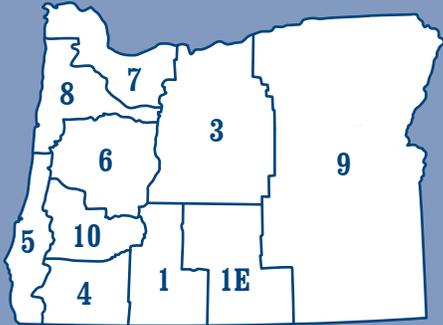


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From Your President

As you read this month's report, you will already have experienced Thanksgiving, which President Lincoln designated as a national holiday in 1836. For some, it's just another day off or a double-time pay day. Others will cook for hours, just to see a feast disappear in a matter of minutes! And still others might find this day quite sad, lonely, or even hungry! No matter what your circumstances, it should be a day of thanks. I'm thankful for many things--not the least of which is belonging to the Oregon Old Time Fiddlers. I hope that you can say the same. What a good time we have playing music, singing, and meeting new people--with some of them becoming great friends!

I am thankful to be your president-- at this time and place in the history of OOTFA. Together we can make it a place where we can enjoy and develop our talents and be of service to others. Through our music, we treat our listeners to the great songs of the past. Keep up the music and thank you all for your valuable contributions. Until next time, remember, a fiddler doesn't "fret".

~ Jim

From the Editor

I recently got an email from Lois Eagleton. Apparently she is the person who came up with the idea for the National Treasures, yet she had never seen her name listed in the Hoedowner. Here she is, along with a few of our other National Treasures!

- Lois Eagleton (District 6) grew up in Junction City and took violin lessons along with Jesse Knudsen. She didn't play for many years, but kept her grandmother's violin. Years later, she joined the Arizona Oldtime Fiddlers and when she moved back to Oregon, she joined OOTFA. She has traveled the world and she used to do trail riding with horses. She used to love to dance, but today it is her fiddle and friends that keep her going!
- Alice Holt (District 8) has been a member for 35 years and has been Interested in music for 70 years. She enjoys knitting, gardening, reading, and raising her three children.
- Gene Grant (District 4) has been a member of OOTFA for 4 years. He has been interested in music for 75 years.
- Art Bigelow (District 5) has been a member for 17 years. Gene Williams got him involved in OOTFA. His life's work was with the US Forest Service.

~ Karen

State Calendar

January 13,14	January State Jam/ Board Meeting, Glide Oregon
March 18	State Fiddle Contest , Chemeketa CC, Salem
April 5-8	Statewide Convention, Polk County Fairgrounds, Rickreall
May 4-7	Silver Lake Campout
June 15-17	Burns Quarterly Meeting and Campout
July 17-20	Fiddle Camp, near Oakridge
Aug 17-20	Winchester Bay Camp-out
September 7-9	Central Oregon Country Music Gathering, Prineville

From the Editor Emeritus

What a great experience it was being in Prineville recently at the quarterly meeting hosted by District 3. Many old familiar tunes were played as well as were some new tunes – new to me anyway.

Over the years E-mail has allowed me to meet many interesting people and to develop interesting friendships. About year 2000 a story about a fiddle I had bought at an auction went out to a large genealogy list. Within a few days I received 132 replies from all over the world. I continued to write to two men - Willie in Scotland and Dewey in New York. Although Dewey lived 3000 miles away in New York State, we became close friends, enjoying many similarities. Dewey sent me a video of a group of fiddlers playing many tunes. Alice and I found two new tunes especially intriguing. One was "Kathleen" and the other was "Barn Burner's Reel". I wrote to Dewey about "Kathleen"; he sent me the music. Alice later taught it at a workshop. The tune has grown to become a familiar tune in

several districts. If my 87-year-old memory serves me, it was Roger Germundson who played, "Kathleen" during one of the pre-show jams at Prineville.

In 2003 I made a presentation at the Hardanger Fiddle Association conference at St. Olaf College in Northfield, MN. Although Dewey was ill with leukemia; a friend of his drove him out from New York to Minnesota so that we might meet each other in person. What a great compliment that was. He died less than a year later. He said I was his "email hospice." I will always remember Dewey well and thank him for sharing "Kathleen" with us here in Oregon. Next month I'll share the story of "Cousin Willie" and the Carpenter of Solas, a tune that I heard at Prineville, too.

~ Lew

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December Events

8	Rogue River Place		1 - 2 p.m.
8	Quail Park (Bistro)		3 - 4 p.m.
11	Meeting/Jam	Shasta Grange	12:15 - 3 p.m.
15	Plum Ridge		10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
15	Pacifica/Brookdale		1 - 2 p.m.

