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Naughty or Nice? District 3 Chairman, LeRoy Newport has never stopped believing!

Contest Information Update: The contest is only about 2½ months away!

It's time to get ready for the annual
Oregon State Open Fiddle Contest

Saturday, March 18 at the Lebanon Mennonite Church, 2100 S. 2nd Street
There's plenty of parking, room for RVs, and there are many restaurants nearby.

Updated rules can be viewed on the OOTFA website.

In addition to contestants, accompanists, and audience, many volunteers are needed the day of the contest, so please consider helping out – it's fun!

Among the positions to be filled are Front Door Greeters, Registration Desk Assistants, Timekeepers, Photographer, Coffee Pot/Kitchen Monitors, Video Streaming Assistant, Contestant "Wranglers", Order of Play Posters, and a few other duties. Contact me any time and we can discuss the duties, how many hours you'd like to volunteer, etc. – and if you're competing in the contest, we can work around that.

Please contact me about the contest – I always enjoy talking to contestants and volunteers! Eileen Walter gdaewalt@comcast.net 503-701-1578 text/phone

The Place to be in '23 OOTFA Winter Gathering

The 2023 OOTFA Winter Gathering in Lebanon is the place for folks around the state to get together in the New Year and do what we do best! For two days, **January 20-21**, we will converge at the **Lebanon Senior Center**, see old friends, make new ones, and jam, jam, jam. On Saturday there will be a **State Board Meeting** followed by a potluck lunch, and then more jamming.

The Board Meeting is important, so if you can't make it please notify **OOTFA President, Cindy Crane** (contact information in the left panel on page 2) and have your **Vice/Co-Chair** or another member of your district represent you and have a voice in the business of the state. You must let Cindy know who that will be so that they can receive the proper, updated information.

Lebanon Senior Center

80 Tangent Street

10 miles off I-5 from exit 228

OOTFA Winter Gathering Schedule

Friday, Jan. 20 - Friday Night Jamming 6 - 9 pm

There are a limited number of overnight parking spaces but we should be able to all fit. There are motels in the area as well.

Saturday, Jan. 21 - Center opens at 8 am with coffee & tea (available all day). Jamming begins as soon as two people make it happen.

10 am - OOTFA Winter Board Meeting

Noon - Potluck Lunch. Bring a main dish, side dish, salad or dessert which serve 6-8.

12:30 - 3 pm - Jammin' Time!

3 pm - Clean up the Center, please pitch in!



Hello Everyone,

OOTFA President's Report

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a great **Holiday Season** gathering with friends, and loved ones and by sharing our music and providing some cheer to those around us!

Eileen Walter and **Jude (Stensland) Kuether** are busy working behind the scenes getting ready for **State Fiddle Contest** and **State Convention** respectively. Thank you to those of you who have already sent donations to support these important events. Please step up when they call for volunteers. It's fun and a great way to meet people and support OOTFA.



**OOTFA President,
Cindy Crane**

Remember it's time to renew your membership for 2023 if you haven't done so, please do this through either your **District Membership Chair** or our **State Membership Chair, Patti Luse**.

Keep connecting, playing, learning, singing, and **having fun!** Looking forward to seeing you in person in Lebanon, OR for the **OOTFA Winter Gathering** January 20-21, 2023.

See You Soon! ~ Cindy

Make the Roster in 2023

At the end of December you received an email (if you have email) from our **State Membership Chair** regarding your **2023 Membership Status**. There were 3 emails sent and you should have received one of the following:

- As a **Regular** Member or a **Lifetime** Member, you have paid dues for 2023 to receive the printed and mailed Hoedowner. A printable membership card was attached
- As a **Regular** Member or a **Lifetime** Member, you have paid dues for 2023 to receive the PDF edition of the Hoedowner. A printable membership card was attached.
- As a **Lifetime** Member, we have not received dues for 2023, so you will receive the PDF edition of the Hoedowner.

As we slowly ease out of the restrictions of the past 3 years, we are again enjoying the events and jamming that is so typical of OOTFA. Many events are planned for 2023 so to continue enjoying the music and friendship, you can **Pay Your 2023 Household Membership Dues NOW**.

