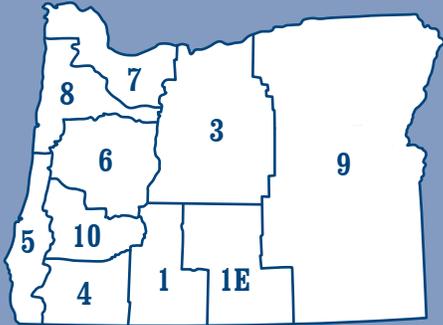


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From Your President

Guess what? Two important events are almost upon us: the **Oregon State Fiddle Contest and our annual State Convention!** The Fiddle Contest is March 18th at Chemeketa Community College in Salem, and the State Convention is April 6-8 at the Polk County Fairgrounds in Rickreall. Early Birds to the convention can come early to jam on Wednesday, April 5. The State Fiddle Contest is shaping up to be another blast as folks all around the state of Oregon compete for the top prizes, hoping to move on to the National Fiddle Contest in Weiser, Idaho next June. Don't miss either of these great events!!!

Our convention planning is in process, and as they say, "The devil is in the details!" Thanks to Lew Holt for his efforts to make it a wonderful gathering for us all, and thanks to Sharon Gallagher who has once again taken over working through the details of our magnificent Saturday Banquet (April 8). This will be a full and delicious dinner followed by socializing, awards, and music. Tickets for the banquet need to be purchased in ADVANCE, by March 31. Our menu includes: Parmesan chicken OR brisket of beef with au gratin potatoes, vegetable, green salad and apple crisp dessert for \$15.95 each. Reservations must be in by MARCH 31 so the caterers know how much to prepare. Send reservation information (and your choice of entree) with a check to: Sharon Gallagher, 1600 Rhododendron Drive #541, Florence, OR 97439.

Hm-m... I can smell the rosin (and all that good food) already!!

~ Jim

From the Editor: Tunes of the Month

I want to thank **Linda Danielson** for providing us with her "Tunes of the Month" for the past two years. I've loved having her input, and I know a lot of us are trying to learn the tunes she's included for us. The tunes are always interesting and she often includes the story of the tune's origin...many of which have a local or personal connection. It's been quite a gift she's given us fiddlers. Thank you, Linda, so very much.

Linda needs a break from her duty, so I have another idea that I hope will be fun and may continue to bring us together as a statewide community. When you go to a statewide gathering... do you hear some new tunes that your own district never plays? And you have some favorite tunes you like to play... but very few people outside your district know them? Okay... so those are the tunes I'm looking for... something perhaps undervalued and underplayed. I have asked the reporters to each go back to their district and decide on a few tunes their district would like to see more widely circulated.

Then... when I hear those Eastern Oregonians playing their cool, jazzy western swing or those Southern Oregon fiddlers playing their Appalachian tunes.... I would know at least ONE SONG of theirs, and I just might get the nerve up to go over and play it with them. We do not have room in this issue for a tune, so we'll get started with this plan next month.

Also... most of you probably noticed that we had a photo labeled with the wrong caption last month! Oops.... my bad. It was a District 5 photo of Luke VerHagen incorrectly labeled Russ Hall. Sorry guys.

See you at the contest and the convention!

~ Karen

From the Editor Emeritus



Bob Huffman and Rusty Modrell,
two of Oregon's treasures

The February issue of the Hoedowner credits Rusty Modrell with the tune of the month. I thought this month that I would introduce you to Rusty, a great friend and a great fiddler – as well as a charter member of OOTFA. At that time he lived near Rockaway, north of Tillamook. We stopped at his place one time on our way home from Seattle to North Bend – driving down the coast to look at a fiddle he had for sale. Here are some memories I have about Rusty.

Rusty was born in Filer, Idaho September 25, 1916. Idaho's loss was surely Oregon's gain when this young man's parents moved to Yachats, Oregon. His father was a farmer and fiddler who later moved to Pendleton and Redmond. Rusty and his wife, Violet, lived on a small ranch at Terrebonne. Rusty played music and entertained people all over the state for most of his life.. His music will always be remembered by those who ever heard him play "Lady be Good," "Sweet Georgia Brown" and his other good tunes. His memorial in September of 1995 was held at the Garibaldi City Hall. It was a happy/sad time as fiddlers gathered to celebrate his life.

I became acquainted with Rusty at the Vernonia campout in the early and mid 1980s.

