

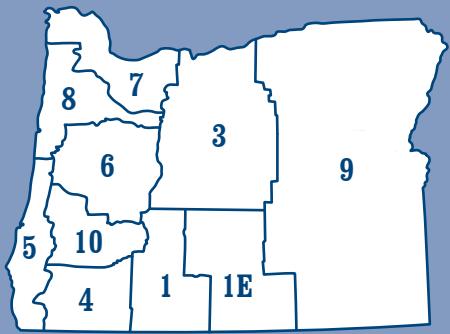
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State Calendar

May 3-6	Silver Lake Campout, Silver Lake, OR (See District 1E's report)
June 1-2	Brookings Jamboree, Chetco Grange, Brookings Harbor (see District 5's report)
June 14-16	Country Music Jamboree, Burns, OR (see District 9's report)
June 18-23	National Fiddle Contest, Weiser, Idaho
July 16-19	Fiddle Camp (WCFCW) near Oakridge. Pre-Registration required. Check out www.fiddlecamp.org Scholarships available for youth.
July 20-22	1st Ever Lost River Bluegrass Festival in Merrill. See report in Junior Hoedowner. Website at www.lostriverfestival.com .
August 3 (Friday)	Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest Benton County Fairgrounds, Corvallis, OR
August 16-19	Winchester Bay Campout ("Fiddle at the Beach")
September 6-8	Central Oregon Country Music Gathering Crook County Fairgrounds, Prineville, OR

From Your President

So here we are. I knew this day would come, my last President's article I mean! It's kind of like saying, "I knew I would get old but didn't expect it to come so fast!!" The 2018 convention has come and gone. Those of you who couldn't make it missed out on some great camaraderie as well as some fantastic music and food! But there is always next year. From the slate of new officers, I am very optimistic that we are in very fine hands. A lot of you are still awaiting your individual meetings to take place and see who your new district officers will be. Like most of our past presidents, there is a sense of relief but also a sense of pride in knowing I had the great privilege of serving this office with so many wonderful and talented men and women. My being able to represent our state organization last year in Weiser was the crowning point in my musical career. It was truly an amazing trip. So what's up for the new year?? Lets make it the best year yet for OOTFA by inviting all our friends to come try us out. Whoever joins us, let them know we are better off because they are here with us. Once they see how and why we are having so much fun, we will grow! By the way, I hope to see as many of you as possible in out next campout, Silver Lake, May 3-6. If you snooze, you lose!

Your humble servant,

~Jim



Convention 2018 in Review

The Convention in Rickreall at the beginning of April is history. All who attended appeared to have a good time despite the downpours.

The Public programs this year included, "An Evening with the Fiddlers" on Friday night and "Dancing to Old Time Music" on Saturday night. We did not have a paid ad in the Statesman Journal this year, so attendance was lower than we'd hoped. The

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Friday night program had a good balance of fiddle music by accomplished musicians, and we kept it within a 2 1/2 hour timeline. Inviting the public to the Saturday Night Dance was new this year. Even though only a few attended, the dance bands were fantastic and the fiddlers themselves danced the evening away.

On Saturday, the Membership Meeting was held. The most important decisions made were:

- The acceptance of the changes to the OOTFA Bylaws and Standing Rules.
- A new set of OOTFA Officers for 2018-2019. They will take over on May 1 (along with the newly elected/re-elected District Officers.)

The State Officers are:

- o President, Scott Phillips of Jacksonville (District 4)
- o Vice President, Joyce Furlong of Keno (District 1)
- o Secretary, Patti Luse of Eugene (District 6)
- o Treasurer, Sharon Thompson of Glide (District 10)

We look forward to a great year.

~Patti



District One's, Lena Dreyer on stage at the OOTFA State Fiddle Contest, playing "Cherokee Maiden" in the Anything Goes category.

From the Editor

As I write this, it's raining and dreary on the Oregon coast. It rained all day yesterday, and from the weather forecast, I see it is expected to rain all week, with one little sun break offered up as a ray of hope four days from now. But, we have a warm fire in the wood stove and five deer are milling around in the back yard. It's a perfect time to practice our music. If it were sunny, we'd be off gardening or hiking. Instead we are inside, and I'll hopefully be moving forward on a fiddle tune or two. We are lucky that our instruments are here... beckoning us to play and cheering up our home--even on a gray day.

