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From Your President

I guess it takes a lot to stir up controversy, as there were only two or three members that commented on my last epistle about starting a member forum in the Hoedowner. But it's not too late to do so. Our January board meeting is only a little ways away on the 20th of January in Lebanon, Oregon. It's time for the districts to submit names for next year's state officers. Check your OOTFA bylaws for qualifications. Also I would request you be prepared to submit a name for the Norm Nash Distinguished Service Award that is given out at convention.

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving experience this year and are looking forward to celebrating Christmas with family and loved ones. Can you believe with the turn of the calendar it will be 2018?? Wow! Here's wishing each and all a most prosperous, happy, fortuitous, and fun-filled playing of your favorite instrument New Year!

~Jim

NEW MEMBERS FOR JANUARY 2018

David and Janice Arnold	Vancouver, WA
Barry and Jenny Breen	Eugene
Mark Ivan	Oakland
Carey Mercer	Jacksonville
Jan Nugent	Woodburn
Mary-Minn Sirag	Eugene
Carol Anne Sudderth	Creswell
Vincent, Kassie and Anna Yip	Roseburg

Happy Holidays from Patti Luse:

All members are invited to OOTFA's Winter Gathering, State Jam and Potluck in Lebanon on Saturday, January 20! We'll gather at the Lebanon Senior Center, just 10 miles east of Interstate 5 on Highway 34 (just south of Albany). The Center has a very large room which will accommodate the jams, a potluck at noon and an afternoon sign-up jam which is open to the public. The doors will open at 8 a.m. for jamming all morning before the potluck. The State Board Meeting which consists of the state officers and District Chairs will be held at 10 a.m. The music will be going on until 4 p.m.

In addition to Saturday, the Senior Center will be open for jamming on Friday night, January 19th from 6-9 p.m. RVs may park in the center's parking lot starting at 5 p.m. Others who would like to spend the night in the area have choices in Lebanon as well as Albany and Corvallis. The Best Western and Shannico Inn are available in Lebanon. Mention the OOTFA State Meeting and you will get a discount. We look forward to seeing you in the New Year!

~Patti Luse

From the Editor:

I received this note from Jeannette Bondsteel recently, and I wanted to share it with you.

~ Karen

Sue Horn of Mt Vernon, Oregon passed away November 28, 2017 after a long battle with brain cancer. Sue was my cousin. We were raised in a tight family community of rural

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Eastern Oregon and could be likened to a litter of kittens in a box by the stove; everyone thrown into the same home to grow up as siblings. Sue's father, George Harper, began playing banjo as a youngster and raised the family on a nightly round of old time music, funny made up lyrics, and joy. In Sue's last weeks with us we sat on the back porch at my home while Garitt and I played song after song from the old-time fiddle tunes. We would start on one tune and Sue would brighten up and say "Dad used to play that for us kids when we were on the ranch." "Dad used to play a tune where he swung his banjo by the neck and picked a clock

sound." So Garitt and I played Grandfathers Clock for her; and on went the evening.

I realize the music we play is timeless and it reaches deep into the fiber of our existence from birth, in love, in life, and into death. We don't have Sue with us anymore, but I will never forget the treasure of those moments on the back porch when my recent music experiences with OOTFA made a difference in Sue's life, my life and in Garrett's life.

~ Jeannette Bondsteel



Strings Swap

Banjos for sale. If you are interested, contact: LARRY COSTA, District 5 (541) 808-8710

- 1. BANJO-TAM with 5th string, capo & case..... \$135
- 2. SX BANJO refurbished with case & strap \$195
- 3. BANJITAR HOME homemade with gig-bag & strap \$175
- 4. STEW-MAC KIT BANJO refurbished with 5h string capo & case..... \$275

From the Editor Emeritus

Let me share with you about Connie. Connie King goes back to a number of years ago in District 6. She loved to play her fiddle. She loved to dance. Always had a smile and a good word for all of us. Tragedy struck too early in her life when she had a stroke. Her health problems no longer allowed her to play her fiddle and dance as she had once done. She lived several years in an assisted living home.

