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OOTFA President Scott Phillip's Report

Is it time to revisit our OOTFA roots? I think so. We are past Thanksgiving and into shorter days and longer times in front of the fire. Time for reading and reflecting. The first reading I suggest is available on the OOTFA web site at ootfa.files.wordpress.com/2011/03/history-master-ootfa.pdf. The rest of the site should provide reading to get you through many hours of interesting history.

There are other things to think about while sipping a hot drink. It is never too early to send in nominations for the Norm Nash Distinguished Service Award or the Bill Yohey Award. Spring convention will be here before you know it and there haven't been any nominations submitted yet.

Now for the hard stuff; time to consider how you want to serve OOTFA.

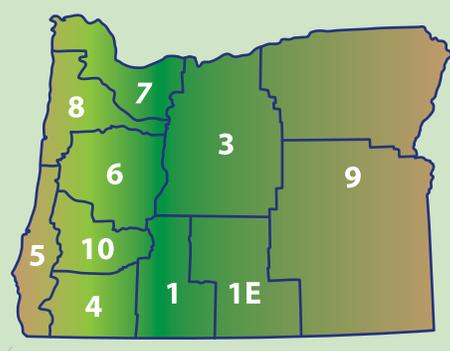
The nominating committee (State Board of Directors) is actively looking for candidates to run for state office. A new president and vice-president must be elected.

Most positions are covered at the moment. But the association is still in need of a parliamentarian.

I hope you all have a wonderful holiday season through the new year.

I look forward to seeing you at the January board meeting and Jam in Lebanon.

'Til next time ~ Scott



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State Calendar for 2019 - 2020

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| January 18 | 2020 | Winter Gathering and Board Meeting in Lebanon |
| March 21 | 2020 | Oregon State Fiddle Contest at Chemeketa Community College in Salem |
| May 21-23 | 2020 | OOTFA Convention and Board Meeting at Douglas County Fairgrounds in Roseburg |
| June 18-20 | 2020 | Country Music Jamboree at Harney County Fairgrounds in Burns |
| June 22-27 | 2020 | NATIONAL FIDDLE CONTEST in Weiser Oregon State Host! |
| July | 2020 | West Cascades Fiddle Camp & Workshops in Lebanon. More Info next month |

Visit the OOTFA Website for forms and other current information: ootfa.org

Editor's Notes

I am thrilled to have a role in a print publication after so many years. I was a designer back in the days before the internet took over as the prime source of information. It is quite nostalgic, in a warm, fuzzy way, to be putting together something that people will hold in their hands and turn the pages to read.

Not all is old-timey, however. Because many OOTFA members receive the Hoedowner via email it is important that the online version be user friendly, particularly in regards to working hyperlinks. Apologies for last month's issue which had none. I have rectified that this month.

When taking this position on I realized, perhaps too late, that I had to come up with something interesting to write about each month. Every month. Interesting.

Editor Emeritus

I want to tell you about Hanneke Cassel, a native of Port Orford, who started playing classical violin when she was 8. A meeting at a concert with Portland fiddler Carol Ann Wheeler when Hanneke was 10 changed that direction. She soon quit classical violin and started taking fiddle lessons from Carol Ann. Because of Hanneke's interest in fiddling, her mother would drive her – a well over 500-mile round trip from Port Orford - to take fiddle lessons from Carol Ann. In 1992 she captured the U.S. National Scottish Fiddle Championship in New Hampshire. I met Hanneke at the Crescent City, CA contest where I was the runner. I became acquainted with the family later when they joined OOTFA and started playing at District 5 jams.

- 1998 Berklee College of Music String Department Award
- 1997 U.S. National Scottish Fiddle Champion
- 1996 Oregon State Texas-style Grand Fiddle Champion
- 1996 Berklee College of Music U.S. Scholarship Tour Award
- 92 & 94 U.S. National Junior Scottish Fiddle Champion

About six years ago my parents moved to Redmond from Wyoming. They were exploring the area and had found a venue where "a bunch of old farmers get together to play music. They'll let anyone get up and play. You ought to bring your guitar." They said it, not me.

