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OOTFA PRESIDENT SCOTT PHILLIP'S REPORT

LIVE FROM FRENCH GULCH!

Lets start out with the needs of the association.

- A Parliamentarian is needed. I have been acting as such with Darla filling in when she could.
- A new Editor is needed for this newsletter. Mentoring and much help is available for someone who wants to contribute and broaden their horizons.

The Bylaws tell me to appoint both positions. I need to know you will accept before I appoint. And if no one steps forward for the jobs, they will not get done.

On a more pleasant note----

See you all at the Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers State Fiddle Contest this month. Not to be missed. Then--- Are you ready for Convention? I hope so.

Your volunteer staff has been working hard to get everything ready for your enjoyment.

There are quite a few changes from what we have done in the past. Note that all meals are 'On Your Own' except the \$10 Spaghetti Banquet on Saturday night. Be prepared to pitch in and help with setup and tear down when needed.

One of the most important parts of the convention is the membership meeting on Saturday morning at 10 a.m. Bylaws and elections are on the agenda. Your vote matters!

Let's all work together to make it a great old time get together.

Your President, Scott

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State Calendar for 2019

March 16	Oregon State Fiddle Contest	Chemeketa Community College in Salem.
March 22-23	Brookings Jamboree,	Chetco Grange
April 5	Memorial Jam for Hollis Real.	2 p.m. Madras Senior Center
April 10-13	OOTFA Convention, Polk County Fairgrounds in Rickreall.	State Membership and Board Meeting
May 1-5	Silver Lake Campout	- Fire Hall at Silver Lake, Oregon
May 3-4	Nevada State Fiddlers' Contest, Eureka, NV	www.co.eureka.nv.us/nevadastateoldtimefiddlerscontest.org
June 13-15	High Desert Jamboree,	Harney County Fairgrounds in Burns State Board Meeting
July 22-25	Fiddle Camp.	East Linn Christian Academy. Lebanon
August 2 (Friday)	Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest,	Benton County Fair, Corvallis
August 15-17	Winchester Bay Campout	
September 12-14	Central Oregon Country Music Gathering.	Prineville

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!!

Marlou Crisp
Kurt and Sandy Dugan
Herb Gazeley
Jean Gray
Bud and RJ Gunderson
Caroly, Anthony, Leah
and Helen Huguenin

Lebanon
Lincoln City
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Hermiston
Prineville
Post Falls, ID

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Cheryl Mockford
Sharon Sangren
Jim Ward
Juliette, Toby, Mary, Nathaniel
and Benjamin Weston
Fred Williams

Portland
Portland
Damascus
Oroville, CA
West Linn
Lebanon

FROM THE EDITOR

Like many of you, I have been preparing for the Oregon State Fiddle Contest. Last year was my first time up on that big stage, and I learned a lot. Most importantly, I learned it was physically possible to remember my three tunes when I got on stage. I gained a little confidence that day. I met a bunch of nice people who were going through the same thing I was. But the biggest payoff of the whole experience was that I now know three tunes like the back of my hand. If someone asks me to just play a tune.... I will gravitate to one of those three for sure! And soon, I hope to have three more that I can play pretty well. Someday, I may have 9 or 12 tunes polished up. I seem to need a performance to motivate me to "bring it up a

FROM THE EDITOR EMERITUS

While attending the High Desert Fiddlers Jamboree in Burns in 2004, I heard that Vern Campbell playing his bass on stage backing up the fiddlers was a "Bataan Death March Survivor." Later I introduced myself to Vern and his wife, Lila, and asked if I might visit with him about the Bataan Death March. This month I would like to share Vern Campbell's story with you. We all have stories of our lives. Although Vern might not have been a great musician, being a Bataan Death March Survivor in itself makes him unique. I am proud to have known him.

Vern was born in 1917. In 1936 our nation was in the midst of a terrible depression. There wasn't work, so Vern joined the Navy. On Dec. 15, 1941 he was in the harbor at Manila in the Philippines laying mines when the Japanese bombed Manila. He went ashore to fight the fires at the airport. He was injured and hospitalized, and in December he was captured by the Japanese. He and others were trucked to meet the Bataan Death March 3 or 4 months later. The prisoners marched along cane fields. "If a man dropped out, he was often 'run through' with a sword and left to die," Vern told me. "If anybody

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Greetings All from District One,

Happy March! Not much to write about here in District One. We are business as usual, with our normal operating schedule/assistant living home rotations. We have multiple Junior Fiddler Practices, as well as the get together at Anthem House on March 23. Statewide; we have the upcoming fiddle contest, which is now, right around the corner on March 16th. Maybe by travelling to the contest, one will get an early taste of spring instead of this awful cold and blustery stuff we've been having here in our neck of the woods! I know a few District 1 members will be making the trek to the contest. Safe travels! Also before we know it, it will be time for the Silver Lake Campout, so pencil it in on your calendars now! I always say I'm going to go and then life becomes a four letter word (LIFE) and I always seem to miss out. Maybe THIS year it will work out, and my

notch." I hope you'll join me at the Fiddle Contest on March 16-- as contestant, listener, or volunteer!