OOTFA Treasurer's Report

as of December, 2022

State Checking Account	8,886
State Scholarship (inc.in above)	1,897
General Certificate of Deposit	12,166
Contest Certificate of Deposit	4,582
Kielhorn Money Market	15,240
Total Cash Assets	40,873

Our year runs from January 1-December 31:

- \$20.00 - You will receive "The PDF Hoedowner" directly thru your email in a PDF format.
- \$25.00 - You will receive "The Printed Hoedowner" via the US Post Office.

Pay these in your district or send to:

Patti Luse, 979 Ascot Dr, Eugene, OR 97401

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January Events

12 Pelican Pointe 2:30 - 3:30 pm
26 Rogue River Place 1 - 2 pm
Johnny Rogers every Wednesday 9 am

First of all, hope everyone had great holidays. We are sending wishes to all of the members in each district to have the **Best Year Ever in 2023**.

There has been a change of reporters in District 1. We want to thank **Jenny Dreyer** for the dedication and the exceptional job she has done for District 1. Our hats off to you Jenny!

We were sorry to lose **Bill Bonser**, November 15, he was a great guitar player. Bill was born in 1936, in Moorwood, Oklahoma. **Ann** and **Bill** had been married 60 years and he had been an active member of OOTFA for many years. Bill had not been able to get out to various functions in our district for the last while, but he will be greatly missed by many. Cards can be sent to **Ann, 1504 Patterson St., Klamath Falls, OR 97603**.



District 1 Jammers

We had a holiday dinner at the **Spark's** house, and had lots of fun, food, and Jamming. We celebrated our very own **Irene Ruddock's** 93rd birthday too. She is just an energizer bunny, always busy quilting and fiddling, she is a great inspiration to the fiddlers.

Our group may not have a lot of events, but we sure have a great time together. Just a reminder that 2023 dues need to be paid. Happy Birthday to all our January members. Happy Trails, and Best Wishes.

~ Noranne Sparks, District 1 Reporter

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Here I sat waiting to get my oil changed and **Robin** sent me a note saying I'd forgot my Hoe-downer report, so we'll try and come up with something.

We have our **Thursday Night Jams** at **Rosa Lee's** on Thursday nights, 4:30 to around 7:00 and then on the second Saturday of each month we hold our **Monthly Jam** at the **Chamber of Commerce**, 12 noon to whenever. Come and enjoy.

~ Terry McLain,
District 1E Reporter



Rosa Lee McLain hosts
District 1E jams every
Thursday night

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[District 3 Website: centraloregonfiddlers.com](http://centraloregonfiddlers.com)

January Events

- 10 Board Meeting 6:30 pm**
All members are welcome to participate.
Location (or format such as ZOOM) is to be determined. For further information contact LeRoy Newport or Joan Coleman (see above for contact info)
- 22 Dance at Terrebonne Grange 1 - 4 pm**
Followed by General Membership Meeting to kick off planning for the 2023 Central Oregon Acoustic Music Gathering

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December 2022 was a cold, snowy month in Central Oregon, except for one thing; the holiday spirit of our fiddlers, accompanying musicians and others in attendance at the **Terrebonne Grange**. There was plenty of holiday music with sing-alongs. We even got to interact with **Santa Claus**. And what is that on the front page? Our **Chair LeRoy Newport** sitting on Santa's lap!

Our officers and members are looking forward to year 2023 and considering ideas for other events such as jams and workshops. Jams are excellent opportunities for entry-level musicians to learn and improve their skills. They are open to those who play fiddle and other compatible acoustic instruments. It's amazing how much we can learn by just playing with others in informal or instructional settings.

District 4 Grants Pass, Medford, Ashland

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[District 4 Facebook: OOTFA4.org](https://www.facebook.com/OOTFA4.org)

All the holiday tune books are packed away for another season, cries of "**Happy New Year!**" fill the air and OOTFA members are happily looking forward to opportunities to meet with fellow members for fun, fellowship and lots of Old-Time Music!

District 4 finished November with a gig at a new facility, **Pear Valley Assisted Living**, in Central Point. About 6 musicians turned out to perform for the residents.

The District 4 December Monthly Meeting and Jam was held at the **Roxy Ann Grange** in Medford. **Carol Ferrara** had used her talents to transform the two rooms into a festive winter scene. Red and green tablecloths covered all the tables and winter garlands and poinsettia plants streamed across the table tops. There was even a darling little snowman with his very own little fiddle. **Lenny Ferrara** is always there to



Lenny & Carol Ferrara make everyone feel welcome

Question: What is the difference between a fiddle and a violin?

