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every month.

Everything is on an upswing with OOTFA and speaking of upswing, it reminds me that something else needs to be said about our Old Time Fiddle music in addition to what was included in my Hoedowner piece last month about diversity in our membership. I mentioned about 45 different trades, professions, or backgrounds one can find when looking at all our members, but 45 only scratches the surface. Many more than that could be found. (One of our members brought to my attention that she was a statistician). Not only are we diverse among our members with respect to backgrounds and trades or professions, but we are diverse as to our musical talents, styles and many different kinds of music we play. We have as many different fiddle playing styles in our organization as we have fiddlers, because fiddling is an in-

dividual endeavor, and a fiddler can adopt any style and can choose any special way he/she wants to play his/her fiddle, and that is perfectly acceptable. If anyone wants to hear a certain playing style or a special kind of music, come to OOTFA, because when you do, sooner or later you will hear someone play it. We have it all!

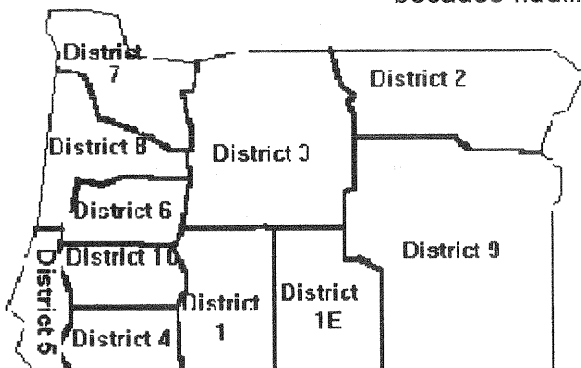
Each month since July it seems, something has been written about my theme statement, ("Let the words of my mouth---", you remember!), and last month, I wrote about a theme song, to reflect my own personal best wishes and hopes for all Oregon Old Time Fiddlers. A Country song more than a Gospel song, I chose it as a theme song, knowing how much many of our members like and enjoy Gospel music, even though we all know we are NOT a singing organization, but primarily a fiddling organization. At some of our quarterly

meeting, time has been set aside for a signup Gospel show. Comments received from several members about my two theme choices reveal that some clarification needs to be made on these two points.

Last June at our regular quarterly business meeting at the Burns Country Music Jamboree, I made some general remarks about my aspirations for our OOTFA coming year and announced my choice of a theme statement at that time. In choosing both themes for my term as President, I want to make it very clear to all our members that they are theme choices for my term as President, and are not OOTFA themes, and when my term as president is over, these theme ideas will pass with me.

If our members ever have the slightest idea or desire to have an official OOTFA

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A Nonprofit Organization Article II: "Purpose – To perpetuate and promote Old-time fiddling and Old-time music. To encourage everyone, especially young people, to play the fiddle and appreciate Old-time Fiddling and Old-time Music. To provide regular times and places to meet to play this kind of music".

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Happy Holidays to all from District 1. First we welcome home our members who won at Red Bluff, CA. contest. Congratulations to Faye Patterson and Lew Standiford.

Our Nov. Jam brought several very welcome visitors, President Fred Hardin and wife Charlotte made the long drive Sunday morning from Dallas, (OR, that is) to Klamath Falls to visit and share his musical talents, also Art and Violet Lane stopped by on their way home to Hillsboro from Death Valley, CA. He also played and sang for us. And some of our good neighbors from

1-E surprised us. The McLains - Homer, Rosa Lee, Larry, his daughter - Rhayanna, Terry and Sharilyn came to share their good music and songs. We hope you'll all come again. Too bad our monthly meeting beforehand took up so much time, as it would have been nice to enjoy just an afternoon of Happy Music and Song.

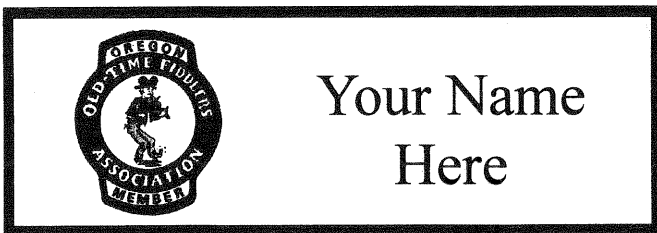
Happy birthday wishes go to Sarah Furrey the 8th and Irene Ruddock the 10th. And "Happy 50th" to Irene and Jerry Ruddock the 18th. Thank you again ladies for the drawing donations. Jean says we can always use a few more.

