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**Saturday, March 18
Lebanon Mennonite Church**

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CONTEST TIME IS ALMOST HERE! by Eileen Walter

The Oregon Open Fiddle Contest is quickly approaching! Re-member to pre-register by March 6 to save \$5.00. If you need a registration form or a schedule, both can be found on the **OOTFA Facebook page under the Featured section**. If you have questions, please contact me at 503-701-1578 text or voicemail. I would be glad to email registration forms or schedules to anyone who needs them.

It's easy to get caught up in the contest, so it will be

**The contest will
be live-streamed
on YouTube
and the OOTFA
Facebook page!**

fantastic to have food available all day at the contest site this year. There will be pastries, muffins, yogurt, fruit, drinks, etc. available starting in the early

morning, and snacks such as chips & cookies all day, casual lunch & dinner items such as sandwiches (chicken salad, pulled pork, turkey, roast beef), and macaroni & cheese. There are plenty of large tables and chairs in an easily accessible area next to the kitchen where everyone can eat and visit. It's possible to see the contest through windows in this area, although not possible to hear it.

We could still use a few more volunteers! Let me know if you can help out – **503-701-1578**. Feel free to contact me for any information about the contest: gdaewalt@comcast.net 503-701-1578.

I'm looking forward to seeing many of you there, and hearing so many great fiddle tunes!



District 1 Chair, Frank Ayres

OOTFA CONVENTION 2023 Spring is (almost) in the Air

Hey everyone! We are really excited to be working on the **Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers' Association Spring State Convention** coming up in May with the meet and greet on the 10th at 4-9 and the convention on May 11, 12, 13. The RV park is accepting reservations and here is the link: [Douglas County Fairground RV Park](#)

We are working on hotel/motel rates, and will send a link to the complete list in the next **Hoedowner**. Please keep an eye on the **Facebook District 10 Group** for further updates! Also, please "friend" **Joe Ross** if you haven't already to make sure to get the latest info. Feel free to call me with any questions. **Chris Cormack** has put together a fabulous set of workshops to meet the needs of as many people as possible. The April edition of the Hoedowner will have a detailed rundown of the workshops

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Hello All,

OOTFA President's Report

Please remember the deadline for nominations for the **Bill Yohey** and the **Norm Nash Awards** is fast approaching. Please submit your nominations by March 1st! Nomination forms are available at ootfa.org.

It's almost time for the **OOTFA State Open Fiddle Contest!** Hope to see you there! Please consider entering the contest, volunteering to help and/or coming to hear some great fiddle music!

Keep making music and having fun! ~ Cindy

Last Chance to Nominate for OOTFA Awards! Due Now! March 1 is the Deadline!

Nominations are being accepted for the Norm Nash Distinguished Service Award and the Bill Yohey Award. The applications are on the OOTFA website under "forms and documents"

Email or Call Cindy Crane by the end of the day if you have a nominee for either Norm Nash or Bill Yohey Awards to submit!

The applications are on the OOTFA website under "[forms and documents](#)"

Bill Yohey was an OOTFA National Treasure but did you know he was also a Recording Artist?

These YouTube links will take you to some of Bill's music:

[The Town and County Side of Bill Yohey](#)

[Bill Yohey Madolin Chimes](#)

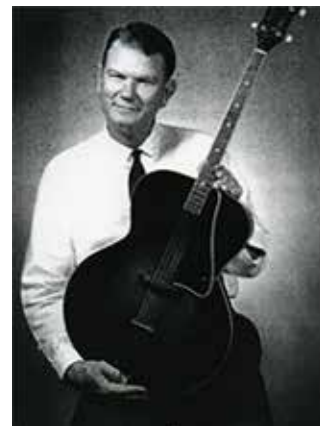
[Bill Yohey Banjo Boogie \(this ones skip a little bit, but you will still love it\)](#)

[Oldtime Fiddling and Other Folk Music, Weiser](#)

Bill and many others from 1968!

