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From Your President

By and large this organization is beyond a doubt a hugely successful organization that is able to be around for 50+ years. So I was wondering what it is that keeps us a viable musical group of 10 districts going for this long. Is it because we adhere strictly to Old Time Music? I think not, because old time is subjective, depending on how old you are. Sure there are the "classics" but more and more these are slowly being forgotten for more modern old time songs! My take is that we are of a mindset for inclusion and patience, and hospitality to those who seek to *break into* our musical venue. They come and stay if they feel welcome and included--no matter how well they play. However, it's hard for any organization including OOTFA if it's been around long enough, not to change or adapt to the times. I see some things coming down the pike that might challenge all of us to reassess some of our long held ideas and traditions. But that's for another time. Keep up the music and practice, practice, practice.

~ Jim



President Jim Kuether

NEW MEMBERS FOR NOVEMBER 2017

Ian, Lonna, Anders, Edison, John Henry, Josias and Frazier Hagen
Bud Harris
Babe Hawk
Scott and Arlene McAdoo
Matthew, Juli Ann, Madelyn, Emmitt and Asher Olson
Kevin, Janette, River and Sawyer South
Gene Thomas

Salem
Hood River
Burns
Roseburg
Stayton
Roseburg
Burns

From the Editor:

First, I have a clarification from last month regarding the tune "All of Me" that was suggested as a Tune of the Month from District 1E. I included a more simplified version than what I was sent, and I heard back from Nancy Yialouris that the key they play it in is actually G--not C. I planned to learn the simplified version of it in C. Then when I know the tune well, I hopefully will be able switch over to another key. I hope I haven't muddied the waters too much. It's really a fun tune to play, whatever the key!

Rubbing two brain cells together, I began thinking about Lew's challenge of trying to preserve the archives of OOTFA (Editor Emeritus, below) and the District 4 suggestion to create an umbrella website that would link all the district websites together. I came to the conclusion that these two ideas are linked. If Lew and friends could get the important photos and stories digitized, maybe the improved website could be the link to accessing them. I think it's important to include a historical piece in the Hoedowner each month, and right now, Lew's Editor Emeritus is that link. In the coming months, let's give it some serious consideration.



STRINGS SWAP: Members are welcome to send in to the Hoedowner information about stringed instruments for sale or trade.
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~ Karen

From the Editor Emeritus

I enjoy the history of the Oregon Old Time Fiddlers Association very much, believing that if it isn't written down, it never happened or maybe if pictures weren't taken, it never happened. I started in 1995 keeping a record of all our District 8 jams -- the musicians, their instruments, sometimes their tunes and in recent years often a picture of each person. But then I asked myself, "In the future, will anybody care or will anybody ever care?" Will the boxes of the tape-recorded jams, the video tapes, the DVDs, the scrap books of newspaper articles have any historical value in the years to come? Or will they just become clutter? To downsize clutter, I am scanning old scrapbooks so they can be shared and not be clutter in my basement.

I am faced with that "clutter" now. Knowing the reality of aging, I think about the boxes of memorabilia that I have. I would hope that my clutter would never end up in a dumpster some day to be hauled off and forgotten. Several years ago a good member and friend came down with his pick-up. We loaded up something like 17 boxes that he is storing. He will be faced with the same dilemma someday.

Just something to think about.

~ Lew

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November Events

12	meeting/jam	Shasta Grange	12:15 - 3 p.m.
16	gig	Plum Ridge	10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
16	gig	Pacifica/Brookdale	1 - 2 p.m.
26	gig	Quail Park (Bistro)	10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
26	gig	Rogue River Place	1 - 2 p.m.

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

Greetings All from District One,

Omgosh. I really can't believe that it's the NOVEMBER issue already! How can that even BE? We finished off strong, with our final Farmer's Market schedule the 14th of October; it was a chilly day but a beautiful one too. Our beloved Ms. Sheila Fry returned home from a whirlwind vacation trip that she went on with the Bonser's. They all had a fabulous time visiting Bonser Family, and we are happy to have them all back safe and sound. Welcome home gang!