When Connie was active, she would go over the Cascade Mountains to Burns where many people gathered each year for the High Desert Fiddle Jamboree. Connie fell in love with the 4000-foot high desert country and made many new fiddle friends. Before she died on March 11 she made her wish known that she wanted to be buried in the cemetery on the hill in Burns. Last March 28 on a cold day with the high mountain passes covered with snow, the family could not get over, so Connie was buried in Burns without her family. During the High Desert Jamboree, this year the family came over to Burns to show their love for their mother and to stand at their mother's grave. Her son and daughter and their families came to us on June 16 at the jamboree and asked if we would play when they went to their mother's grave. It was a happy time and a sad time. The family had chosen not to go to their mother's grave alone to stand there silently with their sadness. Rather they wanted fiddle music that their mother loved and music to give them security as they dealt with their sadness.

We drove up the hill to Connie's grave. Connie's family, three fiddlers, a hammered dulcimer player and a guitar-vocalist gathered at the foot of Connie's grave. We played two lively old tunes, "Red Wing" and "Golden Slippers" and then quietly finished with "Amazing Grace". When we turned to the family, their response was, "More, more." So, we played for another fifteen minutes.

We felt honored and privileged to share our music with Connie and her family. We stood quietly at Connie's tombstone thinking of her happy days and then turned and silently walked away. This was an experience that I will cherish. Having the opportunity to play a few fiddle tunes for the family at the grave of their mother made fiddling take on a new meaning. Hopefully, Connie enjoyed our fiddle music, too.

~ Lew

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January Events

13	gig	Plum Ridge	10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
13	gig	Pacifica/Brookdale	1 - 2 p.m.
14	meeting/jam	Shasta Grange	12:15 - 3 p.m.
22	gig	Quail Park (Bistro)	10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
22	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,

Well, it's almost mid-December. Christmas is just around the corner, and already District 1 has had a busy month! Our Junior Fiddlers started out the month by playing at a local nursery for a living nativity presentation. The kids performed for an hour, playing mostly Christmas songs, with Frank Ayres accompanying them on guitar. The kids were very well received and were rewarded with lots of hand clapping and applause! Boy, did they ever make District One proud! Great job Junior Fiddlers! And thanks to the dedicated teachers who spent another year teaching our young musicians!

The next event was the District 1 Christmas party, and we had a real fine turn-out, with about 30+ people participating. Also in December, several members participated in a first ever Fiddle Fundraiser for a local family, whose 11 year old daughter had recently passed away from inoperable brain cancer. The fundraiser was held at Starbucks in Klamath Falls. Fiddlers Jenny Dreyer, Lena Dreyer, Ms. Faye Patterson, Ms. Sheila Fry and guitarist Mr. Steven Curry donated their time and talents, so that all the donations received went straight to the family as a Christmas gift. Even though this was not an official District 1 function, it reflects well on OOTFA and our district...great job,

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gals and guy! By the time you read this, another Christmas will have come and gone! As you can see, December has been a busy month for our district.

The nursing home gigs have been going great, and the reception from the listeners has made special impressions on the musicians. Anytime I hear the musicians talking about participating in the nursing homes, they really light up! They get as much joy out of playing for the people, as the people get out of listening. It's a great win-win! ☺ Well, here's to wishing everyone a safe and healthy New Year! Oh yeah....and please remember to pay your dues! (almost forgot to mention it!) ☺

January Birthdays: James Dreyer, Johnny Rogers.
Let me know if I missed anyone!

~ Jenny Dreyer, District 1 Reporter



Dean Oliver and Fran Coker enjoying the District One Christmas Party and Jam.



District One Junior Fiddlers, Teachers, and Back-Up play for the Living Nativity Presentation in Klamath Falls.

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Happy New Year!