My apologies go to Jack Mitchell. I mislabeled his very cute picture from the fiddle contest. He was the winner of the "Small Fry" division, so apparently that became his last name inside my mind (the caption read "Jack Fry").

~ Karen

From the Editor Emeritus

We, OOTFA, can be and are proud of our recent State Convention. Even though I write as a casual observer, I would like to say that our hats are off to those who worked so hard making our convention successful: Districts 7 and 8 for their snacks and coffee on Wednesday and then the work really began on Thursday morning. When I entered the hall that morning, I was amazed to see the stage set up, chairs ready for the shows, tables for instruments, tables for the raffle items, and tables for checking in. The crew behind the raffle tables and welcome tables were there for many hours every day. Our hats are off to all of them for being so faithful. Of course, thanks to the workshop leaders, to our state officers, and for all the postings of schedules, etc. Welcome to all of our new officers and a tip of our hat to the outgoing officers for their fine job.

Looking back in an old letter that I wrote to my mother in 1982, Alice and I went to our first convention in Roseburg in 1982 – a lot of water under the bridge since then. I have a convention sign-in list for 1981. The only names from the list that are with us today are: Rosa Lee McLain, Guy Kinman, and Keith and Abbie Shaffar.

As president, Fred Hardin, wrote: **March 1, 2006** *From the Prez: Hi, everybody. Here it comes, what we hope will be one of, if not the best convention we have ever had. Our convention has a new home this year as many of you already know. We did enjoy the many years we were at Roseburg and now are looking forward to the Polk County Fairgrounds.*

"Figures Don't Lie, But Liars Do Figure" I read that we had been in Roseburg 19 years before we moved to Rickreall but checking back in the old Hoedowner archives, I find that our first convention in Roseburg was the fairgrounds in 1981 – having been in Eugene in 1980. The last one in Roseburg was in 2005 before moving to the Polk Co. Fairgrounds in 2006.

~ Lew

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Greetings All from District One,

Well, lots of happenings here in our district, as well as throughout the state. A few people from our district traveled to Rickreall and had a great time. One of our Junior Fiddlers, Rebecca Hazen,

May Events

3-6	SILVERLAKE	all day & all night
13	Meeting/Jam	Shasta Grange
19	Plum Ridge	10:30-11:30 a.m.
19	Pacifica/Brookdale	1-2 p.m.
24	Crystal Terrace	10:30-11:30 a.m.
24	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.

went to Rickreall with her family for the first time. She loved playing her blue fiddle and meeting new people! Rebecca played on stage for District 1 at the Friday night show, as well as with

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two dance bands on Saturday. Her fiddle teacher Irene Ruddock said, "Rebecca played great! She would have played all night if we'd let her!" Rebecca also enjoyed the circle jams and making new friends! Irene Ruddock was pleasantly surprised to accept the 2018 Bill Yohey Accompanist Award, in recognition of her late husband Jerry Ruddock. Jerry was named the 2018 Backup Artist of the Year Award, and man is that ever "Well Deserved" We only wish he had been present to accept in person!

Also at Rickreall, District 1's, Joyce Furlong became OOTFA's newest State Vice President. Congrats Joyce, you will be an awesome addition to our state leadership! Lastly, SILVER LAKE is just around the corner the FIRST WEEK OF MAY. People talk about SILVER LAKE all year long! Maybe this will be the year

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This year's convention provided wonderful relief from winter's seclusion and starts "music season" for those of us who live in the Oregon Outback. The gathering of old and new friends at Rickreall was wildly successful and attended by some of Oregon's finest fiddlers. The quality of the music made by those bow-happy players was second to none, and the jamming was just plain awesome! Patti Luse's efforts to prepare us were evident in how smoothly the Friday night show progressed and how expeditiously it was delivered. The same held true for the Saturday night performances featuring the members of each district in attendance. The food was delicious, the banquet went smoothly, and the awards given to recognize the most deserving among us definitely highlighted the extra efforts and time those recipients put in to make our state and regional functions viable, inclusive for all, and so much fun. Congratulations to all who were recognized for their outstanding service and "Thank you," on behalf of all of us!