Answer: A fiddle is fun to listen to!

So: If you want to have fun in 2023, come play with or listen to the fiddlers in District 3

~ Karen Bennett, District 3 Reporter



District 3 Members were in a festive, holiday spirit at the Terrebonne Grange

make sure the venue is safe for the audience to sit and listen to the music and that there's room to dance if they choose.

At the meeting, **Judy McGarvey** presented a tentative schedule for monthly meeting sites and dates for the coming year for discussion

The OOTFA Winter Gathering is scheduled for January 20-21 in Lebanon. All members are encouraged to attend and it's always a fun gathering with lots of music, food and fun.

The January District 4 Meeting and Jam will be held at the Fruitdale Grange in Grants Pass on Jan-

uary 7. This jam will be a little different from our usual jams.

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Here's a list of Lebanon motels:

Best Western Premier Boulder Falls Inn

505 Mullins Drive, 541-451-1000 - this is the best motel and includes a great breakfast, but is more expensive

Shanico Inn 1840 S. Main Street, 541-259-2601

Cascades City Center 1296 S. Main Street, 541-258-8154

Valley Inn 2885 S. Santiam Highway, 541-258-8184

Pre-Registration (by March 6) and Regular Registration Form

Location: Lebanon Mennonite Church, 2100 S. Second St, Lebanon, Oregon Hours: 8 am to 10 pm

Divisions: Contestants may enter only one of the following divisions in addition to the Entertainment Showcase Division. Contestants entering the Entertainment Showcase are not required to also enter a regular division.

Contestant entry fees are as follows:

(pay entry fees by check or cash during check-in at the Registration Desk)

Small Fry, Junior Junior, & Entertainment Showcase \$10 (\$5 if pre-registered by March 6)

Junior, Young Adult, Adult, Senior, & Senior Senior \$15 (\$10 if pre-registered by March 6)

Championship (Open) \$20 (\$15 if pre-registered by March 6)

OOTFA Registration Form

Pre-register by mail, email, text message, or phone call no later than March 6 to:

Eileen Walter gdaewalt@comcast.net 503-701-1578

6020 SE Lexington Street, Portland, OR 97206

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____ Phone: _____

For all contestants – please provide your date of birth (not your age): ____ / ____ / ____

Circle or Underline the divisions being entered:

Small Fry – 8 or younger

Junior Junior – 9 to 12

Junior – 13 to 17

Young Adult – 18 to 36

Adult – 37 to 59

Senior – 60 to 69

Senior Senior – 70 or older

Championship (Open) – any age

Entertainment Showcase – any age - If performing with another fiddler in this division, please list their name: _____

If you have any issue with photos of you being taken at the contest, please let Eileen know – 503-701-1578

Contest rules can be found on the OOTFA.org website

HOEDOWNER

Tune of the Month

Due to the positive response to November's Hoedowner, which featured fiddling tips by District 7's David Altman, we offer a second helping of his tasty tips this month.

Bowing for Fiddle Music – The Bowed Triplet applied to Growling Old Man and Woman

The technique usually called “bowed triplet” isn’t really a bowed triplet. So, this introduction to another common bowing ornamentation is going to be applied to the tune “Growling Old Man and Woman” which isn’t the correct tune name, but just a mistranslation of the title in Canadian French; “La Grondeuse”. Here’s a link for the Growling song played in the Québécois tradition: [La Grondeuse on YouTube](#)

I learned La Grondeuse from a Québécois fiddler, Louis Boudreault, who stayed with me while once on tour in Oregon: [Louis Boudreault on YouTube](#). While the

bowed triplet is particularly pervasive with Celtic fiddle styles, especially in Donegal, the bowed triplet is also used in French Canadian, Down East, American Old-Time, contra dance music, and other genres as well.

“Growling Old Man and Woman” can be found in many collections such as The Fiddler’s Fakebook (p. 128), however, the version presented here is my own transcription (minus other ornamentation and bowing techniques) and reverses the position of the A and B parts as was the version shown to me.