Practice on Saturdays 1- 4 p.m. at Luther Square. Check with Irene Ruddock for date and times (541-882-6418).

Greetings All from District One,

Well, I was pretty sure we were going to get some winter, but I think fall decided to start over and run through one more time! Other than some much needed rain and some cooler nights, we have had spectacular weather! It's very hard to imagine that we're headed into December already! As I write this, we are just a few short weeks away from Thanksgiving; everyone here in District 1 would like to extend the warmest of Happy Thanksgiving wishes to all of you OOTFA members. After we get through our Thanksgiving meals, I hope many of us will make time to play a tune or two...to not only share good times and good food with family and friends but good music too! Our December schedule is pretty much business as usual with our normal rotations of nursing homes, as well as our usual meeting/jam taking place on

December 11. On December 13, our Junior Fiddlers will be having a Holiday Christmas concert. They have all been practicing their songs, as well as traditional Christmas songs and we're all looking forward to hearing them play.

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

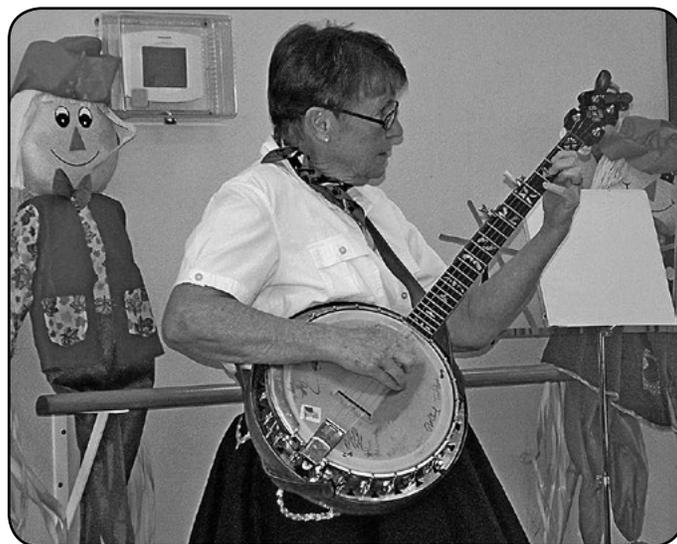
December Anniversaries: Phil and Carol Fulbright, Jake and Aline Swartwood.

Let me know if I missed anyone!

~ Jenny Dreyer, District 1 Reporter



Junior Fiddlers and adults of District 1 play for Seniors



Diana Mackenzie (District 3) plays her banjo for Halloween in Redmond

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Here we are with only 31 days left in the year! We can look forward to plates of fudge, peppermint brittle, egg nog, cookies, fruitcake, colorful hard candies and other delicious holiday treats that will cause us to think, "Oh, I shouldn't but...!". Then we'll help ourselves and hopefully push that high calorie, artery clogging guilt to the dark recesses of our minds as we gleefully indulge ourselves. After all, everyone knows that January is the month to start a diet!

We are back in the swing of things out here in Wonderland. We had a great "First Saturday Jam" in November that started at 2 p.m. and went on until around 11 p.m., when the last 3 diehards gave up. Mike Foster came over to help out our small group and we played our fingers off. We've been enjoying our Thursday night jams too, and it is so nice to have Janet Brayman here to stretch our repertoire, adding tunes new to our ears while we reciprocate with some of our favorites. We're all benefiting equally.

Our local holiday fair is a 2 day event, beginning December 2nd at 5 p.m., when it opens. We'll be playing from 6 to 8 p.m. that night while the shoppers mill around to inspect the local crafts and sample the wide variety of homemade goodies. It will wrap up late Saturday afternoon, so if anyone is interested in joining us for the December First Saturday Jam on the 3rd that will start at 2 p.m., come early and

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Howdy from District 3,

We are getting ready for the holiday season and our Christmas Potluck will be held on Dec 13 before the jam/dance. District 3 will provide the turkey and the rest of the dinner will be potluck, so get those favorite holiday recipes out!

A group of OOTFA played at the Redmond Senior Center on Oct 28th for their Halloween lunch. Margaret Keene was the coordinator, and it was a success. Several of the seniors (Margaret, Eddie and Diana) were in costume. Our players were Margaret Keen, Breffini Whelan, Ron Jackson, Ed & Diana Mackenzie, Vivian & Tommy Tucker, Judy Robinette, Jeff Violet, Hollis Real, Karen Bennet and Brehth Napoli. The music and dancing was enjoyed by all.