Looking ahead now, our next gathering will be at Silver Lake the first full weekend in May. With any luck at all, we will have sunshine and not the kind of rain that plagued us up north last month! Dry camping is free but there is a nominal fee for those very few electrical hookups of \$15 per/night. Most importantly,

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Howdy from District 3, April and May are District 3's Membership Drive months. Jeanette Bondsteel and Marlene Stevens came up with the idea to run a membership drive, as we are in need of new and active members. Arrangements were made to play a jam at the Opportunity Center Thrift Stores in Redmond, Bend and Madras. Redmond Store was on March 21 and 28, Madras dates were March 28 and April 4, Bend store is under renovation and will be scheduled as soon as possible. The performances were enthusiastically received and generated a lot of interest in OOTFA. Several people asked for the membership forms and

where I too will be able to go...we shall see! In other district news, our calendar is "normal schedule". However Farmer's Market will be starting soon, and that is always something fun and different to look forward to. Hopefully we can enjoy some warmer weather? Yeah, you're right, that might be asking too much, LOL. Good one Jenny. Ha. ☺

May Anniversaries: Teresa and Bill Hazen.

May Birthdays: Lena Dreyer, Sheila Fry, Phil Fulbright, Gracie Kliewer, Lucinda Kliewer, Mary Knapp, Darleth Rodgers, Rinda Scott, Jake Swartwood, Lois Tucker.
Let me know if I missed anyone!

~ Jenny Dreyer, District 1 Reporter

May vents

3-6 Silver Lake Campout	Silver Lake Fire House	day & night
10, 17, 24, 31 jams	Rosa Lee's House	5 p.m.
18 gig	Baptist Church	TBA

please be sure to **fill your fresh water tank** before you arrive and **make sure your propane is topped off too**, since neither water nor propane is readily available at our destination. Food will be provided Thursday through early Sunday morning thanks to the efforts of Sherylin McLain and her crew of capable volunteers. This event is solely organized, financed, and executed by the McLain family and everyone is invited. There will be no meetings to attend, just plain fun and jamming until your fingers fall off. The Silver Lake Cafe is open and within walking distance for those who'd prefer to eat out. There is a nice grassy area adjacent to the firehouse building for tenting with one show available inside the firehouse along with toilet facilities. We will have the annual Hat Contest again this year. For first timers, participants design a hat that illustrates the song they will play or sing. If you've a mind to earn a Teddy Bear, you'll have to stay up and jam until 3 a.m. and then dance with the bear. We hope to see all of you in May!

One last thing: please note the **correct number for Mary Ann McLain** at the top of this article. The last few issues have shown a number that is no longer in service.

~ Nancy Yialouris, District 1E Reporter

May Events

13 Mothers Day Potluck	Powell Butte CC	11 a.m.-1 p.m.
13 2nd Sunday Jam/Dance	Powell Butte CC	1-3 p.m.

have called for more information. Thanks to the performers and to the coordinators, Jeanette Bondsteel and Margaret Keene. Players in Redmond were: Karen Bennet, Matt Cleman, LeRoy Newport, Marlene Stevens, Darlene McGrady, Ed Fritz, Judy Newport, Janice Railton and Jeannette Bondsteel. Our Madras players included: Margaret Keene, Breffni Whelan, Vivian Tucker, Judy Robinett, Karen Bennet and Ron Jackson. Thanks to all.

There has been a "slow" jam at the library in Redmond for some time. This is a jam for entry level players to learn and become proficient on their instruments. The organizers were unable to keep the jam going so we are proposing that District 3 take the jam over. This would give us a platform to promote OOTFA, increase our membership, as well as bring in mentors for specific

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instruments. We could divide the jam dates up amongst our group and it wouldn't put such a burden on one person. It is a monthly event. Please contact Jeanette Bondsteel to set up a date and time to lead the jam.

At our April event all had a very good time, with about 40 guests who danced to almost every song played. We had 13 musicians as some of our members were at the meeting in Rickreall. It was a smaller group but the music was excellent. Most of us remember a long time member, Sonny Page, who sadly passed away about 2 months ago. She attended most of our jams with her long time friend and member Darlene Stephan. Sonny had instructed Darlene to give a donation to District 3. Darlene brought us some

memorabilia and a 100 dollar donation in both of their names, we are most appreciative and thankful that we knew Sonny and she enjoyed our music.

