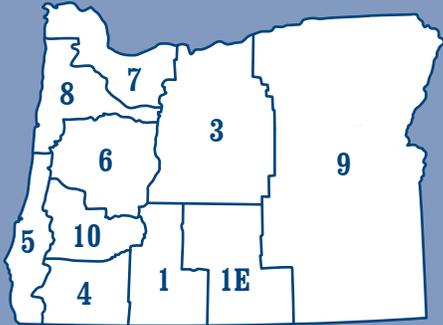


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From Your President

I just have a few messages to wrap up the year. First off, I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving holiday, with plenty to be thankful for. Maybe you even had a chance to entertain some lonely folk or help someone less fortunate. Hopefully, "The Howdowner" will come out before Christmas, so I can say "Happy Christmas and New Year" to everyone in real time. If not, I'm sure I speak for all of us on the Board in wishing you, our great members, the best in the coming new year.

I want to remind everyone of a few important items:

- Your 2017 memberships are now due! Please take care of that before the first of the year and get your name in the roster.
- Our Quarterly Board Meeting and Membership Jam is coming up on January 14 in the great little town of Glide. Don't miss it!
- Our annual OOTFA convention will be here before you know it. Plans are already underway to make sure that the 2017 convention will be even better than last year's. We have many new faces on board, and it looks to be a fantastic show of talent and professionalism. If you've never attended one, this would be an event not to miss!

These past several months have been quite busy for Joyce and myself, as we have adjusted our priorities to accommodate several illness related situations. There is no way I can express my gratitude fully for the many prayers and well-wishes we have received as we faced these challenges. Once again, I was reminded why this is such a great organization.

Be safe, and we will see you in Glide on the 14th of January.

~ Jim

From the Editor

Every month, I sit down to look over the reports that come my way from all over the state of Oregon. I am always thankful for my amazing team of reporters who faithfully send us well wishes and news of friends and fellow musicians. I love working with them and have made some close friends in the process, even though a few of the reporters I've never met in person. We are so lucky to have the connection of OOTFA to keep us learning and expanding our musical skills and to keep us together as a group of friends with a shared interest.

My dad passed away in November, and at his memorial service, my family played "Tennessee Waltz," one of his favorites. My dad had played harmonica since he was six, and whenever we would get together in recent years, we'd play our tunes with him. We called ourselves "The Family Band", and the music brought us all great joy. Even in his last weeks in the nursing home, I'd bring Dad his harmonica and he could still play with me from his wheelchair. Lifelong learning is one of the things I love about playing music... and I hope to be doing it in my 90's, just like my dad and like so many of our "national treasures" in OOTFA.

Let's celebrate the new year together with the joy of music and a renewed sense of cooperation and volunteerism for a shared purpose!

~ Karen

From the Editor Emeritus

Last month I told you the story of "Kathleen," a tune I first heard on a VHS tape that I received from Dewey in New York. At the same time that I met Dewey, because of the Wescott Fiddle that I bought at the Folk Life Festival in Seattle, I also met "Cousin Willie" from Scotland. After a number of emails, Cousin Willie introduced me to a tune that he had written: "The Carpenter of Sollas." It is not a typical old time fiddle tune that we hear often but rather, a unique beautiful tune that grows on you. Alice has taught it at workshops. I was reminded of the tune when Roger Germundson played it during a jam at Prineville in September.

Here is a note written to me by my friend, Willie Doig, in Scotland. He explains:

"An Saor Mor. The Big Carpenter. Angus Macdonald in 1828 called a meeting in Sollas North Uist, in the Scottish outer Hebridean Islands. It was time to get ready to leave and find new homes before the Lairds evicted them from their crofts to make way for a more profitable crop --sheep.