Our Jam/Dance on Nov 13th was a lot of fun, so a great success: 28 musicians and 50 guests had a great afternoon. Lots of good music and dancing. Thanks to all for the wonderful, yummy snacks! Starting in December, there will be workshops and jamming after the jam/dance as we have use of the hall the rest of the day. Please let one of the officers know if you are interested and would be willing to do a workshop.

We held a membership/musicians meeting after our event as we had lots to discuss. Chair Jeanette gave us a rundown on plans already in the works for the 2017 Central Oregon Country Music Gathering (COCMG). She has created a manual with all the information a person would need to set up the event. Thanks for the hard work, Jeanette.

December Events

1	Jam	Rosa Lee's house
2	Christmas Fair	Lake Co. Fairgrounds
3	First Saturday Jam	Senior Center
8, 15, 22, 29	Jams	Rosa Lee's house

stop in at the fairgrounds to pick up some one-of-a-kind items for those on your Christmas list.

Mary Ann reported that the Occupy E Street event we played for this summer generated \$1500. That money will go back into the community in the form of fresh paint and other efforts to spruce up businesses on that street. It was from that event that we picked up a good bass player who heard us playing at the street fair and came to join us recently one Thursday night. He has purchased a house just down the street from Rosa Lee's residence, so once he is able to live here full time (he is waiting on his son's high school graduation 2 years from now) we'll have a bass player to add to our group. Meanwhile, he'll be in Lakeview occasionally and will play with us when he can.

We hope to see some of you at our December Saturday jam but failing that, want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, too!

December Birthdays: 6 Alexis Bryant; 12 Connie Steward; 13 Eileen McLain; 15 Barrett Amaker; 27 Reba Steward

~ Nancy Yialouris, District 1E Reporter

December Events

13	2nd Sunday Jam/Dance/Potluck	Powell Butte CC	12 - 3 p.m.
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Our campground for 2017 is already at 30 percent capacity. We are looking for instruments to be raffled off and items for door prizes. We also need members to sign up for committees so this event can be sustained.

Guidelines for our jam were discussed, resulting in some great suggestions to make the jam even better. We'll be sending out an email to all our musicians with a list and summary of the discussion. The guidelines are also on our website, and we will post them at the hall. We are going to try a door prize raffle at the December Jam/Dance, thanks to Brenda Rose who has an item to donate. Thanks also to Brad Gray for a generous donation of a powered mixer for our sound system! He also set the system up for us. Thanks, Brad!

On a final note, it is time to renew your yearly membership. Please mail your check to Teri Tucker or Patti Luse, addresses are in the roster.

Until next time...Happy Thanksgiving to all and enjoy the weather.

~ Pat Borden and Kim Martin, District 3 Reporters

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

December monthly jam and meeting will be on December 3 at Eastwood Baptist church in Medford. The meeting starts at 11:30, on the floor jam will play music from after the meeting until the sign up jam begins at 1 p.m. Bring snacks to share. All of us here in District 4 wish everyone a Merry Christmas, happy holidays.

We at District 4 know the meaning of the word busy. And from the good turn-out of musicians, it also must mean fun! At the farm in Phoenix, our fingers and musical instruments defied the cold and dampness by playing our tunes a little faster. While the many visitors enjoyed the hay maze, pumpkin patch, hay ride and the many games, we supplied the happy music. We were joined by two of our young fiddlers, Kameron Kidd and Shania Deen. We love it when they come out to play. The littlest visitors enjoyed dancing to our music, especially participating in the circle dance and of course the "chicken dance". We were also happy to have Coleen Banks, from District 10 join in our fun. Come back soon! We love visitors. We were sad when our second gig at the farm had to be canceled due to the 13 or more inches of liquid sunshine we received here in our valley in just one week.

Our November monthly jam, held in memory of Lem Guthrie, was standing room only, overflow attendance. Members from Lem's family came from cities all over Oregon, California, Washington and New York. Many musicians dedicated their tunes to Lem's memory and shared memories of him with the audience. Hal and Sharon Thompson drove down from District 10 to attend and share.

That same evening, eight musicians from our district played for the Victorian Ball in Jacksonville. The ballroom was decorated in pink, gold and silver. The ladies were splendid in their satin and velvet ruffles and hoop skirts. The gentleman equally attired in

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3 meeting/jam, Eastwood Baptist Church, Medford, 11:30 a.m. mtg/ jam 1-? p.m.

tuxedos and red cumberbuns, top hats, and canes. The musicians gently eased them onto the dance floor with some slow tunes, then guided them through the Virginia Reel which they found exhausting in all their finery. After a short break, they waltzed into the late hours of the night. As the musicians played "After the Ball is Over" it seemed the dancers wafted down the stairs and back to the century they had come from just for the evening.