Our district is having regular practice sessions on Tuesday mornings at the Shasta Grange hall. All are welcome to attend. Joyce Furlong or Irene Ruddock have more information if interested. Junior fiddlers are going strong, and also have their practices Tuesdays at the Shasta Grange hall, although their practices are later in the afternoons. Jenny (that's me, LOL) and Lena Dreyer are really trying hard to add new instruments to their repertoire...Jenny on guitar and ukulele, and Lena on mandolin. It's been fun playing instrument swap at our weekly jam sessions

at Ms. Faye Patterson's house! November will be a quiet month in our district, not much going on except the assisted living/nursing home schedule. Maybe it's a good time for all of us to bust out the Christmas tunes and get them polished up, just in time for all those special holiday events.

Lastly, I have a special request...is there anyone that has fiddle tablature for the 'Orange Blossom Special'? I would love to learn a watered down, simple version of the song, and my favorite version ever has been the version that the Moss Family plays (from Central Oregon)! Just putting the word out...maybe someone can help. Feel free to contact me at the phone number above! Happy Fall Ya'll. ☺

November Birthdays: Terry Etters, Kay Godwin.

November Anniversaries: Johnny and Darleth Rodgers, Les and Lois Tucker.

Let me know if I missed anyone!

~ Jenny Dreyer, District 1 Reporter



District 1 Farmer's Market gig



Lena Dreyer playing "Cherokee Maiden"

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First off, we strive for accuracy in our reporting out here in Wonderland, so my sincere apologies to District 3 for referencing their wonderful Country Music Gathering in Prineville as "the second," instead of the *third annual gathering*, last month. For me, it was only the second Prineville gathering because I foolishly missed the first one!

District 1E held its business meeting October 2 and realized we needed to make some changes in our officer lineup since we've lost Cambria Amaker, our Chairperson, to Klamath Falls. She and Barrett have moved so that Cambria can attend the RN program there. We are expecting this will be temporary and that she and Barrett will return to Lakeview following her studies. Barrett will have the opportunity to attend a larger school and will get to make music with District 1 when he isn't visiting his grandparents in Lakeview. As a result, our Vice Chair, Mary Ann McLain, has moved into the Chairperson position and yours truly was drafted to "sit in" in her absence as Vice Chair. Work hard and come back soon, Cambria!

Please note that our **First Saturday Jam in November is Canceled**. We are all going to the Ross Ragland Theater to see the Quebe Sisters that evening. Hope to see some OTFs from other districts at that event, too. And, I noted under "Events" that December 1, District 1E is playing at our annual Christmas Fair, from 6-8 p.m. The fair opens on Friday night at 5 p.m. and closes at 8 that night so if you'd like to join us, please come early so you can

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Howdy from District 3,

Fall has come to Central Oregon and with it some beautiful crisp sunny days. It is very enjoyable, but we are looking forward to some much needed rain. We are grateful that the weather, even with some smoke was pleasant for our Country Music Gathering. Thanks for all the wonderful and encouraging comments in last month's Hoedowner. Again thanks to all who came over and joined us. We are planning for September 6-8 in 2018 and hope all will be able to come over for the festivities.

Since our September Jam/Dance was canceled, our October 8 event was very well attended with approximately 40 guests and 20 musicians. There was a lot of good music, dancing and visiting all afternoon. After missing a month, all were happy to be at the Powell Butte event. We were happy to have Phil Drain (aka Bubba) stop by with his banjo and jam. Jeanette Bondsteel had been to John Day and played with the Blue Mountain Fiddlers at the Valley View Assisted Living and played a song she learned there, "Huckleberry Rag".

November Events

2	jam	Rosa Lee's	5 p.m.
4	First Saturday Jam Canceled		
9	jam	Rosa Lee's	5 p.m.
16	jam	Rosa Lee's	5 p.m.
23	HAPPY THANKSGIVING!		
30	jam	Rosa Lee's	5 p.m.
*1	The Christmas Fair	Lake County Fairgrounds	6 - 8 p.m.

shop the great offerings that are always well crafted for those on your Christmas shopping list. The fair continues through Saturday but "the early bird gets the worm."

Rosa Lee has heard from a number of OTFs during her recovery from a recent hip replacement, and your kind words and well wishes are so greatly appreciated. She extends her thanks to all of you. Rosa Lee is doing very well and making progress each week. She confided that she thinks she'll be able to jig by spring.

