Sheri began playing the fiddle, her mother, Ginger Brown Calderon became interested, and Sheri actually taught her mom to play. Ginger played often at our local gigs. Unfortunately, Sheri recently got the news that her mom has passed away. Sheri is preparing to drive south to plan a memorial for her mom. Our thoughts and prayers go with her and the family.

Our May jam will be held on the 14th at the green area by the now burned mill in Eagle Point. All contributions--including our fee for playing at the Vintage Fair and any collected from the public--will be donated to the fund to rebuild the mill. So let's have a good turnout! Also, we will be doing our yearly benefit at the Children's Heritage Fair at Hanley Farms on May 28 at 11 a.m. A good turnout of young people would be fun! We're hoping the Allegany kids are able to make it also. That evening begins our first play date at the RV Park in Prospect at 7 p.m. This is a "must-go" because it is so much fun. Looking forward to seeing you soon.

"Life is one grand, sweet song, so start the music." Ronald Reagan

~ Judy Lyons, District 4 Reporter

May Events

11	gig	Evergreen Court, North Bend	3 - 4 p.m.
14	gig/jam	Chetco Grange, Brookings/Harbor	11:30 - 2 p.m.
		on stage 2 - 4 p.m. jam	
18	gig	West Wind Court, Bandon	1:30 - 2:30 p.m.
18	gig	Pacific View, Bandon	3 - 4 p.m.
21	meeting/gig/jam		11 - 4 p.m.
		11 - 12 meeting (finger food), 1 - 3 on stage, 3 - 4 circle jam	
25	gig	Memory Care, Coos Bay	1:30 - 2:30 p.m.
25	gig	Avamere, Coos Bay	3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Our district had many contestants who won trophies, money, and certificates for their performances. No wonder our buttons are bursting!

On April 3 we played in Dora for Alberta Lynn's 100th birthday party. What an honor to be invited to share music with this delightful and bubbly lady! There were 13 musicians and a very appreciative audience. Alberta, who has loved OOTFA style music for many years, positioned her chair right in front of the musicians and smiled and clapped for every tune.

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Junior Hoedowner: Rebecca Hazen, District 1

Rebecca Hazen is ten years old. Mervin Woodward, one of our fellow fiddlers introduced her to fiddle and does she ever love it! Rebecca is home schooled by her mom and dad. She works with what is called the Bob Jones University DVD program. She is a very bright student in her writing and playing the fiddle. Rebecca started playing in the fall of 2014, and she has a pretty, sparkly, pink fiddle. Her goal in playing the fiddle was for it to become a hobby. It has since become more, as she plays very well, making new friends and being very comfortable with her social skills. She attended West Cascade Fiddle Camp last year and hopes to go again this year if all works out. Her favorite songs are



Rebecca Hazen, District 1

"Flop Ear Mule", "Old Joe Clark" and "Home on the Range." Besides loving to play in class, she has played at the Care Centers and Farmer Market. Rebecca loves making people happy. She played Happy Birthday for her grandma, and I'm sure Grandma had a great big smile. Grandma and Grandpa are two of her biggest fans. Rebecca is trying to make a song of her own called "Lone Wolf". This does not surprise us as she has a great love for animals--especially dogs. Another favorite of hers is writing stories. When asked what she will be doing ten years from now she said "still playing fiddle." Her dad and mom hope that she will find some time for college.



OOTFA's membership meeting at Convention



Fred Hardin and Lynn Gossett raffle off items with a helper



Rosa Lee McLain and the McLain family receive a President's award



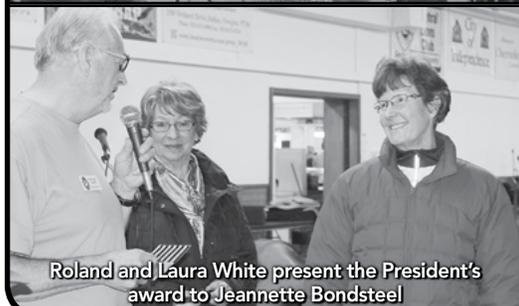
Administrative officers and spouses at the banquet