On another note... have you been learning some of the new Tunes of the Month that Melinda and Truman have recently provided for us? They are really fun and not all that difficult. I have been working on them, and possibly will be able to play some of them at a slow pace by Convention in April. I'd love to hear some of those Tunes of the Month played in jams. After all, I see their purpose in the Hoedowner as a way to help us unify and expand our set lists! I will be there on Friday night and all day Saturday, and I'm planning to bring along some chocolates for anyone who is trying to include those tunes in their jams!!!

~Karen

stopped to help, they were bayoneted, too."

Vern was in a Japanese POW camp in the Philippines for two years. During that time he was a part of the "burial detail," burying many bodies each day. He lived among the rice paddies. For the remainder of the war, 1 1/2 years, he was a prisoner in Japan working in a copper smelter. He told me that he was in a copper mine during an earthquake. The Japanese workers ran but he didn't. When the war ended, he was taken to Pearl Harbor and then on to the U.S.

In his later years, Vern enjoyed playing the bass. His wife, Lila, drove him for many miles all over the west so he would have opportunities to play.

~Lew



Vern Campbell and Lew Holt

March Events

5	Junior Fiddler Practice		
10	Meeting/Jam	Shasta Grange	Noon - 3 p.m.
19	Junior Fiddler Practice		
21	Plum Ridge		10:30-11:30 a.m.
21	Pacifica		1-2 p.m.
23	Anthem House		1-4 p.m.
28	Crystal Terrace		11 a.m.- 12 p.m.
28	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.			

family and I can go. Several District 1 members usually make the trip and we have a good turnout of members going. Every single person always comes home happy from Silver Lake! Some of our "snow birds" should be starting to make their way back home soon and we will be happy to see their smiling faces again, and get another guitar back in action.

And last, BUT NOT LEAST...we are down to two very dedicated guitar players right now in District 1. They are at every gig we have and they make sure they are available to our Junior Fiddlers. They are over-worked, under paid, and probably under appreciated. I would personally like to thank them for sticking with it, for sticking with "us" through it all. You guys are the backbone of our music, without guitar back-up the fiddle

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doesn't sound as sweet. Thank-you Frank and Sherm, we need you both and we couldn't do it without you!

March Birthdays: Jon Blasius, Faye Patterson, Virginia Priddy, and Hannah Scott.

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Springtime is just around the corner, and things will come alive once more.

The Rope for Hope event has been moved to July 27th. It is a worthy event for Cancer Research.

Rosa Lee McLain had a wonderful time on her cruise. Lots of things to see, good food, endless entertainment.

If that sounds familiar, Silver Lake Campout has the same format. Don't fail to get your fill.

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Howdy from District 3,

We had a wonderful jam/dance on January 13. The attendance was more than we hoped for and many came out to remember Hollis Real who we lost in December. Hollis was very special to all of us and a great musician. He will be missed by all. Our dance floor was full most of the afternoon with 50-60 guests enjoying the music. We had at least 10-15 people that were 1st timers and we are hoping to see them again.

After the meeting we held a members meeting with elections for the coming year. In May our new officers will take over the reins: Jeannette Bondsteel- Chairman, Suzanne Johannsen, Co-Chair, Leroy Newport-Treasurer, Marlene Stevens –Secretary. Margaret Keen will be coordinating membership jams and requests for performances. We would like to thank Glen Churchfield, Ron Jackson, Vivian Tucker, Margaret Keene for all their leadership and hard work.

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

~Jenny Dreyer, District 1 Reporter

March Events

2	monthly jam	Chamber of Commerce	2-5 p.m.
4	business meeting	Chamber of Commerce	7 p.m.
7, 14, 21, 28	weekly jams	Rosa Lee's house	5-7 p.m.

Our next monthly jam is at the Chamber of Commerce on March 2. It is always fun. Please join us. Our March Business Meeting is March 4 at the Chamber also. The weekly jams at Rosa Lee's are March 7, 14, 21, 28, and they are a lot of fun.

If you have something to add to the news, let me know. I'll put it in the Hoedowner.

