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Kelly Wadsworth & Jude Stensland enjoying a moment at Linus Oakes Retirement Community's 35th birthday celebration.

## **OOTFA State Quarterly Meeting**

**Lebanon Senior Center**

**January 21 & 22, 2022**

## **OOTFA State Convention**

**Douglas County Fairgrounds**

**May 19-21, 2022**

## **OOTFA Scholarship Money Available Now!**

Greetings from the Oregon Old Time Fiddlers Scholarship Chairman, Donna Reuter! Did you know that as a member of OOTFA you are eligible to apply for scholarships to help you pay for fiddle lessons and workshops? Most of the individual districts of OOTFA also have their own scholarship funds set up as well.

The purpose of these funds is to give instruction to those who are interested in learning to play the fiddle and to those who want to improve their skills, thus perpetuating **Oldtime Fiddle Music**, which is the purpose of our organization. I realize that "in person" learning opportunities are limited at this time due to the pandemic, but don't forget there are fiddle teachers, fiddle schools and workshops still available online. So go online and google "**fiddle lessons**" and check out what is available. Then apply for a scholarship to pay for 50% of the instructor's fee either through your district or the state scholarship committee.



**OOTFA Scholarship Chair, Donna Reuter**



Julia Milleson at Burns with her sister Lynn Mims

Longtime OOTFA member, Julia Milleson of Milton Freewater in District 9, recently sent in a donation to our Scholarship Chair, Donna Reuter. Julie had read in the Hoedowner about the scholarship committee and wanted to make a donation. She said "*I think the scholarship could use the funds! Music has been such a great part of my life though I was 60 before I got started! I hope this small gift will help someone else on their way through music and all the pleasure & joy it brings to the player as well as the audience.*"

Julia passed away on the 21st of October. Thank you, Julia.

**Hello all you amazing musicians!**

Again, hoping you are well and healthy! We are heading into fall, counting down to winter. I just hope this winter will be better than last.

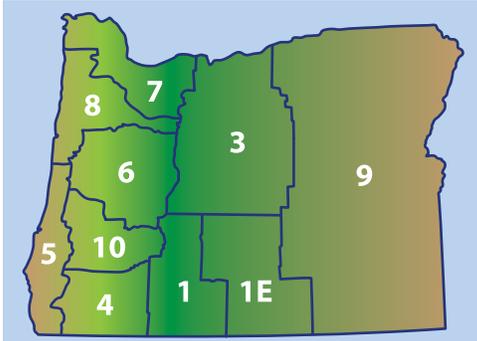
I have been reading some of the old Hoedowners on the website, from the very first one to last month. Wow, what changes have been made to the format! But what struck me is the content. From the very first beginnings of OOTFA until now, the theme has not changed much- membership, young people, contests, jams and gigs – and food!

We have been, and are still blessed by so many really talented and dedicated members who go the extra mile for our association. I just hope they knew, or know how valuable and appreciated they were and are!

I think one of the most important aspects of our association is having the more experienced and talented players involved with their districts. I remember when I was new to OOTFA and so eager to learn. Many of these folks took the time to mentor me and encourage me. That is what we are all about – supporting and helping each other. I know there are several teachers in our districts, and thank them so much for their valuable contributions to keep our association alive and growing. I encourage any and all of you who are “extra talented” to consider mentoring folks in your districts. This includes backup support as well as string instruments. The better we all are, the better we perform, which in turn will possibly contribute to more members.

Again, thank you so much for your support!