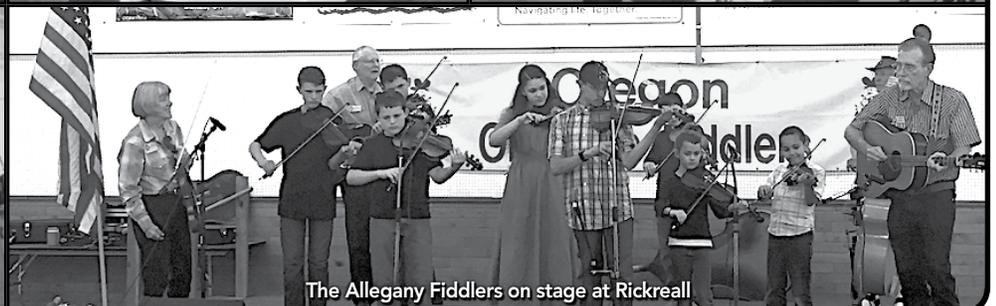
Roland and his helpers at the raffle



Willy and Edna Carter receive a President's award



Roland and Laura White present the President's award to Jeannette Bondsteel



The Allegany Fiddlers on stage at Rickreall

Contest Report from Eileen Walter

I'm happy to report that the contest was a huge success again this year – thanks to all the contestants, accompanists, volunteers, audience, and donations. There were 59 enthusiastic contestants; 30 of them were under the age of 17.

Thank you to all the contestants for being there and sharing your tunes. I'm also very thankful to the accompanists who were there to support the contestants. I also thank the more than 20 volunteers who worked so hard to make the contest possible. Also thanks to the audience – we need you too!

Our award to the oldest fiddler competing went to Willie Carter, age 89. Our youngest fiddler was Mira Spokes, age 8. Our judges were amazing. Thank you to: Roberta Pearce, Katrina Nicolayeff, and Tabitha Gholi.

I hope to see you all back on March 18, 2017, and I hope you'll encourage your fellow fiddlers and accompanists to come and join the fun.

~Eileen



State Contest Coordinator,
Eileen Walter at trophy
table.

2016 Oregon State Fiddle Contest Scores

Small Fry Division 1 Round

1. Isabel Swift	807
2. Mira Spokes	794
3. Noelle Stasak	778

Junior Junior Division Rd.1 Rd.2 Total

1. Tenaya Cooley	837	842	1679
2. C.J. Neary	827	840	1667
3. Colton Swift	809	824	1633
4. Silas Phillips	778	785	1563
5. Henry Hood	774	756	1530
6. Hannah Doggett	774	737	1511
7. Clay Swift	766		
8. Eliza Mathias	761		
9. Gideon Mathias	757		
10. Ella Spokes	755		
11. Mikelle Stasak	750		
12. Jordan Stasak	739		
13. Aurora Bitans	737		
14. Natalie Guptill	734		

Junior Division Rd.1 Rd.2 Total

1. Annabel Guptill	790	828	1618
2. Lauren Allison	804	812	1616
3. Josh Ashcraft	802	805	1607
4. Samuel Conklin	803	801	1604
5. Elina Gouw	789	803	1592
6. Alexia Roulette	780		
7. Cascade Martin	768		
8. Erin Hallgrimson	760		
8. Michael Christof	760		
10. Caleb Doggett	751		
11. Gideon Stasak	745		
12. Dallen Mathias	742		
13. Meyer Mathias	700		

Young Adult Division Rd.1 Rd.2 Total

1. Hannah Allison	816	840	1656
2. Ludi Phillips	813	816	1629
3. Kiersten Doggett	804	794	1598

Adult Division Rd.1 Rd.2 Total

1. Geraldine Mathias	756	786	1542 (-20)
2. Woodland Hood	757	782	1539
3. Mike Elston	748	778	1526
4. Eric Stasak	736	754	1490