Martha Warwick had a camp-out at her place out of Grants Pass for many years. Bill Yohey and others thought there should be a camp-out in the northern part of the state too. Carol Anne Wheeler shared that her father was a ham radio operator and that the hams camped at a place out of Vernonia. She thought that it would be a good place for a camp-out for the fiddlers. Because of Carol Anne's recommendation, we camped in Harold Maiken's pasture near Vernonia for a number of summers, just a few miles from where I spent the first four years of my life. These were wonderful times, with Rusty and friends creating some great music.

~ Lew

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Greetings All from District One,

Things are starting to melt and warm up in District One! I have daffodils three inches out of the ground, and I even have PRIMROSE blooming...that was a wonderful surprise to see under the huge mound of melted snow! Speaking of flowers...we have a wonderful addition to the tune of the month series...submitted by Jon Blasius here in District One. The song is called "The Flowers of Edinburgh". It's still played in Scotland and is favored by fiddlers in the Midwest, Northeast and Canada versus being favored and played often here in the West. It was a tune played often by Jon in Michigan where he is from. It is a common square dance tune, with a modest tempo and steady rhythm. It is a very old tune and has a very sweet sound when played properly. I'm not wholly sure when this tune will print, but be looking for it sometime soon!



Veda and Semone Halpern on stage with District 3.

March Events

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

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

In other district news...four year old Jake Dreyer debuted his fine ukulele skills at our most recent jam. He made it through the whole jam (just barely) with playing, snacking, running, hopping, and even asking his Mama to dance! He made us all laugh and appreciate his fine love of music!

March Birthday's: Jon Blasius, Faye Patterson, Virginia Priddy, and Hannah Scott.

March Anniversaries: Bill and Ann Bonser, and James and Jenny Dreyer.

Let me know if I missed anyone!

~ Jenny Dreyer, District 1 Reporter



Janice Railton Kailie Koomen Jeannette Bondsteel (District 3)

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Due to holiday and weather issues, District 1E postponed its business meetings for December and January but held our regular business meeting in February. We were in need of electing officers for the rest of the year so that was the first order of business. Our Chairperson, Cambria Amaker, suggested we all keep our respective offices for one more year. The required number needed to officially make this happen is 12 persons but since there are only 9 active members out here in Wonderland, 3 of us raised both of our hands and the count was official. So with that detail out of the way we moved on to more important matters.

April is fast approaching and we are anticipating snow-free passes and a rain-free weekend up at Rickreall for our State Convention. It's the first gathering of the year that most of us can make from this part of the world and with the winter we've endured, looks to be an opportunity that won't be missed. We reviewed the criteria for receiving the Homer McLain Award. It is presented at the convention to a person behind the scenes whose efforts are so valued to make things work smoothly and/or promote our organization but whose work throughout the year is not always as visible to the general membership. Worthy candidates abound and narrowing down the list to just one person takes some thought. The McLain's have the final decision and it is never taken lightly.

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Howdy from District 3,

We have finally seen the sun and some warmer temperatures here in Central Oregon, a welcome relief after our cold, snowy winter. Come on spring!

Our jam/dance in January was canceled due to the severe weather and road conditions. At our February jam/dance, we had a great turnout of 25 musicians and at least 70 guests who came to enjoy the music and dancing! Musicians and dancers were all in top form, and of course the socializing was phenomenal! The Musicians' Jam started after the hall was cleaned, and seven players jammed for another hour. A new player, Jim Orant, joined in, too. Welcome to Jim! We were also gifted with a surprise visit from Veda and Semone Halpren-youngsters who are just starting to learn fiddle. They played several tunes for us, and we are sure looking forward to having them back next month.

Several of our OOTFA District 3 members play in Madras once a month at the senior living centers: East Cascade and Chinook Place. Residents and guests are very appreciative and enjoy the music. Tommy and Vivian Tucker, along with Judy and Oliver Robinett, played last month.

March Events

2	Jam	Rosa Lee's	5 p.m.	
4	First Saturday Jam	Senior Center		2 p.m.
6	Business Meeting	Senior Center		7 p.m.
9	Jam	Rosa Lee's		5 p.m.
16	Jam	Rosa Lee's		5 p.m.
23	Jam	Rosa Lee's		5 p.m.
30	Jam	Rosa Lee's		5 p.m.

The Silver Lake Campout is set for May 4-7 and we are in organizing mode as well as excited to gather again with old friends and new ones for a great weekend of music making and fun, sans official meetings of any kind. Just the pure joy of that gathering makes the work light and the effort worthwhile. About the time the great memories of music making from that gathering start to fade, along comes the Burns Country Jamboree and we get another great opportunity to gather again. Music making season is cranking up and none too soon for the likes of us!