Growling Old Man & Woman (La Grondeuse)

A Part

Musical notation for the A Part of "Growling Old Man & Woman" (La Grondeuse). The notation is in 4/4 time, key of D major (two sharps). It consists of two staves. The first staff has four measures with notes and accidentals. Above the first measure is an 'A', above the second is a 'G', above the third is an 'A', and above the fourth is an 'A'. The second staff has four measures with notes and accidentals. Above the first measure is an 'A', above the second is a 'G', above the third is an 'Am', and above the fourth is an 'Em A'. The piece ends with a double bar line.

B Part

Musical notation for the B Part of "Growling Old Man & Woman" (La Grondeuse). The notation is in 4/4 time, key of D major (two sharps). It consists of two staves. The first staff has four measures with notes and accidentals. Above the first measure is an 'Am', above the second is a 'G', above the third is an 'Am', and above the fourth is a 'G Am'. The second staff has four measures with notes and accidentals. Above the first measure is an 'Am', above the second is a 'G', above the third is an 'Am', and above the fourth is a 'G Am'. The piece ends with a double bar line.

Part B can be your learning exercise with all the triplets on the same repeated note in the transcription (meaning you won’t apply a bowed triplet for the triplet slur in the 4th measure). If you use no slurs in the first 3 measures, then you will have a simple introduction to the bowed triplet alternating between starting with a down bow and starting with an up bow with the following bowed triplet, and then continuing the same pattern.

Why isn’t a “bowed triplet” properly represented as a bowed triplet? One reason is that the notes usually are not in equal amounts of time for the triplet. Some instructors try to represent the first 2 notes as sixteenth notes with an eighth note for the third note. Further, once you get the correct wrist movement, the bowed triplet can actually be performed with 4 (or more?) notes rather than 3 notes for producing the intended effect! I actually play the B Part of “La Grondeuse” by attempting approximately 4 notes in order to slur the 2 eighth notes in front of each bowed triplet to syncopate the song with each bowed triplet alternating the starting direction between up and down. Another clue is from the many other names for “bowed triplet,” including stutter, shiver, birl, treble, cut, and probably others.

Some additional tips can also help your learning curve for this important bowing technique. In the beginning, a novice would slow down the tune and naturally use a fairly large amount of bow space with arm movement to accomplish landing a “bowed triplet.” However, while listening to tunes with this technique, the more closely the fiddler goes to the correct dance tempo there must be shorter bow length for the notes. As you gain more comfort with getting a desired effect, you should naturally move almost entirely with the wrist, rather than using an arm stroke.

Included in the following links are some other videos from music teachers demonstrating the bowed triplet using a different approach that could be useful:

[Alden Robinson: Fun with Bowed Triplets Website](#)

[Kevin Burke: Bowed Triplet Lesson on YouTube](#)

[Kiana June Weber: Bowed Triplets Facebook Page](#)

Hope everyone is happy fiddling around! ~ David

District 4 continued

We will be playing for a benefit to raise money for the grange. It will be a "**Chili Feed**" sponsored by the grange manager, **Jill Hamm**. **Judy McGarvey** will hold a short meeting at 11:30. She has been working diligently to arrange the meeting schedule for next year and she wants to "Set It In Stone" at this meeting so if you want to have input you must attend this meeting. Ms. Hamm would like to open the grange to the public at 12:00 so musicians need to be ready to start playing then. There will be a time for everyone to take a break to eat at different times. This will be worked out on that day. There's no need to bring snacks to share. Check the District 4 online calendar for all gigs and meetings and directions or call a district officer they are there to help.

See y'all there! ~ Judy Lyons, District 4 Reporter

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January Events

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| 3 | Pacific View Gig, Bandon | 1:30 - 2:30 pm |
| 10 | Practice at Inland Point | 1 - 3 pm |
| 17 | Island Point Gig | 2 - 3 pm |
| 21 | Membership Meeting plus
Stage show and circle jam,
(may stay for circle jam from 3 - 4 pm)
Winchester Bay | 11 am - 3 pm |
| 24 | Practice at Inland Point | 1 - 3 pm |

Happy New Year. 2023, already? Amazing.