Our Christmas Fair was a huge success, and District 1E provided music for the kickoff Friday evening. Edna Jenkins and Sheila Fry joined Don Thomas, Terry, Larry and Rosa Lee and also stayed over to play with us for the December First Saturday Jam. It's always nice to have visitors join us and provide suggestions for songs we might not think about playing, while I'm told by visitors they like getting to play songs they don't play in their districts. It's a nice exchange for all concerned. Sloppy snow was falling by the time we broke up Saturday night's jam, and by the wee hours Monday morning, Lakeview was covered with a blanket of white stuff that stretched from Lakeview to Klamath Falls. It's been so cold, the snow was preserved over the course of the entire week.

January Events

4, 11, 18, 25 weekly jams

Rosa Lee's house

5 p.m.

Winter hits hard in the Oregon Outback so we are slowing down our commitments until Mother Nature decides to be civil again and make driving on pavement a non-life-threatening activity. The monthly business meetings are suspended until March 5, 2018, and we have no public engagements slated for the immediate future. As a consequence, this may be one of the shortest articles I'll submit for the entire year. So here's to the fulfillment of New Year's Resolutions for those of you who made them! I confess, I didn't make any since I suffer from NYRFOF (New Year's Resolution Fear Of Failure).

~ Nancy Yialouris, District 1E Reporter

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Howdy from District 3,

We do hope all had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

District 3 members John Schultz and Frank Borden were invited to play at the December Festival of the Trees at the Deschutes County Fairgrounds on December 2. They were joined by District 9's Ron Phillips and Carl Stinnett. Ron and Carl drove over from John Day to make a musical quartet for the event. The festival was very well attended, and all enjoyed the hour of music. This is a fundraising annual event to help support Hospice of Redmond.

Our 2nd Sunday Jam/Dance/Potluck on December 10 was wonderful! It was very well attended with about 90 guests, and the food was plentiful and delicious. Thanks to the Tuckers for cooking the turkey and ham and to all who brought dishes to share and some exceptional desserts! Our dance floor was full

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

Happy New Year to all from District 4. Hope your holidays were merry and bright and the season lifted your spirits out of the

winter weather doldrums. It certainly was a cheerful sight that met us as we arrived at the Roxy Ann Grange for our December jam. Carol Ferrara had spent hours performing her magic, decorating for the party. She had transformed the plain room into a lovely sight. Cheerful colored lights, poinsettia, candles, gold ribbon and winter greenery adorned all the tables. It was lovely and set the mood for us to celebrate life member Don Maddox's 95th birthday and life achievements.

Don came prepared, brought his entertainer charm, and engaged his "standing room only" audience. With voice and fiddle, he brought to life his hits from the past. It was indeed a celebration and many thanks to all who



Don Maddox. Life member of District 4 and the last surviving member of the Maddox Brothers and Rose Hillbilly Band at his 95th birthday celebration.

January Events

14 2nd Sunday Jam/Dance Powell Butte CC 1 - 3 p.m.

most of the afternoon, and we had approximately 25 musicians. They gave us some Christmas music as well as many dance tunes. Waltzes are especially popular with our dancers.

District 3 has a handful of novice musicians that meet several times a week at Jeannette's home to drill down on fiddle tunes, technique, and skills. This is a great learning experience because it isn't jamming – it's playing with purpose. They play for 2-3 hours at each work session trying to work out tunes. An experienced fiddler would be a very helpful addition, as our novices are working hard at learning. Please contact Jeanette if you would be interested in helping out the group.

District 3's condolences go out to Jeannette Bondsteel and family on the loss of her cousin Sue Horn after a long illness. Thanks to all members for renewing for the coming year. Welcome to our new members, Michael Cluver of Prineville and the Miller family (Erin, Steve, Mia, Ali, and Sammie) also of Prineville.

Tommy Tucker's knee surgery was a big success; he was walking the next day and had no pain. Jessica Eaton was in the hospital with a hip replacement and is at home and doing well.