We have an event in Lakeview that is put on by the business community in our town and it happens in July. It's called "Take Back E Street," and it features a car show along with booths that provide food and information pertinent to the local vendors in our town. In addition, there are several musicians who participate and who are set up along the street to entertain the crowd. The Old Time Fiddlers were invited again this year to play for the event which will happen on July 22. Last year Mike Foster from District 1 joined us and this year we hope to have our local bass player with us too. If you'd like to come and play with us, feel free!

See you next month at the convention!

~ Nancy Yialouris, District 1E Reporter

March Events

4	gig	Cowboy Church	Powell Butte Community Church	7 - 8 p.m.
12	2nd	Sunday Jam/Dance	Powell Butte CC	1 - 3 p.m.
12	jam	Musicians Jam	Powell Butte CC	3:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Many people are enjoying gospel music played by OOTFA members at the Powell Butte Community Church. We have a gig there once a month for the Cowboy Church service. In February, Vivian and Tommy Tucker, Judy Robinett and John Schultz played.

The funniest things happen when you travel to a new area to play music. District 3 members Janice Railton, granddaughter Kailie Koomen, and Jeannette Bondsteel made it all the way out to Cottonwood, Kansas to jam in the beautiful Flint Hills. Jeannette called out "Whiskey Before Breakfast" and they played a rousing round of the favorite old tune. When it was over one lady mentioned that they call that tune "Apple Juice Before Breakfast" in Kansas. Jeannette was stumped on that one until sister Janice whispered, "This is a TOTALLY dry county." They laughed themselves silly all the way home that night!

Enjoy the beautiful weather and **think spring!**

~ Pat Borden and Kim Martin, District 3 Reporters

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Finally, with a break from the winter weather, we had our holiday potluck. At the firehouse in the lovely Applegate Valley, amid the snow-streaked mountains and sleeping grape vines, we feasted. The food was plentiful and delicious, and the desserts needed two tables to display their goodness. After our meal, the music filled the hall and our spirits. Thanks to everyone who contributed to our fun!

It seems this winter has brought more than ice, snow and rain to our district; we have had health related bad news for some of our beloved members. Sylvia Chapman is home recovering from eye surgery, but is doing well. We miss her willingness to help and her lovely music. Scott Phillips is yet in recovery from his illness and will not be with us for a few more weeks; he is at home and has been missed. Cathy Frutchey, our co-chair and membership chairperson is fighting a terrific health battle and is out of town seeking the best care and medical advice possible. Our prayers and thoughts for a rapid and complete recovery go with these cherished members and dear friends.

With sad hearts we received the news that Sheri West had passed away at her home in Grants Pass. Sheri was a long time member, as were her grandparents, Vi and Bud Brown. Bud gave Sheri her first fiddle when she was eight. She soon was playing at the district jams and then went on to compete and win in fiddle contests in Oregon, California and Washington and also the National Fiddle Contest in Weiser, Idaho. During the last 20 years, Sheri was a judge at many contests. Her death is a loss both to our district and the state; our thoughts are with her family and many friends.

Thanks go out to all who stepped up to fill the vacancies in our district. George and Ramona Pettijohn are relatively new members,

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It never ceases to amaze me how many songs have been written and how many our musicians have memorized! It is fun to sit and listen to the on-stage performances or watch our musicians interacting with residents at a care center and enjoy their numerous songs. There is so much involved in learning a tune: the notes of the melody, the lyrics, chords, and dynamics. And some of you musicians learn it all! There are some favorite tunes that keep recycling. It is wonderful for the audience when they recognize the name of a tune, and even before the music starts, individuals are already singing it to themselves, tapping their feet, or saying "YES, I love that tune"! In our district, some of these old favorites are "You Are My Sunshine", "Golden Slippers", "Oh Susanna", and "She'll Be Coming Around the Mountain". Those tunes always put a lilt in the heart and the step! However, should you be looking

March Events

4 meeting/jam Eagle Point Grange 11:30 meeting & snacks, 1 - 3 p.m. jam

but they be are so willing to help in any capacity. Carol Ferrara and sister, Edna Chitwood are our "get it done" ladies, and they are much appreciated. Thank you also to Dottie Birkett for taking the position at the welcome table for the jam and also for registering the new members while Cathy Frutchey is away. Thanks to Gene and Melinda Grant, Dave and Barbara Basden for helping to keep our online calendar updated. It's so important that we have these positions filled to keep our district operational. With this in mind, remember in April we will need to elect new officers. Ron Bolstad and Gene Grant have graciously both agreed to keep their positions for another year as Secretary and Treasurer. We will need to elect a Chair, Co-Chair, and a Membership Coordinator.