I had never played music with other people and was pretty awful, but, what the heck, no one would know me. It was a District 3 monthly jam/performance. I asked John Shultz if I could play. He said sure, and yeehaw! From Red Wing on I was hooked. I became a member that day.

I don't have a lifetime of golden musical memories like Lew or so many others, but as I write these words I have had many golden moments with OOTFA folks, so I think I'll probably have something to write about after all.

Thank you all for being a part of my life ~ Robin

Recently Alice and I attended a concert down town Corvallis that featured our friend Hanneke Cassel. It was a special evening for Alice and me. Hanneke teamed with contemporary cellist Mike Block and guitarist/vocalist Keith Murphy to offer a night of great talent.

After high school, Hanneke went to college in Boston where she majored in music. While in college and after graduating she played in groups in that area, across the U.S. and with overseas tours. This last November, the trio that she plays with gave an excellent two hour show in Corvallis featuring many fiddle tunes that Hanneke has written. Her trio consisted of her husband, Mike Block on the cello and a friend, Keith Murphy on the guitar.

We never know being a member of OOTFA and playing old time fiddle tunes will take a person. Many young people have gotten their start in OOTFA. I enjoyed sharing Hanneke with you this month.

We were pleased to see Hanneke's charming little 7.5-month-old daughter. She travels with her mother and father on their tours. ~ Lew

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December Events

TBD	Gig	Shasta View Center	10:30 -11:30 am
TBD	Gig	Plum Ridge	12:30 -1:30 pm
18th	Gig	Rogue River Place	1-2 pm
19th	Gig	Pacifica	1-2 pm

Practice on Saturday's 1-4 pm Luther Square, check with Irene Ruddock for date and times 541-882-6418.

District One Report next page

Greetings All from District One,

As I write this, those in District 1 are gearing up for the Holiday rush. Thanksgiving is a mere two weeks away and Christmas is knocking on the door. Yikes! It's hard to think that far ahead, especially when we're all enjoying wonderful Fall days that are well into the mid 60's. Most noteworthy, would be our reduced nursing home schedule for December, as well as no Meeting/Jam for December at the Anthem House due to the Holidays. We plan to resume the regular schedule beginning in January. Last but not least, I would like to add a special Happy Birthday wish to Ms. Irene Ruddock. We thank-you Irene, for your dedication to District One, for teaching music to kids throughout the years and all the things you do and have done to keep District One strong. Happy 90th Birthday!!!!



Happy Birthday Irene Ruddock!

December Birthdays: Irene Ruddock, Dana Scott, and Mervin Woodard.

December Anniversary's: Jake and Aline Swartwood.

~ Jenny Dreyer, District 1 Reporter

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December Events

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| 2 | business meeting | Chamber of Commerce | 7 pm |
| 6 | Christmas Fair | Fairgrounds | 7 pm |
| 7 | December Jam | Chamber of Commerce | 2-5 pm |
| 5, 12, 19, 26 | weekly jams | Rosa Lee's house | 5-7 p.m. |

Did you have a wonderful Thanksgiving? I know I did. Time with family and friends is always something to be thankful for. Now it's Christmas ahead, and the best gift is Your Love of family. Our November Jam was very good. We were joined by Johnny and Darleth Rodgers as well as Sheila Fry from Distict 1. That always makes it better. Thank You All.

December Birthdays are Alexis Bryant's on the 6th and Barrett Amacker's on the 15th. Silver Lake Camp-out is coming in May. There are limited hook-ups, but there is a trailer park close by. Full hook-ups are \$15 a night. For more information call 541-576-2379. I told my wife she should embrace her mistakes. She hugged me. ~ Jerry

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December Events

19 Knee to Knee Jam Redmond High School Room 103 4:30-9 p.m.

Howdy from District 3,

BRR, Winter is really upon us. Hopefully all are are staying warm and dry.

Update on the Knee to Knee Jam

We will start the jam session out at a slow pace for 30 minutes. At 6:30 the jam will move into an intermediate level speed and difficulty. It is important to push yourself when it comes to speed and technique and the intermediate level jam will help develop those skills. This evening is still intended to get musicians comfortable playing old time music in a safe, fun, teaching environment for both new and experienced musicians.