Senior Division Rd.1 Rd.2 Total

1. Hajime Nagashima	820	833	1653
2. Maggie Dickerson	804	830	1634
3. Bob Heinith	800	818	1618
4. Rick Bergeron	810	802	1612
5. Susy Spencer	793	780	1573
6. Amy Starke	788		
7. Joan Harrington	786		
8. Colleen Hanks	782		

Senior Senior Division Rd.1 Rd.2 Total

1. Les Tucker	792	836	1628
2. Donna Foreman	812	798	1610
3. Judy McGarvey	823	783	1606
4. Jerry Parks	790	807	1597
5. Alice Holt	793	782	1575
6. Lew Holt	772		
7. Willie Carter	751		

Championship Division Rd.1 Rd.2 Total

1. Aaron Carter	839	839	1678
2. Doug Fleener	840	833	1673
3. Andy Emert	834	829	1663
4. Gary Schuh	811	839	1650
5. Caleb Engell	829	814	1643
6. Jeanine Orme	796	811	1607
7. Starr McMullen	788	803	1591

Accompanists

1. Jeff Walter	67 times on stage
2. Andy Emert	32 times on stage
2. Jonathan Trawick	32 times on stage
4. Les Tucker	17 times on stage
5. Doug Fleener	10 times on stage

Twin Fiddle Division 1 Round

1. Starr McMullen/Andy Emert	270
2. Hajime Nagashima/Josh Ashcraft	269
3. Caleb Engell/Samuel Conklin	266
4. Colton Swift/Tenaya Cooley	263
5. Dallen Mathias/Judy McGarvey	261
6. Maggie Dickerson/Joan Harrington	260
7. Rick Bergeron/Donna Foreman	259
8. Kiersten Doggett/Caleb Doggett	256
9. Annabel Guptill/Natalie Guptill	255
10. Woodland Hood/Geraldine Mathias	250
11. Mikelle Stasak/Gideon Stasak	247
11. Aurora Bitans/Clay Swift	247
13. Henry Hood/Gideon Mathias	244

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At our meeting on May 21, we will have election of officers; please bring finger food so we can enjoy a snack before the music starts.

Hope many of you can attend the Brookings event May 13 -14. Information is available in March and April Hoedowner under District 5. Thanks to Michael Mavris, Pat Foht, and John Bealey for all the planning.

Twenty of our members enjoyed the State Convention which included friendships--old and new, non-stop music, perusing the raffle table, state meeting, election of officers, and the banquet. It takes a tremendous amount of work to put on this 4-day event. There are a lot of behind-the-scene preliminaries in addition to all the effort to keep things going while the crowd is there. Bob Shaffar and Linda Eickhoff represented our districts at the Friday night show while the Allegany group played on stage with other young members. Thanks to all

who made it happen. We appreciate our out-going president, Roland White, and all he has done for our organization, and welcome Jim Kuether as our new president and Scott Phillips as vice president.

New members are Dick, who plays guitar and sings, and Sandy Bowman, who keeps camera in hand ready to grab those special moments for posterity. We are delighted to have them on board.

We were so sorry to lose our great friend, Fred Grove, on April 10th. He was an amazing man, loved by all, and we will miss him immensely.

"Music is the divine way to tell beautiful, poetic things to the heart." Pablo Casals

~ Susan Joubert, District 5 Reporter

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May Events

6	Jam	Eugene Hotel OOTFA	7 - 9:30 p.m.
13	Jam	Crow Grange OOTFA	7 - 9 ish p.m.
14	Monthly Jam @ Central Grange	1 - 4 p.m. (doors open at noon)	
20	Ya Po Ya Terrace Jam		7 - 9 ish p.m.
27	Jam	Willakenzie Grange OOTFA	7 - 9:30 p.m.

NOTE: There are NO FIDDLE CLASSES in MAY!!!