The story is in a very interesting book, On the Crofter's Trail by David Owen. The big carpenter, Angus MacDonald, took his flock to Nova Scotia where he helped them settle. He helped build his neighbors' homes (as well as his own) before winter

came, a sad story of cruelty, but a tale of goodness as well. I had traveled to Uist many times with my job as a paint salesman, but one lovely summers' day I took a different road. It took me by Sollas and I thought it so beautiful. Then after reading David Owen's book, I was shocked that such beauty held such a dark past. One night I stayed in the Clachan Inn, down the coast from Sollas. I had that tune in my head and worked it out on my mandolin and named it for the carpenter. I noted the curtain fluttered in a draft as I wrote it, maybe Angus. . . . but the proof is in the book. The women fought the Lairds men, as the men would be in chains destined for whom knows where. And the stream ran red with their blood. Not a nice part of Scotland's history I'm afraid." Cousin Willie Doig

Several fiddlers have learned the tune from this Youtube which is so very well done but it leaves out the second part. Others have learned it from the music that Alice gave out at a workshop.

<https://oregonoldtimefiddling.org/carpenter-of-sollas/>

Not as well done but the whole tune:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ov8Goled2T4>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZbSAj8qhlFI>

~ Lew

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Greetings All from District One,

As I write this, the snow is gently falling outside...it's making me hope and think we might have a white Christmas. When the weather socks you in on a night like this, it is a chance to slow down and reflect. District 1 has had a tough year; we've had some losses, much like many of the other districts. It's hard to see people go in OOTFA; they are all so good, kind, and dear. There is a lot of love in OOTFA! This year at Christmas, District 1 has much to be thankful for. We have a good group of junior fiddlers coming up the ranks...13 junior fiddlers had their Christmas concert and played beautifully! We have some other young adults branching out and learning new instruments such as mandolin, ukelele, bass, and a smidge of guitar when the mood is right! We have good jams, and we've enjoyed an excellent Farmer's Market schedule, and we've played at the many senior centers/nursing homes on our roster. We've played with friends and neighbors from other districts and also

January Events

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

returned the favor. My personal highlight was playing for a wedding reception where the bride and groom were in their 80's...that was so inspiring! We've supported each other here and in other districts in the remembering and celebrating the lives of those fallen silent. It's been a full year.

My hope is that 2017 will be kind to us all. My wish is for all in OOTFA to enjoy a banner year-- full of joy, sunshine, and excellent health. May it be a Happy New Year for all. Oh, and please pay your dues! Almost forgot to mention it.

January birthdays are: James Dreyer, Johnny Rogers. Let me know if I missed anyone.

~ Jenny Dreyer, District 1 Reporter



District 1 & 1E members playing for the B.S. (Buck Sherwood) Memorial Fundraiser in Bend



District 1 Junior Fiddler Christmas concert

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I'm writing this article on Pearl Harbor Day and trying to project myself into the future to "think January" when in reality, Christmas hasn't even happened yet! I have a little help from the weather since it's colder than woodpecker lips this morning and usually January in this part of the world, is too.

Don Thomas, Rosa Lee, Terry, Larry McLain represented the Old Time Fiddlers at our Christmas Fair last month and played for 2 hours on opening night. The following day we hosted our Saturday Jam with Mike Foster and Sheila Fry who drove over from Klamath Falls to join us. Our Saturday Jams are more like marathons and as usual, it started at 2 p.m. and was still going when I left just after 8:30 that evening. Needless to say, Terry, Larry and Mike, usually the last to leave, were still at it.

Barrett Amaker shot and field dressed his first deer while on a trip to Wyoming with his grandparents, Terry and Sharilyn McLain. He didn't know he was going to have the opportunity to hunt until the day came to exercise the tags. His cousin, a girl within months of Barrett's age, also got a deer that day so both of them had an experience they'll never forget. Barrett dropped in on our Saturday Jam and played a couple tunes with us, so he is keeping up his fiddling skills despite becoming a full fledged hunter.

District 1E members look forward to, and read, the Hoedowner thoroughly each month and we were all dismayed to learn that Darla

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Howdy from District 3,

Winter has definitely come to Central Oregon! Skiers and snowboarders are very happy, and we do hope the snow in the mountains continues, as we need water for next summer.