[Don Gish - Horsehair And Catguts](#)

Bill plays banjo on this one



Bill Yohey

2023 MEMBERSHIP ROSTER UPDATE WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!

This year, it has been requested that we list the instruments each member plays. Your District Membership Chair is collecting them and you can find their contact information at the top of each specific district report. This first year will be missing some info depending upon your cooperation in letting us know. We don't know everyone! Thanks to Carol Ferrara in District 4 and Marcella Easley of District 7 who have mailed in what they knew by February 15. Please let your District Chair what you play or email: pattiluse@comcast.net by March 15!

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March Events

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

District 1 members are always having fun when we are together, whether it's practicing or playing at the care homes. We had a great time playing our **Valentine's tunes** for all of them. We made Valentine cards for them which they loved.

We have a new member, **John McCormick**. He had a night club with a band in Southern California and did a lot of entertaining. John will be an great addition to our group, being an amazing guitarist and vocalist. We are already enjoying his fun songs. Our other newer member, **Jay Schindler**, a banjo player, is really adding to our district. He played "It's A Blue Blue Day", at our last gig and really nailed it. One of our Junior Fiddlers, **Rebecca Hazen**, has been coming and helping us out at the care homes. We love having her, a very talented fiddler. We want to mention some of our less active members: **Rose Maness** and **Dawn Maupin**. Their health has not been the best and we hope that they get better soon and we will get to see them out and about soon. District 1 sends special get well wishes to **Ken Luse**, as we have heard he has been in the hospital. Hope he can get back into playing again. Our very own **Irene Ruddock** has had a medical issue and had to spend a few days in the hospital. We hope she has a speedy recovery, we need her fiddle playing. We miss your fiddling too, **Jenny**.

New OOTFA Members • March 2023

Barb, Dori, Owen & Annalise Hancock	Happy Valley (7)
Bill, Teresa & Rebbecca Hazen	Klamath Falls (1)
Leanna Heiman	Salem (8)
Deborah Jay	Burns (9)
John & Gigi McCormick	Chiloquin (1)
Leo Raymond	Burns (9)
Kevin Robinson	Portland (7)
Jeannie & Paul Sperling	North Bend (5)
Marilyn & Jean Marie Stephens	Umpqua (10)
Ken Winston	Roseburg (10)



District 1 members, dressed for romance

Can you believe it is already March? Since I'm writing this in February I wonder if it will come in like a lamb or a lion in Klamath Falls. I bet some of those members in the valley and the coast are starting to see signs of Spring, though it will be a while for it to happen here. Well, it's time to start practicing some of those Irish tune for **St. Patrick's Day**. We have a list, do you all have one?

Wishing **Happy Birthday** to all of our March members. Have a special day. Happy Trails and Best Wishes from District 1.

~ Noranne Sparks, District 1 Reporter

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We're still jamming at Rosa Lee's, Thursday nights, 4 to around 7. Our monthly Jam is the second Saturday of each month at the **Chamber of Commerce** here in Lakeview, noon till they go home. It's always a good time!

Don't forget the jamming good time at the **McLain Family Campout at Christmas Valley**, May 3rd to the 7th. Lots of jamming! We are at the **Booster Building** behind the post office. Hope to see all there. The coffee pot will be on. RV site close by; **Call 541-576-2309** or the website is **www.cvlake-side.com**. There are nearby restaurants and dry camping at the hall. We get pretty cozy there. For more information contact **Terry McLain** at **541-219-0896**. He might be able to answer your questions.

~ Terry McLain, District 1E Reporter

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March Events

- 15 Director's Meeting 6 pm**
All Members Welcome. LeRoy Newport's home: 2105 NW 12th St. Redmond
Contact LeRoy at 541-604-6564 or leroynwpt30@bendbroadband.com
- 25 Jammin' at Jeannette's 1 - 5 pm**
1898 NW Davidson Way, Terrebonne
Contact Jeannette at 541-410-5146 or jbond@bandcable.com for more info
- 26 Dance at Terrebonne Grange 1 - 4 pm**
8286 11th Street, Terrebonne, One block off Highway 97, directly behind the Pump House Grill

The days are getting longer, so we'll be breaking out of winter. Daylight Saving Time starts on March 12 and spring begins on March 20. This will make participating in music activities so much easier. Easier to travel. Fingers get warmer and more flexible.