~Jerry Light, District 1E Reporter

March Events

10	2nd Sunday Jam/Dance	Powell Butte CC	1-3 p.m.
15	Redmond Slow Jam	Redmond Library	5-9 p.m.

The Sunday Jam/Dance on February 10 unfortunately was canceled due to winter weather conditions. There is lots of snow and ice in Central Oregon as well as the rest of the state. See everyone on March 10!

A Memorial/Legacy Jam to celebrate the life of Hollis Real will be held at the Madras Senior Center on April 5, 2019 at 2 p.m. There will be a potluck, so do have your instruments and be ready for an afternoon of music and visiting. Hollis's family who live out of state will be here for the jam to meet Hollis's music family.

Plans for our Central Oregon Country Music Gathering are really taking shape and we will keep all updated on plans and information. We are looking forward to seeing all in September!

~Kim Martin & Pat Borden, District 3 Reporters

2019 OOTFA ROSTER

MARCH 16 is the deadline for members to register with OOTFA for 2019 and be included in this publication.

The printed copy of the Roster will be available beginning April 10 for \$2 each (Mailed \$5)

NEW this year - PDF ROSTER sent upon request from pattiluse@comcast.net w/ "PDF OOTFA Roster" in Subject Line

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With shoots of spring bulbs peeking bravely through the puddles left from the melting snow, we can believe spring will surely arrive this month and winter is preparing to make a blustery exit. Our Feast last month was a lovely success. Carol Ferrara had the grange decorated beautifully in a Valentine's day theme. The food was delicious and so plentiful we really feasted. Many thanks to all who helped by preparing, bringing food and cleaning up afterwards. Attendance at the jam brought a large audience with many dancers of all ages enjoying the music. Jim Winslow's family brought him out for the afternoon; it was great to have him with us again. Sidra Price and her mother, Christa, who have been in the beginning fiddle group came and demonstrated their hard earned talents by playing several tunes they have learned in the group. They were both wonderful. We're hoping to see them often.

We're happy to share the news that Marilyn Bolstad has completed her stay at the facility where she has been receiving therapy to restore her injured ankle and will now continue her therapy at home. Welcome home Marilyn and congratulations on your hard work! Mike Lundgrin, who had a serious mishap with a power saw which damaged his right hand, is recovering but will need more surgery and rehab to restore complete flexibility and use of the injured hand. Mike is a faithful member and excellent on the guitar, and we miss his music. Peggy Hudson, who is a Lifetime Member, and has been so active in District 4 and all over the state with her lovely voice and perfect

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Got snow? Our sand dunes and beaches just look silly with snow on them. You have to take pictures because it sure doesn't last for long! Thank goodness.

We had a delightfully rowdy gathering at Winchester Bay for January! Bob Shaffar and Mike Dado gave terrific performances. Our younger members were present, closely mentored by Bob, to demonstrate their remarkable skills. Those youngsters just get better and better! The tone was set for a fabulous day. We are fortunate to have a dedicated and talented core group (the ones that touch the lives of our senior community every month), bringing a stage show to the public with an easy cohesiveness. You know you can count on great backup on the District 5 stage, wherever the stage may be. Our long time member, Pat Casey, turned 80 years young so we surprised him that day with a big cake and insisted he wear a frilly hat. He loved it, even through the traditional, slightly embarrassing, birthday song.

February events include the District 5 meeting when we will

March Events

9 2nd Saturday meeting and jam
Ashland Community Center 11:30 a.m.-3 p.m.



Peggy Hudson, long time member and musician, donates her personal guitar to District 4.

guitar performance, has donated her personal guitar to our district to be used as a loaner instrument for any member wishing to learn to play the guitar. This is such a special gift, as music has been an integral part of her life since childhood and throughout her adult life, but health problems have made it impossible for her to continue to create her lovely music. She assures everyone in District 4 and around the state that she misses supporting everyone but she has you in her thoughts and an abundance of wonderful memories.

The 16th of this month will bring the annual State Fiddle Contest in Salem at the Chemeketa Community College. If you have never been, as a participant or in the audience, it is a day filled and overflowing with old time music. Also volunteers to keep the show moving smoothly are always needed.

Also coming this month will be the Brookings Jamboree March 22-23, at the Chetco grange in Brookings, sponsored by District 5. Our March monthly meeting and jam will be on the SECOND Saturday, March 9, at the Community Center in Ashland. Meeting at 11:30 a.m., open fiddle jam at 12:30, sign-up jam 1-3p.m.. Bring snacks to share, and come have fun!