On November 11, after our jam/dance, Dale Anderson, Jack Kerr, Marcel Potvin and his daughter, Louisanne, went to the Touchmark Senior Living Community in Bend and played for the residents. Music was enjoyed by all, and "Whiskey Before Breakfast" and "Tennessee Waltz" were big hits. Dale Anderson generously donated to District 3 for the performance. Thanks, Dale!

Please notice the addition to our 2nd Sunday Jam/Dance schedule. We are able to use the Powell Butte Community Center the entire day, so we will have a Musicians Circle Jam and Workshop after our hall clean-up is done. Musicians will have use of the sound system if desired, and workshops will be announced for each month. Everyone is welcome to stay and listen, but dancing will be over at 3 p.m. giving us a chance to store furniture and clean up. December was our trial month, and the workshop was for beginning fiddle led by John Miller.

January Events

5	jam	Rosa Lee's house
7	First Saturday Jam	Senior Center
9	business meeting	Senior Center
12	jam	Rosa Lee's house
19	jam	Rosa Lee's house
26	jam	Rosa Lee's house

Knudsen will be undergoing chemo treatments this holiday season. Our best wishes go out to her as she battles cancer and we hope these treatments are successful in helping her beat the disease. We hold her in our thoughts and look forward to seeing both Darla and Jesse at Rickreall, if not before.

Those of you who attended Silver Lake last May probably remember that the McLain family left for Medford to be by Delbert's bedside following his heart attack. He recovered nicely from that event but Delbert is back in the hospital, this time after escaping the wrath of an angry cow. He beat her to the corral fence, went up and over, and that was the good news. But the bad news is, he landed on his back and shattered a vertebrae so he is recovering from major back surgery that took place on Thanksgiving day in Bend, but he is now back in Lakeview at our local hospital and hoping to be able to go home soon. This has been a difficult year for the McLain's and I, like all of you who know and love them, hope this new year will bring them nothing but good times, great memories and lots of music making.

And, speaking of the "New Year," we wish you all a Happy and Healthy New Year and look forward to seeing everyone again as soon as the ice melts off our roads!

~ Nancy Yialouris, District 1E Reporter

January Events

8	2nd Sunday Jam/Dance	Powell Butte CC	1 - 3 p.m.
8	Musicians Circle Jam and Workshops,	Powell Butte CC,	3:30 - 5:30 p.m.

The Jam/Dance on the 11th was wonderful. We had a delicious potluck topped by Vivian Tucker's turkey and dressing, cooked to perfection. After lunch everyone pitched in and got the hall set up for music and dancing. We had approximately 25 musicians and 45 guests. The weather was not cooperating so with the snow and some icy roads, we did not have as many guests this year.

Our best wishes for a safe and happy holiday season. Merry Christmas to all!!

~ Pat Borden and Kim Martin, District 3 Reporters



Music after the potluck, District 3

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

Hope your holidays were merry and bright. If you need one more feast, come on over to Fruitdale Grange in Grants Pass on January 7. We'll be having our Holiday Feast. There will be plenty of wonderful food and desserts. We have some great cooks in District 4. The last of November we did another of our informative programs for the library district in Medford. They asked for a program on dance from the Pioneer days. Judy McGarvey gave some details about each dance then led musicians who played the tune while Lenny and Carol Ferrara with the help of one of our beginning fiddlers, Stephine Brinkley, led the dancers. Many of the audience joined in the fun of the waltz, polka, hoedown and Virginia Reel. When we got to the chicken dance, the floor filled and the little ones were so cute with their wing flaps and tail feathers shaking that they were rollicking on the floor before we were done.