How blessed we are to live in Oregon with its lively old time music tradition! The state convention was a wonderful musical and friendship reunion. Many of our district members shined at convention:

- Our own Ila Mae Carmickle was awarded the prestigious Norm Nash award for outstanding service by a member. Our district is so lucky to have Ila Mae's dedication and skill. She teaches two 3-hour classes each month, one for Intermediate Fiddlers and the other for Basic/Beginning Fiddlers. Any OOTFA member is welcome. Congratulations, Ila Mae!
- Sensational Evelyn Horner and her backup group represented our district during the Friday Night Showcase. In addition to that, Evelyn gave a Bowing Workshop which was well-attended, and folks commented on how much they learned in such a short time. Several people left the workshop plotting to get their bows re-haired (including Evelyn herself)!
- Our amazing Oregon State Junior-Junior Champ Tenaya Cooley and her dad, Bruce, gave an awesome performance TWICE that night at the Showcase!!! KEEP IT UP and you'll make it to Nashville!!!!
- Hal Weiner gave a wonderful workshop on the "ins-and-outs" of the Keilhorn Scholarship Fund.
- Phyllis Coffin led a song workshop on Friday that was well attended.

Fiddle Camp is going to be AMAZING this year! It will be held July 18-21 at Westridge Middle School near Oakridge. Ken Luse is the Chair of this 6th Annual Fiddle Camp. Thanks to the Keilhorn Scholarship Fund, youth 7-18 can apply for a total refund of \$70 after camp is over. Adult tuition is just \$100 for adults. Classes are offered in fiddle, guitar, banjo and bass. In addition, the workshops also cover the mandolin and Uke. Accommodations are dry camping on the site or motels/RV parks nearby. There is more jamming than you could ever hope for plus good food and fellowship and fabulous instructors.

Registration has already begun, and it ends June 30. Get your registration in early to ensure a place. Visit fiddlecamp.org for more information.

Our District elections were held on April 16. Our new officers who take office in May (a recent change in OOTFA Bylaws at 2016 Convention) are: Chair Tony Humphreys; Vice Chair Allan Stults; Secretary Treasurer Bernie Roberts. Hoedowner Reporter Amy Burrow; Kitchen Supervisors: Phyllis & Zane Coffin and Leah Canaday.

Happy Birthdays greetings to: Tenaya Cooley, Jeri Walling, Annie Carter and Brian Sorrels!



Roland presents Ila Mae Carmickle with the Norm Nash Award for Distinguished Service

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Anniversary Congratulations to: Gary and Lynne Baran, Zane and Phyllis Coffin, and Ken and Patti Luse.

District 6 members send healing energy to our people who are trying to stabilize their health and enjoy life. Know that you and your families are loved and cared for.

District 7 (Portland, Northern Coast Area)

Chair: Marcella Easley, 503-631-3149

Vice-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

May Events

15 circle jam

29 NW Jam

Looking forward to May flowers at the all the jams. COME JOIN US!

~ **Patti Luse (standing in as District 6 Reporter for Amy Burrow)**

Estacada Public Library, 825 NW Wade St. Estacada 2:30-4:30 p.m.
600 NE 8th St. Gresham, Doors open at 11 a.m., Sign-up from: 12:30-3:30 p.m.

We have had some cold and very warm weather this last month, and I think we have broken some records. I know we all look forward to more consistent weather but also know that we are enjoying our longer days and the beautiful flowering trees and shrubs!

Many District 7 members attended the State Convention in early April this year. It is always fun to drive out to Rickreall where we can enjoy beautiful scenery along the way. The convention was excellent, as usual. I could only attend on Saturday but was able to participate in a number of fun events. There was a lot of jamming which everyone loved and a well-attended workshop on bowing taught by Evelyn Horner. There was a business meeting in the morning and we listened to many interesting speakers. I was so impressed with the number of people who had volunteered, providing services to OOTFA all year, as well as for our State Convention. This is why we have such a great organization—so many people are willing to help!