The Mother's Day Potluck on May 13th will be before the jam/dance. We will be setting up at 11 a.m. We plan on eating from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Then we can clean up and be ready for the music at 1 p.m. District 3 will provide a meat dish, plates, cups, utensils. Please bring a dish to share; everyone is welcome.

Enjoy Spring !

Kim Martin and Pat Borden District 3 Reporters

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

After enjoying an excellent two days at our convention, visiting with friends, jamming, attending helpful workshops and many other wonderful activities, it was a quick drive home and...wham!!! We are right back into our busy monthly gig schedule. At the Friday night program, open to the public, it was a treat to have Carol and Lenny Ferrara performing on stage with the two Judies representing District 4. They did so great and were well received by the audience. The banquet and the handing out of the raffle prizes is always fun, but the highlight of the evening was the new dance program. Individuals chose their musicians from any district to make up a band, and the outcome was delightful. Lots of good old tunes, some wonderful singing and many couples on the dance floor. The highlight of it all had to be when Jerry Parks got Patti Luse out on the floor trying to teach her the Schottische.

Our new officers in District 4 are: Scotty Phillips (President), Jessie Lotts (Vice President). Ron Bolstad and Barbara Basden will continue another year at their posts, and Carol Ferrara will continue as Membership Chairperson. Ross Jones is doing a terrific job of rustling up musicians for the gigs, and Judy Lyons will remain our Hoedowner Reporter.

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Greetings from the lovely South Coast!

We would like to announce our new officers for District 5 (see list above)! Thank you for volunteering.

We would like to give a special thanks and acknowledgement to the members who served the last term. "Ho-de-ang-ding-dong-diddle, still got a git-tar, still got a fiddle!" That means you did an amazing and wonderful job. Thank you so much for your leadership and dedication to this organization.

May Events

12	jam	Butte Creek Mill, Eagle Point	11 a.m.-2 p.m.
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Check our online calendar for all gigs, meetings, times, dates and maps or call an officer.

Beginning fiddle classes are completed and Judy McGarvey did a great job with her students. We have some new fiddlers to come out for our gigs. The slow jam will now begin at 4 p.m. at the Wednesday night jam. Regular jam is from 5-6 p.m. Wednesday.

Dottie and Jim are doing pretty well. Dottie says she has an inbox full of emails to answer. Give her a break and send a snail mail card. Reports on Dave Basden's health are that he is progressively recovering. Our May jam will be our performance at the Butte Creek Mill in Eagle Point at the Vintage Fair. It will be the second Saturday again and we'll play from 11 a.m.- 2 p.m. This is to help rebuild the old mill. We need a great turn-out please. Our June monthly jam will be our performance at Gold Dust Days in Gold Hill on June 2. We will play from 11-2 p.m. and again please, we need lots of musicians.

Hope to see you at all these fun performances. See y'all there

~ Judy Lyons, District 4 Reporter

May Events

2	gig	Myrtle Point Care Center	2:30-3:30 p.m.
9	gig	Inland Point	1:30-2:30 p.m.
9	gig	Evergreen Court	3-4 p.m.
16	gig	Pacific View	2-3 p.m.
19	meeting/on-stage jam	Winchester Bay	meeting 11 a.m. and on-stage show 1-3 p.m.
23	gig	Avamere	1-2 p.m.
23	gig	Inland Point	2:30-3:30 p.m.

Winchester Bay Campout--August 16-19

Considerable discussion was enjoyed to decide what our theme would be for the annual Winchester Bay Campout. The list of possible themes suggested was extensive, namely: Roads, Railroad and Trucking, Heroes and Villains, Sky, Drinking Songs, Historical Musicians, Blues and Rivers. Sharon asked that we rule out Drinking Songs right away and this was agreeable to the group. The list was put to a vote and the unanimous choice for the theme was "Roads, Railroads/Trains and Trucking." This

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Thanks to Volunteers at the Fiddle Contest by Eileen Walter

I would like to recognize the many amazing volunteers who helped out at the contest – Thank you all so much!! I encourage all of you to return again next year and I would also like to see some new volunteers join us. The more volunteers there are, the more time each volunteer will actually have to enjoy the contest:

Joyce Bergeron
Darlene Bryant
Rita Derrick
Julie Eisenhauer
Phyllis Elston
Donna Foreman
Edna Jenkins
Jim Kuether