Our part timer from Harney County, District 9's own Janet Brayman, has become a "some timer" or maybe a "once-in-awhile" thanks to a job promotion and new responsibilities which started October 1. She'll be supervising people in 4 different counties in South Central Oregon and as winter comes on, she hopes to be working mainly out of the Riley/Burns Office so that she might cut down on her side occupation, "deer eradication by Subaru." We're hoping she'll be able to drop in and cheer us up at least once in a while as she assumes her new duties. Congratulations to you, Janet!

On behalf of everyone in our district, I'd like to wish you all a wonderful Thanksgiving Holiday. Eat lots of turkey and then come and join us at the Christmas Fair where you will be able to load up on calories and carols with us!

~ Nancy Yialouris, District 1E Reporter

November Events

4	gig	Powell Butte Christian Church	7 - 8 p.m.
12	2nd Sunday Jam	Powell Butte CC	1 - 3:30 p.m.

On October 15, a group of District 3 members will be playing at the Touchmark facility in Bend. The gig is played several times during the year. For this performance Dale Anderson, Jack Kerr, Hollis Reel, Frank Borden, Brad Gray, Leroy Newport, Ted Schoerborn and Wayne Bobbitt will be the players.

New to District 3 is the Humphrey Family: Aiden, Elizabeth, Isaac, Johnpaul, Joseph, Lillian and Evan. They attended our Central Oregon Country Music Gathering and all of the family except the very youngest joined in with the jamming and workshops. It is always wonderful to have young players.

If anyone is ever in Central Oregon on the 2nd Sunday of a month, please let us know and we will get you directions to the Powell Butte Community Center as we would like to have guest musicians come in.

Enjoy the weather and music!

Kim Martin and Pat Borden District 3 Reporters

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We had a lovely fall day for our jam at the Phoenix Grange. The room was packed to capacity with toe tapping listeners and light footed dancers who enjoyed the music as much as the musicians enjoyed playing the happy tunes for them. We appreciate all of our audience who come to our performances, but we hold especially dear the couples that follow us month to month and grange to grange. At our meeting, Scott Phillips presented an idea to hopefully get our website professionally designed and maintained. Each district, statewide, would contribute to a fund that would be devoted to establishing a state website with a link coming from it for each district to post their individual interests and information. The idea was accepted, vote on, and approved by District 4. It will be presented to other districts in the future.

Melinda Grant, who has done a terrific job rounding up musicians for all our gigs, has turned in her lasso and passed it on to Ross Jones, who is now our Fiddler Rustler and you soon will get emails from him reminding you of upcoming events. Ross is a new member but has been active from the get-go playing back up guitar at many of our gigs.

Judy McGarvey's beginning fiddle classes are progressing very well. She has a mix of adults and youths and all are excited to get their fiddles under their chins and bow in hand. The class is almost full with only a few openings. Carol Ferrara, Jessie Lotts and Cathy

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It is nice to be in the routine of treating ourselves to entertaining at the care centers each Wednesday. We play at about five each month, depending on the schedule at any given time. In addition, we have had some extra jams/gigs. Larry and Sharon Gallagher hosted a potluck jam session at their home in Florence, and we also played at the Harvest Festival on September 23 in Myrtle Point. The weather was perfect, and the crowd ongoing, literally, as many just strolled on by and smiled as they passed, while others took advantage to sit and rest a minute on the hay bales that were provided for the audience. We had 11 musicians show up for the event, so there was a lot of variety in style and song. Thanks so much to Tom and Betti Nugent, owners of Cherry Creek Floral for inviting us to play in front of their business on Spruce Street. They also provided us with electricity. South Coast Ag was instrumental in providing transportation for the sound equipment.

In September, Bob Shaffar started teaching fiddle lessons in Bandon. He is teaching three levels with the focus being on old time tunes. The students, who are learning to play by ear, receive CDs to take home so as to practice in a more concrete way. We are so fortunate that Bob is giving his time to help those who want to learn. He probably doesn't realize how much we all appreciate his expertise, but we do, even those of us who do not take lessons, as

November Events

2 meeting/jam	Eastwood Baptist church, Medford, Or.	11:30 a.m.
4 meeting/jam	Eagle Point Grange	11:30 a.m.