Hugs ~ Marcella



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**State OOTFA Financial Report**

(as of 10-22-221)

State Checking Account	12,489
State Scholarship (inc.in above)	1,897
General Certificate of Deposit	12,161
Contest Certificate of Deposit	4,580
Kielhorn Money Market	8,486
<b>TOTAL CASH ASSETS</b>	<b>37,715</b>

**New Member for November 2021**

Eric Rogstad  
Beaverton (7)



District 5 members, Joe Walker, Adam Taylor, & Mapril Combs

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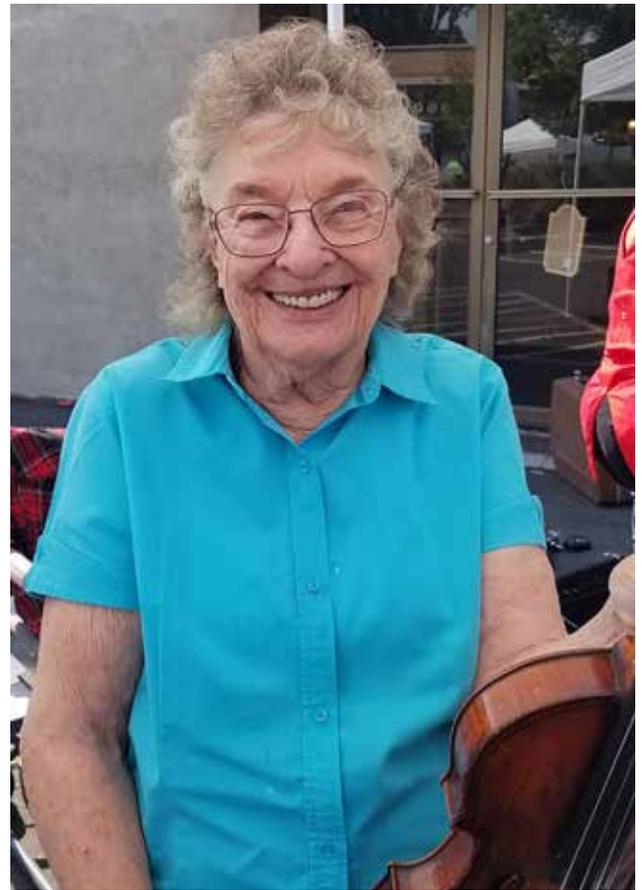
### Greetings All from District One!

Well. It's Official...District One had an eventful October. We were hit with COVID-19 and had to cancel our **Farmer's Market**, as well as our **Luther Square Meeting/Jam**. We had several members hit with the bug, but **Thanks be to God...** each member sailed through it and is doing just **great**. God has been good to us! After we got through the COVID we got right back to business!

**Our Chair, Frank Ayres, Johnny Rodgers, and Irene Ruddock** moved our District One equipment trailer from Irene's property to Johnny Rodger's inside covered storage. Mr John recently sold his motorhome, and has graciously allowed our District to store our equipment trailer in his now empty motorhome covered building. Everyone is resting easier now that the trailer is out of our harsh Klamath Falls weather! A huge Thank-you to Ms. Irene for the many years of storage at her property... thank-you for always "being there" for District One in many capacities...we appreciate you!



Johnny Rodgers of District 1



Irene Ruddock of District 1

Next, we plan to have a **Luther Square Meeting/Jam/Practice** sometime in November, but it's undetermined at this time, due to Luther Square being booked for another event during our "normal" day time. You will be contacted via phone...or word of mouth once we have something set in stone.

I would also like to take this time to wish All OOTFA Districts a Safe, **Happy, and Blessed Thanksgiving!** May we all count our Blessings and cherish the good we have... Keep Fiddling!

~ Jenny Dreyer, District 1 Reporter

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**We haven't done much this last year but play at Rosa Lee's jam.** It sure is a good time, **Rosa Lee** is getting stronger ever day up and on her own, with the walker of course. We had a touch of snow. Didn't take long to go away. Nice to see some kind moisture.

Got to stop and see **Sharman Taylor** the other day. Sure good to look at him.

Sorry to hear of the loss of **Homer Meeds** from District 4. His son, **Jim**, sent me a note.

Please keep **Loretta** in your prayers. It will be a hard road for a while.

Enjoy the tunes we get to share, and practice hard!