~Judy Lyons, District 4 Reporter

March Events

2	gig	Hauser Spaghetti Feed	3-4 p.m.
6	gig	Myrtle Point Care Center	2:30-3:30 p.m.
13	gig	Inland Point	1:30-2:30 p.m.
13	gig	Evergreen Court	3 - 4 p.m.
16	gig	Winchester Bay Community Center	1 - 3 p.m.
		Jam to follow stage show	
18	gig	Pacific View	2-3 p.m.
22	jam	Brookings Practice Chetco Grange	
23		Brookings Jamboree Chetco Grange	9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
		Stage Show 12 noon	
27	gig	Avamere	1-2 p.m.
27	gig	Inland Point	2:30-3:30 p.m.

nominate new officers for the 2019-2020 fiscal year. As soon as we know who is elected, we will proudly announce them to the rest of the OOTFA districts. Who will graciously step up to serve this year? Many thanks to all who have done such a great job this past year.

The Annual Hauser Spaghetti Feed, a fund raiser for their Volunteer Fire Department, is coming up quick on March 2. We have had great times with this event for this little community. The more musicians the better, so if you can attend, you are most appreciated. The entire event runs 3-7 p.m., OOTFA stage time is 3-4 p.m. If you play, you eat for free!

I must close our monthly article on a sad and concerned note. We have a wonderful group of young musicians we lovingly

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Junior Fiddler: Saxon Ropp (District 6)



Saxon Ropp

Hello, I am Saxon Ropp, I am fifteen years old and I currently live outside of Lebanon Oregon on a small farm. I have 4 siblings: 2 younger sisters and 2 younger brothers. My sister Gretchen also plays the fiddle, and my sister Aryanna is beginning on the harp. Also, my mother is beginning to learn the guitar.

I currently play the fiddle as my main instrument, while I am learning the mandolin and can play a little guitar. I began playing the fiddle when I was 6 years old and was learning a mix of classical and fiddle from Samara Wasson for about 3 years. When she left for collage, I began taking lessons from Christy Tanner who taught me fiddle for 2 years. When she too left for college I began taking lessons from Marilyn Tyler, who taught me classical music for about 4 years, because we could not find a fiddle teacher who was close enough to our home. Now my sister and I have been learning from Jerry Parks for about 4 months. This January, Jerry got us a membership for OOTFA, though we had already gone to a few OOTFA jams. We have gone to several OOTFA jams since, and have been having a lot of fun.

My other hobbies are woodburning and playing any type of games. I played soccer for 3 years and football for 6. I am not playing any sports currently, but am thinking about some sort of sport or activity to do next summer/fall. I also help my dad out quite a bit with his firewood and tree service business, and by next year will probably be the one doing most of the firewood. I think in the future I will be doing a lot of tree work as well. I plan to continue playing music with the oldtime fiddlers and performing for a very long time.

Oregon State Fiddle Contest Saturday, March 16

Contest day will be here very soon!

Remember that if you pre-register there is no fee to enter the contest. If you register at the contest, the fee is \$10. So if you haven't registered yet, send me a text at 503-701-1578 or email at gdaewalt@comcast.net

The volunteer schedule has been formulated, but if you want to volunteer and haven't contacted me yet, I can always use more volunteers. Remember, audience admission for OOTFA members is free!

The parking lot in front of the building is large and can accommodate several RVs. There is no charge to park your RV on the lot Friday and Saturday nights. Patti Luse has kindly volunteered to make signs for you to post on your windshields. You can pick these up from Patti at the membership table near the front door at the contest.

Contestants: Please plan on arriving at the contest at least an hour before the start of your division. The order of play will be posted ½ hour prior to the start of the division. You will need to check in at the registration table prior to that time. Please complete your tune sheet when you check in at the registration table. If you haven't decided what tunes you'll be playing, make your best guess and write something down anyway. You can easily change it later if it's still in the bin at the registration table, or if not, just let the MC know as you walk on stage. This is done all the time at contests everywhere, so don't let it bother you. Same thing with the accompanist names; if you don't know yet who'll be accompanying you, leave that section blank, add the names later, or the MC will catch it because the MC keeps track of how many times each accompanist is on stage.

Clarification of rules: Regarding the rules for the Entertainment Showcase Division: A clarification has become necessary: **Fiddlers will be limited to one time on stage in this division – in other words, if two fiddlers play together, that will comprise both of their entries in this division.**

Contact me with questions, registrations, advice about tunes, or anything else – 503-701-1578 or gdaewalt@comcast.net

I hope you're looking forward to the contest as much as I am, and I hope to see you there!