Kim Martin and Pat Borden District 3 Reporters

January Events

6 meeting and jam Fruitdale Grange, Grants Pass meeting 11:30 a.m.
jam 12:30 p.m.
sign up jam 1 - 3 p.m.

Check the online calendar for all gigs, maps and directions or call an officer.

helped make this a special memory for Don, his family and fans. It was so nice to see Don Evans back in the audience. Don has been away while his wife, Barbara, was ill and passed away. We hope he will be playing the spoons with us soon.

We have two new gigs on the calendar this month. On January 9 at 3 p.m. we will be playing in Ashland at the Village at Valley View. Ron Bolstad is coordinator. This will be a monthly gig. On January 23, we will play at the Weatherly Inn in Medford. Check the online calendar for all gigs, and come participate when you are able. Upcoming, this month, January 20 is the State Quaterly Gathering, Jam and Board Meeting, at the Lebanon Senior Center in Lebanon hosted by District 6.

Our Holiday Potluck feast will be held on February 3 at our monthly jam which will be at the Firehouse Training Center in the Applegate. The district will provide the ham, drinks and table service. Judy Lyons will contact you toward the end of the month to give you a chance to round out the menu by bringing a nice side dish or dessert. That is in February! Our January Meeting and jam will be at the Fruitdale Grange in Grants Pass. The meeting will start at 11:30, on the floor fiddle jam at 12:30 sign up jam at 1-3 p.m. Bring snacks to share, bring a friend and come have fun. See y'all soon.

~ Judy Lyons, District 4 Reporter

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Fiddle Contest March 17 at Chemeketa Community College in Salem

Greetings! The State Fiddle Contest is only 2 ½ months away! The schedule appears in this Hoedowner. The registration form and directions appeared in the December Hoedowner. It's easy to register – you can register by sending me an email – gdaewalt@comcast.net

The contest is an important tradition and I encourage you to attend. Even if you aren't interested in competing, there are many volunteer positions to be filled. Last year we had 30 wonderful volunteers covering registration, tabulation, front door, back stage, order of play posting, time keeping, recording, photographing, rounding up contestants, collecting score sheets, and working at other duties. If we have enough volunteers, the shifts can be shorter, which leaves more time to enjoy the contest. Please contact me with questions or for more information, and to volunteer!

If you'll be competing and need any advice about tunes or anything else, please contact me – I'm more than glad to help out! Our State Fiddle Contest will qualify Oregon fiddlers to represent our state at the National Fiddle Contest in Weiser, Idaho this summer. Our contest is certified by the National Fiddlers Certification and Advisory Council, and therefore we must adhere to the rules and standards for judging and conducting contests. The rules are posted on OOTFA's website: oregonoldtimefiddling.org

I'm looking forward to the contest and hope to see you all there.

~Eileen Walter, Contest Director

Tentative Schedule for the 2018 Oregon State Fiddle Contest Subject to change depending on registration*

7:00	Registration Opens
7:30	Judges & Contestants Meeting in the Practice Room
8:00	Adult Round 1
8:45	Young Adult Round 1
9:30	Senior Senior Round 1
10:15	Senior Round 1
11:00	Junior Junior Round 1
12:00 – 1:00	Lunch
1:00	Twin
1:45	Small Fry
2:30	Senior Senior Round 2
3:00	Junior Round 1
3:45	Championship Round 1
4:30	Awards – Small Fry, Senior Senior, Twin, Youngest Fiddler, & Oldest Fiddler
5:00 – 6:00	Dinner
6:00 – 6:30	Jam on Stage – All Musicians Welcome
6:30	Junior Junior Round 2
7:00	Junior Round 2
7:30	Anything Goes
8:00	Awards – Junior Junior, Junior, & Holt Award
8:15	Senior Round 2
8:45	Adult Round 2
9:45	Young Adult Round 2
10:00	Championship Round 2
10:15	Judges Perform
10:30	Awards – Anything Goes, Adult, Young Adult, Senior, Championship, & Accompanist

Note *: In the event of a time crunch due to an unexpected number of contestants, the following measures may be taken:

1. Round 1 and/or Round 2 in some divisions may consist of a Hoedown and a Waltz.
2. The Twin and/or Anything Goes Divisions may be limited to the first 8 contestants who registered.