4:30 - 6:00- Learning session. We start the evening working on technique, tone, tune, scales, tune keys, and other basic knowledge for playing the fiddle

6:00 - 6:30- Slow level jam. We play tunes while other folks join us. We sit in a circle (it's called knee-to-knee) and move the tune choice around the circle. Everyone plays along (as your skill allows) through every tune.

6:30 - 8:30- Intermediate to advanced level jam. The tunes will move right along any old-time genre, speed should stay playable for most of the group.

8:30 - 9:00- Follow up. After the jam we can work on things folks found they want to nail down or work on a new tune they heard in the jam.

We are still discussing whether or not to resume the monthly jam/dances and the decision will be made at the full membership meeting and members will be notified by email and in the January Hoedowner.

All us here in District wish all a VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Stay warm and keep on playing.

~ Kim Martin and Pat Borden District 3 Reporters

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District 4 Website: OOTFA4.org Check Us Out!

December Events

8 December monthly meeting 11:30 am
 and jam Roxy Ann Grange
 Wednesday weekly jam Roxy Ann Grange
 Beginning fiddle 4:00-4:30
 Slow jam 4:30-5:00
 Regular jam 5:00-6:00

Our November monthly meeting and jam was held at the grange in Eagle Point. The grange has recently received a face-lift. The floors have been redone to a lovely, deep shine. Bright curtains at the Windows make the room cheerful and welcoming. The members of the grange are dedicated to the preservation of the old building to keep it viable for use by the community.

We were happy to have 8 year old fiddler Adeline "Ada" Olisher join our performance. She played several tunes beautifully on her bright blue fiddle. Her mother, Jessica, as a youth was taught to play the fiddle by Gene Williams. Gene was a long time member and past President of District 4. He was a gifted musician who wrote several tunes he loved to perform. One he wrote after retrieving an old coat and finding a small Tootsie roll in the pocket. He penned a lilting little tune in honor of the small chocolate. Gene is gone but his love of fiddling lives on in his students. Mrs. Gene Williams, Lola, is still a member of District 4.

We have several members who have been under the weather. Gene Grant recently had surgery but bounced back so quickly that he was at the jam singing and playing his autoharp. Renee Hansen has been ill and not able to attend the jam. Becky Lindgren recently had surgery and is recovering. We send good wishes to these and all our members for good health.

District 4 has again been invited by the First United Methodist church to participate in their Christmas Program. The program is on 12/8 for more information contact Judy McGarvey, 541-779-8145.

A reminder to all members yearly membership fees are due now. Twenty dollars for a family, for a year enrolls them and sends them electronically the monthly newsletter. Twenty five dollars enrolls a family and mails them a paper newsletter. All members will be listed in an updated roster.



8 year old fiddler, Ada Olhiser performing at District 4's November monthly jam

The December monthly meeting and jam will be held at the Roxy Ann Grange on 12/7. There will be a small portion of the meeting to honor our longtime members. Meeting at 11:30, Open fiddling 12:30, Sign up jam 1:00-3:00. Bring snacks to share.

From all district 4 Members Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays! ~ See y'all soon, Judy Lyons

New Members Dec. 2019

Martin & Mindy Altschul	Salem
James Barry	Gresham
Douglas & Anne Chandler	Eugene
Dennis (Mike) Corbin	Phoenix
Anne & Bill Daley	Eagle Point
Linda Fox	Dallas
Donna German	Phoenix
John Hawksley	Ashland
Eileen Hochstein-Altschul	Salem
Susan Minky	Medford
Rae & Mathew Parlier	Sheridan
Ben Richardson	Prairie City
Paul & Lezlie Rubenstein	Central Point
Susan Zimmerman	Medford

2020 OOTFA Household Memberships Due by December 31, 2019

DUES: \$25 for MAILED Hoedowner; \$20 for EMAILED Hoedowner.

Give or Send your DUES to your DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP CHAIR listed below!

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2020 Oregon State Fiddle Contest



Notes from the Contest Director:

This March 21, 2020 will be the 55th annual Oregon State Fiddle Contest – I think that's amazing and I believe it's so important for us to keep it going into the future!