~Eileen



Eileen and Donna performing with backup musicians at the 2018 State Fiddle Contest

Highlights of the State Convention 2019 April 10-13

Our convention at the Polk County Fairgrounds in Rickreall is going to be spectacular event this year!!!. It has been re-envisioned by the many suggestions we received in the membership survey of 2018. A full schedule of events will be sent to you in the April issue of the Hoedowner, which you should receive by March 29. In store for us are some exciting new ideas and activities! These are the highlights, but keep in mind times and exact details are still tentative at this point. The full schedule will come in the April Hoedowner.

- **WEDNESDAY, April 10.** Activities and jams will be held in a smaller building at the fairgrounds, hosted by Districts 7 & 8.
- **THURSDAY, April 11.** Activities will begin in the Main Hall at 8 a.m. with jamming and activities throughout the day until 11 p.m. Sheila Fry will be teaching a workshop at 3 p.m. on fiddle care. An onstage jam and sign-up jam will take place in the evening.
- **FRIDAY, April 12.** Jamming will take place all day from 8 a.m. until 11 p.m. Three interesting workshops are scattered through the day. At 10 a.m., Truman Price shares his thoughts on "Historical Music Influence for Oldtime Fiddling". At 12:30 Roland White will teach us how to improve intonation, and at 2 p.m. Melinda Grant will teach us a "Nifty Oldtime Tune." The OOTFA Board will meet at 3:30 p.m. In the evening from 6:30-9:30 p.m., we're going to be treated to an evening showcase of dance music where sign-up bands will provide the music for the dancers. This performance and dance will be open to the public by donation.
- **SATURDAY, April 13** Extremely important for us to ALL attend is our Bi-Annual Membership Meeting from 10 a.m.-noon, where the entire membership will vote on changes to the bylaws and elect new officers for the coming year. OOTFA State Awards will also be presented.
 - **Workshops:** At 8:30 a.m. Sheila Fry will teach a workshop on caring for our instruments, and at 12:30 p.m. Carol Anne Wheeler will host a question and answer workshop about stage presence.
 - Beginning at 2 p.m., we will be treated to our showcase event: "**AN AFTERNOON WITH THE FIDDLERS**". In the past, this event took place in the evening, but we believe this afternoon time slot might attract more youth and local listeners.
 - **Our Convention Dinner** (at 5:30 p.m.) will be created by volunteers this year, and for that reason, we are able to offer a **SPAGHETTI BANQUET at \$10 per person! Affordable and delicious! Reservations must be made by March 31** thru Sharon Gallagher by sending your money to Sharon at 1601 Rhododendron Dr #541, Florence, OR 97439. You can contact her at 541-590-3676 or l.sgallee@yahoo.com.
 - An onstage sign-up jam rounds out the evening from 7-9:30 p.m. Then, we'll take "all hands on deck" to clean up the hall.
- **FAIRGROUND RV PARKING:** \$25 PER NIGHT (with or without electricity)
- **MOTELS:** There are a variety of motels in Monmouth and Dallas which are within 5-6 miles.
- **MEALS:** **EXCEPT for the Spaghetti Banquet, meals will be on your own** this year, but coffee, tea, and water will be available throughout the event. There is a restaurant next to the fairgrounds, and Dallas is just 4-5 miles away with a wide range of restaurants.
- **RAFFLE:** Bring raffle items for the 3 day "Table of Treasures." The treasures **MUST BE useable** items ...preferably new or slightly used. Musical instruments are particularly treasured. **The raffle drawing will take place at 1 p.m. on Saturday**, with proceeds helping to offset the cost of the convention.
- **PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND & CELEBRATE 55 YEARS OF Oldtime Music!**



District 6 performs at the Heritage Festival: Jerry and Linda Parks, Amy Burrow and Jim Ford.

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refer to as 'The Allegany Kids'. One young man, Dallen Mathias, has recently undergone a serious surgical procedure. We are all keeping this family in our prayers, hoping for a blessed recovery. If you would like to send a card of encouragement, their address is as follows: The Mathias Family 14385 Highway 241 Coos Bay, Or 97420.

We hope to see you all in Brookings! Big happy wave from the South Coast!

~Kris Fenton, District 5 Reporter



District 5 musicians: Shelby Panter, Rachel & Linda Eickhoff, Bob Shaffar, Mike Dado

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With heavily booked music calendars, we've had our anxious noses pressed to the windows watching to see if weather developments would interfere with our fiddling fun. Such was the case on March 9, as we waited for Peggy Mulder to determine if our Quarterly Meeting, Jam and Potluck at Central Grange would be a "NO" or "GO". Luckily, conditions were safe for travel on the flatlands, and over 30 hardy souls came to the gathering.