Linda Parks
Susanne Lohkamp
Gerry Sanders
Bev Tomlin
Linda Schaffer
Steve Johnson
Donna Reuter
Marcella Easly

Rick Bergeron
Betty Dawkins
Dick Dery
Frank Eisenhauer
Mike Elston
Bonnie Farley
Tabby Gholi
Erin McMullen

Sandy Neustel
Paula Sanders
Leslie Roman
Eve Rue
Karen Johnson
Diane Harrison
Lew Holt
Scott Phillips

I'd like to thank Lisa Gholi, Marilyn Block, and Dennis Will for being back-up volunteers. Peggy Mulder, Dawn McCauley, and Sheila Fry volunteered but unfortunately were ill at contest time. Thanks for your willingness.

A big thank you to Starr McMullen for her valuable assistance in rounding up great judges.

Thanks to Sharon Thompson for writing all the checks, handling all the money, and coordinating certification with Weiser. And thanks to Patti Luse for her work on membership.

~Eileen



Newly Elected State President, Scott Phillips (with Ken Luse, Wayne Carter, Leroy Newport).

Rebecca Hazen (District 1) with Irene Ruddock (1) & Ken Luse (6)



Rosa Lee, Loita, Lexis Bryant, and Larry



A kids' jam in Rickreall.



Rachel Eickhoff, Shelby Panter, & Tyler Eickhoff (District 5)

Lost River Bluegrass Festival in Merrill, Oregon July 20-22

The Lost River Bluegrass Festival is a brand new event being organized in part by Joyce Furlong (OOTFA's new State Vice President) and Ted Hunt, both of District 1. Organizers of the festival have invited OOTFA to get in on the ground floor and become a part of this event that we're hoping will become an annual happening in the southern part of our state. They will provide a dedicated space for fiddlers to jam in a large shady area. We will hold our jams there and provide signage and information so that our history and story can be shared. We would also be able to sign up new members and provide information about upcoming OOTFA events. They will have an "instrument petting zoo" so anyone who likes to teach or show off instruments would be welcome to participate.

Take a look at their impressive website: WWW.LOSTRIVERFESTIVAL.COM. A link to our website will be added to theirs. We will be listed as an activity and as a sponsor. Look for more information in the June Hoedowner. For more information or comments, please contact Ted Hunt, trhunt315@gmail.com or 503-837-0446.

OOTFA's District 1 E presents:

Silver Lake Campout

May 3-6

Jamming, camping, fellowship & FUN!!!

Historic setting in Oregon's high desert.

Dry camping & tent camping FREE with a few hook-ups available (\$15). Enjoy the meals provided by the McLain family & friends (Thursday - Sunday) or eat out at the local cafe.

Annual Hat Contest on Friday night.

Canned bands perform on Saturday night

Welcome to all. See details in District 1E's report.



District 7 and 8 play at the memorial service for Chris Lang.



Musicians from all over Oregon

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includes about a million song choices! So, we now have a theme and look forward to the planning of our wonderful Winchester Bay Campout. I'm going to have to figure out how to dress up like a road. Remember this event LOVES costumes!

We have a great group of young fiddle players to highlight: "The Allegany Kids". This group was able to begin lessons and mentorship with Judy McGarvey because of the Keilhorn Grant funds. They were included in the spring concert with the Southwestern Oregon Community Orchestra on April 8. The event was titled "Music By Kids For Kids." Their participation exhibited our old time music for the first time to many of their peers. The performance was a definite bright spot in the program! We hope it leads to additional junior members.

Quickly coming up on our performance horizon is the fabulous **Brookings Jamboree on June 1-2 at the Chetco Grange!**

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Our membership seemed drawn magnetically to the district's quarterly business meeting, potluck and jam. About forty jammers, listeners and volunteers joined us for a productive meeting and a chatty, musical afternoon fueled by an array of tasty food offerings.