Tune of the Month-- "Heaven's Gate Waltz"

This tune was suggested by Joe Moyle (District 6 and former Hoedowner editor). It was composed by David Mansfield as part of the score for a movie called "Heaven's Gate" starring Kris Kristofferson. Joe suggests watching a clip from the movie on youtube of the lead couple dancing to this waltz.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WZfoi59-1to>

Another youtube shows the composer playing this tune: www.youtube.com/watch?v=F7paKNhSrFA

Enjoy! You are welcome to send in suggestions for tunes to become Tunes of the Month to me (Karen ksjohnson210@gmail.com).



Joe Moyle

Heaven's Gate Waltz

Score

Ella's Waltz

Violin

D D D D

A A A A A A

A7 A7 D D A

A A A E E E

E A A A A

E E A A7 A A7

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District 5 spread out a happy "welcome mat" for the community in Winchester Bay. It was a lovely Thanksgiving meal. Most of the reporting on November has been done but here are a few special words from Dawn Vonderlin that show what a gracious leader she is for this district. She seems to touch everyone's heart:

"I just wanted to extend a sincere thank you to all who were able to attend our Holiday Dinner yesterday at Winchester Bay. The food was delicious thanks to all of you...and the music was most enjoyable. Thanks to those who stayed over for the circle jam and to those who helped with clean-up. The success of this event is due to the dedication of many folks. A very big thank you to all who helped make the day so enjoyable. A special thanks must go to some of the "Worker Bees". To Ruth Weyer for wearing the chef's hat once again, and coordinating all the wonderful dishes brought by the members. Many thanks to Larry & Sharon Gallagher, Kriss Fenton, and Ruth for decorating the hall. Also to Art Bigelow and Colleen Hodges for helping with "anything & everything". To Dana Sweatt who is not only a fine waiter, but helped with set-up and tear-down of the hall and sound equipment, and Linda helps too! They are an awesome couple. Thanks to Gayle Triplett, Luke VerHagen and to Bill Winfrey for helping with the sound department. To Larry Costa who is just an all around helper and of course a BIG thank you to all the wonderful musicians who shared their talents. Without you...the day would have been much different. Sally, you did a fine job on your tunes, and I was so glad you were able to join us. Thanks to Kriss who helped with cleanup as well as keeping her pencil going as she assumes her new "District Reporter" position. Let's not forget Adam Taylor and Cathy, Hal and Sharon Thompson and Jesse and Darla Knudsen who traveled from other districts to join us. Darla looked beautiful and Jesse sounded beautiful! Again thanks to all of our District 5 members and friends who help to insure our district continues with

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Not a thing was ho-ho-hum about December in District 6. Our musical calendar was peppered with jams and performances. Our monthly jam at Central Grange Hall on the December 9 was filled with Christmas tunes blended in with our standard fare of old-time music. The many attendees enjoyed an opportunity to have a sing-along! We hope you basked in the glow of a warm, peaceful holiday season with friends and loved ones, and that music was central to your celebrations.

District 6 welcomes heartily new members who joined during the jam: Barry Breen on bass, Mary Minn-Sirag on harmonica, and Carolanne Suddreth on piano, ukulele and auto harp.