Next jam is Dec. 12 at Winema Inn, 1111 Main St. in Klamath Falls. Doors open at noon, meeting at 12:30 and jam from 1 - 4 p.m. Nursing homes - Klamath Rehab 711 Washburn

Way in K.F.-1st Tuesday of each month - play 3 - 4 p.m. Clairmont nursing home and retirement homes 4th Thursday of each month. Nursing home at 1 p. m., retirement home (1 block above nursing home) at 2:15 - play 1 hour at each place on the same day.

Christmas dinner and music playing tentatively set for Dec. 19 at 2 p.m. at Villa West Mobile Estates recreation Hall, 2241 Greensprings Dr, Klamath Falls. Please check with Jo Harris at (541) 884-9852, as she is in charge of details. Hope old Santa is good to each of you.

Cherie Lane - Reporter District 1



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Greeting from District 1E.

Another month has come and gone where? Should be getting ready for winter but the flu bug and other things have put many of the members down but not out. Hope and pray all will be better and back with the group soon.

Since the last writing we have some new members: Carla Troy and Jon Lindstrom of Christmas Valley, Tyna Manning, Roger, Karon and Jessie St. Clair of Lakeview; Harvey and Margaret Williams, James and Rotha Lisher of Christmas Valley. Welcome to you all.

The Nov. 6 jam and pot-luck were enjoyed by Lakeview, Christmas Valley groups and Sandy and June Sandusky of Klamath Falls, Lloyd and Carol Jensen from Bly. Between 15 and 20 took part in the entertainment for the evening. Everyone had a good time. Even the audi-

ence sang along. We are again playing and singing every other Tuesday morning from 9:30 to 10:30 at the Long Term Care Facility at the Lakeview Hospital. Many of the patients sing along.

Thanks to Linda Johnson for getting new members in the North Lake country. You're doing a good job. Keep it up.

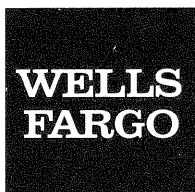
Larry McLain won the gift certificate for dinner for 2 at the Indian Village. This is our encouragement to get the members to the jam also to get others to come.

Nov. 8th was the monthly meeting at the Indian Village. Twelve members attended the meeting. Several had dinner there before the meeting. Nov. 13 1E district helped entertain at the Christmas Valley Library Fund raiser and Bar-B-Q. The theme was "a night of music" with the old time fiddlers and local talent. Guest from Burns was Julia Milleson, Vance Bonner from Bend, Jan and Jim Lancaster from Diamond Lake Junction, Dee Stevens, Jim Johnson, Harvey Williams, Woody Webb from Christmas Valley and Silver Lake played and sang. Local

Christmas Valley talent was Dixie Elmore, Virginia Huffer, Karen Bowser, Carlynn Remy, Stephanie Reeves. Ten members from Lakeview attended. The audience sang along also. A small child lead us in "You are my Sunshine" and the "Eensy Bitsy Spider," with the help of the audience. Very cute. The Homer, Larry and Terry McLain families spent the night at Christmas Valley --then motored to Klamath Falls on Sunday the 14th and jammed with District 1 at the Winema Hotel. Enjoyed the state president there. All had a good time.

Seven members entertained at the Long Term Care Facility on Nov. 16. It brings back memories to the older people there. They sang along also. This is all I have heard, seen or was told about for now, so will sign off for now. Keep up the good work to all. Have a good holiday and a safe one. Please note: District 1E Membership: Beverly Perry 1075 H St. # 2 Box 12 Lakeview, OR 97360 She is ready to receive you dues either in person or by mail.

Myrle Shepard, District 1E reporter



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Merry Christmas to all. After the Dec. 12th jam will be the Christmas party at JJ North's. The buffet dinner is \$7.99, seniors \$7.39 and children ages 2-12 is 60 cents per year of age. We will have the privacy of the banquet room all evening and you are encouraged to bring your instruments inside if you would like to jam after dinner. Since our district has grown so fast and with the large size of our jams, many of our members do not know each other. We look forward to all non-musician and musician members and their families attending our Christmas party and everybody having a good time and getting ac-

quainted.