Check the online calendar for all gigs or call an officer

Futchey have been busy registering the students and assigning them a loaner fiddle if needed. We really have some wonderful volunteers in our district.

We have had visitors to our district. Several weeks ago, Linda and Jerry Parks visited the Wednesday night jam. Irene Ruddock, Norianne Sparks and Mervin Woodard from District 1, came over to check out the beginning fiddle class. Always happy to have visitors from around the state. Dottie Birkett is still homebound due to ill health, and Delsa Corder is at Three Fountains for some rehabilitation on her back. Both of these ladies would appreciate a phone call or a card. Bea Johnson recently had successful eye surgery, and she and Don will be heading south for the winter. Recently we heard the news that Lem Guthrie's wife, Leora passed away. Our thoughts are with the Guthrie family. Lem was a faithful member for many years.

It's membership renewal time again. Carol Ferrara and Jessie Lotts have "cheerfully" agreed to co-chair the membership position temporarily, through the busy renewal time from now until February. If you haven't already renewed, see one of these ladies at the Wednesday night jam or the monthly jam. We are still hoping to fill the position permanently. This is a terrific opportunity for someone to step up and volunteer for this much needed position. Our November monthly meeting and jam will be at Eagle Point Grange. Meeting starts at 11:30 a.m. Then on-floor fiddle jam begins at 12:30 with sign-up jam at 1-3 p.m. Bring snacks to share and come have fun! See y'all soon.

~ Judy Lyons, District 4 Reporter

November Events

1 gig	Myrtle Point Care Center, Myrtle Point	2:30 - 3:30 p.m.
8 gig	Bay Crest, North Bend	1:30 - 2:30 p.m.
8 gig	Evergreen Court, North Bend	3 - 4 p.m.
15 gig	Pacific View, Bandon	2 - 3 p.m.
18	Holiday Dinner & jam Winchester Bay Community Center eat at 11:00 a.m., on stage 1 - 3 p.m. and circle jam 3 - 4 p.m.	
23 gig	Avamere, Coos Bay	1 - 2 p.m.
23 gig	Bayside Terrace, Coos Bay	2:30 - 3:30 p.m.

we enjoy his sweet music when we have the opportunity to hear him. Everyone in our district was notified when lessons began.

Many of you know our wonderful Larry Costa who is an instrumentalist extraordinaire! Although he was born in Hawaii a few months before the bombing of Pear Harbor, he lived most of his life in Southern California. While he was in the process of learning guitar, his mom gave him a Silvertone Banjo, which she purchased from Sears. It was this banjo that he learned to play using a Pete Seeger book. It was an honor for him to play with the Army band while stationed in Korea. In addition to playing the above instruments, he also plays 12 string guitar, ukulele and mandolin. Larry had an office supply business, raised 4 daughters, and put his instruments on hold for 40 years. About 10 years ago he discovered OOTFA and found a new home and family. Although not one of his 6 siblings were musical, he found a picture of his great-great uncles playing the same instruments he plays! He comes by his musical talent naturally. Larry is also a great singer, hard worker, designer and creator of all the trophies handed out by our district, and often serves as MC. He is a true pillar to our group;

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Junior Fiddler: Garitt Bondsteel (District 3)



Garitt Bondsteel

Recently, I had a chance to sit down with Garitt at age 16 and listen to his thoughts. I know we all admire his skills as a musician, but I had never known what an articulate and thoughtful person he was. Here are his own words, with just a few prompts from me.

~Karen

I was a rambunctious little boy at Fiddle Camp and Les took me under his wing. He was the stereotypical bluegrass cowboy with a beard. Back then I thought it was cool to be learning from a real cowboy. Les was the real deal, and he had a pretty big imprint on my life. After I went back home with my mother, I dropped guitar until I went to live with my grandma. Then, about three years ago I got serious. She had to remind me of the basic chords and then I just took off on the guitar. I love it. There's nothing more I'd rather do than play music.

I learned guitar through a lot of motivationally driven practice. For a while, I'd wake up every morning and go to school to play in the jazz band which was way above my level at first. After a while, it got easier, and it turned out to be a great way to learn-- practice extremely hard on really challenging music every day for an hour. Now, when I have nothing else to do, I'm playing the guitar.