The fiddle workshop presented by our district, and taught by Tricia Spencer and Harold Rains, was well attended by fiddlers from our district and the public. Techniques taught were instructions on how to accompany other fiddlers with their tunes. It seems everyone attending came away with some good ideas and hope to implement them soon. Thanks to Melinda Grant for setting this up for our district.

Remember it's time to renew your membership. If you're a Lifetime member and want to receive the Hoedowner online you need to do nothing. If you're a Lifetime member and want the Hoedowner in paper form you need to renew for \$25.00. Families receiving the Hoedowner on line pay \$20.00, Families wanting the Hoedowner in paper form pay \$25.00 . What a deal!

Our December monthly jam and meeting will be on December 3 at Eastwood Baptist church in Medford. The meeting starts at 11:30, on the floor jam will play music from after the meeting until the sign up jam begins at 1 p.m. Bring snacks to share. All of us here in District 4 wish everyone a Merry Christmas, happy holidays, good health, and lots of music in the new year. See you in January.

~ Judy Lyons, District 4 Reporter



Eight members of District 4 who played for the Victorian Ball: Judy Lyons, Mike Lundgrin, Lenny Ferrara, Scotty Phillips, Judy McGarvey, Cathy Futchey, Ron Bolstad, Carol Ferrara.



District 4 playing at the farm in Phoenix

State Jam and Board Meeting: January 13-14

Glide, Oregon (17 miles east of Roseburg on Hwy 138)

**District 10 is excited to invite you to a venue we've never tried before,
with a large meeting room and an annex building:**

**Glide Community Center
20062 North Umpqua Hwy Glide, OR**

Camping:

- Free dry camping at the community center. CALL SHARON AT (541) 430 5898 OR EMAIL mamabear3506@centurytel.net TO RESERVE A SPOT.
- Elk Haven RV Park (1.5 mi east of Community Center) Full Hookups/Pull Thru
22020 North Umpqua Hwy, Idleyld Park, Oregon 97447 (541) 496-3090
Reservations at park needed. Call in eve. Upstairs apartment available (sleeps 4)

Lodging:

- The Illahee Inn: <http://www.illaheennet.net/>
Only 7 rooms - RESERVATIONS NEEDED.
170 Wild Thyme Lane (541) 580-2344 Contact Michelle.



Other motels and lodging available in Roseburg!

NO POTLUCK this time - Saturday lunch of soup, salad & sandwiches will be provided for a minimal price at the Community Center.

For other meals, restaurants are available in Glide!

Schedule:

Friday Night: begins at 5 p.m. Circle jam for "early birds" in annex building going on into the night.

Saturday	8 a.m.	Decorate & set up hall
	9 a.m.	Members arrive!
	10 a.m.	Board meeting in annex building
	11 - 12:30 p.m.	Lunch (available for minimal cost)
	1 - 4 p.m.	Sign-up stage show/jam. Public invited.
	4 - 5 p.m.	Clean up

Also: Community Bingo at Glide Community Ctr Fri 7 - 9 p.m.
You will be in the Land of the Umpqua - excellent fishing on the famous North Umpqua River.

**Come and play music, listen to music,
dance, and meet friends!**

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Junior Fiddler: Louisianne Rachelle Potvin ("LouLou")-District 3



Louisianne Rachelle Potvin
("LouLou"), District 3

Loulou is 8 years old and lives in Prineville. She attends 3rd grade at Crooked River Elementary. She started playing fiddle at age 5, but really took interest in it when she turned 6. Her dad, Marcel Potvin, is a fiddle player who teaches all three of his daughters to play. Loulou's sisters, Lily Rose (age 5) and Adelyne (age 2), are both interested in fiddling. Adelyne just received a 1/32 size violin and it's her favorite toy.

Loulou is crazy about jigs, saying the jigs just "give me a lift." However, her favorite tune right now is a French Canadian reel, called the "Mattawa Reel." She also loves to sing along with the tunes and "Star of the County Down" is a favorite because she can both sing it and play fiddle. She also likes to compose her own tunes. Along with her friend Luna (who is also nicknamed Lulu), they made up a song about themselves they called "The Lulus".

Loulou is interested in all of the arts, especially music, knitting, drawing, painting, crafts and theatre. She loves reading, and her favorite books are mysteries set in historical times. She recently started playing guitar with Steve Johnson (on a visit to Newport) and is now thrilled to take guitar lessons from her neighbor and "National Treasure" Jack Kerr.