We were joined by beginning fiddlers, Laura and Shania Deen. Our December jam was a fun fest with lots of good snacks and cupcakes and ice cream to celebrate Don Maddox's 94th birthday. Don is a member of District 4 and is the last surviving member of the "Maddox Brothers and Rose Hillbilly Band" from the 50's. He's still going strong and still loves performing his old tunes. We were so glad to have Peggy Hudson back playing with us; we've sure missed her. We have also missed Marlene and John Renfro. John had surgery recently and is still recovering but thinks he will be stronger soon. Naomi Bruhns has been home recovering from

January Events

7 meeting/ lunch/ jam Fruitdale Grange, Grants Pass 11:30 meeting
lunch at noon, sign-up jam at 1 p.m.

a broken arm. She is out of the cast, but her arm is still gaining strength. We hope to see them all back soon.

On Sunday, December 11, three of District 4's fiddlers traded their fiddles for violins and played at the Methodist church in Medford for the Feast of Carols concert. Judy McGarvey, Cindy McDonald and Judy Lyons enjoyed playing, and it was an excellent experience playing with all the other instruments. After the performance, they also enjoyed the feast of cookies.

If you haven't renewed your membership for 2017, you're almost out of time to be listed in the new roster of members. Also we will soon be knee deep into 2017, and election of new officers will be coming up in a meeting soon. If you've never served in an elected position, please consider serving. It's very rewarding.

Our January jam, at Fruitdale Grange in Grants Pass on January 7 will be our Holiday Feast. The district will provide the ham, drinks and table service. Judy Lyons will contact everyone to organize the side dishes and desserts. Short meeting at 11:30, lunch at 12:00, sign up jam at 1:00. Hope to see you there. Plan to come and enjoy the food and fellowship.

"Music is enough for a lifetime, but a lifetime is not enough for music." Sergei Rachmaninov

~ Judy Lyons, District 4 Reporter



Don Maddox at the December jam celebrating his 94th birthday (District 4).



Don Maddox, Gene Grant and Melinda Grant performing one of Don's old tunes, "Fried Potatoes" (District 4).

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Sally Glines, District 5 (written by her mom, Stacy Glines)



Sally Glines, District 5

MY Sally first heard about the Oregon Old Time Fiddlers through our dear friends, Gene and Debbie Laycock, who brought us to our first District 5 jam in Winchester Bay, three years ago! Sally has always loved music and as soon as she could talk, every word came out in song! It was no surprise when we met Old John MacRae on that first Saturday, that he could see she had a special talent. She got right up on that stage and sang "Ally Bally Bee" with John and the other kids, as John would always do back then! It wasn't long after our visit that Sally was asked if she'd like to learn the fiddle. OOTFA set us up with a loaner fiddle and, with John's guidance, Sally started taking her first lessons in Bandon with other beginning fiddlers, and she kept growing from there. John found us another fiddle teacher as Sally progressed. Sally is currently still taking lessons with Jennifer Sordyl in Coos Bay, with the help of our sponsors. We are very thankful for this opportunity and will always represent The Oregon Old Time Fiddlers of District 5.

A Short Summary of Typical Fiddle Contests in the Western States--by Eileen Walter

Fiddle contests of various types have been happening in America for almost 300 years. They are a folk tradition which provides an opportunity for a show, for musicians to gather and share tunes, for people to become motivated and inspired, and to make lifelong friends. Local traditions, fiddling styles, contest rules, and contest formats vary throughout the United States and Canada. This summary addresses typical contests in the western states.

Most contests are open to all fiddlers, and some also have divisions for other acoustic instruments. A wide range of tunes and technical skills are heard. A few contests are state or regional contests and are open to fiddlers in those areas, however a more recent trend is to open these contests to fiddlers from other areas as well. The regular part of the contest typically has age divisions and also an "open" or "championship" division which is open to people of all ages and usually consists of the most accomplished fiddlers. Sometimes there are other divisions such as "Twin Fiddling" where one fiddler plays melody and one plays harmony, and fun divisions such as "Anything Goes" where a "show" tune is performed. Typically there are prizes including monetary, trophies, and/or ribbons. Contestants are judged by a panel of 3 or 5 judges who score each tune on such criteria as intonation, tone, rhythm, fiddling ability, clarity, execution, musicality, etc.