Officers for District 3 are needed for the June 1, 2023 to May 31, 2024 year. Please consider serving in one of our positions. Interest and participation are at their highest level we've seen in several years. Our Nominating Committee will be contacting members.

LeRoy Newport is formulating plans for a Western Swing Music Workshop. This is an interesting music style that often features fiddle leads, is very danceable, and is just plain fun to listen to. It's a combination of old-time, classic country, jazz and other music styles. Interested? See contact info for LeRoy above. Regular jams and junior jams: Dates, times, locations, and contact information will be posted in the District 3 section of the Hoedowner and the District 3 website.

Chance Mott, one of our junior members, has the honor and privilege of studying with the award-winning fiddler, **Aaron Carter**. Her band provides music for the **Yellowstone** TV series.

Margaret Keene, a long-time active member of **Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers Association**, passed away recently. Margaret was a true lover of old-time music,

classic country, and traditional jazz. She played several instruments, primarily mandolin and clarinet. Also, she was a good harmony vocalist. She was well-loved by many of us and we will certainly miss her.

Thought for the month of March: March is the only month that has the same name as a style of music. There are several marches in old-time music. Can be in 2/4, 4/4 or 6/8 time. Examples: "Campbells Farewell to Redcastle" (sometimes played as a reel), "Stars & Stripes Forever", "Scotland The Brave", "Bri-an Boru's March".

~ Karen Bennett, District 3 Reporter

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

Hopes of an early Spring are on hold today as we wait a valley snow storm tonight.

The February District 4 monthly meeting and jam was held at the **Roxy Ann Grange** in Medford. **Carol Ferrara** had the hall decorated with red ribbons and hearts in a lovely **Valentine's Day** theme. The jam was well attended with 22 musicians and a lively audience and several dancers. **Judy McGarvey** and **Matthew Baker** wowed the audience with their renditions of "Jessie Polka" and "Peacock Rag". **Cindy Crane** led the audience in singing "Red River Valley". We were so happy to welcome back **Ron Boldstad**.

The district gave a performance at a new facility in Central Point, **Alderwood**, and they were so well recieved. The residents clapped and cheered, and requested that we come again soon.

The district will close out the month with a performance at **Morrow Heights** facility in Rogue River. The March Jam will be held in Rogue River at the **Rogue River Community Center Annex** on March 4th. There will be NO MEETING! The musicians will gather at 12:00. We are so happy to be back playing for an audience in Rogue River. Hope to see you there!

~ Judy Lyons, District 4 Reporter

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March Events

7	Pacific View Gig, Bandon	1:30 - 2:30 pm
14	Practice at Inland Point	1 - 3 pm
18	Stage Show & Circle Jam Winchester Bay	11 am - 3 pm
21	Island Point Gig	2 - 3 pm
28	Practice at Inland Point	1 - 3 pm

As we leap like Leprechauns into March, we have some things to look forward to this month. For starters, we will again hit the stage on the third Saturday at **Winchester Bay Community Center**. We returned to the stage format in January. It was great fun and we had a terrific and appreciative community turnout for our debut. There's nothing like experiencing the spirited **Fiddle Jamboree**, which kicks off the beginning of the show! COVID has kept us limited to Circle Jams since 2020; but we often had the support of music enthusiasts and fans who knew we were playing. They came and stationed themselves around the room, listening appreciatively. We are grateful to be able to share our music with the public once more!