Loulou's family spends a few months in Quebec each year where they make maple syrup from their family "sugar bush." There, she has lots of opportunity to explore nature and do her favorite nature activity: jumping over streams. She is fluent in French and English. Her family is bilingual, and they mostly speak French at home. Vive la musique!

Tune of the Month: Harvest Home

Usually called "Harvest Home Hornpipe," this tune had been played since the Nineteenth Century with that swing dotted hornpipe rhythm all over Scotland, Ireland, England, Canada, and the U.S. I heard it played by Wally Bloom, raised in north central Saskatchewan and later lived out in Crow, west of Eugene. But he played it the way he learned it from his uncle, as a fast square dance reel.

~ Linda Danielson



Linda Danielson

Harvest Home (played as a reel in Canada) arr. L. Danielson



Oregon State Fiddle Contest

March 18, 2017

Hey all you fiddlers, volunteers, & audience members – the state contest is coming up – March 18 at Chemeketa Community College in Salem!!!

I'm excited to announce that we have a terrific panel of judges – Nancy Padilla from Bozeman, Montana, Devon McCauley from Burleson, Texas, and Pete Martin from Seattle, Washington. The tentative schedule and the registration form are printed in this Hoedowner, and other information will follow in the coming months. Please email, text, or call me if you have questions or would like to volunteer.

Thank you,

~Eileen Walter gdaewalt@comcast.net 503-701-1578



Eileen Walter with an array of trophies for the 2016 State Fiddle Contest

Tentative Schedule for the 2017 Oregon State Fiddle Contest – subject to change depending on registration

- 7:00 Registration Opens
- 7:30 Judges & Contestants Meeting in the Practice Room
- 8:00 **Adult Round 1**
- 8:30 **Young Adult Round 1**
- 9:00 **Senior Senior Round 1**
- 9:40 **Senior Round 1**
- 10:20 **Junior Junior Round 1**
- 11:15 – 12:15 Lunch
- 12:15 **Twin**
- 1:00 **Small Fry**
- 1:30 **Senior Senior Round 2**
- 2:00 **Junior Round 1**
- 3:00 **Championship Round 1**
- 3:45 Awards - Small Fry , Senior Senior, Twin, Youngest Fiddler, Oldest Fiddler
- 4:15 – 5:30 Dinner
- 5:30 – 6:00 Jam on Stage
- 6:00 Judges Perform
- 6:15 **Junior Junior Round 2**
- 6:45 **Junior Round 2**
- 7:15 **Anything Goes**
- 8:00 **Senior Round 2**
- 8:30 **Adult Round 2**
- 9:00 **Young Adult Round 2**
- 9:30 **Championship Round 2**
- 10:15 Awards - All Divisions (except Small Fry, Twin, and Senior Senior)



Samuel Conklin and Caleb Engel at the 2016 Oregon State Fiddle Contest



Aurora Bitans and Clay Swift
Twin Fiddlers 2016



Ella & Mira Spokes at the state contest



Oregon Old Time Fiddlers Annual Contest 2017



Pre-Registration & Regular Registration Form

Please note: Contestants must be members of the Oregon Old Time Fiddlers Association and have been an Oregon resident for the past six months. You may join the organization at the contest. An annual family membership is \$20 (includes an email subscription to the monthly newsletter) or \$25 (includes a monthly newsletter mailed to your home).

Contestants may enter only one of the following divisions, in addition to the "Anything Goes" and/or the "Twin Fiddle" Division. Contestants entering the "Anything Goes" or the "Twin Fiddle" divisions are not required to enter a regular division.

There is no charge for those contestants who pre-register, but the entry fee is \$7 at the contest. Pre-register by mail prior to March 13, or by email, text message, or phone call prior to March 15 to: Eileen Walter 6020 SE Lexington, Portland, OR 97206 (503) 701-1578 gdaewalt@comcast.net

Circle or Underline those divisions you are entering:

Open (or Championship) – any age

Senior Senior – 70 or older

Senior – 60 to 69

Adult – 37 to 59

Young Adult – 18 to 36

Junior – 13 to 17

Junior Junior – 9 to 12

Small Fry – 8 or younger

Anything Goes – any age

Twin Fiddle – any age

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email Address _____

Date of Birth _____ Registration Date: _____

(all divisions)

Twin Fiddle Partner's Name: _____

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Like most district members, we look forward to our monthly jams and scheduled meetings, but it was a very wise decision when our president, Dawn Vonderlin, canceled it for Oct. 15th due to weather conditions. The wind was predicted to blow at great force, the rains had pelted us and we had already experienced heavy winds and lightning. The date was changed to the 29th but was not for the public, rather it was used for our meeting and a member's jam. There was a quorum for the meeting which is always super as then decisions and progress can be made. We voted to contribute \$500.00 to the 2017 fiddle camp, which is coordinated by District 6.