Here are the highlights from our agenda:

- Bernie Roberts thanked people for their willingness to perform for our monthly gigs and said that he appreciates your understanding when a venue's space allows for a limited number of musicians. He strives to be inclusive and urged us not to take it personally if we have to sit one out. He's grateful when we provide him with tune titles and keys in advance so that he can craft and disseminate set lists.
- The District 6 Scholarship Fund now includes a sizeable bequest from Sasha Chernoff, and is now administered by Darla Knudsen, Tony Humphrey, Wayne Carter and Doug Wise. The committee is developing an updated application form. District 6 OOTFA musicians are encouraged to apply to take advantage of the money, which can cover 50% of tuition for either music lessons or fiddle camp. Members may benefit once, annually.
- Ila Mae Carmickle's fiddle classes are a popular place to learn tunes and techniques, practice skills and socialize. We're thankful for our loyal back-up players! Tunes and tutorial videos are available at district6fiddleclass.wordpress.com. Check out the links at the top of the page. They'll guide you to videos and to printable PDFs of tunes we've learned or that are called often at jams. Just click on any letter of the alphabet to access a raft of tunes. Thanks to Joe Grivel and Shirley Nemke for their collaboration on creating and maintaining the site.
- A meeting to review guidelines for performances and jams will be held on May 19, at 10 a.m., location to be announced soon. The guidelines unfolded as a result of several conversations held a year ago to share thoughts and feelings about distinctions and expectations for each type of playing.
- The membership gratefully accepted a donation of \$150 presented by Melody Morrell on behalf of the Fort Umpqua Muzzle Loaders for the old time music we provided during the Frontier Heritage Fair.
- District 6 voted to keep incumbent officers Peggy Mulder, Amy Burrow and Bernie Roberts in place and unanimously elected Donna O'Neil to the

June 1, Friday, is the gathering for OOTFA members to jam and practice their special tunes or introduce new tunes. Saturday, June 2, is the performance day. Please check out the poster on the OOTFA website for the agenda of events. The Wild Rivers Motel offers a discount for OOTFA members. Call 541-469-5361 for reservations. If you have questions or need any additional information please don't hesitate to call Dawn Vonderlin, 541-290-5577, or any of our other officers on the above list.

Answer to last month's trivia question: Play on MacDuff came from Shakespeare's play MacBeth, but I misquoted it! It is actually "lay on MacDuff" which means "to lead". How did that get so convoluted over the years? There was also a wonderful organ player named MacDuff. Maybe that's how!

~ Kriss Fenton, District 5 Reporter

May Events

3	jam	Old World Deli Jam, Corvallis	7-10 p.m.
4	jam	Eugene Hotel OOTFA Jam	7-8:30 p.m.
3-6		Silver Lake Campout and Jam	see District 1E info.
5		Intermediate Class at River Rd. Annex	1-4 p.m.
7		Basic Fiddle Class at Bethesda Lutheran	1-4 p.m.
11	jam	Elmira Grange	7-10 p.m.
12	jam	Central Grange OOTFA Jam	11-4 p.m.
18	jam	YaPoAh Terrace	7-9 p.m.
25	jam	Willakenzie Grange OOTFA Jam	7-9 p.m.

position of secretary, replacing Shirley Nemke, who resigned. The Board thanks Shirley for her service.

- National Treasure Awards were presented to Annie Carter, Bernie Roberts and Brian Neal. National Treasures are esteemed members who remain musically active, have been members for at least five years and who have achieved 80 years of age.
- Our district is one of the largest and most active in the state, so our attendance of only 26 members at the State Convention in Rickreall was disappointing. Discussions with newly-elected state officers will ensue, focusing on how we can increase attendance. All members are encouraged to attend next year.
- Patti Luse adds to her leadership credits the role of OOTFA State Secretary after the resignation of long-serving Darla Knudsen. She gave a short annual report and made available the 2018 Membership Roster.

Birthday salutations to Tenaya Cooley, Jeri Walling, Gabi Ford, Annie Carter, Brian Sorrells, Evelyn Horner, Melody Morrell and Donna Wynn.

Anniversary thumbs-up to Lynn and Gary Baran, Phyllis and Zane Coffin and Patti and Ken Luse!

~ Amy Burrow, District 6 Reporter



Patti Luse (2018- present), Darla Knudsen (2014-2018),
Sharon Thompson (2010-2014) and Sharon Gallagher
(2004-2010),

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Hello to everyone! I know you are enjoying the warmer weather, as I am. We had some great gatherings in April that many District 7 members enjoyed. The first was the annual State Convention in Richeal where the days were packed with workshops, jamming, important meetings, lots of socializing, and vibrant evening events including the lovely banquet. I was only able to attend one day and hope that I can stay longer next year! Thirty members also enjoyed attending the jam at Marcella Easly's Clubhouse. The food, fellowship and jamming were lots of fun. Thanks Marcella!