March 18 is our State Fiddle Contest in Salem. Plan to be there either as a contestant or spectator. Watching the Pee Wee fiddlers play their tunes is alone worth the trip. On April 5-8 we will convene at the fairgrounds in Polk County for our annual convention to make or revise our state policies and elect new state officers. It is also a great time to make friends from the other districts, jam in any style you choose, and pick up some new tunes.

The March monthly meeting and jam will be on March 4, at the Eagle Point Grange. The meeting will begin at 11:30, open floor jamming will begin after snacks and the sign up jam will be from 1 - 3 p.m. Bring snacks to share. See you soon!

"Music is the medicine for the broken heart." Leigh Hunt

~ Judy Lyons, District 4 Reporter

March Events

1	gig	Myrtle Point Care Center, Myrtle Point	2:30 - 3:30 p.m.
8	gig	Baycrest, Coos Bay	1:30 - 2:30 p.m.
8	gig	Evergreen Court, Coos Bay	3 - 4 p.m.
15	gig	Pacific View, Bandon	2 - 3 p.m.
18	gig	Winchester Bay, on stage/circle jam	1 - 4 p.m.
22	gig	Avamere, Coos Bay	1 - 2 p.m.
22	gig	Bayside, Coos Bay	2:30 - 3 p.m.

for something new to master, here are just a few that have caught my attention: "Liberty", "Milk Cow Blues", "Crooked Stove Pipe" or "Chinese Breakdown".

The word has surfaced that our fiddle students all over the district are doing well, and most have joined OOTFA. We look forward to them becoming active members. Just this week we had another individual join who has played fiddle since he was 8 years old! He was to be in the audience of our Elks club performance on January 28, but with fiddle in hand, he asked if he might play along. Of course! Welcome, Bob! We are a welcoming organization. Encouragement and opportunity are two of the things that grow our members statewide. Ten musicians participated in the two-hour performance. The day

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Coming your way soon... **The 2017 Oregon State Fiddle Contest!**

Hey Fiddlers and other Contest Participants!

The State Contest is coming up March 18. Have you registered yet? You can find the schedule (which is different than last year) and the registration form in the December Hoedowner. There are also links on oregonoldtimefiddling.org, OOTFA.org, ootfajoin donate.com, and on the OOTFA Facebook page. Or, you can just send me an email with your information and I will register you – nice and easy (and free to members who pre-register)! Wouldn't it be nice to get that off your "to-do" list so you won't have to remember to do it later?

If you're having any difficulty deciding on tunes, give me a call at 503-701-1578 and I'll happily discuss it with you. I've put many contest rounds together for people over the years, and I'd love to help you out. I'd also be more than glad to give you advice about any other contest-related matter.



Eileen Walter

I'd like to specifically invite and encourage all you accompanists to come and be part of the contest – WE NEED YOU - and you will be appreciated. Hanging out in the practice room is an experience; you never know what's going to happen!

I'm working on the volunteer schedule and have a couple of holes I still need to fill – so please contact me if you can donate a couple of hours. Remember to check in at the registration desk when you arrive at the contest, even if you've pre-registered. The sooner the better; aim for at least an hour before your division begins.

I'm looking forward to seeing you at the contest. There is a huge parking lot, the facility works well for the flow of the contest, the practice room is near the auditorium, and the stage and the auditorium seats are comfortable. I've been a contestant, audience member, and judge at this facility and many others, and this is one of the best.

See you at the contest!

~ Eileen Walter



The "Menfolk" jamming in District 1



District 7 members playing for the Valentine's Dinner at the Eagle Creek Grange. Donna Foreman, Joyce Bergeron, Rick Bergeron, Marcella Easley, Fred Davis, David Altman, and Jeff Walter



Dancers enjoy the OOTFA tunes in District 10

Junior Fiddler: SHELZZA DEATON (District 6)

Hello! I am eleven years old and live in the country near Alpine, Oregon (near Monroe). My nine year old brother, James, and I are home schooled. We participate in sports in the Monroe School District.

I have been interested in the fiddle ever since my grandma showed me my great-grandfather's old fiddle when I was quite young. When I was little, I always liked to look at it and was excited when Grandma let me try playing it. It wasn't in the best of tune but still sounded okay to me. After that, I asked to play the fiddle every time we visited. She told me of her love of fiddle music and how she and Grandpa (Jim Deaton) had hosted the fiddle contest in Canyonville for so many years. She also told me she had always dreamed that one of her children or grandchildren would someday play the fiddle because both her grandfathers and both of Grandpa's grandfathers were fiddle players.