~ Terry McLain , District 1E Reporter

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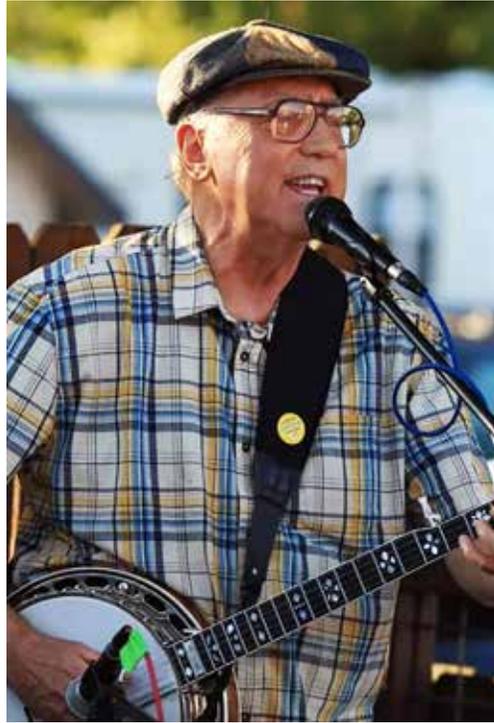
## My Musical Journey

by LeRoy Newport

### I was born in Albany, Oregon

April 9, 1939. I grew up in a musical family. My mother was a church organist for 60 years. She was 8th of 9 children. Our family reunions would resemble the whole **Hee Haw** group singing songs, playing instruments and dancing. My maternal grandparents were from Knoxville, Tennessee and my paternal grandparents were from Springfield, Missouri. My mother would take me and my two sisters to nursing homes as early as I can remember to sing for the residents. We would sing hymns, show tunes, folk songs and anything else somebody wanted to hear.

**I learned to sing** in front of audiences from the time I could stand up. Living on our farm in Tangent, Oregon during WW2 we had lots of time to sit around and sing songs. Gas was rationed so we didn't go many places except by train. I started piano lessons in the first grade and saxophone by third grade. When I was 11 years old my grandmother bought me a baritone Ukulele and an instruction book that said learn to play the Uke in 5 minutes. It worked. I played that Uke all the way into college and then found a tenor banjo and tuned it like a baritone Uke. The folk revival of the 60s was an inspiration to play what the **Kings-ton Trio, Peter Paul and Mary** and the **Limelighters** were playing. So, I bought a 5 string banjo and tried to play what they were playing. Finally, the **Earl Scruggs** instruction book was published, and my playing started to improve. My \$100 banjo just wasn't capable of playing anything above the 5th fret. So, I bought a \$1,000 banjo and began doing much better. I was even asked to join a band.



LeRoy Newport of District 3

By this time, I was well into my career as an accountant and school business manager. When I was business manager for the **Redmond School District** some of the staff and local business folk formed a band called the **Dry Canyon Filharmonik**. We played for the county fairs around the area, weddings, chamber of commerce events, and private parties. During the recessions of the 1980's I accepted a job as the business manager for the **Beaverton School District**.

Here I met a lot of Portland musicians and formed a new band called the **Sidekicks**. We ran yellow page ads in four counties and had all the gigs we could handle, about 60 a year. There was no internet in those days.

In 1995 I was offered the Business Manager position at the **Salem School District** and moved to Salem. I joined the **Oldtime Fiddlers** and got interested in western swing. **George Taevs** and several others had a band called **Swingtime** and asked me to join the band. This opened a whole new way of playing for me. I now had folk, bluegrass, country and swing in my music repertoire. The Oldtime Fiddlers have been such an enjoyable group to be associated with because of the wide range of songs that are played in jam groups and dances. At 82 years old I am very pleased with my music journey, and I have so many people in the OOTFA to thank for their support.

### HOEDOWNER Trading Post

Good sounding old (unidentified) fiddle for best offer. Two luthier appraisals in ball park of \$200-\$300, as is. New strings. More than 100 years old. Handmade case goes with. No Bow. Needs minor peg hole fill. Contact Marie Bailey at [bambailey36@yahoo.com](mailto:bambailey36@yahoo.com). for viewing and offers.