We will continue with our performance gigs in our regularly scheduled assisted living facilities. These folks really count on us to bring them the old-time music and we don't disappoint them. It's affirming and also sweet to see some of the folks in our audience singing along, or perhaps even wiping an unbidden tear from a cheek. The songs we play bring memories. The audience will also get to feast their eyes upon our "wearing of the green," since many of our players like to dress festively to correspond to the holiday. Wait until they get a gander at **Mapril's St. Paddy's Day green, sequined tennis shoes!**



Al Pierce gets his Irish on

I asked our learned music historian and general scholar, **Al Pierce**, if Irish music, particularly fiddle music, could be considered Old-Time? He responded with a short answer: **"It Better Be!"** Al's longer answer is too long to include in its entirety in our column here, but suffice it to say, it is really interesting and in true Albert Pierce form, thorough and well-researched. He said, in part: *to even talk about "Old-Time Fiddle Music" without including the hundreds of tunes which the immigrants from the British Isles brought with them to the New World would be the equivalent of talking about airplanes without mentioning the Wright brothers. I have no idea how many Irish tunes are still being played by "old-time" musicians today, but take it for granted that it is huge. Are these tunes the exact same tunes that they played in Ireland in the 1700's? Sometimes, maybe. Sometimes not. Music evolves. One example: The tune "Whiskey Before Breakfast" is one of our more popular tunes. Its origin is disputed. Some say Ireland. Some say Canada. On the other hand, the lyrics were written by an American. And we have no idea what the "original" tune sounded like, anyway. So, can we really call it "Old-Time?" "Red-Haired Boy" is another example. It's most likely Irish, though some claim it might be Scottish. It is also known as "The Duck Chews Tobacco," "Little Red Fox," "Old Soldier With a Wooden Leg," and "The First of May," along with other names.*

The tune dates back to the 1600's. On the other hand, when called "Little Beggar Man," the lyrics date from about 1920. So, which version is Old-Time? How was it played 350 years ago? On a personal note, many of the fiddle tunes I play on mandolin do not conform "exactly" to the written versions. Then again, oft times, there are variations between the written versions, as well, so what the heck am I playing anyway? So, in short, take all the aforementioned "ingredients," put them in a pot, cook them for a couple of hundred years, while adding "spices" from all around the world, and is it any wonder why we sometimes disagree on the definition of "Old-Time Fiddle Music?" One thing for sure, though, Old-Time Music is, most definitely, part Irish.

Well, begorrah, Al! And thank you very much. I wish I could have included your entire offering on Irish Old-Time Music. You are a wealth of interesting information! Incidentally, the jocular Irish saying, "Begorrah," was first known to be used in 1715, according to Merriam-Webster.

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Tune of the Month

Thanks to David Altman
of District 7 for this
month's tune

Here's the transcription of a tune I learned from the blind fiddler and mandolin player, Kenny Hall, who stayed with me from time to time when he came to Oregon. No one knows who wrote it, but Kenny heard it (Little Girl Dressed in Blue) on KLX radio in Oakland in 1933; the radio show was called the Woolly West Review. Kenny taught me the tune on the mandolin, so my transcription would be the only one other than a fiddle transcription from an out-of-print book called Kenny Hall's Music Book published in 1971.

Little Girl Dressed in Blue

The musical score is written in 4/4 time and features a melody with various chords indicated above the staff. The chords are: C, F, (Dm), G, C, F, (Dm), G, C, C, A, D, G, C, A, D, G, and C. The melody is written in treble clef and includes a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written below the staff, with some lines in parentheses indicating a chorus. The score includes a repeat sign at measure 17 and a final double bar line at the end.

C F

I fell in love with a pret - ty lit - tle girl. Her name I do not
(chorus) Well, she al - most drives me cra - zy, and I don't know what I'll

5 (Dm) G

know. I meet her in the eve - ning where - e - ver I may
do if I don't find the pretty little girl that I saw dressed in

9 C F

go. She wears a white lace hank - ker - chief that's marked with "B" and
blue. She al - most drives me cra - zy and I don't know what I'll

13 (Dm) G

"U." I know her when I see her, she's the little girl dressed in
do if I don't find the pretty little girl that I saw dressed in

17 C C A D

blue. (yodel)

21 G

25 C A D

29 G C

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And now, I get to quote District 10's own, **Joe Ross**, who, together with our **Luke VerHagen**, have planned an **April Fool's Day Potluck and Jam** in Scottsburg. Joe says: "A joint District 5 & 10 potluck/jam on Saturday, April 1 will take place at the **Scottsburg Community Center** (35066 Umpqua Hwy 138). Potluck at 11 am, with a Circle Jam to follow from 12 - 3 pm. OOTFA folks from other districts might want to join us too. If your last name begins with A - H, please bring a salad. If you are I - Q, bring a casserole or main dish. R - Z, bring a dessert. Carpooling is recommended as there is limited parking at Scottsburg Community-Center (old school house)".