Then, in 2013, Grandma (Gynn Deaton) was not able to attend the convention to accept her award of the Norm Nash Distinguished Service Award, so my family went to the banquet to accept the award for her. I saw the musicians and the fiddle camp brochure. That was when I knew I wanted to try it.

Interests I have outside of music include several 4-H. It's fun and I've won several awards. I also love dance and participate in the



Shelzza Deaton (District 6)

folk dancing at the annual Scandinavian Festival in Junction City. I am currently focused on tap dancing with a competition team and tap class. I also love playing in the snow and sledding. I recently learned to ride a dirt bike and that is super fun too.

Although my parents are not musicians, they support my interest in music by making piano and fiddle lessons available. They take me to fiddle camp (this will be my 5th year!) and my mom takes me to jams (usually the Alpine Jam). My brother, Carl James, and I try to play duets sometimes. I play my fiddle and he plays the piano. I am also trying to learn guitar by a self-learning book.

I learn from my violin/fiddle teacher, Hannah Oakes, and the Alpine Jammers (especially John Gent) and of course my classes at fiddle camp. Several OOTFA members also helped me at the Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest (Les, Jeff, Linda, John). My favorite tunes right now are "Angeline the Baker", "Spotted Pony", and "Sound of Sleep". I like faster paced tunes the best. I'm sure music will always be important in my life. Right now I play mostly for fun and my own enjoyment, but someday I hope to be an instructor for beginners at fiddle camp. And I love that I am making Grandma's dream come true by carrying on the family tradition of playing the fiddle.

Fiddle Tips: by Evelyn Horner (District 6)

"What's in a Waltz?" (continued from February's Hoedowner).

Evelyn Horner has instructed and inspired a variety of fiddlers throughout California and Oregon, and she's in the Hall of Fame for Western Swing. Currently a member of District 6, she began a discussion in Hoedowner's last issue about the history of the waltz in the American traditional repertoire. Here she continues her story.

As I mentioned in the last issue, the Northern Europeans have been dancing in 3/4 time for centuries. We go back to the 1500's to find an early dance paving the way for development of the waltz. It was called the "Galliard", and originated in France. It was danced in 3/4 time, with five steps per two measures. It was fast and lively, in contrast with most other court dances of the period.

One especially lively variant, called "La Volta", or merely "Volet", had five steps and a "lift" of the female partner using a technique akin to the "bump" of the 1970's. Queen Elizabeth I was an enthusiast of the Volte. The type of music used for the Volte was very similar to the modern waltz, but with slightly different accenting. The tune to "God Save the Queen" ("My Country, 'Tis of Thee"), is typical of the kind of tune used.

The next step towards the waltz in "high class" music was the minuet. The dance itself was very unlike the waltz, but the distinctive one-two-three rhythm of the music was developing.

Meanwhile the basic waltz step had already been devised by peasants. Most well-known is the "Landler", which became one of the most important dance forms of the Alps. It is found in different variations in Austria, Bavaria, and Switzerland. In fact, the name "Landler" comes from "Landl", the provincial name of Northern Austria. The Landler is danced in 3/4 time, and consists of several figures. Most of the figures involve turning in some way while holding hands with one's partner. Couples get into positions called the "little window", the "spinning wheel", and many others. Some of the figures are quite acrobatic. But almost without exception, the final figure in any Landler is what can best be described as a simple, foot-stomping waltz.

In the April issue, we'll continue with this look into the development of our beloved waltz.

~ Evelyn Horner



Evelyn Horner

Most of the dances described here are visible on youtube. I looked them up after reading Evelyn's descriptions. ~ Karen

District 5 (Continued from page 4)

before, a valuable practice session was held at Dawn Vonderlin's house. Practicing together is important but sometimes difficult, as OOTFA members tend to be busy people.