We are excited to share that we will be starting fiddle lessons again. They will be held at Harbor Lights Middle School in Bandon beginning Dec. 7 at 6:30. Our instructor will be Rhy Thorrtton, and all are welcome to attend. A \$5.00 donation per lesson would be appreciated, and it will go to our scholarship fund. If you have any questions regarding lessons, please contact Dawn Vonderlin at 541-347-4561. We also want to take this opportunity to thank Bob Shaffar, who taught lessons for a number of years. His dedication was phenomenal, and we truly appreciate his time and concern for his students and the advancement of OOTFA.

Our group and the South Coast Folk Society is presently planning a project, scheduled to take place in February. More details will be in the January Hoedowner. As we are always glad to have other district members join us for our jams, we welcomed Jesse and Darla Knudsen, Jim Keuther and Hal and Sharon Thompson.

Mid October, we had a gig in Bandon on the Waterfront, in which we were able to play right between the storm window.

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We are a diverse nation as citizens and as musicians. This demands of us respect for others' contributions and perspectives, whether relative to national politics or local ones as they apply to our own organization. Our mission statement calls us to recognize and honor the talents and efforts of all who come into our membership as we preserve, promote and perpetuate old time music.

A group of members who care about District 6 culture have met twice to share observations, feelings and suggestions for performances and jams and the distinctions between the two. In mid-October, a faction of fourteen volunteers met to create a forum for a respectful airing of perspectives surrounding peoples'

December Events

7	gig	Myrtle Point Care Center, Myrtle Point	3 - 4 p.m.
14	gig	Baycrest, Coos Bay	1:30 - 2:30 p.m.
14	gig	Evergreen Court, Coos Bay	3 - 4 p.m.
21	gig	Pacific View, Bandon	2 - 3 p.m.
28	gig	Avamere, Coos Bay	3 - 4 p.m.

There were lots of clouds, but mostly blue sky. The stage faced the water, offering the musicians a beautiful view. There is a reason they call it Bandon by the Sea. This event was to help raise money for the Bandon Youth Center. Eight musicians represented us.

From time to time, I like to highlight one of our members, as space allows. This month I am glad to introduce you to Adam Taylor. I asked him to share a short bio with us.

Adam Taylor: "I was born to homesteaders and lived in Delta Junction, Alaska until I was 14. At 7, I got a trumpet and I continued to play various horns when we moved to Brookings where I attended high school. I joined the USAF and was a bugler for 4 years. Years later, in my early 50's I was given a guitar. Although I'd always wanted to play the guitar, I found it difficult and became discouraged until I met former OOTFA member Rudy Spence. His excitement, encouragement and patience were all I needed! About a year later he introduced me to OOTFA in Winchester Bay and I found the same excitement for music and desire to encourage others. From then on, there has been no group of musicians I enjoy playing with more! I'm very grateful to the many guitar players in OOTFA who have shared their knowledge and talent with me. Now, I'm retired, live in a motor home with my little dog, and have the opportunity to travel and play music. So, I'm looking forward to many more exciting times with All you OOTFers!"

Remember that you will receive an updated schedule for December at the end of November. Sometimes gigs are added, or things change, especially during the Christmas season.

~ Susan Joubert, District 5 Reporter

December Events

Nov. 28	Ila Mae's Basic Fiddle Class, Bethesda Lutheran Church, 1 - 4 p.m.		
1	jam	Old World Deli	Corvallis 7 - 9-ish
2	OOTFA jam		Eugene Hotel 7 - 9-ish
3	Intermediate Fiddle Class		River Road Annex 1 - 4 p.m.
5	No Basic Class (see 11/28)		
9	OOTFA jam		Elmira Grange 7 - 9-ish
10	OOTFA jam		Central Grange 12 - 4 p.m.
Folks are encouraged to wear festive clothing and bring holiday snacks and cookies.			
16	jam	YaPoAh Terrace	all-comer's 7 - 9 p.m.
23	OOTFA Jam		Willakenzie Grange 7 - 9 p.m.

experiences from our jams and the music that is played at them with the goal of ensuring inclusive, emotionally safe opportunities to play with others, honoring old time music in its many forms, as players strive to improve their skills and increase their repertoire.

The consensus was that there is a clear distinction between performances and jams. Performances are expected to be well-rehearsed, polished and celebrate the history of the genre as dance music. Jams are casual, social and are intended to be a fun way to meet new people, learn tunes and experiment with improvisation. All participants agreed that, whether as part of a circle or sign-up jam, we must respect the lead of the tune-leader as they establish

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tempo, style and backup expectations. The tune-leader helps us all by overtly stating key, tune structure and breaks, if any.