Thanks to the musicians who committed to perform for the Frontier Heritage Fair. The music is greatly appreciated by vendors and visitors! And thanks to Melody Morrell who continues to make this showcase available to us.

Our business meeting agenda covered a lot of territory, with Peggy moving the group adeptly through the items:

- Bernie Roberts was recognized with a special letter of commendation from the accounting auditor, who noted his years of service to District 6 and to OOTFA in his role as our Treasurer, and commented that his bookkeeping was neat and accurate. We appreciate you, Bernie!
- Intermediate Fiddle Class attracted a record count of 22 fiddlers, with 10 back-up musicians, including 3 basses. Talk about Surround Sound! The Basic Class is thriving, as well.
- Linda Parks reported that she is encouraging all members to renew memberships, as many folks did so after the meeting. Welcome aboard, members! Too bad our cards don't entitle us to Musician Discounts for restaurants, concerts and music stores.
- Jerry Parks shared that the fiddlecamp.org website is up-to-date and accurate and includes forms for registration, T-shirts and scholarship applications.
- Tony and Shirley Humphreys have assumed care and housing for our fiddle loaner collection. Current members can fill out annual contracts for free use of an instrument. Sincere thanks to Lois Eagleton for storing them for several years.
- The service term for existing District 6 Board Members ends May 1. A committee has been created to seek

March Events

1	OOTFA jam	Eugene Hotel	7-8:30 p.m.
2	Intermediate Fiddle Class	River Rd. Annex	1-3:30 p.m.
4	Basic Fiddle Class	Bethesda Lutheran	1-3:30 p.m.
7	jam	Old World Deli, Corvallis	7-9 p.m.
8	jam	Elmira Grange	7-9 p.m.
9	OOTFA jam and snack potluck	Central Grange	11-3:30 p.m.
15	jam	YaPoAh Terrace	7-9 p.m.
16	State Fiddle Contest	Chemeketa Community College, Salem	
22	OOTFA jam	Willakenzie Grange	7-9 p.m.



District 6's Fiddle Class going strong!

nominees for Chairperson, Co-Chair, Secretary and Treasurer.

- Patti Luse introduced a recycling project to raise funds for the district through the collection of redeemable drink containers that will be returned to bottle drops in blue UPC-coded bags. Money earned is sent to OOTFA, who then redirects 80% of the total to our district general fund. Vicki Megowan and Jessie Kurtz will coordinate the effort. Contact them to get the special bags at 541-579-1923 or email either one: megowan3@hotmail.com or jessiefeliz@yahoo.com
- Ken Luse displayed new OOTFA decals that include the organization's website and can be purchased from Patti for \$1.

It's been my pleasure to report on District 6 activities. Thanks for sharing news and calendar items and for allowing me to be your mouthpiece. Shirley Humphreys has volunteered to be the eyes, ears and voice for us and we will welcome her fresh perspective in May.

Birthday bouquets to Patti Luse and Joanne Clark.

Anniversary congratulations to Joe and Emily Moyle, Jerry and Linda Parks and Annie and Wayne Carter.

Amy Burrow, District 6 Reporter

District 7 - Portland, Northern Coast Area

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Happy March everyone!

Won't it will be great to have longer and warmer days this month? District 7 members had some lovely events in February. The first one was at our monthly jam at the Sunnyside Grange. This is turning out to be a very well attended event--with the opportunity for folks of different abilities to jam together. If you are interested in getting some help with your playing, you can arrange that at the beginning of the jam. This is a time when we can bring music to teach new tunes or to just play favorite old tunes.

Another fun event was the Sweethearts Banquet at the Eagle Creek Grange celebrating Valentine's Day. We have played here for a number of years and always enjoy the lively crowd and the lovely meal that we are served before we play. We had a full stage of musicians with guitars, fiddles, and Ed Bergeron on his faithful bass keeping us all together.

On February 14th fifteen musicians played at the annual celebration for Oregon's birthday at the Oregon Historical Society. We played from 11:30 to noon when the dignitaries began to speak. We heard from former governors Barbara Roberts, Ted Kulongoski, from the Chairperson of the Grande



District 7 members celebrating our state's 160th birthday on Valentines Day at the Oregon Historical Society

District 8 - Salem, McMinnville, Tillamook/Newport Area

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Salem Masonic Temple for the Sons of Norway: Salem Masonic Lodge, 1625 Brush College Rd NW, Salem, OR 97304. We use the main entrance on the east side of the lodge. Park anywhere. We are invited to share a potluck at 3 p.m. with them and play afterwards for an hour. Sunset that day will be about 6:00p.m. so it will be still light when we leave.