Do you have a chance to play with your peers?

I am the leading guitar person (in level and experience) in a guitar club at my high school (Redmond High). Every Monday I stay after school and help teach and motivate kids to learn how to play guitar. I guess I try to inspire them to stick with it through the rough patches. They play different kinds of music...rock, folk, blues, country music, classic country. I play my share of rock and blues, so that's fine with me. It's a lot of fun. I can play any of it so I just support any music they want to play. I have friends who write songs and record them. They're not famous, but they're extremely good.

What do you see for yourself in the future?

I don't want to be a professional musician or anything like that. I'm just a guy that wants to play guitar. I am studying right now to be a private pilot. I'm getting my pilot's license, and I'm working hard now so I don't have to work so hard later on in life. I want to go through a branch of the service, attend an academy, become an officer and ultimately fly fighter jets. After that, maybe I can fly commercial airlines or cargo jets. It depends on what happens in life and what doors open for me. I have so many commitments, it gets stressful at times. I'm trying to work hard every day.

I'm in ROTC at school. We're always looking for ways to help out in the community and represent Redmond High School. Pretty soon we'll be marching in the Veteran's Day Parade. We wear camies and we do rifle detail. We usually have a couple people in armed competition and rifle twirling. Last year we had a total of 3000 hours accumulated in community service--just in one school year. I'm a precision shooter with ROTC. I can shoot a small target at 30 meters. Competition shooting like you see in the Olympics is my sport at Redmond High School.

How has OOTFA contributed to your growth as a musician?

The fiddlers gave me a lot of support and opportunities. It's such a great environment. You can go out there and bang on your guitar and somebody will come up and say, "Wow! That was good!"...even if it sounded pretty bad. It's such a supportive environment that it's impossible to make mistakes and hate yourself for it. It's the Petri dish for growing new musicians. which we have a lack of.

What are some ways we could better support young people in OOTFA?

My opinion is that there needs to be better support of backup artists. Everything is fiddle driven in OOTFA. Without your backup artist, the fiddlers are just a squeaking box. The back-up is what drives the music. Plus, we can lead and play the same melodies that the fiddlers play. In OOTFA, there are very few guitarists who flat pick, and there's a lack of education in it. I would definitely take lessons at an advanced level, if there was scholarship money for it, and I think other young people would too.

The average age in OOTFA must be 70 something. What happens 20 years from now? Education for youth needs to happen. All these songs were born way before my time. We need to get young people interested in playing them.

Bruce Molsky's Fiddle Tips

Here are two more exercises suggested by the great Bruce Molsky's (from his website), continued from the September Hoedowner.

Figure-8 Motion Now try playing straight back and forth, but let half of the down-stroke be half of a figure-8 on its side, like drawing a backward letter "S," and the up-stroke being just the opposite. You'll get a different kind of accent from this, but both the circular and figure-8 shapes add a pulse to the stroke that couldn't be there any other way. (Practice tips: Do all these at a constant bow speed; don't slow down and speed up—the pulse comes from the bow's angle, not its speed. Likewise, use constant pressure. Be neutral with everything, and when you do it right the sound will come naturally and from the right place.)



Bruce Molsky

Fulcrum Pulses OK, I admit I just made this name up, but it does describe the next bow movement. Start by moving the bow straight back and forth on the single D-string. Go for a smooth motion and an even sound across the entire stroke.

Now, with each stroke in each direction, change the angle of the bow, let it kind of drop, so that it picks up the A-string for a split second. The goal is to keep the D-string note smooth and to its full value while the A-string note pulses.

Tune of the Month (Editor's Choice): "Kingdom Coming"

"Kingdom Coming", also known as "The Year of Jubilo", is an American Civil War song, written and composed by abolitionist Henry C. Work in 1862, prior to the issuing of the Emancipation Proclamation by Abraham Lincoln. A pro-Unionist song, the song's lyrics are sung from the point of view of Confederate-owned slaves to celebrate their impending freedom.

In The Year of Jubilo

Henry Clay Work

A, D, A, D, Em, A, D, A, G, D, Em, A, D, Em, A, D



Linda and Jerry Parks from District 6 visiting district 4's Wednesday night jam.