Our longtime OOTFA Members, Donna and Dick Foreman, who have been so involved with our organization, are moving to Washington State to be near their family. So, they are selling their home. They also have several musical instruments to sell, including violins, cello, guitars, mandolin, etc. If interested, contact Donna at: 503-630-3577. These are at their home near Estacada, east of Portland.

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**District 4 recently performed** at one of our favorite gigs, the **Harvest Festival**, at **Pheasant Fields Farm** in Phoenix, Oregon. The farm is a beautiful acreage of grassy lawns, abundant flower beds full of colorful zinnias, pumpkin patches, hay mounds and distant mountain views. Local families bring their children to run and climb and slide down the hay mounds, ride the farm wagon and pick a pumpkin to take home. District 4 musicians perform on a large deck built around an enormous old walnut tree and the little ones come and dance with joyous abandonment to the old music.

All District 4 members, along with members from around the state, were saddened to learn of the passing of **Don Maddox**. Don was the last surviving member of the popular band **"The Maddox Brothers & Rose"**. Following a lovely service, complete with Military Honors, Don was laid to rest among his family members that had gone before him. Don was a faithful member of OOTFA for many years, and performed at all district jams and was well received by the audience for he was more than a fiddle player, he was an "Entertainer".

District 4 will honor Don and the music he loved to play and sing at our December monthly jam. Don would have been 99 years old in December. District 4 would like members from around the state to join us as we celebrate Don by coming to play with us at this jam. It will be held, December 4, at the **Roxy Ann Grange Hall** at 1850 Spring Street in Medford. The time is from 1-3:00 pm.



**District 4 Chairwoman, Judy McGarvey is back leading her Tuesday afternoon Jammers after she took a short break while recovering from a recent hip replacement surgery**

Our **District Chairwoman, Judy McGarvey**, is recovering from a recent hip replacement surgery and is doing great. Her daughter, **Jill**, flew in from Colorado to help her with her recovery. Judy has resumed leading her Tuesday Jammers every Tuesday afternoon at the **Methodist Church** in Medford fro 4-6:00 pm every Tuesday. Acoustic musicians are welcome to come play some oldtime music.

World travelers, **Carol and Lenny Ferrara** have returned home from a 2 week tour of Italy. Welcome back we sure missed you.

We are saddened to learn of the passing of our much loved member **Ross Jones**. Ross was our "Fiddler Wrangler" for many years, keeping our musicians alerted to upcoming gigs and jams. He played guitar and had a lovely singing voice. His wife, Renee, is always helpful at the jams doing whatever is needed. Our sincere condolences to the family.



**District 4 played for the Harvest Festival at the Pheasant Fields Farm and the little visitors to the farm have fun dancing**

**Homer Meeds** a Lifetime Member of District 4, passed away on October 12. Condolences can be sent to his wife, Loretta. See "In Memoriam" on page 12 for addresses of Renee Jones and Loretta Meeds.

Our November monthly business meeting and jam will be held on November 6, at the **Eagle Point Grange Hall** in Eagle Point. The NEW start time for the meeting is 11:30, it has been changed from 11:00, please note. The warm up jam is at 12:30-1:00 and the sign-up jam is from 1-3:00 pm. Masks are required to attend and bring individually wrapped snacks to share.

~ Judy Lyons, District 4 Reporter

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## Tune of the Month

Special Thanks to  
Joe Ross of  
District 10 for  
providing  
Tune of the Month  
for November

Dave Brinkman was a high school band director and a college music education professor in his working career. He composed music for school and college groups, but also over a hundred fiddle and banjo tunes. Dave and wife Mary are retired to Arizona, and enjoy participating in fiddle and bluegrass events.