In May we look forward to a number of popular events. The first is the Silver Lake Campout May 3-6 in Silver Lake. My husband and I have attended this a number of times and we look forward to the fellowship and jamming in this tiny Eastern Oregon town with lots of history. The second is at St. James Episcopal Church in Tigard on May 12th--again for "food, fellowship, and jamming" and the third is considered our monthly jam on May 20th at Marjorie Steward Community Center in Sherwood. It is really great to have two venues on the "West Side" this month.

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From your Vice Chair:

May 1st our new officers start our year. This year we welcome back our same ones (listed above) so you need to be thinking and planning for next year when we'll need new ones. I want to thank all our returning officers and many helpers for an excellent effort and their willingness to support District 8. By this time next year we may have lost Lew and Alice to District 6. We'll need people to take their place, and also add someone to do publicity, as this has gone unfilled. If you have skills to fit (or not) please volunteer. We also have an expert in computer use and sound equipment in Phil Drain, and he is willing to mentor all volunteers, if you'll just step up to help.

Scholarship Applications will be due June through August, so contact Marie Bailey if you wish to participate this coming September through August 2018-19. You must be a current member.

Saturday, May 12: Sheep to Shawl Festival is 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

FREE for all ages! First held in 1985, Sheep to Shawl Festival is a classic family event, offering the opportunity to experience the full spectrum of wool fiber processing, from the shearing of animals – sheep, of course, but also alpacas and llamas. Lots to see and do.

June 2nd is District 8 picnic at Fred and Lynn Hardin's home in Dallas. This is always a fun time for us to just visit and jam and stuff ourselves. Come join in a nice relaxing day. Time and address to follow later.

May Events

- 12 jam St. James Episcopal Church, 11511 SW Bull Mt. Road in Tigard 2-4 p.m.
- 20 jam Marjorie Steward Community Center, 21907 SW Sherwood Blvd. in Sherwood 1-3 p.m.
- 27 NW Jam 600 NE 8th Ave. in Gresham, Doors open at 11 a.m. Sign-up playing 12:30-3:30 p.m.

Another leaf fell this month, and we say goodbye to Joyce Lovgren. Her husband, Ernie Lovgren, built violins but didn't learn to play one until he was 80. They were regulars at OOTFA outings, and Joyce will be missed by our all.

Here are two dates to mark on your calendar. The first is the annual BOB's BASH celebrating Bob Huffman's 98th birthday on August 11!! It will be at Terry and Andy Jorgensen's again this year. They live in Sandy at 50995 SE Baty Road (503-668-3917). The party starts at noon. Bring a chair, something to share and your instrument. The second date is August 15 for the Clackamas County Fair in Canby. We will play from 2-4 p.m.

We have many new OOTFA members in District 7 this month. Welcome to OOTFA everyone.

~ **Elaine Schmidt, District 7 Reporter**

May Events

- 4 gig Marion Estates 590 Conifer Circle, in Sublimity 5-6 p.m.
- 12 gig Sheep to Shawl at Mission Mill (Willamette Heritage Center), Salem, 1313 Mill St. S.E., 1:30-3 p.m.
- 19 jam American Legion in McMinnville. 126 N.E. Atlantic St. 1-3 p.m. Come early & buy lunch.

On March 30 we played at the Village at Keiser Ridge to a nice large and responsive audience. This was our first time here. Our musicians came out for this and we had one of our scholarship students, Autumn Blaha, as well as Marcella Easley and Dean Boring from District 7. Thanks for joining us. Those who missed this lost out on a fun time.

We had a great time playing for the folks at Mountain View Mobile Estates in Newberg on May 24. Our group was small, but a good balance of instruments and vocalists. Dave Altman, District 7, was a welcome sight bringing his guitar, mandolin, fiddle and voice! The residents expressed their pleasure at having us again. They are a very enthusiastic group. It's fun to play for them.

On March 31, we played at a new venue for us, Keizer Ridge, a senior living facility. Another appreciative and enthusiastic audience. We and the audience enjoyed 10 year old Autumn Blaha, who played her tunes very well. Visitors were Dean Boring, Marcella Easley and Fred Davis, all from District 7.