District 6 chair Peggy Mulder presents Ken Luse with an appreciation award at their district October meeting for his efforts in fundraising.

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we are grateful that he settled on the South Coast.

As of this writing, we are looking forward to our meeting in October and also our Holiday Dinner in November. Again, please be on

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District 6 thrives because of the efforts of committed members who volunteer for events and performances, who attend jams, bring food, generate gigs, secure grants and seek other funding to help us stay solvent and active. Some of these include Lane County Historical Society, Lane County Cultural Coalition and Kielhorn grants. We also receive donations from individuals who value the perpetuation of old time music.

Trillium Health is an underwriter for District 6. We thank Ken Luse for capitalizing on a serendipitous opportunity to land their sponsorship in April, 2007. Over ten years, their contributions have stabilized the district's financial health and continue to enable us to donate to the state convention and contest, as well as to enhance the goals and ambitions of our organization.

OOTFA receives 20% of net revenues we accrue, so all districts realize the benefits of the Trillium sponsorship. District 6 thanks Ken specially for fostering this long-standing relationship with Trillium. He was presented with a certificate of appreciation during the business meeting on October 14 at Central Grange.

Thanks, too, to a core of committed performers who turn out time and again for standing gigs at local retirement communities and care facilities. The performances can bring in from \$50 or more to the district and are matched by Trillium donations.

Some gig opportunities fall into our laps. Whichever OOTFA member is contacted invites a small ensemble of musicians suitable to the event and the venue. Often, the performance space is tight and can accommodate only a few players. The band displays the OOTFA

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Hello to everyone from District 7,

We had a great turnout and a lot of fun playing for folks at the Cherry Park Plaza Retirement Center in Troutdale on October 6. It was Happy Hour, and they were very enthusiastic to have us with them. We played as a group most of the time, but some fiddlers played solos and duets. Donna Foreman was our leader, and she called many old favorites like "Chinese Breakdown", "Flop Eared Mule", "Red Wing", and "Snow Deer". She and others treated us to some amazing fiddle tunes which were played as solos or in small groups. Our twin fiddlers, Joan Harrington and Maggie Dickerson, played a number of duets including a lovely rendition

the lookout for a final November schedule as it will be sent out by Dawn at the end of October.

~ Susan Joubert, District 5 Reporter

November Events

2	jam	Old World Deli OOTFA	7 - 9-ish p.m.
3	jam	Eugene Hotel OOTFA	7-8:30 p.m.
4	Intermediate	Fiddle Class, River Rd. Annex	1 - 3:30 p.m.
6	Basic Fiddle	Class, Bethesda Lutheran	1 - 3:30 p.m.
10	jam	Elmira Grange	7 - 9-ish p.m.
11	jam & Thanksgiving	potluck Central Grange	12 - 3 p.m.
17	jam	YaPoAh Terrace	7 - 9 p.m.
24	jam	Willakenzie Grange OOTFA jam	7 - 9 p.m.

logo sign and the money earned is turned over to District 6. Some performance intakes can be designated for WCFCW.

Any member is welcome to engage an OOTFA band for gigs as long as they display the logo sign and submit funds earned to Bernie Roberts. Contact Ken Luse, Bernie or Peggy Mulder to make arrangements to get the sign.

District 6 voted resoundingly to host the January State OOTFA Meeting, which will be held at the Lebanon Community Center on January 20, 2018. Sincere thanks to Darla Knudsen for seizing the opportunity to host, and to Linda and Jerry Parks for securing the facility. There will be a sign-up jam and potluck meal in addition to the state board meeting. The spacious hall will be open after 8 a.m. on the morning of the 20th. The parking lot will be available for dry camping, and options for Friday evening jamming are being investigated. The district has a steering committee and seeks volunteers for set-up, potluck help and clean up. We'll keep you informed of developments.

Birthday whoopees to Marie Roberts, Peggy Mulder (our esteemed Chairperson), John Gent, Darlene Fiducia, Jim Hoots, Benjamin Cooley, Teresa Bowers and Shirley Humphreys.

Note: if your birthday has not been acknowledged here, do let Patti Luse know and provide her with your date, no year necessary. We want to celebrate you!