We have many musical events on the horizon, one of which is our big event in Brookings on April 21-22. The "Early Bird Jam" on Friday, April 21 will be at the Events Center in Brookings, located at 800 Chetco Rd, right off of Highway 101. We have use of the Center all day. Pat Foyt has secured this location for us. We will put up a donation jar to help with the cost. The Center has a kitchen which we are able to use. It should work out very well for our musicians and friends. The Lutheran Church also offers a lunch, and we are welcome to play there for a while after lunch if we wish. Saturday, April 22 will be spent at the Chetco Grange located at Hwy 101 and Shopping Center Rd. in Brookings/Harbor. There will be lots of jamming

opportunities and, of course, our featured stage show from noon-2 p.m. Sandy Griffith of the Grange has been most helpful in getting things set up for us. She has offered free parking to those of you in campers or motor homes for the days/nights of the event. Also, Wild Rivers Motorlodge is offering discounts to OOTFA folks if they want to stay overnight Friday or Saturday or both. The number is 541-469-5361. The Grange is celebrating their 150th Anniversary, so it will be fun to be a part of this. Let's give them a great show! They will be serving lunch at the Grange for a minimal cost. We would love to see our own district members attend this event, as well as those from the other districts. Remember, we are a welcoming group. And, if you get to know us, you won't want to miss our camp-out in August!

~ Susan Joubert, District 5 Reporter

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Judging from the fine attendance, reunion smiles and eager fingers, fiddlers and friends are thrilled to resume the welcome rhythms our classes, jams and performance schedules afford.

Ila Mae's February Intermediate Fiddle class was fantastic! There were fiddlers aplenty, but those who really deserve mention and gratitude are the loyal back-up players who come to learn all the tunes, keep the beat honest, make classes more fun and facilitate the infusion into future jams and performances the tunes introduced during Intermediate and Basic classes. Special thanks to Annie Carter (banjo), Art Choate (guitar), Louise Dandurand (mandolin), Jim Ford (banjo), Jim Hoots (guitar), Peggy Mulder (bass) and Doug Wise (guitar).

If you have not yet taken advantage of the quality instruction provided by Ila Mae Carmickle, consider making these class offerings a priority as you hone your skills and build your repertoire. See our calendar for dates, times and sites.

You may also want to create space on your summer calendars for the 2017 West Cascades Fiddle Camp and Workshops, July 17-20. The camp recently received a generous grant from Lane County Historical Society's Heritage Outreach program. Thanks to Lisa Ponder for accepting the check on behalf of our organizing committee. The camp also received an endorsement and donation from District 10. Thanks to those members for the \$150 to support our efforts.

Please check out course and workshop offerings, along with the instructor line-up at the website, fiddlecamp.org, and register to join us if you can. Brochures will be available at the State Fiddle Contest this month, the State Convention in April and at future jams, or you can register online. Youth and parents should take particular note of our excellent scholarship program!

Willie and Edna Carter were feted with cake and music at the Central Grange Jam on February 11, as Willie celebrated his 90th

March Events

2	OOTFA jam	Old-World Deli, Corvallis	7 p.m.
3	OOTFA jam	Eugene Hotel	7 p.m.
4	Intermediate Fiddle Class	River Rd. Annex	1 - 4 p.m.
6	Basic Fiddle Class, Bethesda	Lutheran Church	1 - 4 p.m.
10	jam	Elmira Grange	7 p.m.
11	District jam	Central Grange	12 - 4 p.m.
17	jam	YaPoAh Terrace	7 p.m.
18	State Fiddle Contest	Chemeketa Community College	7 p.m.
23	OOTFA jam	Willakenzie Grange	7 p.m.

birthday and Edna her 87th. They were also honored for their 70th wedding anniversary. In this day and age, that is a remarkable milestone and we wish them health and happiness.

Please do try to attend our jams! They present chances to learn, practice and improvise upon tunes, as well as network socially with other fans of old-time music.

Ed Sather, Cara McKenzie, Joanne Clark, Patti Luse and Jerry Brown will celebrate March birthdays. Anniversary acknowledgements go out to Ed and Dorothy Sather, Darlene and Sal Fiducia and Annie and Wayne Carter.

~ Amy Burrow, District 6 Reporter



Jim Kuether, Jeannie Hanson and Edna Carter celebrating Edna's birthday and her 70th wedding anniversary to Willie Carter (District 6).

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Hello District 7 members.

I am happy that when you read this article, spring will only be a few weeks away. I think all of us are ready to say good-bye to the winter we have had!

We had some great events in February that were a lot of fun for everyone--starting with the Eagle Creek Grange's annual Valentine's party on February 10. Each year OOTFA members are invited to play in the beautifully decorated grange while the community is served a delicious ham dinner with all the trimmings--including a wide variety of pies to choose from. There were about 17 musicians who were served dinner first and then assembled on the stage to play for an hour and a half. We took turns playing to a great audience and really enjoyed sharing our music.