Eileen Walter

In each round of the regular contest, the fiddler plays a Hoedown (square dance type tune), a waltz, and a "tune of choice" such as a jig, schottische, rag, polka, etc. All this is played within 4 minutes (sometimes 5 minutes). Usually, fiddlers scoring in the top five will advance to the second round and play another round of a different hoedown, waltz, and choice tune. Scores are cumulative. Another hoedown is typically played as a tie-breaker if a tie occurs among those contestants receiving awards.

There are many great accompanists who play guitar, bass, and other instruments who attend contests and enjoy playing with and supporting the fiddlers – they are invaluable. There is generally a "practice room" where fiddlers and accompanists can connect and run through their tunes and get comfortable with each other.

There are also many fun volunteer jobs: registration table, tabulation, time keepers, runners, front door ticket sellers, etc. – the contest can't happen without many valuable volunteers.

The enjoyment of various aspects of fiddle contests is difficult to explain in words; the only way to feel the excitement is to attend one – as a contestant, an accompanist, a volunteer, or an audience member. I encourage you to do so – and hope to see you at the Oregon State Fiddle Contest at Chemeketa Community College in Salem on Saturday, March 18, 2017. If you have any questions, please email me at gdaewalt@comcast.net or call me at 503-701-1578.

~ Eileen Walter, Contest Director

Linda Danielson's Tune of the Month: "Brickyard Joe"

A classic Missouri tune, this is pretty close to Earl Willis's version, filtered through what I may have inadvertently done to it. Earl was raised in Boone County, Missouri, where he played on the radio, for dances, and for the grand opening (1929) of the first Chevrolet agency in that part of the state. He spent some years in California where he remembered playing for a square dance in film star Norma Shearer's home. Earl spent his last years in Springfield.

~ Linda Danielson



Linda Danielson

Brickyard Joe

From Earl Willis
tr. L. Danielson

Alternate: first four bars, B part



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Our holiday dinner in November was enjoyed by many, with visitors from District 10 and our long distance member, John MacRae in attendance. An event like this materializes because many people come together and fulfill the responsibilities that are needed. Pat Fraser headed up the decoration committee, with help from Bill and Pat Winfrey and Luke Verhagen. The tables were decorated with fall colors and very nicely presented. Ruth Weyer (aka "Real Wonder") was joined by Sharon Gallagher, Sharon Thompson, Charlotte Verhagen and Colleen Hodges for set-up, serving, and clean up. We enjoyed many side dishes and wonderful desserts that accompanied the ham and turkey--all prepared by members. Per usual, we held a raffle and about 8-10 things found new homes.

The opportunities for fiddle lessons in our district are almost endless. Pat Foht will begin a class on Tues, Jan 10th from 6-7:20 p.m. at the SWOCC Brookings Campus. There are ten weeks of instruction and the cost is \$65. She taught 9 adult fiddle students last semester. They learned set-up, tuning and care for the instrument as well as bowing and beginning tunes. She is a lifetime violin player and teaches to play by ear and note. Her emphasis is on playing in gigs and working with other instruments such as guitars or banjos. Her number is 541-412-8169. Please call her if you want further information. In addition, Pat volunteers with the orchestra program in Brookings. There are currently three orchestras with about 50 children learning to play violin. It is always heartwarming to know that the younger generation is engaged in music!

Lessons in Bandon have already started, being held on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays. Our instructor is Rhy Thorton, and he is teaching the beginning class at 6:30 p.m. and an intermediate

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Thoughts as we cozy into our winter (from: "A Leaf from the Tree of Songs")

"Is there a moment quite as keen
Or memory as bright
As light and fire and music sweet
To warm the winter's night?"

Despite the rain and chill, we hibernate not; our district is a veritable hive of activity.

We've maintained active jam and performance schedules throughout the fall months, but now find ourselves in dire need of additional volunteer leadership in order to keep pollinating our district with the joys of old-time music.