~ Amy Burrow, District 6 Reporter

November Events

12	gig	King City Senior Center, 15245 SW 116th Ave., King City	2 - 3 p.m.
26	NW Jam	600 NE 8th Street Gresham	Doors open at 11a.m. Sign-up playing 12:30 - 3:30 p.m.

of "The Tennessee Waltz". We will play again at Cherry Park Plaza on December 1 and look forward to a great time with a lovely audience.

On Sunday, November 12, we will play at the King City Senior Center in King City. Last year we played to a packed house and were very well received. We hope to have a good turnout again--with such a great audience we know we will have a good time.

We have some new members this month: Adam Hinkel and Anna Cutlip who are banjo players and Aaron Midgett who plays the fiddle and the mando. Welcome to District 7!

~ Elaine Schmidt, District 7 Reporter

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

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Reporter: Gayle Clarity, 503-899-7485, gaylrose@gmail.com

At our September jam, our scholarship students, Natalie Guptill and Autumn Blaha, played a number of their tunes to a receptive audience. Good job ladies!

Thanks to visitors: Marcela Easley, Dean Boring, Marilyn Bloch and Phil Drain for joining us. We love your musical support.

Big thanks to Loita Colebank and Gayle Clarity for volunteering their time and talent to help our district run easier. Loita will be our new go-to gal with news you need to post on updates. **Gayle is taking on the Hoedowner reporter slot. Please send her your news items, with details, BEFORE the 14th [as she has to submit ON the 14th] for the next month's publication.**

Janice Kilbourn is our new member welcomer, filling a needed position. Welcome to all our new members. Please introduce yourselves so we can all get to know you.

November Events

- 10 jam Silverton Senior Center 12 - 2 p.m.
- 18 regular district jam, American Legion; McMinnville., 126 N.E. Atlantic St. 1 - 3 p.m. Come early and buy lunch.
- 21 gig Capital Manor, 1955 Dallas Hwy. Suite 1200 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. We need all players!

We still need three more positions filled: Treasurer, Publicity/Marketing and an intern Activity director. Please seriously consider helping us out!

Scholarship applications are closed for this year. Please have your application in for next year during our open time of May through August. Any submitted later will be considered on a first come basis for the following year.

Directions to the Silverton Senior Center: From Salem get onto Silverton Rd NE/OR-213. Turn right onto Paradise Alley Rd NE. At the traffic light -- turn right up the hill. Then 0.99 miles and turn left onto W Main St. Then 0.42 miles and take the 1st left onto Westfield St. Westfield St is just past Jade Hills Dr. Then 0.02 miles farther is the Silverton Senior Center. If you reach South St. you've gone about 0.1 miles too far.

~ Gayle Clarity, District 8 reporter



District 7 musicians supporting twin fiddlers, Joan Harrington and Maggie Dickerson, at Cherry Park.



District 10 members at Callahan Village: Jim Leininger, Colleen Hanks, Jude Stensland, Scott McAdoo, Hal Thompson, Sharon Thompson, Frank Moore, Jim Kuether. Kneeling: Arlyne McAdoo, Joe Ross



District 10 members at Bridgewood Rivers in Roseburg: Jim Kuether, Frank Moore, Karen Bennett, Kelly Wadsworth, Sharon Thompson, Hal Thompson, Joe Ross, Colleen Hanks. Kneeling: Chuck Stayer, Bill Kline



A few of the many visitors at the District 10's jam in Sutherlin in September. Visitors from District 4: Judy Lyons, Carol Ferrara, Bonnie Farley, Len Ferrara and Judy McGarvey.

District 9 (Burns - John Day Area)

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Secretary/Treasurer/Membership: George Sahlberg

Reporter: Marianne Andrews, marianneandrews@gmail.com

It was great to see everyone at the October Jam and Potluck where we held our quarterly meeting. Don learned in Prineville that we were supposed to have a meeting quarterly, so we did. Good food and music. It was great to see John Borelli. He was here when the fires started in Napa Valley, California and our prayers are with them, as the fires rage around.

We send our good wishes and prayers to Pearl Sahlberg as she battles with health issues.