The memorial celebration on April 14 for our fiddle friend, Christine Lang, was a wonderful testament to her courage and strength. A large group of her family and friends gave her a rousing send-off including a balloon release into the cloudy sky. Fiddlers from Districts 7 and 8 played many tunes, including Chris's favorites

~ **Gayle Clarity, District 8 reporter**

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We had nine musicians at our last Sunday Potluck and Jam. Pickin's were small, but we wrangled out our favorite tunes. It was great to have Ruel and Randy and Paula C. back with us from their adventures down in the warm country. Don Williams dropped in. Paul and Darlene shared the dance floor with Gordon and Marianne which is great to see. And you've probably heard that George and Joyce Yarbor are engaged! We'd love to see you next month for our Mother's Day celebration.

Janet and her mom Pauline were off to Iowa, and Joan was doing tours for the John Scharff Bird Festival and more travel, so we missed them all.

While you are planning your summer schedule, please include

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We will be voting on officers at the end of April, and we'll let you know of any changes in the June Hoedowner. Our March 24 jam was well attended, and everyone had a great time. At our April meeting, we elected our new officers. They'll be announced in next month's Hoedowner. I appreciated all the birthday wishes and cake. I can now relate to the Beatles song, "When I'm 64." On May 11, we celebrate Hal and Sharon Thompson's Anniversary. Also, Happy Birthday to Barbara Choppaikode and Kathy Ross on May 19.

I'm looking forward to the West Cascades Fiddle Camp & Workshops in Westfir, Oregon from July 16-19. I hope that you plan to attend. I'm teaching "Let's Play Mandolin!" this year.

Featured member Hal Thompson was born in Niangua, Mo. in 1936. His dad was a cheesemaker, and both of his parents were musical. At



Hal & Sharon Thompson

May Events

4	jam	Friday Jam	7 p.m.
11	gig	The Aspens	7-9 p.m.
13	potluck/jam, potluck 1 p.m. and jam, 2-4 p.m.	Happy Mother's Day!!!	
18	jam	Friday Jam	7 p.m.
21	gig	Ashley Manor	6-7 p.m.
25	jam	Friday Jam	7 p.m.

coming to our Country Music Jamboree, June 14th, 15th and 16th at the Harney County Fairgrounds. Early birds are welcome. Folks mostly camp at the fairgrounds, with plenty of space for all, with electric hook-ups available. Jamming is found all over. Come join the fun.

Remember that to discover the place the Friday Jams are held, call one of the officers. We always welcome newcomers, card players, clappers and especially the regular and extraordinary musicians.

Musically Yours,

~ Marianne Andrews, District 9 Reporter

May Events

3	gig	Bridgewood Rivers	1:30-2:30 p.m.
9	gig	Rosehaven	10-11 a.m.
21	gig	Callahan Court	2:30-3:30 p.m.
24	gig	Garden Valley	2-3 p.m.
26	jam	Sutherlin Grange Hall	12-3 p.m.
28	gig	Callahan Village	3:30-4:30 p.m.

age three, Hal started playing his Dad's Gibson banjo ukulele, and he won a talent contest a year later. The organizers made a record of his two songs, "You Are My Sunshine" and "Rubber Dolly." Hal got his first guitar in 1947, his family moved to Oregon in 1951, and he played semi-pro with Salty Black and his Bunkhouse Boys in 1952. They played three times a week on the radio.

Hal graduated from Roseburg High in 1954 and joined the Navy in 1955. He sang with the Bluejacket Choir and while on Midway Island, he played with a band called "Spinning Wheel." After retiring from the Navy in 1976, he played with a Douglas County band called Tabasco Road. In 1985, he retired from music but returned in 1989 to play guitar at a couple shows with Ferlin Husky.

He met his wife, Sharon, in March 1995 at Munchie's in Glide. They dated for a year and got married May 11, 1996 in Lake Tahoe, Ca., and are approaching 22 years of happily married life with their combined family of 6 kids, 19 grandkids and, at last count, 31 great grandkids and one great-great granddaughter.

In early 2008, Hal joined OOTFA. Since 2010, Sharon has served as OOTFA's Secretary/Treasurer. In 2015, Hal produced his "bucket list CD" called "75 Years Later." About OOTFA, Hal says, "I love what I'm doing. I'm a happy camper. It's the music and people I love. It's what I grew up with."

~ Joe Ross, District 10 Reporter



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