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March Events

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| 2 | Jim Hoots Acoustic Jam | 1 - 3 pm |
| | Corvallis Community Center | |
| 3 | Eugene Hotel Jam | 7 - 8:30 pm |
| | 222 E Broadway, Eugene | |
| 4 | Intermediate Fiddle Class | 1 - 3 pm |
| | River Road Annex, Eugene | |
| 10 | Kids' Fiddle Jam | 6:30 - 8 pm |
| | Contact Jenny Jonak for details: jenny@jonak.com | |
| 11 | Central Grange Jam | 10:30 am |
| | 87200 Central Road, Across from Fern Ridge | |
| 13 | Beginning Fiddle Class | 1 - 3 pm |
| | Bethesda Lutheran, 4445 Royal Ave., Eugene | |

District 6 folk love the Central Grange Jam! We always have an excellent turnout. We share music and food and then more music. At our last get-together we also included a district meeting to address some issues that have been brewing.

Despite the musical enthusiasm of our jams, we are experiencing a problem with finding enough people to play at our gigs. I should qualify that by saying "fiddlers and bassists to play at our gigs", as there are always enough of us guitarist-types to go around. These are paid gigs that contribute to our coffers. They are a great deal of fun and the audiences are always appreciative.

You will find the Center easily, since it is one of the few buildings on the highway going through town. Thank you Joe and Luke, for organizing this really fun day. In Joe's words, "I think it'll be a real wing-ding of a party!" No foolin', pack your instruments and your potluck offering and let's all gather in Scottsburg on April Fool's Day!

Finally, no matter whether you don your wearin' of the green or just play Irish tunes in March, may your day, heck, your whole month, be blessed by some Irish good luck! Now pick a four leaf clover and keep the music and friendship flowing.

~ Barbara Scheirman, District 5 Reporter



Lisa Ponder, Chuck Roehrich, Linda Parks, Amy Burrow and Jerry Parks at the Frontier Heritage Fair

It is my opinion that the **Intermediate Fiddle Class**, which is always well attended, has plenty of musicians who are quite competent with their fiddles. Usually there is an experienced fiddler on hand at the gigs to lead the way, so don't be shy! Let **Amy** or me know you want to play some gigs!

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Wayne and Annie Carter, along with Linda Danielson, were part of a nice crowd at the Central Grange Jam and District Meeting in February



David Morris and Jim Hoots at the Corvallis Community Center

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Eileen Walter still needs volunteers to help out at the **Oregon Open Fiddle Contest**. Please consider driving up to Lebanon and see some of Oregon's finest fiddling, while supporting our family members who are brave enough to get on stage and compete! All the details are on the front page of this **Hoedowner**.

Speaking of District 6 events that are somewhere besides Eugene, **Jim Hoots** is hosting an Acoustic Jam on the first Thursday of each month at the **Corvallis Community Center** from 1-3 pm.

Birthday Greetings: **Linda Danielson** (3/7), **Patti Luse** (3/11)

Wedding Anniversary: **Wayne and Annie Carter** (3/30)

~ Robin Lindsey, District 6 Reporter

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March Events

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| 4 | Circle Jam
Sunnyside Grange
13130 SE Sunnyside Road, Happy Valley | 1 - 4 pm |
| 18 | Oregon State Fiddle Contest
Mennonite Church, 2100 S. 2nd St., Lebanon | All Day |

On the Saturday before Valentine's Day, 17 members of District 7 played for the **Eagle Creek Grange #297** at their annual **Sweetheart Dinner**. The musicians received a delicious dinner, then played for an hour to an appreciative crowd, with dancers emerging among the audience and our musicians. Some of our members were photographed at the colorfully decorated Sweetheart background (mostly pink), to the delight of onlookers.