Ruel is feeling good and is off to Missouri and then to Arizona for the winter. We'll miss him.

District 10 (Roseburg, Canyonville, Sutherlin Area)

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Sound Person: Jim Kuether, 503-260-5972, (Gene Hodson - alt)

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Our September jam was preceded by a members meeting. Jude Stensland volunteered to be program coordinator for awhile. We sincerely thank Sharon Thompson for her service in that important position for several years. Because our district's membership is small and stretched a bit thin, we voted to not host the January state quarterly meeting. We will, however, definitely send some volunteers to support the district that takes on that responsibility. Mary Oswald has started collecting dues for 2018. Members also decided to have finger foods at the December jam.

We said goodbye to Anna Cooper. Born March 23, 1921 in Hardesty, Oklahoma, she loved music, dancing and always had a wonderful smile and hug for everyone. Anna was the sixth of nine children. She passed September 30, 2017 at Oak Park assisted living. A memorial was held on October 7. She will be missed.

Francis and Barbara Stephenson are back from their summer road trip to Francis' home place in New Brunswick, Canada, 100 miles north of the Maine border. Hal and Sharon Thompson put 4,800 miles on their vehicle and caught many shows in Branson, Mo. Jon Tilley and Julie Yarbrough hosted a weekly Tuesday jam at their house for about 8 weeks. These sunbirds are now off soon to Yuma for the winter, as are Frank Moore and Karen Bennett. Scott McAdoo helped out at our shows and jams for several months before he and his wife, Arlynne, headed back to the Philippines.

Bill Kline, a regular at our OOTFA shows and jams, is our featured member this month. Bill began playing guitar and harmonica at college in the late 60s and began singing and writing songs in the Air Force. During his career with GTE/Verizon and years raising three daughters, his music was limited to church. In 1997, Bill became focused on bluegrass, adding mandolin, banjo, and Dobro to his repertoire. He played in bluegrass, country dance, and

November Events

3	jam	Friday Jam	7 p.m.
10	gig	The Aspens	7 - 9 p.m.
17	jam	Friday Jam	7 p.m.
20	gig	Ashley Manors	6 - 7 p.m.
24	jam	Friday Jam	7 p.m.

Janet started a new job and we congratulate her on her promotion!!

We had a wonderful turn-out at the Aspens this month both in musicians and audience. Walt Cooper joined in singing along.

Remember that to discover the place the Friday Jams are held, call one of the officers, or get an e-mail from Don Greenfield. We always welcome newcomers, card players, clappers and especially the regular and extraordinary musicians.

Musically Yours,

~ Marianne Andrews, District 9 Reporter

November Events

2	gig	Bridgewood Rivers	1:30 - 2:30 p.m.
8	gig	Rosehaven	10 - 11 a.m.
20	gig	Callahan Court	2:30 - 3:30 p.m.
25	jam	Sutherlin Grange Hall	12 - 3 p.m.
27	gig	Callahan Village	3:30 - 4:30 p.m.
30	gig	Riverview Terrace	4 - 5 p.m.

gospel bands, with fiddle and bass as the Grayson Acoustic Trio, in church, and as a soloist. Bill moved here from Texas in 2016, is currently a member of the Mountain Creek String Band and Twisted Pick, and remains active as a soloist. Joining the Old-Time Fiddlers made him feel right at home in Oregon from day one.

Let's pick!

~ Joe Ross, District 10 Reporter



Bill Kline (District 10)



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State Calendar

January 20	State Gathering, Jam, and Board Meeting (10 miles off I-5 from the Corvallis/Lebanon Exit)	Lebanon Senior Center 8 a.m.- 4 p.m. (See District 6 report)
January 27	(as previously announced in the October Hoedowner) The January 20th event in Lebanon has taken its place (see above).	This event has been canceled.
March 17	State Fiddle Contest Chemeteka Community College	8 a.m.-10 p.m.
April 4-7	State Convention, Membership Meeting	Polk Co. Fairgrounds, Rickreall

A MESSAGE FROM PATTI LUSE, STATE MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

It's time to pay your 2018 Annual Household Membership Dues to your District Membership Chair (contact information is listed in the district reports in this publication.) The dues remain the same as last year and run from January 1 thru December 31, 2018:

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