We sure had a lot of terrific music at our last jam. It was good to have Rudi Booher with us. Always enjoy his fiddle playing. Speaking of fiddle, we had three new fiddle players join us and what a treat that was. Scotty Foxx entertained us with his version of the much loved Orange Blossom Special and then 12-year-old Joseph and 9-year-old Margo Caramella delighted us with their fiddle playing which everyone also thoroughly enjoyed. Thanks to Bob and Ellen Strelow from Dist. 6, for attending our jam. We all enjoyed Bob's fiddle playing too. Tom O'Neal was in the hospital and it was good to see him out and about again. Thanks to Chet Fullerton, Carol Marstall, Gary Epperly, Vance Bonner and Ed Nelson for your performances at Aspen Ridge.

You were greatly appreciated and well received. The following six months are the tentative scheduled jam dates. Please these in your calendar. Jan. 9; Feb. 13; Mar. 5; Apr. 9; May 14; all in the High Desert Activity Center. June 11; in the North Sisters Bldg. Welcome new members Ron, Caryn, Joseph and Margo Caramella and Scotty, Sohia and Peter Foxx. Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to all December celebrations. Reminder: Dues for 2000 is just around the corner. See Betty Fullerton, membership chairman.

Marie M. Nelson, Reporter
P.S. When you throw out the Christmas tree, be careful not to throw out the Christmas spirit with it.

Tid-bits of history:

First Convention: Two days featuring a Friday night program and on Saturday and election of officers. Saturday evening - banquet and Big Dance \$2.00 charge for banquet, dance free to members. Rusty Modrell program director.



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Wow, what a great jam at Rogue River with lots of visitors! Not only our state president, Fred Hardin and his lovely wife Charlotte, but their friend George Taevs, also from Salem, Irene and Jerry Ruddock from Klamath Falls, and Bob and Jean Hanson, Dennis and Thelma Allen, Guy Kinman, and Dan Vallier from Roseburg; also a former member, Myra Edmisson who is now back in the area. What a lot of beautiful music with such talented folks playing with our "regulars". The audience cheered, danced, and some just listened, and were having a wonderful time.

Tid-bits of history:

Vernonia Campout: (1986 maybe)

Lew and Alice Holt, Bob and Duleie Fast, Ann and Chuck Williams, Dave and Jeanette Robinson, Harold and Audrey Cope, Jim and Bert Randolph, Charley and Marion Todd, Walt and Maxine Benson, Shorty and Virgie Allen, Walter and Bessie Hardy, Calvin Boyles, Walt Westberry, Wayne Holmes, Esther Snider, Rusty and Vi Modrell, Larry and Harriet Modrell, Art and Helen Marsland, Joanne Minato, Jack Smith, Dorothy Bloomquist, K. D. McCraehen, R. O. Charbonneau, Sharon and Griffy Owen, Del Anderson, Gary Evans, Denny Mead, Isom and Fay Patterson, Bob Huffman, Lee and Ruth Jones, Stan and Janice Kilbourn, Don and Daisy Simons, Vincent Lynch, James Ramsey, Cactus and Cohleen Finley, Paul and Flora Rhoads, Jim and Gladys Braskett, Pauline Buckbee, Russ and Butchie Phillips, Robert and Mary Terry, Forrest and Josie Jacklin, Ed Martilla, Chuck Fortier, Bennie and DeLane Elder, Leonard and Faith Maahs, Bob and Irene Ledbetter, Carlton and Mary Smith, Hollis and Carol Real, Helen and John Hakanson, Dick and Leah, Bill and Winona Spatz. These were the campers. Others may have driven out for the day.

Fred filled us in on some of the things that are developing and happening on the state level. We continue to grow and change. Sounds good, Fred!

We were all saddened to hear of the death of "Pick" Lydic on Saturday, Nov. 13. His many talents, playing fiddle, mandolin and guitar, and his great sense of humor, will certainly be missed. Also, Glen Williams was in the hospital. Hope all goes well, Glen, and get well soon.

We continue to have lots of requests to play, and are filling most of them, thanks to the wonderful players who have been willing to come out and share their music. Old time music is very special, and so are the folks who play it. Isn't it fun!

Please note, our December meeting and Jam will be January 18 at Roxy Ann Grange

in Medford. The date was changed due to scheduling conflicts with the grange. This will be our Christmas celebration with the wonderful ladies cooking turkey and ham, leaving the "trimmings" up to the rest of us. Since we'll all be stuffed fuller than all the turkey we ate, all that energy can be directed to making music!

Remember: Life is too important to be taken seriously!