We thoroughly enjoyed our annual **Membership Holiday Dinner** gathering held on Saturday, November 19th, at Winchester Bay at the **Community Center**. Our amazing **Ruth Weyer** managed the kitchen and roasted the turkey to mouth-watering perfection and also prepared several wonderful versions of dressing and potatoes! She organized everything so beautifully. She is a gem! When asked how she was able to accomplish such an impressive meal, she said, "Actually, it took the help of everyone in the district who came." She thanks everybody who showed up and contributed all the delicious dishes! **Sharon Gallagher**

made a lovely ham and a delicious, old-fashioned raisin sauce to compliment it. And she received the compliments as well! **Mapril** came up with a version of ambrosia that would do our dear **Larry Costa** proud! He always made sure we were fixed for ambrosia each holiday meal. We miss Larry and all he brought to us—including his holiday ambrosia! **Charlotte VerHagen** made a delicious compote of sweet potatoes, yams, peaches and a sprinkling of cashews—Yum! **Nicole Pierce** always sends delicious things. Her offering this day was an incredible cole slaw which featured bleu cheese. Oh my goodness—literally! I wish there were room to report on everyone's tasty offerings.



Cliff Larson calling the cows home

After dinner, we adjourned to the main room to form our circle jam and play the afternoon away, as is our custom and our heart's desire. We were happy to see our devoted fan and member, **Debbie Reavis**, who brought her late husband, **Rick's** very nice Takamine guitar, autoharp and songbooks which she donated to us for a silent auction held during the day. The guitar was won by a delighted **Barbara Scheirman** which prompted retired teacher, **Ken Joubert** to dispense some wise advice: "Now you will have to practice," joked Ken! The auction brought \$150 to our treasury and a very grateful thank you to Debbie for her generosity. It is indeed a great way to honor her husband's musical legacy. We all were so happy to see our **Cliff Larson** after a rather lengthy absence, bringing his guitar to the Circle Jam to join us. He treated us to his terrific rendition of "Cattle Call" by unanimous request. Nobody can do that song better. Not even **Eddy Arnold**.

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In order to come up to speed on Holiday music and also learn some new music from one another, we decided to have regular practices. Our first practice was Tuesday, November 29. We will continue these practices every second and fourth Tuesdays. **Kriss Fenton** used her powers and pull to secure the **Inland Point Venture Inn** facility for us. Thank you lots, Kriss! **Dawn Vonderlin** wrote: "(Practicing together) will benefit our performances in many ways, plus it is good for your health and well-being to play music with friends!" Amen to that, Dawn!

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January Events

- 5 Jim Hoots Acoustic Jam 1 - 3 pm**
Corvallis Community Center
- 6 Eugene Hotel Jam 7 - 8:30 pm**
222 E Broadway, Eugene
- 9 Beginning Fiddle Class 1 - 3 pm**
Bethesda Lutheran, 4445 Royal Ave., Eugene
- 13 Kids' Fiddle Jam 6:30 - 8 pm**
Contact Jenny Jonak for details: jenny@jonak.com
- 14 Central Grange Jam 10:30 am**
87200 Central Road, Across from Fern Ridge
- 20 Ya-Po-Ah Terrace Jam 7 pm**
350 Pearl Street, Eugene
- 21 Intermediate Fiddle Class 1 - 3 pm**
River Road Annex, Eugene
- 20-21 OOTFA Winter Gathering**
Lebanon Senior Center, 94 Tangent Street

I am marveling over our District 6 Calendar lately. Just look at all the musical opportunities we have now, on a regular, monthly basis! And, to boot, the list doesn't even include the Retirement Community gigs, which we have four of in January. The highlight this upcoming month is the **2023 Winter Gathering** in Lebanon. We all hope the roads will not be too treacherous for travel. Details about the event are on page one.

Someone counted more than 35 people at our monthly **Jam and Potluck** at **Central Grange** in December.

Coquille Market was a new venue where we have been invited to play. But, we had one of our big ol' coast storms complete with wind and rain the day we were to play, so this event was postponed!

We remember our Lifetime Member, **Ella Savery**, who died at age 100 years on November 18. She was our second centurion Life Member to pass; the first was **Charley Miller**, who served as Chair of District 5, 20 or 30 years ago.