Directions to Salem Masonic Temple From downtown & east: Take Wallace Rd NW from Hwy 22 and continue north on Wallace until Brush Prairie Rd. – about 1.5 mile. Turn left, and the lodge is soon on the right. From the west: Get onto Edgewater St. NW from Hwy 22 and turn left on Wallace. And continue as above.

Directions to Woodburn Estates and Golf - From I-5: Take Woodburn exit and turn onto Hwy 214 heading east at the light. Get into inside lane and turn left at 2nd light onto Country Club Rd. Go past Rainier and veer right with Country Club Rd. Continue through a second slight right; Woodburn

March Events

- 2 jam Sunnyside Grange (13130 SE Sunnyside Road, Clackamas) 1-4 p.m.
- 10 jam Clark's General Store and Eatery (25760 S. Beaver Creek Road, Beaver Creek) 1-3 p.m.
- 16 Oregon State Fiddle Contest Chemeketa Community College in Salem
- 31 NW Jam 600 NE 8th Ave., Gresham
Doors open at 11 a.m., Sign-up playing 12:30-3:30 p.m.

Ronde tribe, and from the director and board chair of the Historical Society. We learned about the fabulous new "Experience Oregon" exhibit and listened to beautiful and spiritual chants from members of the Grande Ronde tribe who helped to open the new exhibit. We again played at the end of the formalities while the large crowd got a piece of cake and then went upstairs to visit the exhibit. What a fun day!

I hope a lot of District 7 members will be entering the Oregon State Fiddle contest on the March 16. If you are, or if you just want to cheer on those contestants, on March 10th at Clark's General Store there

will be a chance for fiddlers who will be in the State Contest to practice their tunes. It will be a great opportunity for you to play in public before the contest.

We have several new members that we would like to welcome: Sharon Sangren plays mandolin, guitar and dobro. Greg McAdams plays the violin and Cheryl Mockfor plays the violin and the viola. We'd also like to welcome Juliette Weston from Oregon City and her family: Tobey, Mary, Nathaniel and Benjamin. Welcome to OOTFA everyone.

~Elaine Schmidt, District 7 Reporter

March Events

- 6 Basic Fiddle Class Willamette Lutheran Retirement Community, 7693 Wheatland Rd N, Kaiser 4:30-6:30 p.m. 503-393-2271
- 7, 14, 21, 28 Fiddle Tune Workshop 405 N Water St; Bazaar Americana Store, Silverton 11 a.m.-1 p.m. 503-873-3977
- 9 gig Sons of Norway, 1625 Brush College Rd NW, Salem 3 p.m. potluck, then play for 1 hour;
- 13, 20, 27 Learning Jam Donna & Gerrit Janzen's home (1445 25th St N.E., Salem) 7-9 p.m. Call first: 503-585-3033.
- 14 gig Woodburn Estates 1776 Country Club Road; 503 982 1776 (office) 10-11 a.m.
- 16 State Fiddle Contest Chemeketa CC Doors open 8 a.m.
- 17 Kid's jam/ class 533 Clarmar Dr N.E., Salem 2:30 p.m. Phone: 503-999-1641.
- 23 district jam, potluck, meeting Marie Bailey's house (5001 S.E. Rice Ln., Amity, OR) 11 a.m.
- 29 gig The Springs At Sunnyview, 1950 45th Ave NE, Salem: pending...more information to come.

Estates is directly ahead. Go into parking lot. Continue straight past the restaurant on the left and past some brick pillars ***. Go past the 'Office' to the 'Auditorium' where we play. Unload and park in any open space in the parking area.

***They say that the "drive thru" will be open. If not and if heavy unloading – After turning onto Country Club Rd at light, take immediate right onto Rainier. Go to stop sign; turn left

District 8 - Salem, McMinnville, Tillamook/Newport Area (continued from page 8)

onto Princeton Road. Turn left at next stop sign at Country Club Rd. You will see Auditorium & Office on your right.

March 23: jam, potluck and meeting starting at 11 a.m. At Marie Bailey's house. 5001 S.E. Rice Ln., Amity, OR. Please come as this is election of officers time; information about changes and our duties at Convention.

Our jam at YVHC in January was a big success. We had five District 7 guests. Dancers were on the floor and the small foyer was packed. Very fun jam and good back-up from Fred Davis and Dean Boring. We had 17 musicians; 5 of which were fiddlers and 4 non-playing members.