Our popular 1st Saturday monthly jams continue to draw an average of 35-40 attendees, including spectators. **Barb Petrin** has been providing delicious goodies for several years but it's time to give her a break, so we need volunteers to provide snacks at the monthly jams. Another change is that **Joe Martin** is stepping down from his scheduling role, where he has done an excellent job. **Marcella Easley** will temporarily serve as our scheduler until a replacement volunteer is found. Contact Marcella if you can help



District 7 Sweethearts at the Eagle Creek Grange

with the snacking or scheduling. And don't forget to contact **Eileen Walter**, gdaewalt@comcast.net, or 503-701-1578 if you can volunteer, even for an hour or two, at the **Oregon State Fiddle Contest**.

We're profiling our member **Rick Winter** this month. Rick was born and raised in Pendleton, and moved west to work at **Tektronix** in 1992. He kept busy musically his whole life with piano, fiddle, guitar, banjo, bass, mandolin, dobro, and he sings too. In between all that music, he managed to get an education, serve in the Navy, get a pilot's license, and have a career in electronics. His mother played the fiddle, and his first babysitter was also a piano teacher. One of his brothers became an opera singer and another brother is a cellist. Highlights, not necessarily in order: Walking 19 blocks to get to his fiddle lessons as a child; making guitar strings from his father's fishing line for a \$2 junkyard guitar; working at his family-owned car dealership in Pendleton; 4 years in the Navy including duty in Sicily, Memphis, and Newport, Rhode Island, where he got out of the Navy in 1970, maneuvered his upright bass into his VW Beetle, and drove home to Oregon; playing banjo in a band called "**The Uncalled Four**"; electronics training in the Navy and

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electronics classes at **Blue Mountain Community College**; seeing the automobile market fall apart in the late 1980s and getting an electronics job at Tektronix and later at Intel; playing bass in the well-known Oregon band “**Sam Hill**” for 4 years, including touring in Alaska, Canada, and performing at one of the early **Wintergrass** festivals. In 2004, his Intel co-worker **Bruce Peterson** invited him to attend the **Rambling Bluegrass Jam**, so-named because its location kept changing until it found a long-lasting home at **Papa’s Pizza** in Beaverton. Rick became a regular at that jam, and a few others, until COVID-19 shut it down. These days you can find Rick playing fiddle with OOTFA, and at the recently revived **McMenamin’s Rock Creek Tavern** jam playing banjo and mandolin. Rick is always available to tell you what he knows about music, and he knows a lot! He enjoys attending the fiddle camps sponsored by OOTFA and WOTFA and the recently organized 1st and 3rd Wednesday bluegrass concerts at **Cooper Mountain Ale Works** in the old downtown Tigard area.

~ Nancy Christie & Larry Vining, District 7 Reporters



Rick Winter and his wife, Sandy, make their home in Tigard, and enjoy annual travel to Hawaii

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March Events

- 2 Slo-Jam at Marie Bailey’s home 1 - 3 pm**
Opportunity to learn or review District 8 jam tunes
- 10 Jam at Marilyn Owen's home 1 - 3 pm**
RSVP 503-560-1258
- 16 Slo-Jam at Marie Bailey’s home 1 - 3 pm**
RSVP 503-560-1258
- 17 Gig in Dallas 1 - 2 pm**
- 25 District 8 Monthly Jam & Meeting 1 - 4 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 email her at: mh.hughes8@gmail.com. Martha is revising the format for her class.

March 17 from 1-2 pm is our first gig of the year (WooHoo) in Dallas, Oregon, at **Jefferson Lodge** memory care unit. Address: 664 SE Jefferson St. Bring your instrument and any old-time tunes these folks might remember. Please let Marie know if you plan to join in. Email is best. bambailey36@yahoo.com.

Parents: Please contact our Hoedowner editor, Robin, if your musician child is willing to be interviewed for the Junior Hoedowner page. He'd love to feature more youth members. Only three OOTFA districts out of 10 have been contributing but we know there are more young folks out there playing music!

Any procrastinators who haven't paid your dues yet can do so by contacting **Marie Bailey**, District 8 Membership Chair. This is the only way to make it easy for you to keep up on what's going on in your district as our reporter will only update current members.