We are missing "our" **Hal Thompson** and his good wife, **Sharon**. Hal is recovering from a bunch of medical complications, but he is nothing if not TOUGH! I say he is "ours" because although he belongs to District 10, and they have reported on his health status previously, we also claim Hal and Sharon as "ours" in District 5! So, we are going to carry on his legacy until he can play with us again (we so hope), and play his Christmas song his mother taught him years ago. It's the "alphabet" C Is For Christmas tune. At this writing, we have one or two more performances, and we will do Hal's song and dedicate it to him and pretend he is still leading this delightful tune!

Wishing every one of you a warm and friend and family-filled holiday season. We look forward to what the New Year will bring us. Keep the music and friendship flowing!

~ Barbara Scheirman, District 5 Reporter

I have also noticed an uptick in numbers at other functions including some fresh, new faces, which are always welcome.

Those who enjoy the **Intermediate Fiddle Class** may want to take special note of the calendar for January. The class usually meets the first Saturday of the month, but the date has been moved to the 21st, for one time only. Yes, we do have two events occurring on the same weekend as the convention, that is not an error.

I was a victim of one of the nasty bugs going around in November and couldn't attend the **Thanksgiving** festivities at **Central Grange**, but I visited my mom in Redmond for the actual holiday. Between the two of us, with a little help from my old doggy pal, **Bella**, we practically finished off an entire turkey during the week I was there. A big bonus of my visit was visiting **Tommy** and **Vivian Tucker**. Tom sent home a 1936 Dobro for me to play with over the winter. Only a trusting family member would loan out something like that. "Thanks, Tom, this sure is a cure for the winter-time blues!"

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Calling all District 6 OOTFA Members!

Another year has virtually sped by and we hope that it has been a good one for you. Lots of music has passed the portals of our gatherings.

Time to look ahead. There are none among us who can't get just a little bit better at playing our stringed instrument. So, why not take lessons?

Of course, good lessons from good teachers aren't free. But the **District 6 Scholarship Fund** will pay half the cost of lessons taken during the calendar year up to \$150 per person for District 6 members.

This could help with **Fiddle Camp** expenses, or private lessons. The only thing it won't cover is

"Internet Learning," simply because there is no way for the **Scholarship Committee** to verify the quality of the teaching.

So, save your receipts and when you reach \$300 of expenses, submit your receipts or copies of your checks for a \$150 Scholarship refund.

For further information, contact:

Tony Humpheys at (541) 505-9792 gtfarma@peak.org

Birthday Greetings: **Joe Moyle** and **Gerald Clark** (1/1), **Galen Ness** (1/14) **Leah Canaday** (1/26)

Wedding Anniversary: **Galen & Kathy Ness** (1/12)

~ Robin Lindsey, District 6 Reporter

District 7 Portland, Northern Coast Area

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January Events

3 Circle Jam 1 - 4 pm
Sunnyside Grange
13130 SE Sunnyside Road, Happy Valley

Greetings from your new District 7 reporters, Nancy Christie and Larry Vining. Elaine Schmidt has retired from her reporting duties and it will take two of us to fill that role after the wonderful job Elaine has done since 2015. Elaine wrote about us in the February 2022 Hoedowner, so check that newsletter if you haven't met us yet. Elaine has also been our district chair for a few months, and will be concentrating on that role in 2023. Thank you, Elaine!

We will have a brief meeting on January 7th at the beginning of our circle jam at 1:00. We will be electing a Vice Chair at that time.

On November 23, we entertained **Bonaventure Retirement Community** residents in Tigard. A bit of scheduling hocus-pocus turned a 1-hour show into a 3-hour musical marathon for some good-natured musicians who arrived early.

We thank our members who dedicated their day-before-Thanksgiving afternoon to these appreciative Bonaventure residents.

Our December 3 circle jam attracted a nice-sized group of about a dozen musicians, even though some of our officers and others were traveling or on the sick/injured list. We squeezed in 23 tunes including old and new favorites plus some holiday classics. The musical saw of **Gary Evans** made an appearance, as did pecan brownies at our mid-jam break, baked by our scheduler **Joe Martin**.

Eileen Walter visited to tell us about the **2023 Oregon Open Fiddle Contest** and to encourage members to enter the contest and/or volunteer for one of the many jobs needed to make this exciting event flow smoothly. It's March 18, 2023 in Lebanon, Oregon. Details are in this Hoedowner issue.