~Gayle Clarity, District 8 Reporter



District 8 playing at the Yamhill Valley Historical Society Feb 9: Ted Hunt, Marie Bailey, Brenda Hallgrimson, Dennis Brutke, Johnnie Williams.

District 9 - Burns - John Day Area

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Secretary/Treasurer/Membership: George Sahlberg

Reporter: Marianne Andrews

We had a wonderful Sunday Potluck and Jam last month, with 10 musicians and a healthy crowd of listeners. Leo Raymond had his 39th birthday again, so we sang the song and hope his wife feels better so she can come along too. We had our annual elections of officers, and you all are stuck with us one more year. So, of course if you want any changes, you'll have to volunteer.

Our next Sunday Jam will be March 10. Come and enjoy playing, or dancing or listening or card playing.

District 10 - Roseburg, Canyonville, Sutherlin Area

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Our January 26 meeting had a small turnout as several members had gone to the Winter Music Festival in Florence. In attendance were Jim Kuether, Gene Hodson, Joyce Pickett, Anne Hodson, Kelly Wadsworth, Kathy Bishop, Ron Bishop and Joe Ross. Our cash in bank totals \$7889.43, and our equipment totals \$5060.53. We've been playing a lot of gigs. We had a net income of \$1151.35. State OOTFA is sent 20 percent of anything we generate. Jim Kuether reported about the state meeting in Lebanon. Jim said they talked about by-laws and standing rules. They will come out before the April convention in Rickreall and we will vote on that. We need a resolution for bank purposes from old officers to new officers (for the purpose of signing checks). Paperwork will be taken to the bank. Jim Kuether is doing better after his surgery. The group had a moment of silence for those we have lost. It was reported that Jon Tilley had a heart attack and is doing okay. He was at the hospital when it happened.

At the jam that followed, guests from other districts included Bonnie Farley and Jessie Lotts (District 4). Only about ten were signed up so everyone there did a lot of performing and entertaining for nearly three hours.

March Events

1	jam	Friday Night Jam	
8	gig	The Aspens	7-9 p.m.
10	2nd Sunday jam & potluck		Burns Senior
	Center	1 p.m.	
15	jam	Friday Night Jam	
18	gig	Ashley Manor	6-7 p.m.
22	jam	Friday Night Jam	
29	jam	Friday Night Jam	

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.

Musically Yours,

~Marianne Andrews, District 9 Reporter

March Events

7	gig	Bridgewood Rivers	1:30 - 2:30 p.m.
13	gig	Rosehaven	10 - 11 a.m.
18	gig	Callahan Court	2:30 - 3:30 p.m.
23	jam	Sutherlin Grange	12 - 3 p.m.
25	gig	Callahan Village	3:30 - 4:30 p.m.
28	gig	Riverview Terrace	4 - 5 p.m.



District 10 folks jamming in Sutherlin.

In March, we celebrate birthdays of Jean Hanson (March 1), Juanita Poelstra (March 10) and Gene Hodson (March 24). Jim and Joyce Kuether celebrate their Anniversary on March 10. We miss everyone who hasn't come for awhile. Please try to come out and join us. May the luck of the Irish be with you!

Let's pick!

~ Joe Ross, District 10 Reporter



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Ken Luse,
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We're on the web:



Facebook Group... Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers' Association



www.ootfa.org



BROOKINGS JAMBOREE

MARCH 22 and 23:

CHETCO GRANGE IN BROOKINGS/HARBOR located at Shopping Center Ave and Highway 101

Friday, March 22 is for OOTFA MEMBERS to jam and practice for our performance the following day. Saturday, March 23 will be our performance day with the PUBLIC INVITED!!!

The Chetco Grange is generously offering free parking for campers or RV's in their parking lot for the event. They will also allow entry to the hall allowing use of the bathroom facilities. A wonderful box lunch will be available on Saturday for a mere \$5, which includes dessert. They are awesome! The Wild Rivers Motor-lodge in Brookings (541-469-5361) is offering a discount for motel accommodations for the OOTFA Folks. The motel is located at 437 Chetco Avenue in Brookings.

Directions to the Jamboree: Stay on Highway 101, go across the Chetco River Bridge and about a mile or so you will come to Zimmerman Road, turn right and the Grange is the building on the right as soon as you turn. The grange is blue and on the corner of Shopping Center Ave.

This is the second biggest venue for our district, and it showcases our musicians from the southern end of the coastline. Please mark your calendars and join us for this fun event. Our district cannot be a success without the support of our members, so come on out and play some tunes, or just come listen and tap your feet! Family and friends are welcome!