Roland White did an excellent job running the meeting (this was his "swan song" before saying good-bye as our president). It was lovely to see him recognize all the people who had volunteered their time during his tenure. He also complimented all OOTFA districts for providing the citizens of Oregon with 10,000 hours of musical enjoyment this year. Wow, that is a lot!

Our membership is down somewhat, and so Marcella Easley reported that there will be a big push this year to put news of OOTFA on line and in social media. There will be a PR fund for this purpose and we will be hearing more about it throughout the year.

Enjoy our warmer weather and happy fiddling.

~ **Elaine Schmidt, District 7 Reporter**

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

Chairman: Dick Dery 503-585-9595, dickdery@centurylink.net

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Treasurer: Elaine Connors, 503-623-2278, enconnors@me.com

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Reporter: Alice Holt, 503-391-5377

May Events

7 gig "Sheep to Shawl" at Mission Mill Salem 1:30 - 3 p.m.

Spring has definitely sprung in the Willamette Valley. Daffodils are about gone, tulips are on the way out. Lilacs and dogwoods are putting on their color shows. We've enjoyed some almost summer weather including the four days of the convention.

The OOTFA Convention was a big success. Attendance seemed to be down a bit, but those who were there had a great time. As host district, we want to thank everyone for pitching in to help as needed. OOTFA members exemplify the saying, "Many hands make light work". Give yourselves a pat on the back.

A special thank you to Darlene Bryant for being kitchen manager on Wednesday. She in turn says thanks to all who brought finger food for Wednesday. And to Lew and Alice Holt, Dick and Donna Foreman and Rick, Joyce and Ed Bergeron for help getting everything picked up and loaded out of the Arts Building Wednesday night.

We have two new tunes to learn, thanks to Donna Foreman's workshop and some techniques and exercises to improve our bowing from Evelyn Horner. Another workshop was to learn the

process of applying for a Kielhorn grant. My personal favorite activity at multi-district events is circle jamming. It seems lots of others enjoy it too. A circle forms with maybe 3 or 4 musicians and others pull up chairs and join in until we have 20 or so musicians.

On Saturday May 7, District 8 will play for the Sheep to Shawl event at Willamette Heritage Center (Mission Mill) in Salem. We're scheduled to play from 1:30 to 3 pm. Our spot is at the little church at the top of the hill. We'll be on the front porch as we've done in the past. The event opens at 10 a.m., so if you come early you can see sheep shearing, spinning and knitting demonstrations.

Marie Cunningham didn't have surgery as was originally planned, but is starting chemotherapy. We wish her well and send thoughts and prayers for healing.

Music is good for you, play every day!

~ **Alice Holt, District 8 Reporter**

District 9 (Burns - John Day Area)

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

Vice-Chair: TBA

Secretary/Treasurer: George Sahlberg

Reporter: Marianne Andrews

With sad hearts, we report that our vice-chair, Pam Lischter of District 9 Old Time Fiddlers, died Monday, April 4 of a heart attack. Her husband was at our Sunday potluck and jam in her honor and reminded us that she is dancing with the angels.

The Sunday jam had 11 musicians. Janet rolled in about 3 p.m. and briefly told us about OOTFA State Convention and brought your greetings. She was delighted to tell us of the Kielhorn Grant that has been generously donated for a workshop for youth at the Jamboree. Thanks, Janet, for the effort on District 9's behalf.

In two months, the Country Music Jamboree will be here in Burns at the fairgrounds, June 16-18! Mark your calendars. Ya'all come! We will be electing officers for the coming year at our May Sunday potluck and jam. Be certain to be there, as we will need a quorum. Think about serving in one of these positions.

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, gynnnde@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

Both the State Fiddle Contest and Convention are now history. We extend sincere appreciation to all who made these great successes. On Friday night at the Convention, Kelly Wadsworth and her grandkids played on stage, as well as Colleen Hanks and Jim Kuether. On Saturday night, 114 members enjoyed the banquet, awards and raffle. We congratulate and thank all the new and continuing officers. Congratulations to Hal Thompson who received the Bill Yohey Award. A big card was signed for Bob and Jean Hanson.