### Arizona Twilight Waltz

David Brinkman

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Chord symbols for the first staff: G, Gdim7, F#dim7, G, C

Chord symbols for the second staff: G, A7, D, G, Gdim7

Chord symbols for the third staff: F#dim7, G, C, G, D, G, G7

Chord symbols for the fourth staff: C, Cm, G, D, G, G7

Chord symbols for the fifth staff: C, Cm, G, G#dim7

Chord symbols for the sixth staff: Am, D7, G, Gdim7, F#dim7, G

Chord symbols for the seventh staff: C, G, A7, D, G, Gdim7

Chord symbols for the eighth staff: F#dim7, G, C, G, D, G

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I was hoping that we would have more to report from our District. Two of our three performances for October were canceled due to an uptick in COVID cases. I guess we all just have to hang in there a bit longer – safety first, of course. Things do seem to be picking up. Folks are, more and more, going about their normal lives. This will pass.

**Our Membership Meeting, Holiday Dinner and Circle Jam** on November 20th at the **Winchester Bay Community Center** is still a go. And I hope as many of you as possible will attend. This one sounds way too good to miss: **Ruth Weyer** and **Sharon Gallagher** have offered to cook our Holiday Ham & Turkey. Ruth will also prepare Mashed Potatoes, Dressing (gluten free and regular) and Gravy. Sharon will prepare her wonderful Raisin Sauce for the ham. **Verna Lee** has offered to once again bake her fabulous Dinner Rolls! The rest of us will pitch in for the Sides/Veggies and Desserts:

**If your last name starts with “A” through “L,” you are in the veggie/side dish group.**

**If your last name begins with “M” through “Z,” you are in the dessert group.**

PLEASE NOTE: we know not everyone can bring a side or dessert, so please, remember: YOU – the members – are the most important things at this event!



Jolly Hibbits & Ken Joubert of District 5



One-Man Band Al Pierce is serving as Interim Vice-Chair for District 5

We have a slate of officers ready for the elections which will be held at the meeting. If you are interested in a position, it is not too late to add your name to the list!

Speaking of Officers: **Kriss Fenton** has resigned as Chair – her term has expired. Luckily for us, she will remain an active member, and we look forward to working with her in the future. I want to personally thank Kriss – she talked me into participating at a performance in Bandon, and I have been hooked ever since. With Kriss's resignation, **Luke VerHagen** (our former vice-chair) became the Interim Chair, and **Al Pierce** (me) has been appointed as Interim Vice-Chair. The full slate of officers will be chosen by YOU, and we do have a slate of Officers ready, but it is not too late to express interest in a position if you would like to serve.

~ Al & Nicole Pierce, District 5 Reporters



Luke VerHagen is Interim Chair for District 5

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**District 6 members got together** October 9th for a rather brief meeting and jam at **Central Grange**. It was a great opportunity for us to see each other again, or at least see the top half of each other's faces. We jammed for awhile, but some of us left early to take advantage of the waning good weather as we still have outdoor tasks to accomplish before the rains begin. Leaving an OOTFA jam early is not an easy thing to do when they are so rare and precious in these pandemic times. As I write this the rain is definitely here in the valley.

Ken and Patti Luse were there, of course. Ken is a valued bass player with OOTFA and this month we are featuring his story.

## A True Oregonian

by Ken Luse

**I am a True Oregonian** having been born in Portland in 1942. I moved with my family to Carlton, Oregon in 1948 and then to McMinnville when I was about 8. I graduated from McMinnville High School in 1960. During my senior year, I started playing bass with a couple of classmates.

Then I attended the **University of Oregon** in 1960 where I was part of a 5-piece Jazz/Dance combo playing for various house dances and other performances over a 2-year period. My uncle in Salem was a fiddler and he provided a bass for me to use as long as I was in college. I ran out of money after my freshman year, and with the draft board in hot pursuit, I enlisted in the Navy in 1963. I had to give the upright bass back to my uncle and I could never afford to purchase my own bass until 45 years later.

After the G.I. Bill was extended to Viet Nam veterans, I enrolled at **Lane Community College** for one year and then transferred to Oregon State University and received my B.S. in Science in 1971. During that time, I met **Patti**, we married and have two wonderful children and the best 5 grandchildren ever. I was employed in the wood glue industry for the next 47 years.