Respectfully submitted,
District 4 reporter,
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District 5 had a very nice Halloween party and our hall was very nicely decorated with Jack-o-lanterns, ghosts, etc. Prizes were won by Val Matthews for having the funniest costume. She came as a Hill Billy Gal, complete with a corn cob pipe and Larry Gallagher had the scariest costume --- the Grim Repeater. One of the Sneed sisters came as a sheriff and walked off with the prize for the best costume. Congratulations Winners! We also wish to thank the Sneed sisters for their wonderful musical talents. You gals are welcome back anytime.

Our holiday dinner turned out very nice and the attendance at both affairs was wonderful. In case any of you didn't know it, Clara Thomas made all of the

decorations for the Halloween Party and the Holiday dinner and worked very hard getting it all together. Ken Border, a member of the grange, helped her put everything up. Thank you Clara and Ken. A special thanks goes to Sheila Anderson for preparing the turkey, ham and gravy; Abbie Shaffar for making the dressing and Florence and Fred Grove for peeling and mashing all of them tar spuds. We really appreciated all of you gals who furnished the potluck dishes and desserts, too. We are proud of all of the good cooks in our district and if anyone didn't get enough to eat, it was their own fault! (haha)

We wish to welcome Katherine and Norm Nash who have moved to our district from District 7. Norm is a might fine fiddler and we are very happy to have both of you join our group. The Port Orford paper had a nice article about Diane Cassel and her class of 11 fiddle students recently. She is also

teaching a guitar class. Diane teaches a class of Scottish dancers. She took ten 5th, 6th, and 7th grade girls to Dayton and McMinnville to put on assemblies for schools. Aren't we proud of her!!!

On Dec. 18 we will be having a jam and dance at the Gre-enacres Grange from 1 - 4 p.m. -- a meeting will precede the dance at noon. Light refreshments will be sold by the Grange. Happy Birthday to Keith Shaffar on Dec. 10th, Ray Daniels the 15th, Bill Tennant the 23rd and Lisa Osekowsky the day after Christmas. Happy Anniversary to Jerene and Bob Shaffar Dec. 17 and Clara and Del Thomas Dec. 22nd. Have a very blessed Christmas and Happy New Year.

Reporter -

Mary Lou Sayler (541) 396-3238



Fid-bits of history: An old note - maybe in the early 70s says the fiddlers played these tunes that day: Cliff Buker - Pretty Quadroon, Clarence Greenland - Westphalia and Life on the Ocean Waves, Mel Turner - Sweet Bunch of Daisies, Bob Crump - Roxanne Waltz, Jim Morris - Georgia Moon, marshal Jackson - Bees in the Hive and Black Velvet, Fred Hildebrandt - The Old Cherry Orchard.

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The Thanksgiving jam and feast at the Willamette Senior Center Nov. 13 was a big success. 145 people attended, with quite a few out-of-district guests, hope we got them all: Guy Kinman, Paul Lakey, Jo Barnes, Loren Osborne, Chuck Hasty, Dennis and Thelma Allen, Chuck Williams, Bob Hanson, Winston Grant, Ella Savery, Dale and Loita Colebank, and Wally Bloom. Many thanks to all who helped with food preparation

and set up; we couldn't have done it without you!

One of the high moments of the afternoon was the appearance of Linh Renken, grand daughter of our own Maxine Benson. Among other tunes, Linh played a smashing rendition of "Sweet Georgia Brown" with a spirited vocal by Alan Ede. Linh now lives in the Eugene area; we look forward to seeing (and hearing) more of her.

At a District 6 business meeting held the same day, Treasurer Bob Kaiser reported that there was \$2312.28 in the District Six kitty. A motion was made and passed to purchase additional microphone cords for our sound system. And Joe

Moyle agreed to become the reporter as Connie King was forced to relinquish the position due to health problems.

Looking ahead, the next District Six event is the annual Christmas jam and dinner on Sunday, December 5 at the Moose Lodge in Lebanon. This is always a big event with an appearance by Santa. Y'all come! Moving into the next millennium, the quarterly state meeting will be held at the Willamette Senior Center on Saturday, January 8. This is, of course, a pot luck and jam.

We all wish Connie King a speedy return to full health!

Joe Moyle, reporter District 6

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theme, which incidentally I think is a good idea, they should adopt it or choose it themselves and not a president.