If you haven't responded to our request as to “what is the main instrument that you play”, please respond to Marie Bailey at bambailey36@yahoo.com so we can call you if we need your particular instrument at an event.

From your District Officers: We need everyone to come out and play with us. All levels, so don't be shy. We especially need our better players also taking part to keep the audience engaged and our beginner level players motivated. We all love our beginners, but they can't be expected to carry the whole load and we also want to be asked to come back because the audience has been wowed with a wide level of talent. That's what brings in the funds to support the organization's activities. If you've only been interested in playing in the contests this is a reminder that if you are not supporting your district gigs there will be no funds to support contests.

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District 8 continued

FYI: out of 36 households in our district only 5-7 people have been active in holding office or supporting our jams and gigs. Are you one of the missing? I'd love to know why?

Note: The March 25 District 8 Jam will also be a district meeting. We need everyone involved in the decision making and sharing their ideas if we're to know what interests you enough to participate. Please mark the date and time. This is also a good chance to meet our newer members and all share music we love. We'll break at 3 pm for the meeting. Feel free to bring finger snacks.

Spring is just around the corner and opportunities to play will start coming in so let's get ready for lots more fun!

Marie says to add: one more piece of news: **Gayle Clarity** won 2nd place in the Sr. Sr. division at the Ajo Fiddle Contest.

~ Gayle Clarity, District 8 Reporter

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Our Sunday Potluck and Jam was fun. We had the John Day crew of **Ron Phillips, Ben Richardson, Carl Stinnett,** and **Rhonda Metler**, playing their great numbers. **Kiera Murphy** added her fiddle for her first time, as well as the regulars. 13 musicians graced us with their music and that is a new record since the pandemic. The food was great and the company even better. One of our newest members, **Leo Raymond** celebrated his 90th birthday and retirement! **Darlene Wingfield's** daughter, **Susie**, was a special guest from Bakersfield, California. Thanks to **Deborah Jay** and **Diane Slater** for cleaning up after the potluck, as well as the rest who pitched in.

We played at the **Crossroads Ranch of Harney County Fund-raiser** on February 25th.

Even though the snow is still lingering, we are thinking ahead to our **High Desert Music Jamboree** on June 15, 16, and 17. Hope you all can come.



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Life-time member Anna Slone passed away in February. Anna attended many potlucks over the years and enjoyed listening to the music.

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. We always have a good time.

Musically Yours ~ Marianne Andrews, District 9 Reporter

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March Events

7	The Landing	12 – 1 pm
9	Rosehaven	10 - 11 am
14	Brookdale's Valentine' Party	10:30 - 11:30
11	Beginning Fiddle Class	9 - 11 am
	With Kelly Wadsworth & Sandy Harter	
17	Linus Oaks	3:30 - 5:30 pm
22	Bridgewood Rivers	2 - 3 pm
23	Riverview Terrace	3:30 - 4:30 pm
25	Sutherlin Senior Center Jam	12 - 3 pm
April 1	Joint District 5 & 10 Potluck/Jam	
	Scottsburg Community Center	11 am – 3 pm

In March, we celebrate birthdays of **Jean Hanson** (March 1), **Frank Moore** (March 10) and **Gene Hodson** (March 24). Did we forget anyone? Let us know! **Happy Birthday to All!**

Beginning Fiddle Class

is Saturday, March 11 at 9 am. To participate, call **Kelly** at 541-543-7113. Fiddles are available on loan. Come at 9 am if you're just starting out. Come about 10 am if you're ready to learn a new tune.

Rosin up your bow for the March 18 **State Fiddle Contest** in Lebanon! Registration form and schedule are on OOTFA's website (www.ootfa.org) and Facebook page.

Mark your calendars with our four regularly scheduled gigs every month. **The Landing** is the First Tuesday from 12 – 1. **Rose Haven** is Second Thursday from 10 – 11. New, starting in March, **Bridgewood Rivers** is Fourth Wednesday from 2 – 3. And our monthly jam at **Sutherlin Senior Center** is Fourth Saturday from 12 – 3.