Some players have been made to feel self-conscious and judged because of their tune selections or skills. Others mentioned that they sense that their use of sheet music is looked down upon. Access to notes, chords and lyrics is an accommodation that increases access and promotes participation.

We are so fortunate to have a district in which we can count on a regular jam schedule, great venues and good participation. We have a reputation of being hospitable and helpful. That positive climate contributes to growing our organization!

The West Cascades Fiddle Camp and Workshops leadership committee has been meeting to frame the 2017 offerings. Grant applications are in the works, along with performance fundraisers, to bring campers the quality camp experience they have come to expect.

Jerry and Linda Parks, Ila Mae Carmickle, Jim Ford, Lisa Ponder, Nina Hoffman and this reporter played for the Camas Country Mill

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Hello District 7 Fiddlers. I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving and now are having fun preparing for the December holidays. In November, we enjoyed playing again for the Christmas Bazaar at Trinity Lutheran Church in Gresham. We usually break up into two groups, with one playing in the basement where Christmas wreaths are created and the other playing in the parish hall where items are on sale and delicious food is served. The fiddlers are always really appreciated and we have lots of fun playing old time and holiday music. We also had fun playing at the Estacada Library monthly jam. This continues to be a great venue and is well supported by District 7 members who enjoy playing old favorites as well as learning new music.

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Another year is almost gone. All of us in District 8 wish all of you a wonderful Christmas and a most happy New Year.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT: MEMBERSHIP DUES. Elaine and Pat Connors will be moving to Minnesota soon. Donna Janszen will be taking membership payments. If you haven't paid your dues for 2017 yet, please do it as soon as possible. Send checks to Donna Janszen, 1445 25th NE, Salem, OR 97301.

Lew Holt will be serving as treasurer. At our next election of officers, the positions of treasurer and membership will need to be voted on. It could be one person or two. Thanks to Donna and Lew for taking on these jobs for now.

Pie Contest and Social on November 13. The charming historic one-room schoolhouse was packed with contestants, judges and pie celebrants and the applause and tip donations indicated that those walls were meant to resonate with the sound of old time music.

Ken Luse, who is recovering handily from his heart valve surgery, thanks folks for the cards and words of encouragement. He is upright at his bass, rebuilding his stamina and endurance. Darla Knudsen echoes heartfelt thanks for calls, cards and food as she and Jesse face her diagnosis and treatment for liver cancer. Time will tell how well Darla responds to chemotherapy. While she is going through treatment, she welcomes, calls, emails and text plus healthy visitors.

Birthday whoopees to Thelma Steele, Doug Wise, Mark Carmickle, Brian Neal, Marlene, Chatoian and Delores Talbert.

Congratulations on the occasions of Dave and Lena Stubbs and Joanne and Gerald Clark's wedding anniversaries.

~ Amy Burrow, District 6 Reporter

December Events

11 jam Estacada Comm. Ctr. 200 SW Club House Dr., Doors open by 1 p.m., Turkey meal available at noon, sign-up playing from 1 - 3 p.m.
25 NO NW JAM TODAY. HAVE A WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS DAY!

We just have one activity scheduled for the month of December, but if there will be any others you will receive an email from Ron Zubudsky. The event this month is our annual Christmas jam at the Estacada Community Center. The doors will open at 11 a.m., and a turkey meal will be available at noon. This event is usually well attended and great fun, and I am sorry that I will miss it this year. It will be on the 11th of December which is when I am having a gathering at my house to celebrate my mother's 100th birthday. I am sure that I will have my fiddle ready to play Happy Birthday for her!

Have a wonderful holiday season--see you in January.

~ Elaine Schmidt, District 7 Reporter

December Events

17 meeting / jam, Community Center Dallas, meeting 12:30, jam 1 - 3 p.m.
22 gig Mission Mill Salem 7 - 7:45 p.m.

DISTRICT 8 WORKSHOPS: Your district scholarship committee would like to sponsor some workshops if the interest is there. Please contact Ray Cunningham, rmcunningham23@gmail.com, or call 503-763-8848, and let us know what you'd like to have and if you'd definitely attend. This would be open to all members of District 8.

FOLKLIFE FESTIVAL at the fairgrounds in Rickreall did well its second year. Our "stage" was in the pig barn where the children's activities were held. The day was reasonably warm so it wasn't bad. Those playing were Dick Dery, Jim Wallace, Ron Baker, Amalie Redman, Darlene Bryant, Ted Hunt, Lew Holt, Alice Holt. Howard Smith and Nilda from District 7 popped by to listen. Howard played a tune on a borrowed fiddle.