## Birthday Greetings:

**Marie Roberts** (11/2), **Peggy Mulder**, **John Gent**, **Louise Dandurand** (11/3), **Darlene Fiducia** (11/5), **Gideon Edwards** (11/6), **Teresa Bowers** (11/9), **Jim Hoots** (11/13), **Shirley Humphreys** (11/27)

~ Robin Lindsey,  
District 6 Reporter

In 2003, I experienced a serious health issue and decided I should play music again. In 2005, we attended the **Annual OOTFA Convention at Polk County Fairgrounds** and talked with several members about the organization. Having such a positive response,



**Ken Luse keeps us tight**

I purchased my bass in 2006 from a lady in Scio that had been an OOTFA member and could no longer participate due to medical issues. In 2007, my luthier converted my bass from 4 string to a 5 string by adding a high "C" string which allows me to play open strings which ring louder than "fingered" strings.

I have had 15 years in OOTFA making music, friends and at the same time making a contribution to the OOTFA organization in other ways:

- **Served 2 yrs as District 6 Chair 2010-2012**
- **In 2012-13. I served as State OOTFA Vice President**
- **2014 received Bill Yohey award at State Convention**
- **Was founding member of the West Cascades Fiddle Camp and Workshops (WCFCW).**
- **Obtained a District 6 sponsorship in 2007 which generated over \$20,000 thru 2019.**
- **Taught beginning Upright Bass at WCFCW for 8 years.**
- **In 2007, I found a more economical printing company for the OOTFA printing needs which has saved the organization several \$1000's per year.**

I hope we can get back to "OOTFA's new normal" next year and be able to gather and play together again.

## District 7 Portland, Northern Coast Area

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### November Events

**6 Circle Jam Sunnyside Grange 1 - 4 pm**  
**13130 SE Sunnyside Road Happy Valley**

(Masks and vaccinations are required for everyone. There is still a lot of COVID out there but the grange is large enough for social distancing, so we look forward to a safe and fun afternoon.)

**Hello OOTFA Members**, I hope you all are doing well and finding some time to play music, perhaps with a group nearby. I have enjoyed playing with a friend on Friday afternoons. We find music that is written for two and it has been enjoyable working on timing, intonation, and embellishment. District 7 will be meeting again at the **Sunnyside Grange** and we look forward to having a good turnout.

This month I was planning to interview **Tom and Mary Clausen** but when I called them they were sitting on a beach in Hawaii!! It was pretty rainy and cold in Gresham that day, and I was feeling a bit sorry for myself but I was amazed that we had such a good connection with our little cell phones.

I will interview the Clausens next month, and so for November I am going to write about **Fred Davis** who is a Life Member of OOTFA. Fred plays the guitar and has been very successful at keeping a strong beat especially when we don't have a bass player. (He tells me that he hears the beat so strongly because he has played for so long.) I really appreciate this because every-so-often he has to tell me to slow down or speed up.

### Festival (Gathering) Mania

by Sharon Sandgren, Boring OR (Festival Maniac 2005)

I worked all my life---through toil and through strife  
to own a warm bath, a downy soft bed, and  
a smooth Persian carpet on which to tread.  
Then without warning, around the coming of Spring,  
in the back of my head, jam songs start to ring.

--Oh no, as if against my will, gathering mania starts to take hold.  
As in a trance, I fill up my van with gas like pure gold,  
then drive through the mess of traffic and stress,  
so I can sit in the dust, with mosquitoes and cold  
when I could lay on my deck and sip something cold,

Fred grew up in Saskatchewan, Canada and played ice hockey for many years. He also became interested in playing music and was given a tenor banjo at age 13. His father bought him an accordion during this time and then he learned to play the guitar. He became primarily self-taught and was playing in combos and at dances by the time he was 15. Fred learned how to follow the chords on the guitar by watching the fiddlers play.

In later years Fred worked in the finance and banking industry. During his vacations he and his family would travel around in their motor home and attend rallies with an RV club where groups would travel together and end up at various camping sites. Fred would always find a group to play with. I think he especially liked playing around the camp fire. Another hobby that Fred had was flying his airplane for many years--his wife learned to fly the plane, too. They had a lot of fun and saw many interesting places.