As you begin to fill in your 2018 calendars, keep dates in mind for this year's fiddle camp. It will be held at Westridge Middle School, in Westfir July 16-19. The instructor roster is filled, and class and

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3	gig	Myrtle Point Care Center	2:30 - 3 p.m.
10	gig	Bay Crest Village	1:30 - 2:30 p.m.
10	gig	Evergreen Court	3 - 4 p.m.
17	gig	Pacific View	2-3 p.m.
20	gig	Winchester Bay Stage Show	1 - 3 p.m.
		jam following, bring cookies!	
20	jam/potluck/board meeting	Winter State Gathering in Lebanon	
24	gig	Avamere	1 - 2 p.m.
24	gig	Bayside Terrace	2:30 - 3:30 p.m.

our mission of providing "Old Time Music" so we can tap our feet, smile and give thanks for all our blessings."

We received an invitation to play music and feast with Hal and Sharon Thompson from District 10 at their home in Glide. I'm sure the holiday music will ring joyfully through that beautiful countryside. Many people are giving thanks and looking forward to Christmas in their community. Those forest fires frightened a lot of people and forced them from their homes. We may only be able to offer our music, but we know how music can heal the spirit. Then the spirit rebuilds. A large warm hug with a special thank you to Hal and Sharon.

I'm sure you've noticed in our event schedule the State Meeting in Lebanon is being held the same day as our monthly show in Winchester Bay. Dawn will most likely attend the Lebanon meeting so she has spoken with Gayle Triplet who will facilitate the sound equipment at the Community Center for our performance. Gayle will get lots of assistance from our other wonderful members!

District 5 is always seeking new members and musicians. One of our OOTFA goals is to discover and mentor young players. Passing on the songs and techniques ensures the mission stays fun and energetic. Together we thrive. Personally, I am proud to endorse that. I'm positive you are too.

Who remembers the song "Barbara Allen" and all the words to its tragic love story of 17 verses? There is still room for lead breaks in this ballad! Thank you all.

~ Kriss Fenton, District 5 Reporter

January Events

4	jam	Old World Deli OOTFA Jam, Corvallis	7 - 10 p.m.
5	jam	Eugene Hotel OOTFA Jam	7 - 8:30 p.m.
6		Intermediate Fiddle Class at River Rd. Annex	1 - 4 p.m.
8		Basic Fiddle Class at Bethesda Lutheran	1 - 4 p.m.
12	jam	Elmira Grange Jam	7 - 10 p.m.
13	meeting/jam/potluck	Central Grange	11 - 3 p.m.
19	jam	YaPoAh Terrace Jam	7 - 9 p.m.
19-20		OOTFA Winter Gathering with State Board Meeting, jamming and potluck	Lebanon Senior Center
26	jam	Willakenzie Grange OOTFA Jam	7 - 9 p.m.

workshop offerings, along with course descriptions and instructor biographies, will soon be posted on the website at fiddlecamp.org. Check us out on Facebook at facebook/wcfcw, and be sure to like us! Registration will open in late-March.

And don't forget that we are hosting this year's Winter Gathering with State Board Meeting, Jamming and Potluck, which will be held at the Lebanon Senior Center. Dry camping is available in the parking lot on Friday night and a room will be available for open jamming and coffee that evening from 6-9. All are welcome to jam on Saturday, the 20th, between 8 and 12, when the potluck begins. From 1-4 pm, there will be a sign-up jam, open to the public. We

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really need District 6 members to participate through playing music and volunteering to help. Please contact Jerry or Linda Parks, or Peggy Mulder, to see what's needed to pull off this big event. Be sure to attend the quarterly district meeting at Central Grange to firm up and vote on details.

Birthday high-fives to Joe Moyle, Gerald Clark, Galen Ness, Zane

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Happy New Year! I hope everyone is staying warm and looking forward to a wonderful year ahead. District 7 members will be playing at three familiar venues this January. We have had good crowds and many musicians at these events, and we look forward to having a great time playing at these gatherings again.

Our two December jams were well attended by District 7 members, had great audiences and were lots of fun. On December 1, we played for a large Happy Hour crowd at Cherry Park Plaza (where we will play again on January 12). Fifteen members attended, and some of the lovely tunes we played were: Shepherds' Waltz, Seattle Polka, and Arizona Waltz. We seem to be playing there about once a month, and if you haven't been to Cherry Park yet, then come on out this month. I know you will enjoy it.