We were also invited to play for Oregon's 158th birthday party at the Oregon Historical Society in downtown Portland on Valentine's Day. We were the featured entertainment for an audience of around 300. We played for half an hour, then took a break while speeches were made and then played another half hour. There were about 15 musicians, and we felt very well

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February was a busy month for District 8. We played for two hours at Oregon's Capitol on the February 11. This month celebrates Oregon's 158th birthday since becoming a state. Most players stayed for both hours so we had 10 musicians at each session. We had an hour between sessions to stroll around the building and enjoy tasty snacks in the break room. Nice to see so many families enjoying Oregon's birthday party. A big "Thank You" to all who came to play.

Other February events include playing at the Community Center in Dallas and the Chehalem Senior Center dance in Newberg.

The OOTFA Contest will be March 18th at Chemeketa Community College in Salem. Activities will start about 7 a.m. and it will be about 10 pm by the time the trophies and checks are handed out. The Auditorium is in Building 6, located off 45th Street. Come and enjoy music all day as fiddlers of all ages compete for prizes.

Saturday, March 25th, we will play at the annual Chicken and Dumplings dinner organized by the Order of Eastern Star at the Masonic Lodge. It's a fund raiser for ALS (Lew Gerig's Disease). Rather than limiting musicians and getting free dinners, we invite everyone to come, play and buy your own dinner. You are encouraged to come and play, even if you

March Events

10	jam, Cherry Park Plaza Retirement Center, 1323 SW Cherry Park Road, Troutdale	3 - 4 p.m.
12	jam, Clarkes General Store, Beavercreek	Sign-up from 12 - 3 p.m.
19	monthly circle jam, Estacada Public Library	1:30 - 3:30 p.m.
26	NW Jam, 600 NE 8th Street, Gresham, Doors open at 11 a.m.	Sign-up 12:30 - 3:30 p.m.
29	gig, Juanita Pohl Center, Tualatin Senior Center, Tualatin	11 - 12:30 p.m. (can purchase food afterwards)

received and even got invited to come back next year. There were a lot of beautiful cakes that were served to the guests and we saw many well-known Oregon dignitaries. If you haven't been to the Oregon Historical Society, it is a wonderful place to learn about our Oregon heritage.

In March we will meet at Clarkes General Store in Beavercreek. This would be a great venue for you if you are competing in the fiddle contest. You can sign up and play your music for a practice audience. Also we haven't been at the Cherry Park Plaza Retirement Center for a while and it should be a fun event out in Troutdale. We are lucky to have five different events this month. Come on out and fiddle!

We want to wish Ella Beatty a quick recovery from a series of strokes that she has had. She has been in a rehab center recovering, and from what I hear she is doing well. We have a new member this month. Her name is Melissa Ruschetti who is new to Portland and wants to relearn the violin. Welcome to OOTFA, Melissa.

Happy fiddling!

~ Elaine Schmidt, District 7 Reporter

March Events

18	OOTFA State Fiddle Contest, Chemeketa CC, Salem, registration opens 7 a.m.	
25	jam, Chicken and Dumplings Dinner, Newberg	4 - 7 p.m.

choose not to eat. It's a reasonable cost (\$8 single or \$14 per couple), very tasty, and for a good cause to fight a disease that took one of their former members. The Lodge is a large red brick building. Park on the street. Enter through the doors at the bottom of the ramp. The address is 402 East Sheridan in Newberg.

While you are marking your calendars, remember to write in the OOTFA Convention April 6-8 in Rickreall. As usual there will be jamming for early arrivals on April 5th. Districts 7 and 8 will bring finger food to sustain us through the "hard work" of jamming, with coffee and other beverages available all day.

It's nice to have Fred and Lynn back from Arizona. I'm sure they had a great time there. Lynn reports they got back in time to experience eight straight days of rain. Hope you enjoyed a bit of sunny, warmer weather in mid-February. We've had enough winter!

~ Alice Holt, District 8 Reporter

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Wow! We sure had a fun Sunday Potluck and Jam. Thanks all for the yummy food! Our jam was kicked off by Ian Dawson with the "Tennessee Polka", followed by Emma Gregory's debut on her guitar. She sang beautifully and is doing well with her guitar. Janet played the "Starlight Waltz" that Gordon and I love dancing to. We had a total of 44 folks and 8 musicians. We were thrilled when Gene Thomas and Babe Hawk walked in the door. A strong guitarist! Ian finished for us as well.

Our next Sunday Jam will be March 12. Hope to see you there. Happy Saint Patrick's Day to all.