When I began fiddling I remember going to listen to one of the contests and I really don't remember if it was in the 70s or 80s, but I was impressed by many of the fiddlers, especially Penny Mead, and I had no idea that she would end up being my mother in law! I also remember thinking that I'd like to participate in a contest, but it was 1985 before I actually did that. It was so exciting and I was hooked from then on!

It's not too early to mark your calendar and start thinking about competing, accompanying, volunteering, and/or being part of the audience – it's less than five months away!

Registration and the schedule will be similar to last year – details will follow during the next few months.

Those of you who have been to the contest know how nice and comfortable the facility is. There is lots of parking, and food is sold during most of the day.

As always, if you have questions or suggestions, please contact me by phone or text 503-701-1578 or email gdaewalt@comcast.net

Looking forward to it! Eileen Walter

Fiddle Contest

Tentative Schedule for the 3-21-2020 Oregon State Open Fiddle Contest – subject to change depending on registration*
7:00 Registration Opens Contest Location: Building 6 Auditorium at Chemeketa Community College (off 45th Avenue NE)

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

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 Entertainment Showcase may be limited to the first 5 contestants who registered or it may be cancelled entirely.



Melinda Grant

“Wink the other Eye”

Suggested by Melinda Grant (District 4)

This month’s tune comes from Hack’s String Band, a Kentucky band that recorded during the 1920’s and 30’s. It was requested by the folks in District 9, where they’re teaching it in their local high school fiddle club. (Great string crossing practice!)

A quick YouTube search will get you to the source version by [Hack’s SB](#), as well as great renditions by [Foghorn](#) and [Lonnie Robertson](#).

Wink the other Eye

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D7 G G G

G Em D7 G

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December Events

4 gig Myrtle Point Care Center 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.
 11 gig Inland Point 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.
 11 gig Evergreen Court 3 - 4 p.m.
 16 gig Pacific View, Bandon 2 - 3 p.m.
 25 Christmas Week -- no gigs or performances

This season marks the quieter side of our year and, just like the season of Advent, also marks a time for preparing and also playing at the nursing homes and other events that may come along.

We held our quarterly membership meeting in October. Dawn Vonderlin reported that the Kielhorn Grant she wrote was accepted and awarded to us to buy a very nice wireless microphone. This will be very helpful for use at events that require a Master of Ceremonies.

Fiddle lessons, featuring our Bob Shaffar as teacher, have resumed on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month at Harbor Lights Middle School in Bandon. We have a couple new fiddle students and we happily welcome them. We feature two classes; for middle-skilled fiddlers and intermediate players. The classes focus on playing by ear and learning tunes and techniques in a friendly, welcoming environment. The middle class begins at 6 p.m., with the intermediates beginning at 6:45 p.m.

We are looking forward to the annual Brookings Jamboree to be held March 27 and 28 at the Chetco Grange in Brookings. This is always a lovely and spirited event. There is nothing like being surrounded by OOTFA friends jamming, visiting and practicing. Saturday the 28th will be our public performance day, with young musicians opening the show, and then on to the stage show. The Chetco Grange will be selling wonderful box lunches which even include dessert! The grange also allows OOTFA members to park their campers/RVs on the premises and use the facilities at no charge. They are terrific and generous hosts!

Our secretary, Jolly Hibbits arranged for the use of the Bandon Odd Fellows Hall for the purposes of a practice jam this month. We made a friendly jam circle and worked on some new tunes and shined-up some old ones! We plan to schedule more practice jams for this purpose, especially when there is a 5th Wednesday in the month, when we would not otherwise be scheduled for a nursing home gig.

Our next delight will be our annual membership Thanksgiving dinner, which will correspond with our third Saturday Stage Show at Winchester Bay. Although it is a potluck, with members bringing side dishes, our generous Ruth Weyer, as usual, will cook a delicious turkey and dressing and our own Sharon Gallagher will cook a very nice ham for us! Then onto an afternoon of music. With this event, Christmas season has officially begun!

Until next time, with a big wave to you from the coast, happy Thanksgiving and keep the music and friendship flowing!