If your **New Year's** resolution is to give more time to your music, join us on the 1st Saturday of each month for a few hours of wonderful old-time music with fiddles, guitars, mandolins, cellos, bass, and a few ukuleles and saws! You can play, listen, or even dance. (If you search for the location on Google Maps, you'll

find it labeled as a night club!) The bright lemon-yellow **Sunnyside Grange** is the place to be!

~ Nancy Christie & Larry Vining,
District 7
Reporters



District 7 at Bonaventure Retirement Community

District 8 Salem, McMinnville, Tillamook/Newport

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January Events

- 5 Slo-Jam at Marie Bailey's home 1 - 3 pm**
Opportunity to learn or review District 8 jam tunes
- 13 Jam at Marilyn Owen's home 1 - 3 pm**
RSVP 503-560-1258
- 19 Slo-Jam at Marie Bailey's home 1 - 3 pm**
RSVP 503-560-1258
- 28 District 8 Monthly Jam 1 - 3 pm**
Marie Bailey's home

Martha Hughes' classes will be the second Saturday of each month at 10:00 am at the **Willamette Lutheran Retirement Community** on Wheatland Road. RSVP is required – call her at 503-393-2271 or e-mail her at: mh.hughes8@gmail.com

OOTFA yearly dues need to be sent in SOON! If you want your name included on the District 8 roster, and continue to receive updates, your dues need to be sent in before the end of the year.

Happy New Year! ~ Gayle Clarity, District 8 Reporter

Thank you for letting me represent OOTFA fiddlers at the unveiling of the statue of **Louis Southworth** and his fiddle in Waldport on November 19. It was a lovely day at the coast, considerably warmer and sunnier than in the valley, and a crowd of nearly 100 came for the event. I was able to give them an hour of the likeliest tunes that Louis might have known, including the outstanding songs of the Oregon Trail and Westward movement, and a few extra requests. The event was enjoyed by all. ~ Marie



Louis Southworth bought his freedom and traveled the Oregon Trail to Alsea Bay with his fiddle.

District 9 Burns, John Day Area

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Carl Stinnett came with **Ron Phillips**, **Ben Richardson** and **Rhonda Metler** from John Day to our **Christmas Potluck and Jam**. **Lars Hagbom**, who has come to our Friday Jams really livened things up as he played his fiddle and his guitar so excellently. We had nearly 30 folks, with new listeners, and 12 musicians. We haven't had **Paul Hyland** sing for a long time, so that was fun. Christmas carols and the usual, were enjoyed.



George & Joyce Sahlberg

George Sahlberg is resigning after many, many, (about 30) years, as our secretary, treasurer, and membership person. Thank you, George, for your dedication to the **Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers**.

Lynn Mims will take over as the Secretary and Membership duties, and **Janet Braymen** will continue as Treasurer as appointed by **Chair, Joan Suther**.

A shout out to all our housebound friends, **George** and **Joyce Sahlberg** and **Darlene Wingfield**. Our best wishes for a happy, healthy and musical New Year to you all.

The Friday Night Jams continue to be held at the **Hines City Hall** at 6:30. We'd love to see you there. If you are passing through and wish to join us, call a District 9 officer.

Musically Yours ~ Marianne Andrews, District 9 Reporter

District 10 Roseburg, Canyonville, Sutherlin Area

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[Website: Facebook Public Group \(OOTFA District 10\)](#)

January Events

3	The Landing	12 – 1 pm
12	Rosehaven	10 - 11 am
14	Beginning Fiddle Class	9 am
	Call Kelly to confirm: 541 643 7113	
26	Bridgewood Rivers	2 – 3 pm
28	Sutherlin Senior Center Jam	12 - 3 pm

Congratulations to Jim Kuether and Jude Stensland who married on December 18 at **St. Paul Lutheran Church** in Roseburg. The wedding was a family affair, and the happy couple is planning a month-long honeymoon with old-time fiddlers in Yuma, Arizona.



Jude Stensland and Jim Kuether tied the knot December 18th!

After they return to Oregon, Jude will again host weekly jams at **Pineview Mobile Home Estates** from 3-5 pm on Mondays. Everyone is welcome to play or listen. Watch the District 10 Googlegroup email, text messages, and Facebook group for updates. To subscribe, contact Jude and she'll email you the link.

We plan to play at the **New Year's Party** for **Brookdale Memory Care** on Saturday, Dec 31 at 10:30 am, as well as a **Valentine's Party** in February.