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4	gig	Myrtle Point Care Center, Myrtle Point	2:30 - 3:30 p.m.
11	gig	Baycrest, Coos Bay	1:30 - 2:30 p.m.
11	gig	Evergreen Court, Coos Bay	3 - 4 p.m.
18	gig	Pacific View, Bandon	2 - 3 p.m.
21	gig	Winchester Bay	1 - 4 p.m.
25	gig	Avamere, Coos Bay	1 - 2 p.m.
28	gig	Elks Club, Coos Bay	3 - 5 p.m.

one at 7:35 p.m. If you have questions please call Dawn Vonderlin at 541-347-4561.

Fiddle lessons are also offered in Port Orford through SWOCC at the Port Orford Driftwood School. The cost is \$65 for a 10-lesson course. Class begins January 10th and continues through March 14th on Tuesday evenings from 5:30 to 6:50 p.m. This course is being taught by Diane Cassel, a wonderful fiddler. Please contact Dawn Vonderlin at 541-347-4561 regarding scholarships for the SWOCC classes and the possibility of loaner fiddles for any of the classes.

As you can see, there are lots of opportunities to learn to play fiddle or improve your skills. We always welcome more fiddlers!

We will be playing at the Elks Club in Coos Bay on Saturday the 28th of January from 3-5 p.m. It is a western theme, so dress in that manner if you choose

We will have a meeting on Saturday, February 18 at 11 a.m. in Winchester Bay. As always, it will be followed by 3 hours of music. Remember to look for the final January schedule which will be sent by our chair person.

Don't forget the State Meeting in Glide on January 13th and 14th. It will be a great time with music, fun, food and fellowship with all the wonderful people in OOTFA.

~ Susan Joubert, District 5 Reporter

January Events

5	jam	Old-World Deli, Corvallis	7 p.m.
6	gig	Eugene Hotel Performance	7 - 9 p.m.
7		Intermediate Fiddle Class with Ila Mae, River Rd. Annex	1 - 4 p.m.
9		Basic Fiddle Class with Ila Mae, Bethesda Lutheran Church	1 - 4 p.m.
13	jam	Elmira Grange	7 - 9-ish
14		Board Meeting/ jams (informal & sign-up) OOTFA Quarterly Board Meeting, Glide	
20	jam	YaPoAh Terrace Jam	7 - 9 p.m.
21		business meeting, potluck and sign-up jam, Central Grange	10:30 - 3 p.m.
27	jam	Venue information will be emailed to members	7 p.m.

The role of Performance Coordinator has fallen upon able shoulders in Joe Moyle, Bernie Roberts and Tony Humphreys, but the job has three important roles that place inordinate time demands on one person. We seek two or three volunteers who would be willing to divide the labor in order to: communicate with local venues, such as retirement communities, assisted living and nursing facilities to arrange and confirm performances, line up performers and generate a set list and retrieve from storage and set-up the sound equipment. This need will be a discussion item on our January 21 business meeting agenda.

Plans are percolating for the 2017 fiddle camp as the committee outlines course and workshop offerings and secures a fine

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faculty of instructors. Jerry Parks is this year's chairperson and the committee welcomes Gabi Ford, Lisa Ponder and Chuck Roerich to the work party. We are proud and grateful to announce that the camp landed a grant from the Lane Cultural Coalition. Applications have also been made to other sources and committee members have performed at fundraisers to ensure the financial health of the camp and the ability to offer scholarships.

As in other districts, conversations are ongoing regarding coming to a clearer definition of suitable repertoire for performances, which are often paid, and jams, which are not.

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Happy New Year! We hope that everyone is ready to celebrate the new year with lots of music. There are many opportunities in the next few months to share our talents. I know we can have great fun playing in our area as well as in various places throughout the state.

We encourage everyone to come out for our first gathering of the year at the Gladstone Senior Center (1050 Portland Ave. Gladstone) on January 8th. Come and jam early at 12 or come for the sign-up playing from 1-3 p.m. We also look forward to resuming our monthly jam at the Estacada Library (825 NW Wade St.). Bring some music to share if you would like.