Sandy Harter has joined Kelly Wadsworth for the Beginning Fiddle Classes

A joint **District 5 & 10 Potluck/Jam** on Sat, April 1 will take place at **Scottsburg Community Center** (35066 Umpqua Hwy 138). Potluck at 11 am, with a Circle Jam to follow from 12 – 3 pm. OOTFA folks from other districts are welcome to join us too. If your last name begins with “A – H,” please bring a salad. If you are “I – Q,” bring a casserole or main dish. “R – Z” bring a dessert. Carpooling recommended as there is limited parking at Scottsburg Community Center (old school house).

The **State Convention** in Roseburg will be May 10 - 13. Please let **Jude** know if you can help with set up, decorations, posters, publicity, emcee duties, stage managing, workshops, refreshments, raffle or clean up. **Christine Cormack** coordinates workshops. Besides Jude and Chris, the Committee includes **Jim Kuether** and **Margot O'Sullivan**.

District 10 weekly jams continue at varying sites. Contact **Jude Kuether** at 541-430-2080 for times and places. District 10's Googlegroup will keep you updated about jams and gigs as they come up. To subscribe, contact Jude and she'll email you the link.

Ruth Weyer (District 5) has agreed to take over the **National Treasure Program** from **Sharon Thompson**. To qualify, an OOTFA member for at least five years and who is 80+ years old should apply to Ruth. She has the form to fill out, or you can find it on OOTFA's webpage under “Forms & Documents.” It was very successful until COVID hit. If you see a little yellow “**National Treasure**” tag below a person's name tag, they are truly special. Do you qualify? Let Ruth Weyer know!

Before **St. Patrick's Day**, refresh your Irish jigs, reels, hornpipes, polkas, slides, marches, flings, airs, O'Carolan tunes, pub songs and sing-alongs. Besides The Session (online), good reference books (with CDs) are **Patrick Steinbach's “Irish Reel Book,”** and Waltons' three volumes of “**Ireland's Best Session Tunes**” collected by **John Canning**.

My friend Paddy was recently in court! After an eight hour trial, he pleaded guilty. The judge said, “Why didn't you plead guilty at first and save the court all this time?” Paddy replied, “I thought I was innocent until I heard all the evidence!”

May the Luck of the Irish be with you!

~ Joe Ross, District 10 Reporter

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OOTFA Event Calendar 2023

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| March 5 | OOTFA Board Meeting
via ZOOM at 3 :00 pm |
| March 18 | Oregon State Fiddle Contest
Mennonite Church
2100 S Second Street, Lebanon |
| April 14-15 | Brookings Jamboree
Chetco Grange, Brookings |
| May 3-7 | Christmas Valley Campout |
| May 10-13 | OOTFA State Convention
Douglas County Fairgrounds
Roseburg |
| June 15-17 | High Desert Jamboree
Burns |
| July 17-20 | West Cascades Fiddle Camp
Pleasant Hill |
| Aug. 17-20 | Winchester Bay |
| Sept. 14-16 | Central Oregon Acoustic
Music Gathering
Prineville (Includes Fall Board
& Membership Meeting) |

In Memoriam

Ralph Allen, a lifetime member from Lake Oswego passed away in early January 2023 while wintering in Arizona with his wife, **Katherine Allen**. Condolences can be sent to Katherine at 16240 Lake Forest Blvd, Lake Oswego, Or 97035.

Ken Jordan, Lifetime Member living in Florence, passed away on January 26, 2023. He leaves behind his wife, **Sally Jordan**, who was OOTFA President in 2000-2002. Condolences can be sent to Sally and the family at 138 43rd Way, Florence, OR 97439

Margaret Keene, Lifetime Member since the early 2000s, passed away on February 1, 2023. Margaret played mandolin and attended a lot of the Silver Lake and Burns events. No funeral is planned and she'll be buried near Goldendale, WA. Condolences can be sent to her longtime partner, **Breffni Whelan** at 645 Loafers Lane, Madras, OR 97741

Anna Slone, a lifetime member from Burns (9) passed away in February at the home of her daughter in Idaho. We send our condolences to District 9.

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