Janet said our baby blue 75-foot and 25-foot extension cords were the last purchases with our wonderful Kielhorn Grant. Thanks

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Our fourth Saturday Sutherlin jam on January 28 had a good turnout, including visitors Ken and Patti Luse from Eugene. It was also good to see Lois Eagleton who now hangs her hat up in Eugene. At our district membership meeting prior to the jam, decisions were made to provide contributions in support of the convention, state fiddle contest, fiddle camp, flowers, raffle prizes, soundman and ordering patches. We also came up with several suggestions for "Tune of the Month" in The Hoedowner. Our next membership meeting (April 22) will include nominations for Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary. Be thinking about who can take over in May for Jerry, Colleen and Dona. We sincerely thank them for their service and leadership.

I asked Jude Stensland about how she got involved in old time music and OOTFA. She offered, "I grew up in Wolf Point, Montana, on a ranch 22 miles from town. Mom played piano and Dad, who had won several harmonica contests as a kid, played harmonica. I played guitar and sang. My three siblings sang, and we spent a lot of evenings around the piano. I moved to Roseburg in 2002 and started playing and singing at

March Events

3	jam	Friday Night Jam	
10	gig	The Aspens	7 - 9 p.m.
17	jam	Saint Patrick's Day Friday Night Jam	
20	gig	Ashley Manor	6 - 7 p.m.
24	jam	Friday Night Jam	

again OOTFA! We gave the cords an ovation.

We look forward to having our snow birds Randy and Ruel back!!!! It was great to see Cliff Dawson back at the jams, supporting Ian. We send our get well wishes to Pearl Sahlberg, Lawanda Williams and all our music friends that can't join us.

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

Musically Yours,

~ Marianne Andrews, District 9 Reporter

March Events

2	gig	Bridgewood Rivers, 1901 NW Hughwood, Roseburg	1:30 p.m.
8	gig	Rose Haven, 740 NW Hill Ave, Roseburg (2nd Wed)	10 a.m.
20	gig	Callahan Court, 1801 NW Garden Valley, Roseburg (3rd Mon)	2:30 p.m.
25	jam	Jam, Sutherlin Grange Hall, 851 Comstock Rd, Sutherlin (4th Sat)	12 - 3 p.m.
27	gig	Callahan Village, 1801 NW Garden Valley, Roseburg (4th Mon)	3:30 p.m.
30	gig	Garden Valley Retirement, 1800 NW Hughwood, Roseburg	2 p.m.

jams with my sweetie, Lloyd (Sunny) Johnson, mostly at the VFW and Eagles clubs. I've been a member of Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers and the Bluegrass groups for a few years now and have many good friends in both groups. I like to play most any kind of music, from Americana, to blues, bluegrass and even show tunes and classical. I have also learned to retune harmonicas and am learning to change reeds so I don't have to just throw a \$50 harmonica away when a reed goes bad. So if someone needs a harp worked on, I'll give it a shot!"

We have three March birthdays to celebrate! They include Jean Hanson (March 1), Juanita Poelstra (March 10) and Gene Hodson (March 24). Jim and Joyce Kuether celebrate their Anniversary on March 10! Congratulations to all!

Pick and Grin!

~ Joe Ross, District 10 Reporter



Willie Carter celebrates his 90th birthday and 70th wedding anniversary at Central Grange (District 6), backed up by Jerry Parks and Ken Luse.



District 7 members playing for Oregon's 158th birthday party at the Oregon Historical Society.



Lois Eagleton fiddles with District 10.



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State Calendar

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, Jam and Campout	
July 17-20	Fiddle Camp	near Oakridge
August 5	Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest	Corvallis
Aug 17-20	Winchester Bay Campout	
September 7-9	Central Oregon Country Music Gathering	Prineville

New Members to Welcome!

Doris Adams	Jacksonville	Laura, Chaz, Derek, Logan and	
Jerry Allen	Selma	Glenda Rhodes	Ashland
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A MESSAGE FROM PATTI LUSE, STATE MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

The **2017 Roster** will be sent to the printer in the middle of March and will be available on April 6 at the OOTFA Convention in Rickreall. If you know of a member who hasn't registered please talk to them.

On March 6, Patti will send an **Email Check** with a short note to ALL members whose email addresses have been given to us. We use emails to remind members of some monthly events or other announcements which may or may not be in the Hoedowner. Even if you get the Hoedowner in the MAIL, an email addresses is helpful in getting notifications. Contact Patti at pattiluse@comcast.net or 541-915-3231 by March 11 if you don't get Patti's email so we can update our records and have it correct in the roster.

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