Nov. 6th, Charlotte and I drove, with George Tavevs, to Rogue River to attend District 4's business meeting, enjoyed their potluck with about 75 members, and participate in their afternoon jam session. What an experience!! Gene Williams is at the helm in District 4 as Chairman, and everyone with whom I spoke told me he's effectively leading them this year much the same as he plays his fiddle, "sweet and pretty." Their afternoon jam session was admirably emceed by the James sisters, Maggie and Jessica. At one time during jamming, I counted more than 150 people. One of the highlights was a beautiful harmonizing three-fiddle number by Judy McGarvey, Gene Williams and Lee

Cushman.

Nov. 14th, Charlotte and I drove to Klamath Falls to attend a District 4 jam. It was a delight to see so many visiting members from District 1-E. An appreciative audience stayed until the last number. It was special to listen to Virgil Schmoe, Ray Lane, Homer McLain, Jerry Ruddock, Larry and Terry McLain and Dick Harris team up on a beautiful number. I want to commend Chairman Ray Lane for doing such a good job in his post in District 1. We were very proud to spend a day with everyone down in that part of our state.

After closing, about 15 of us had fellowship and dinner at Coffee Garden Restaurant at Red Lion Inn. Jerry and Irene Ruddock showed their expert hospitality by making provisions for Charlotte and me to spend the night in their home, and as we were having breakfast Monday morning about 35 or 40 deer walked within a rock throwing distance from their dining room window. What a treat!!!

Thank you so much District 1 for showing us your hospitality. I wish and hope: All is calm, all is bright and each of you finds that long awaited golden day; Each of your fortunes is ten times ten and all of your dreams are filled with sweet tomorrows; Each of you walks in sunlight and finds a bluebird in every tree; I hope each of you finds a silver lining in all the clouds of your life and all your troubles are small ones, and I hope you never mind what might have been, but that each of you will take the best that's within you, make the most of it, and enjoy your life to its fullest. In closing -- from Charlotte and me -- a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all . . . and thank you for reading my Hoedowner piece this month.

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Our NOVEMBER jam was on the 6th at the Elsie Stuhr Adult Center. Those Saturday jams seem harder to remember than our usual Sundays so please make a special effort to mark your calendars well ahead and check it carefully as each new month approaches. A few of our visiting musicians who came some distance to make our day special were: Ida May Jones, Frank Funk, Bob and Marie Bailey, Chris and Ethel Schlegel, thanks for joining the regular attendees!

...AND FOR UPCOMING JAMS..
Gresham Senior Center Jam Sunday, Dec 5th. Directions are: Gresham Senior Center 50 Elliott St. From I-205, take Hwy 26 (Powell Blvd.) to Gresham. Make a left on Elliott St. The Center is on the right.

Our holiday jam is one of our best, so be sure to come. Remember to work on special recipes for great seasonal dishes that you've enjoyed making in the past or perhaps a new one you've just been waiting to try for a special occasion!

Helen hopes you'll be aware of the qualities of the sound system that is on loan to us. So listen up at the December jam. If you have input or knowledge on this subject please share with Helen, Roger, Linda, Chuck or Andy. Remember that we are looking for the smallest, lightest weight, best system with reasonable price available. It also needs to sound pleasing to the ear! As well, anyone should conceivably be able to transport the system in the trunk of a car ;-)

We'll list the location for the next jam right here: January 16th we are booked for the Gladstone Senior Center at 1050 Portland Ave. From I-205 (exit 9) McLaughlin Blvd go right on Arlington, left on Portland Ave. The Senior Center will be on your left side about 5 to

6 blocks up.

Sickbay members include Cactus Finley who experienced a dislocated shoulder recently. (No fun!) A broken hip has temporarily slowed Butchie Phillips, also a no-fun experience, to be sure! We wish them both a speedy recovery.

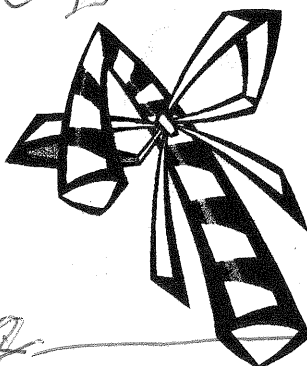
Is the holiday jam too soon to hope to see you folks out and about? (We want to see your smiling faces!!)

Dorothy Bloomquist can now be reached at Homewood Heights, 17999 SE River Rd. Milwaukie, OR 97267 apt. 220 Phone 654-4828.

Consider: Our mountains are not yet blanketed with white. Hustle and bustle are not yet our plight. Our evenings are not yet a long winters' night. But seasonally speaking we're soon to put on a glow for me and for you, make it from the inside out, the way it should be. Thoughtful and gracious are for all days and nights whether winter white or summer bright!! Let's get started at making it right!!