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

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Jam at Capitol Manor. Truman Price at the mic.



District 8 jam at Capitol Manor. Calder McQueen at the mic.

Coffin and Leah Canaday. Anniversary kudos to Willie and Edna Carter and Galen and Kathy Ness.

Correction to last month's article: Tim Crosby (not Tim Cooper) plays with Kathy Boyd and Phoenix Rising.

~ Amy Burrow, District 6 Reporter

January Events

- 12 gig Cherry Park Plaza, 1323 SW Cherry Park Road, Troutdale
Performance 3 - 4 p.m.
- 14 jam Gladstone Senior Center, 1050 Portland Ave, Gladstone
Sign-up playing 1 - 3 p.m.
- 28 NW Jam 600 NE 8th Street, Gresham
Doors open at 11 a.m.,
Sign-up playing 12:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Our second jam was at the Estacada Community Center where we celebrated the holidays with a lovely turkey lunch and a great audience. At the celebration there were 20 players, some of them students of Eileen Walter who enjoyed playing regular OOTFA tunes, along with a number of Christmas carols. Marcella Easley, District 7 Chair, had a brief meeting where it was decided to donate \$1200 for the State Fiddle Contest and \$300 for the Willamette Valley Contest.

A few dates of interest are coming up. January 20 is the State Gathering, Jam, and Board Meeting. March 17 is the State Fiddle Contest. Eileen Walter is looking for volunteers, donations and contestants! I'm looking forward to attending the contest this year. See you next month.

~ Elaine Schmidt, District 7 Reporter

January Events

- 13 jam American Legion, 126 NE Atlantic St; McMinnville. 1 - 3 p.m.
Come for lunch!

Directions to the American Legion at McMinnville: Turn at the traffic light on Hwy. 18 bypass, opposite the Hospital over to Cumulus Ave. (left turn in 1/2 block,) and follow it down to Atlantic. Lunch begins at 11 a.m., and we play from 1-3 p.m. If we buy enough lunches to cover our rent (about 6 or 7) we get rent free. They might frown on brown bagging. Service is slow, so allow time.

We had a jam at the American Legion in McMinnville on November 18. Ten players were present, including Larry Ball, mandolin player who moved from District 5 (Brookings) to McMinnville. Welcome Larry!

On November 28, we played for the residents at Capital Manor in West Salem. A good group of musicians gathered on stage and played for a large audience. It was a rainy night, and we appreciated so many people showing up. Also, we were pleased to have 10-year-old Calder McQueen, a new member, play his tunes. We want to welcome him and his family. His grandfather, Ron, was there too -- a fine guitar back up and vocalist.

By the time you get this, it will be January of the New Year, so I'm bundling all good wishes together. I hope you had a great Thanksgiving (with gratitude), a wonderful Christmas holiday celebration with beautiful lights, and lots of horn blowing to bring in the New Year...and Celestial Strings!

~ Gayle Clarity, District 8 reporter

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The Christmas Potluck and Jam was fun. We had the John Day crew, Ron Phillips, Carl Stinnett and Ronda Metler come, and they brought yummy food, plus made fun music! Thanks to Marianne and Gordon for a turkey, dressing and gravy. Unfortunately, George had to have Jackie Drinkwater do his deviled eggs as George was in the hospital! We wish him well! All the food offerings were delicious. It was good to see Don on his harmonica. Friends of Billie, Leo and Barbara visited; Roy and Victoria came as well. We had 11 musicians and played some lovely Christmas carols and old favorites. It was also good to hear Gene among us. Many of us are still eating mashed potatoes because we doubled up! Ooops!