Roger Germundson leads a small monthly group for the folks at his wife's memory care facility. The residents love our visits and enjoy clapping, singing, and dancing along with our music. It feels great to bring joy to this group and to watch their faces light up when they recognize the music that we are playing.

We all look forward to a couple of events in the new year. The State Jam and Board Meeting in Glide is coming up quickly on Jan. 13-14. The December Hoedowner had an excellent flier on all the activities there, and we hope to see a good turnout from District 7 members. Also coming up is the State Fiddle Contest

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

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Best wishes for a Happy New Year! Hope everyone goes through the December snow unscathed. As I'm writing this, it's a beautiful, sunny day.

I can't think of another audience as enthusiastic as the group we played for at the Silverton Senior Center. And what a great group of musicians! Our interactions with the audience and theirs with us made for a fun-filled afternoon. We had 14 on the sign-up sheet. The usual locals were there, and we were pleased to have Jerry and Linda Parks, and Meg Graf, all from District 6. Fred Davis from District 7 also played guitar with us as he often does. Tom O'Connor who lives in Silverton is a

Light birthday candles to Joy Moyle, Gerald Clark, Galen Ness, Zane Coffin, Cal Montgomery and Leah Canaday.

Wille and Edna Carter and Galen and Kathy Ness celebrate January anniversaries. Congrats!

~ Amy Burrow, District 6 Reporter

January Events

8 Gladstone Senior Center Gladstone OR Doors open at 12. Sign-up playing from 1 - 3 p.m.
15 Monthly Circle Jam Estacada Public Library 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.
29 NW Jam, 600 NE 8th Doors open at 11. Sign-up playing 12:30 - 3:30 p.m.

on March 18th. Information about the contest is in the December Hoedowner. I sure hope that I can get there this year!

Have a lovely January and stay warm.

~ Elaine Schmidt, District 7 Reporter



Roger Germundson, Pete Schmidt, Myrtle Arnold, Elaine Schmidt, Lila Bills, and Bob Huffman playing at a memory care facility.

January Events

21 meeting/ jam, Mt. View Mobile Estates Newberg, 11:30 meeting jam 1 - 3 p.m.
Every Tues., jam, Lincoln City Eagles Hall, 737 SW 2nd in Lincoln City 6 - 9 p.m.

potential member. He plays fiddle and guitar. We hope he will be back. Players included: Darlene Bryant, Johnie Williams, Fred Hardin, Stan Kilbourne, Linda Parks, Jim Wallace, Jerry Parks, Alice Holt, Amelie Redman, Lew Holt, Loita Colebank, Dick Dery, Tom O'Connor, Meg Graf.

Loita Colebank is recovering from a heart attack. She's doing well and expects to be back singing and playing soon. She will be grateful for help carrying the bass. Hint, hint. As Chairman Dick Dery said, "We need to look out for our National Treasures".

District 8 (Continued from previous page)

Loita also has a new address. She has moved into Aurora. Her new e-mail address is: loitajc@gmail.com Phone: 503-678-2382 (home) and 971-432-9122 (mobile).

Our first jam of the year will be January 21 at the Mountain View Mobile Estates in Newberg. We'll be in the community

District 9 (Burns - John Day Area)

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The Christmas potluck and jam was highly successful. Janet advertised in the paper and lots of folks showed up: 60 + attendees and 12 musicians! Ron Phillips and his mother Loyce, and Ron-da Metler came from John Day to add mandolin, banjo and harmonica to our jam. Fun! Thanks to Joan for a beautifully cooked turkey and to George for his well-loved deviled eggs. The food offerings were superb!

Our next Sunday jam will be January 8th of 2017! Come and welcome the New Year with us.