"District 7 members Fred Davis and his granddaughter, Meaghan Brooks

Fred moved back to Oregon in 2013 where his family was and met **Lew Holt** who encouraged him to join OOTFA, District 7. Much of that time he has been our treasurer and we thank him very much for

that. Also during this time he has enjoyed encouraging his grandchildren to play music. His granddaughter, Meaghan, has joined OOTFA and is now learning to play the guitar—and Fred tells her to follow the fiddlers because they will tell her which chord to play next.

~ Elaine Schmidt, District 7 Reporter

What drives me to run off to all those weird places,  
To jam 'til 3 am with those wild ecstatic faces,  
To sleep in a tent or even a car, to go without a shower...  
Why was I willing to go that far?  
The answer is in friends that meet every year,  
Some have a smile and some have a tear,  
The love the music, the excitement of the jam,  
The wonder of the new song or the hearing of the band,  
Mania will overtake, and then, even you,  
In the middle of the night in the cold moonlight dew  
With instrument in hand and bright excited eyes  
With frenetic search, accompanied by surprise  
Will wander festival grounds----  
looking for those last fiddle sounds.

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### November Events

- 4 Slo-Jam at Marie Bailey's home 1-3 pm  
Opportunity to learn or review District 8 jam tunes
- 13 Martha Hughes' Basic Fiddle Class;  
revised; by EAR via zoom
- 18 Slo-Jam at Marie Bailey's home 1-3 pm
- 20 Martha Hughes' Basic Fiddle Class;  
revised; by EAR via zoom
- 27 Unofficial Monthly Jam at Marie's house 1-3 pm  
(The District Meeting is canceled)

Basic Fiddle Class revised: ear training, we learn 2 tunes by EAR; We go over and over the notes until you learn the tune on the spot! All tunes on Dist #8 performance list. Meets online via zoom. Contact Martha Hughes at 503-939-2271 for details.

Heads up – December 18th – the “unofficial” jam will be held the 3rd Saturday from 1-3.

**Due to the low attendance** at our Sept. 25th meeting we were unable to fill the offices of **Treasurer** and **Secretary/Membership**. We still need someone to volunteer for these

positions and have mentors to help you work into them if needed. By next Spring we will also need new **Chair** and **Vice Chair** nominations or volunteers. If you have a few minutes to spare each month give these some serious thought. Your

**Scholarships for lessons are still available. Contact Marie for applications.**

current officers are carrying two and three offices at this time. All of us are in our mid to late 80's and have concerns

that if we can not find replacements we may not be around or able to mentor. Marie is available to answer any questions you may have or hear ideas from you you'd like to share. I'd Love to hear from any members with offers of help or ideas. Many hands make light work.



Ron Henderson of District 8

### Letter from Marie::

Here we are into Fall again. These lock down mandates have been very hard on us all in many ways. Your officers have started a monthly District Jam which began on Sept. 25th to be held every 4th Saturday of each month from 1-3 pm. We hope you will support this effort to keep the music alive as well as our spirits until we can perform in a public venue again. Our first one was fun and all wanted more. So, mark your calendars for this date and time and come join in.

Participation by musicians and listeners welcome. Please use your own risk judgement as to physical and health safety as our insurance does not cover this. They will be held as unofficial jams at Marie's for now. 5001 S.E. Rice Lane, Amity.

Watch for the Hoedown event schedules and any e-mail updates on additions/changes.



Amelie Redman of District 8

A BIG SPECIAL Thanks to **Joyce Orsini** who has done our member interviews that we've all enjoyed very much. It's great to learn more about our very diverse members journey into and through their musical connections.

DUES due again by January 1st, 2022. This year note that Life members will also pay \$10 for dues and online Hoedowner. The paper copy is \$25 per year for all members. Please send dues to your membership chair or directly to Patti Luse, State Sec/Membership. Addresses in the Hoedowner, under State officers and each District news column.