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The Salem area fiddlers played November 10 at a local church's Golden Age group. They served us a lunch of turkey and all the trimmings. We were given \$50 for the District.

DECEMBER JAM, DALLAS COMMUNITY CENTER - DECEMBER 17

The community center in Dallas is always a fun place to play. The Senior Center people are hosting us. Come join us for our last jam of 2016. We will have a short meeting at 12:30. The jam will be from 1 - 3 p.m. Hope to see you there.

MAGIC AT THE MILL

We've been invited to play for Magic at the Mill at Mission Mill. The Willamette Heritage Center decorates the mill site with

thousands of bright lights each year. It's really a spectacular display and always a little different each year. Our location will be in the little church at the top of the hill. The date is Thursday, December 22. We'll play from 7-7:45 p.m. This is a community support gig, but we get free admission and access to snacks, and it's lots of fun!

Just for fun - Where is the weirdest place your district has played? A few years ago District 8 played for the Grand Opening of the Aurora Sewer Plant! Can anyone top that?

~ Alice Holt, District 8 Reporter

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We had a wonderful potluck and jam, with 9 musicians and 25 or more clappers and card players. Christopher Braymen from Iowa was our guest singer, dancer and card player. He is a 5th grader staying with his Grandma Sue. It was great to see Don Williams back with his harmonica. Keep getting better LaWanda!

Be sure to attend our Christmas potluck and jam as we serve a complete turkey dinner with all the trimmings. The dressing, cranberry sauces, mashed potatoes and gravy will be provided, so bring your

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Visitors attending our Oct 22 jam included Wayne and Annie Carter (District 6) as well as Judy McGarvey and Judy Lyons (District 4). Thanks for coming! We had about thirty in the audience. Our fourth Saturday Sutherlin jam on November 26 had a decent turn-out, and everyone had fun making some great music together.

Karen Pohl has some thoughts about OOTFA's music. She says, "I am so blessed to be a member! I have made friends with so many people who love to play, dance, sing or just listen to music. OOTFA District 10 plays at several different facilities in Douglas County--from retirement and rehabilitation centers to local community events. This is an organization that brings joy to so many from our youth to our seniors."

In December, we celebrate birthdays for Clarence "Whitey" Kelm (Dec 7), Dan Pohl (Dec 10) and Karen Pohl (Dec 31).

On Dec 14, Kelly and Scott Wadsworth celebrate their 38th anniversary.

We hope that everyone is dusting off the Christmas songs. Speaking of Christmas, it was decided at the membership meeting that, since the

December Events

2	jam	Friday Night Jam	
9	gig	The Aspens	7 - 9 p.m.
16	jam	Friday Night Jam	
19	gig	Ashley Manor	6 - 7 p.m.
23	jam	Friday Night Jam	
30	jam	Friday Night Jam	

favorite side dishes and holiday desserts and cheer on December 11.

Call one of the officers for the home or facility that the Friday Night Jams are held in. They always welcome newcomers, card players, clappers and especially the regular musicians.

Happy Thanksgiving to all,

~ Marianne Andrews, District 9 Reporter

December Events

14	gig	Rosehaven (2nd Wed)	10 a.m.
17	jam	Monthly Jam, 12 - 3 p.m. (change to third Saturday this month only)	
19	gig	Callahan Court (3rd Monday)	2:30 p.m.
26	gig	Callahan Village (4th Monday)	3:30 p.m.

fourth Saturday in December falls on Christmas Eve, we'll hold our jam this month on the third Saturday, December 17, normal time of 12 - 3 p.m.

It's time to get your 2017 dues paid. Please contact Mary Oswald. Dues are still \$20 with The Hoedowner on-line, or \$25 if you want The Hoedowner mailed directly to your door. Also, please mark your calendars for our 2017 quarterly district membership meetings at 11 a.m. before the jams in January, April, June and September.

District 10 will host the January 14th State Jam and Board Meeting at the Community Building in Glide (17 miles east of Roseburg on Hwy 138). We're trying out a new venue due to space and convenience. Also, we won't do a potluck, but we'll have food available at non-banquet prices. By then, we'll all have eaten and worked hard enough during the holidays! A Friday night Jan 13 jam will take place for early birds. Dry camping, full hookup camping, and motels are available at or near the site. If any questions, call or e-mail Sharon Thompson (mamabear3506@centurytel.net or 541-430-5898). Put it on your calendars and plan to come.

Let's pick!

~ Joe Ross, District 10 Reporter



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