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In November, our 4th Saturday Jam was very well attended with many players and listeners. We really appreciate the out-of-area guests who travel quite a ways to join us. December was a very busy month with several jams, gigs and parties. I hope that everyone's wonderful holiday time included some cheerful music making. In January, we celebrate birthdays for Joyce Pickett (Jan 1), Julie Yarbrough (Jan 11), Bernice Orr (Jan 14) and Francis Stephenson (Jan 24). Remember that old Irish proverb? "The older the fiddle, the sweeter the tune!" I think the same may be true of our OOTFA members.



Clarence "Whitey" Kelm

This month's featured district member is Clarence "Whitey" Kelm who celebrated his 87th birthday on December 7. Born in Rockford, Illinois, Whitey played guitar when he was about 15 on a ranch in Montana. That was about 1946. He also "plunked around" while in the service for a couple years. He served in Korea. Whitey says he's "kinda bashful and stayed in the background." In 1950, he worked on McNary Dam (in Washington) and then moved out here in '62. A "Jack of all trades," Whitey has worked in heavy construction, ranching, sawmills,

and on the Alaska pipeline. He was a carpet layer for fifty years until about 1995. He'd been married for 54 years when his wife died. They'd had five kids. Four of them live here, and one passed away in Alaska. Whitey picked up singing about 1990 after meeting Joyce Pickett. He stated, "I mainly just sing around home. I've never had too many people to play with." He likes getting together with other OOTFA members. He also recently enjoyed elk hunting in the Tioga area with a son and his boys.

January Events

5	jam	Friday Night Jam	
12	gig	The Aspens	7 - 9 p.m.
15	gig	Ashley Manor	6 - 7 p.m.
19	jam	Friday Night Jam	
26	jam	Friday Night Jam	

Our next Sunday Jam will be January 14 of 2018! Come and welcome in the New Year with us. Ruel and Randy are playing music in Arizona, so we have been missing them.

Be certain 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

4	gig	Bridgewood Rivers	1:30 - 2:30 p.m.
10	gig	Rosehaven	10 - 11 a.m.
15	gig	Callahan Court	2:30 - 3:30 p.m.
22	gig	Callahan Village	3:30 - 4:30 p.m.
25	gig	Garden Valley Retirement	2 - 3 p.m.
27	meeting/jam	Sutherlin Grange	Hallmeeting 11, jam 12 - 3 p.m.

Welcome to our new members: Kasey, Vince, and daughter Anna. Vince and Anna are learning to play fiddle. Lessons for fiddle students are now available by contacting Kelly Wadsworth. Thanks to everyone for getting their 2018 dues to Mary Oswald. Several of our district members will be traveling to Lebanon for the January quarterly meeting and jam. Our district will also hold a member meeting at 11 a.m. before our jam on January 27.

Let's pick!

~ Joe Ross, District 10 Reporter



District 10 members at Callahan Village Retirement Home



Kelly Wadsworth and some of her fiddlin' grandkids



Dennis & Mary Oswald collecting 2018 dues from District 10 members



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State Calendar

January 20	Winter OOTFA State Gathering with Jamming, Potluck, and Board Meeting (10 miles off I-5 from the Corvallis/Lebanon Exit) (see page 1 for details)	Lebanon Community Center
March 17	State Fiddle Contest	Chemeketa Community College 8 a.m. - 10 p.m.
April 4-7	State Convention, Membership Meeting	Polk Co. Fairgrounds, Rickreall

Winter State Gathering with Jamming, Potluck, and Board Meeting

January 19-20

Lebanon Senior Center, 20 Tangent Street in Lebanon, OR

Friday evening: Jam 6 - 9 p.m. Coffee & cookies provided!

Saturday: Doors open 8 a.m. 10 a.m. Jamming (while Executive Board meets)

Noon: Potluck lunch for OOTFA members

1 - 4 p.m. Sign-up jam--Public invited (no charge)

Several motels available for out-of-towners in Lebanon, Albany or Corvallis. RVs are welcome to park in Senior Center parking lot Friday 5 p.m. until early morning Sunday.

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