~ Barbara Scheirman, Reporter, District 5

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December Events

5	jam	Old World Deli, Corvallis	7-9 pm
6	jam	Eugene Hotel	7-8:30 pm
7		Intermediate Fiddle Class	1-3:30 pm
9		Basic Fiddle Class	1-3:30pm
14	jam	Central Grange jam holiday potluck	10:30-3:30 pm
20	jam	YaPoAh	7-9 pm
27	jam	Willakenzie Grange	7-9 pm

The trees are changing, the temperatures are dropping and the Holidays are nearly upon us once again. That means getting together with family and friends. To have Thanksgiving this time of the year with all of the brilliant leaves of red, yellow and orange glimmering in the sun and moving with the breeze just puts you in the mood for celebration.

On October 26th seven District 6 OOTFA fiddle members visited the Southerlin District 10. We were well received and treated with numerous desserts throughout the afternoon.

All went well at the Emerald Valley Opry, November 9th, at Willamette High School. There were around 20 OOTFA musicians on stage. The audience started clapping as the show moved on!

We want to thank Robin Lindsey and Karen Johnson for the beautiful Hoedowner this month. It is well written and colorful. Thank you Robin for taking on the job as the Editor.

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District 6 continued

If any one has any pictures you would like to put in the Hoedowner, please send them to Robin Lindsey Email: qat_boy@msn.com on or before the 14th of the month.

Just a reminder: If you need to pick up the blue collection bags for the Bottle Drop fundraiser contact:

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Doug Wise 12/6, Brian Neal 12/12

Anniversaries: Dave & Lena Stubbs 12/11,

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~ Shirley Humphreys District 6 Reporter

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December Events

7 jam Slo Jam at Marie's house 1-3 pm

9 jam Veteran's Day celebration. Yamhill Valley Historical Center, South of McMinnville on corner of Hwy 18 & Durham Lane. All Districts invited.

21 jam Slo Jam at Marie's house 1-3 pm

Please let Marie Bailey know that you can come to any or all of the above.



The Old Time fiddlers played at the United Methodist Church in Falls City, Oct. 12 for their cookie sale after the potluck from 1-3 pm. This was a fun day.

We had a District 8 meeting before the potluck. We are offering, starting in Jan. 2020, a certificate of appreciation and a \$25 certificate to use at Uptown music store for a lesson and/or merchandise to the person in District 8 who participates in the most jams and gigs sponsored by us during the year 2020. This excludes officers. It will be awarded at our December 2020 district jam. You must be present, barring illness or emergency to win.

On Dec. 7th we're back at Yamhill Valley Historical Center to play from 1-3 for the Christmas Craft show.

~ Gayle Clarity, reporter

We have been invited to provide music for the Country Cutups Square Dance Club's Christmas party/dinner on Saturday, December 14th from 6:30-7:30 in Boring. We will play our usual fiddle music during this party.

This group is interested in meeting District 7 members with the thought of having us play for one of their dances or join in some of their future monthly events. It is a "meet and greet" event and we are welcome to share their potluck. This is a good opportunity to network with another music group and we hope to see you there.

We are all thinking about our dear friend Roger Germundson and his family as he now has entered hospice. We love you, Roger. ~ Elaine Schmidt, Reporter District 7

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December Events

7 jam Sunnyside Grange 1-4 pm
This will be our December Holiday Celebration this year. See below for information.

14 gig Square Dance Barn 6:30-7:30 pm

29 jam NW Jam, NE 8th Ave. Gresham
Doors open at 11:00 12:30-3:30 pm

Well, the days are certainly flying by and when you read this Thanksgiving will be already over! We have had such a beautiful Fall this year with amazing colors and a more beautiful place to view them could not be found than at the Homewoods on the Willamette. This lovely retirement center is located on the edge of the Willamette River in Milwaukie surrounded by tall fir trees and beautiful gold and yellow deciduous ones. Many District 7 members enjoyed playing there for a lively crowd and we look forward to playing there again next Fall.