Count your Blessings and have a very Happy Thanksgiving.

~ Gayle Clarity, District 8 Reporter

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**We have Friday Night Jams** on a full-time basis at **Hines City Hall**, at 6:30 pm indefinitely. The space is large enough to accommodate a few listeners. We still have no word on when we can return to our **Sunday Potlucks and Jams**. We miss you all.

We are saddened to say that **Ian Dawson's** Grandmother, **Carol Dawson**, passed away in mid-October. She and her husband were instrumental in getting Ian started on the fiddle with **Ruel Teague**. Condolences go out to her daughter, **Theresa Stevens**, who cared for her during her last months.

Happy Birthday to **Joan Suther** and **Paul Hyland** last month.

**Janet** took a trip to Iowa and came home with two yellow labs. She toured dog parks across the USA and found lots of friendly people there.

~ Musically Yours, Marianne Andrews,  
District 9 Reporter



Distict 9's Randy Gibson

## District 10 Roseburg, Canyonville, Sutherlin Area

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**The Fourth Saturday Jam at Sutherlin Senior Center** is scheduled on Saturday, November 27th from 12-3 pm. Watch **District 10 Googlegroup** email for jam updates. To subscribe, contact **Jude** and she'll email you the link. Please wear your mask indoors, as well as outdoors if you can't physically distance. Jude sent around a 5-month schedule. Fourth Saturday Jam in December is canceled (for Christmas), and we've been invited to play at **Brookdale's New Years** and **Valentines** parties. Weekly impromptu jams will be announced as they come up.



District 10's Sunbird,  
Frank Moore

Sunbirds **Frank Moore** and **Karen Bennett** headed south for the winter in mid-October. We're going to miss them at the jams. I'm not sure if **Jim Leininger** and **Jeanie Hefner** are headed to Arizona this year.

Our district has a public group on Facebook with about 50 members. You're invited to join. Just

search on Facebook for "**OOTFA District 10**" to find the site.

This month, we'd like to wish a very Happy Birthday to **Jon Tilley** (Nov 1), **Dan Jocoy** (Nov 26), **Jim Kuether** (Nov 26), and **Dolores Booher** (Nov 29). If we missed your special day, please let us know.

Let's All Play Together Again Soon!

~ Joe Ross, District 10 Reporter

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To encourage everyone,  
especially young people,  
to play the fiddle and  
appreciate Oldtime Fiddling  
and Oldtime Music.

To Provide regular times  
and places to meet and play  
this kind of music.

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Online Resources for Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers

- [Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers' Association](#) Official Website for State
- [OOTFA Facebook](#) Facebook Page
- [National Fiddle Contest](#) Weiser, Idaho
- [West Cascades Fiddle Camp & Workshop](#) Canceled for 2021
- [District 3 Website](#) Central Oregon, Bend, Redmond, The Dalles
- [District 4 Facebook](#) Grants Pass, Medford, Ashland
- [District 6 Fiddle Tunes](#) Alphabetical listing of Fiddle Tune Sheet Music
- [District 6 Instructional Videos](#) YouTube Videos
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Please send your HOUSEHOLD DUES  
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*In Memoriam*

**Carol Dawson** of District 9 passed away in Mid-October. Condolences can be sent to her daughter, Teresa Stephens, and Grandson, Ian Dawson, at PO Box 1013, Burns, OR 97720.

District 4 member, **Ross Jones**, passed away on October 9. Condolences can be sent to Renee Hansen & Family at 3030 Adams Circle, Medford, OR 97504. Ross was a Lifetime Member.

**Homer Meeds**, a Lifetime member of District 4, passed away on October 10. Condolences can be sent to his wife, Loretta, at 2510 Forest Creek Road, Jacksonville, OR 97530

**Julia Milleson**, a lifetime member from Milton Freewater (Dist 9), passed away on October 21. Condolences can be sent to her sister, Lynn Mims (also an OOTFA member of Dist 9) at PO Box 308, Burns, OR 97720.