Ruel and Randy are headed for Arizona, so we'll miss them. We are sending get well wishes for folks under the weather, including

District 10 (Roseburg, Canyonville, Sutherlin Area)

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Chuck Stayer told me how he got involved with OOTFA. He stated, "Music has always been important to me. Although an amateur musician, that hasn't dimmed my enthusiasm for participation. Where I came from in Northern California, there wasn't much opportunity to play. Music friends were few and far between. Those rare times when friends could get together and jam were so coveted that we just didn't seem to ever get enough play time. When Doris and I moved to Oregon, our daughter knew how much playing music meant to me and researched the availability of groups to jam with and found Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers in the Roseburg newspaper. I made contact with Sharon Thompson on the internet, and the rest is history. We've never been happier or more content since that happy day. I'm still an amateur but a very happy one indeed! Thanks OOTFA!"

In January, we celebrate birthdays for Joyce Pickett (Jan 1), Julie Yarbrough (Jan 11), Bernice Orr (Jan 14) and Francis Stephenson (Jan 24). It's a very special milestone birthday for one of our favorite harmonica players, Bernice, and don't tell anyone that she is now a nonagenarian!

Please keep Sandy Harter and her mom, Mae, in your prayers and thoughts. Mae's cancer can't be cured and is fast growing. She's in hospice and not experiencing too much pain. Sandy is very grateful for all the kind words and prayers.

room as usual. The address is 2901 East 2nd St. Chairman Dick has called a short meeting to start at 11:30 to discuss schedules for the coming year. Bring a brown bag lunch if you wish. Jam will be from 1 to 3 p.m. Hope to see you there!

~ Alice Holt, District 8 Reporter

January Events

6	jam	Friday Night Jam	
13	gig	The Aspens	7 - 9 p.m.
16	gig	Ashley Manor	6 - 7 p.m.
20	jam	Friday Night Jam	
27	jam	Friday Night Jam	

Cliff Dawson, LaWanda Williams and Walt Cooper.

Be sure to call one of the officers for the home or facility that the Friday Night Jams are held in. We always welcome newcomers, card players, clappers and especially the regular musicians.

We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Good tidings we bring to you and your kin. Good tidings for Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Musically Yours,

~ Marianne Andrews, District 9 Reporter

January Events

5	gig	Bridgewood Rivers, 1901 NW Hughwood, Roseburg	1:30 p.m.
11	gig	Rose Haven, 740 NW Hill Ave, Roseburg (2nd Wed)	10 a.m.
13	jam	Glide Community Center, 20062 N. Umpqua Hwy, Glide	5 p.m.
14	State Jam/Board Meeting	Glide Community Center, 20062 N. Umpqua Hwy, Glide	8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
16	gig	Callahan Court, Roseburg (3rd Monday)	2:30 p.m.
23	gig	Callahan Village, Roseburg (4th Monday)	3:30 p.m.
28	meeting/jam	Sutherlin Grange Hall (4th Sat)	11 a.m. (meeting) 12 - 3 p.m. (jam)

Everyone, please get your 2017 dues in to Mary Oswald. Dues are \$20 with The Hoedowner on-line, or \$25 if you want it mailed directly to your door. Also, 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 hosts the January 14th State Jam and Board Meeting at the Glide Community Center (17 miles east of Roseburg on Hwy 138). We're trying out a new venue due to space and convenience. There will be no potluck, but we'll have Saturday lunch (soup, salad, sandwiches) available for minimal prices. Non-members are invited from 1-4 pm Saturday. For early birds, a lucky Friday 13th jam will begin at 5 p.m. in the annex building. There will also be community bingo in the main hall that evening. Dry camping (as well as full hookup camping) and motels are available at or near the site. For more info, call or e-mail Sharon Thompson (mamabear3506@centurytel.net or 541-430-5898). Please plan to come!

Let's pick!

~ Joe Ross, District 10 Reporter



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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 Board 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/State Board and Membership Meeting, Prineville	

New Members to Welcome!

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- \$20.00 - You will receive "The Hoedowner" directly from the printer in a PDF format.
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