We have some great events in December starting with our monthly jam at the Sunnyside Grange on Sat. Dec. 7th. This year we will use part of our time to celebrate the holidays. From 1:00-2:00 we are planning a potluck (Marcella will bring a turkey and the rest of us can bring side dishes or a dessert) and from 2:00-4:00 we will have our regular circle jam. There will be an email with more about this celebration a little later.

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December Events

7 jam Slo Jam at Marie's house 1-3 pm
 8 Sunday Potluck and Jam 12:00 pm
 (Note that this is one hour earlier than usual)
 13 Gig Aspens 7:00-9:00 pm
 16 Gig Ashley Manor 6:00-7:00 pm
 20 Jam Friday Night Jam
 27 Jam Friday Night Jam

District 10 Roseburg, Canyonville, Sutherlin Area

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December Events

5 gig Oak Park 1-2 pm
 11 gig Rosehaven 10-11 am
 23 gig Callahan Village 3:30-4:30 pm
 28 jam Sutherlin Grange 12-3 pm
 31 gig Brookdale New Years Eve Party 2:30 - 3:30 pm

A productive meeting was held on Oct 26. Our treasury has over \$6,000. Jude contacted other Douglas County grange halls to obtain rental info, and we will have our February jam at Myrtle Creek grange hall. Frank Moore and Karen Bennett have flown south for winter. Jim and Jeanie Leininger will be gone from Jan – March. Jim Kuether will handle sound reinforcement during Jim's absence. The "instrument petting zoo" at the farmer's market was a success, and we've been asked to do another this winter. Jude is putting committees together for the State Convention on May 21-23 at Douglas County Fairgrounds in Roseburg. Many volunteers from around the state have already signed up to help. Our district member meetings will be before the jams in January, April, July and October. Elections will take place in April, and the term for our new officers will begin on May 1.

We are always glad to see Ron and Ben from John Day at our Sunday Potluck and Jam. We had a good potluck and the usual musicians were there. Good music and good fun.

We have set the plans for our big Christmas Dinner, where the Fiddlers will provide the turkey, stuffing, potatoes and gravy, and everyone else is to bring side dishes and/or deserts. Remember that we will start the dinner at noon so that those who participate in, or wish to go to, the Chamber Music Society Christmas Concert at 3:00 can attend both. Music, music, music!!

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 start at 7:00 pm.

~ Musically Yours, Marianne Andrews, Reporter

We had almost as many out-of-town players at our October jam as we did District 10 folks. Many thanks to all our visitors who came to jam. From District 6, we welcomed Tony and Shirley Humphreys, Chris Sytsma, Jesse Knudsen, Keith Barr, Wayne and Annie Carter.

Colleen Hanks, Sandy Harter and Kelly Wadsworth were featured in the Roseburg News-Review's "Our Umpqua" magazine on 27 Oct for their involvement with CHI Mercy Medical Center's "Music for Healing" program. When they play weekly in the hospital, the music has a soothing effect on patients, family and staff. If you'd like to volunteer, call Michelle Kronner at 541-677-4465.

Several of us went to the American Roots Music Festival in Turner, Or. on November 2. The event featured performers from blues, folk, Americana, bluegrass and western swing genres. OOTFA was a sponsor, and the one-day festival was very successful. Allison Lindley and Joe Ross went on KQEN's "Umpqua Valley Live" radio show on November 8 to talk about OOTFA and play a few tunes. We hope it will generate more interest, members and attendees at our jams and gigs.

In December, we celebrate birthdays of Dan Pohl (Dec 10), Christine Cormack (Dec 29) and Karen Pohl (Dec 31). Kelly and Scott Wadsworth's 41st Anniversary occurs on Dec 14. Congratulations to all!

Dues for 2020 are due by Jan 1. Sharon Thompson will be available to collect the dues at our monthly jams, or they can be mailed directly to Patti Luse at 979 Ascott Dr. Eugene, OR 97401.

Let's pick! ~ Joe Ross, District 10 Reporter



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 Fiddlers' Association
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**Top: 1. Colleen Hanks
 2. Emerald Valley Opry
 3. Peggy Mulder
 Middle: 4. Lucy Bragg
 5. Shirley Humphreys
 Bottom: 6. Phyllis Coffin
 7. Jim, Wayne & Jessie
 8. Dan Docoy**