In January, let's celebrate birthdays of **Joyce Pickett** (Jan 1), **Julie Yarbrough** (Jan 11), **Bernice Orr** (Jan 14), **Francis Stephenson** (Jan 24) and **Allison Lindley** (Jan 30). Congratulations to all! If we missed your special day, please let us know. Also, please continue to keep **Hal Thompson** in your prayers and thoughts as he recovers from a heart attack and undergoes dialysis three times a week. He is recuperating at **Umpqua Valley Rehab & Care**, 525 W. Umpqua St., Roseburg 97471, and I'm sure he'd love to hear from you.

Dues for 2023 are due. OOTFA needs your support. Please hand or mail them to **Sandy Harter**, 5 Manor Loop, Roseburg, Or. 97471.



Kelly Wadsworth is hosting Beginning Fiddle Classes

B e g i n n i n g Fiddle Class taught by **Kelly Wadsworth** on Dec 10 was a big success (see photo). The next fiddle class will be at her house (4420 North Umpqua Highway, Roseburg) on Saturday, January 14. Loaner violins are available.

Donations appreciated. Contact Kelly Wadsworth for info. Our thanks to Sandy Harter, guitarist, for this beginning group.

Many fiddlers are practicing up for the **State Fiddle Contest** on Saturday, March 18 in Lebanon, a tradition that has preserved and promoted this music for 56 years!

I'm coordinating with **Mapril Combs** and **Luke Verhagen** for a joint District 5 & 10 potluck/jam on Saturday, April 1 (no foolin') in a location between Roseburg and the coast. Venues in Scottsburg, Myrtle Point, Coquille, Camas Valley, Kellogg, Elkton, Drain and Dora are under consideration.

The committee for the **State Convention** (May 10-13 at Douglas County Fairgrounds in Roseburg) will be **Jude Stensland, Chris Cormack, Jim Kuether** and **Margot O'Sullivan**. If you would like to present a workshop, please contact **Chris Cormack**.

Happy New Year! ~ Joe Ross, District 10 Reporter



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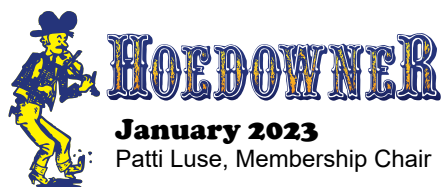
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January 2023

Patti Luse, Membership Chair

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To encourage everyone,
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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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OOTFA Event Calendar 2023

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| Jan 20-21 | OOTFA Winter Gathering
Lebanon Senior Center
94 Tangent Street, Lebanon, OR |
| March 18 | Oregon State Fiddle Contest
Mennonite Church
2100 S Second Street, Lebanon, OR |
| May 11-13 | OOTFA State Convention
Douglas County Fairgrounds
Roseburg, OR |

Look for this
calendar to fill
up as more
OOTFA events
for 2023 are
scheduled



**Happy
New
Year!**

New OOTFA Members January 2022

John Bozzo	Coos Bay (5)
Marilyn & Donald Brown	Cresson, TX (OS)
Ron Hess	Creswell (6)
Mike & Linda James	Dundee (8)
Sheila Hunter	McMinnville (8)
Bethany Landers	Roseburg (10)
Misty Payne	Eugene (6)
Nancy Thorne	Corvallis (6)
John Tricola	Woodland, WA (OS)

In Memoriam

Bill Bonser, died November 15. He is a lifetime member from District 9. **Ann** and **Bill** had been married 60 years and he had been an active member of OOTFA for many years. Cards can be sent to **Ann and family** at 1504 Patterson St., Klamath Falls, OR 97603.

Paul Ratigan a lifetime member from Oregon City passed away in early December 2022. Condolences can be sent to his wife, **Gayl and family**, at 14918 S. Glen Oak Rd, Oregon City, OR 97045

Delores Zenor from Clackamas past away in the fall of 2022. Delores was a Lifetime Member of district 7. Condolences can be sent to her husband, **Bob and family**, at 32120 SE Avalon Ct., Estacada, OR 97023

(Editors Note: Please send any recent obituaries of OOTFA members or past OOTFA members to Patti Luse, 979 Ascot Dr., Eugene, OR 97401.)