Our Sutherlin jams in April and May had large turnouts including several guests from other districts. Thanks for coming. The district needs a nominee for Chairperson. As soon as they're in office, their one-year term begins in May. Colleen Hanks has agreed to run for Co-Chair. We also have vacancies for Membership Coordinator and Program Director. We'll talk about the vacancies at our 11 a.m. District Meeting on Sat, May 28 (before our 12-3 p.m. jam).

On May 11, Hal and Sharon Thompson celebrate their 20th Anniversary. Congratulations, Hal and Sharon! Although the Hartsell Family moved to District 4, we'd like to extend a "Happy Anniversary" to Shawn and Lucy on May 27, and a "Happy Birthday" to Lucy on May 30. Jon Tilley and Julie Yarbrough have returned from six months of wintering in the foothills outside Yuma, Az. Welcome back, Jon and Julie! We were saddened by Fred Grove's passing. From District 5, he was a talented, accomplished musician with a heart of gold. He'll be long and fondly remembered by those who were lucky enough to have known him.

Oregon will be host state for the National Fiddle Contest in Weiser, Id. on June 20-25. If you're planning on going, contact Patti Luse or Judy McGarvey.

May Events

6	jam	Friday night jam and new moon	7 p.m.
8	jam	Sunday potluck and jam, 1-4 p.m. (last one until October)	
13	gig	The Aspens	7 - 9 p.m.
16	gig	Ashley Manor	6 - 7 p.m.
20	jam	Friday night jam	7 p.m.
27	jam	Friday night jam	7 p.m.

Margaret Teague's memorial service was held at the Faith Baptist Church on April 23. Thanks for your support and prayers.

After our May Sunday potluck and jam, we will take our summer hiatus and will resume the second Sunday in October. See you at the Jamboree and Fair!

Be certain to call one of the officers for the location of the home or facility that the Friday jams will be held in. They always welcome newcomers, card players, clappers and especially the regular musicians.

Musically Yours,

~ Marianne Andrews, District 9 Reporter

May Events

5	gig	Bridgewood Rivers	1:30 pm
5-8	campout	Silver Lake	
11	gig	Rose Haven (2nd Wednesday)	10 a.m.
16	gig	Callahan Court (3rd Monday)	2:30 p.m.
23	gig	Callahan Village (4th Monday)	3:30 p.m.
28	meeting/jam	Sutherlin Grange Hall	11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Current Chair Colleen Hanks shares her thoughts about old-time music: "The music makes sense to me. That danceable sound is sweet to the soul. I find it soaks into my heart. It brings the joys of the past to visit the present. It's a sharing of our heritage."

Keep on pickin and grinnin!

~ Joe Ross, District 10 Reporter

Just as the Hoedown was sent to press this month, we heard of the passing of two of our beloved, active members and back-up musicians: Bob Hanson (District 10) and Fred Grove (District 5). We send our thoughts and prayers to their families. Both will be greatly missed in the music community. We will cover more of their contributions in the June edition.



Bob Hanson



Fred Grove



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State Calendar

May 5-8	Silver Lake Campout--Silver Lake
May 13-14	Nevada State Old Time Fiddler's Contest--Eureka, NV
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 & Semi Bi-annual State Meeting--Prineville

New Members to Welcome!

Iola & Jessica Bartlett	Boring	Joan Harrington	Gresham
Phillis Bartlett	Hillsboro	Tom & Chris Hasvold	Oakland
Dick & Sandra Bowman	Coos Bay	Marilee Hord	Portland
Ben, Amanda, Holly & Asher Brewster	Corvallis	Cascade Martin	Portland
Hilary Fisher	Eugene	Sherri McDowell	Oakridge
Wayne Frey	Keiser	Susan and Douglas Minniear	Hines
Lynn Gossett	Dallas	Carri Munn	Portland
Fred Green	Boring	Paul O'Brien	Portland
Louis Guptill-Frey	Keiser	Devon & Alexis Roulette	Portland
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