Pat Gates, Reporter District 7

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Here it is December already. Where does the time go? Remember when you were a kid, how lo-o-o-ng a school year lasted? How long it took for Christmas to come? How long for your birthday to come? And 2000 is at our doorstep too! Leonard and Faythe Maahs have moved into Parkland Village, a retirement facility in McMinnville. Leonard is having problems with his knee and hip joints and spent a few days in the hospital but we hear that he is getting better. Faythe receives therapy and doing fine. Their phone number is the same as in the roster. Our best to Allen Smith as he recuperates. We really enjoyed our Thanksgiving Potluck and Jam at McMinnville. Many thanks to Mary Terry and the rest of the kitchen crew for all they did. When things go smoothly, it's because someone planned ahead, and someone did the work. Actually, several "someones". Many hands make light work. Thanks all of you! We were impressed by the good turn out of our own members and were glad to see the many from other districts, too. It was

a busy, fun afternoon. It was very pleasing, too, to have such a good turn out for the meeting.

Our December 19th Holiday Jam and Dinner will be at Willamina in the VFW Hall. Meat, dressing, potatoes & gravy and beverages will be provided by the district. Bring a salad, dessert, or vegetable, your own table service and come and join us. The VFW Hall is right on the main highway on the east end of Willamina. The hall will be open at ten, the potluck at noon and we'll start the jam at 1:00. Remember, our election of district officers will be at the February 20th meeting. Lew is not eligible to run again for chairman, and Fred's duties as state president prevent him from running. We have capable people, and it's really not a huge job, and you'd have plenty of help, so be thinking of who to nominate for chairman and vice-chairman. If you're at all interested, don't be shy, let us know! Jackie Stephenson is eligible to run again for Secretary-

Treasurer. She's has done a fine job this year. Marie Bailey is the chairman of the nominating committee so if you have a nomination, please contact Marie @ (503) 835-7185.

Here are some future dates to mark on your calendars: Maybe a Dec. 31, 1999 New Year's Eve party. . . . just a "maybe" at this writing. Sunday, January 16, Woodburn Community Center. (Unless we can change it to the 15th.) Sunday, February 20, McMinnville Senior Center. Saturday, March 11, Salem Area Senior Center in Keizer, Irish Stew Dinner. Remember to pay your OOTFA dues for 2000. Send your check for \$15 to Jackie Stephenson. Her address is at the top of this column.

We wish you all a Happy Holiday Season and a Great New Millennium!!

Thought for the day: Regrets over yesterday and fear of tomorrow are twin thieves that rob us of the moment. So enjoy all your moments!

Alice Holt, reporter District 8

Looking into the year 2000, these are important dates to remember as you plan your district calendars:

- January 8 - District 6 jam and State Quarterly Meeting in Springfield
- March 16,17,18 State Convention in Roseburg
- April 28 - 29 Florence Fiddle Festival in Florence
- May 19 -20 State Fiddle Contest in Salem
- June 15,16,17 High Desert Jam in Burns
- June 19 - 24 Weiser Fiddle Contest
- July 20 -23 Mt. Hood Campout
- Sep. 14,15,16 1000 Trails at LaPine/Bend

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*Season's Greetings,
What fun I've had recently re-
searching the history of District
9. Phone calls and visits with
some of the early members
brought back many good memo-
ries. Rusty and Joan Knight*

*shared their stories of the be-
ginning of District 9. Susie An-
derson added her remem-
brances to the fray and sends
greetings to all the folks back in
Burns. She was happy to an-
nounce the birth of her first
grandson. Congratulations,
Grandma.*

*A good crowd of folks
turned out for the November
jam at the Senior Center. What
fun to have Vi and Gary Epperly
and Vance Bonner travel over
from Bend to join us.*

The jam on December

*5th at the Senior Center in
Burns will feature a holiday din-
ner. District 9 will be providing
the turkey and ham. Bring pot-
luck trimmings to complement
the dinner. Margaret Teague is
organizing the dinner so if you
have questions about what's
needed, give her a call. We'll eat
at 1 p. m. and jam from 2 - 4.*

*The next scheduled date
for the Aspens is Dec. 10. As
usual we'll play at 7 p. m.*

*Janet Burgess,
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*Greetings from District
10. This is our last report from
district 10 for this Century! How
time flies! Our Christmas dinner
will be Dec. 18. Meeting at 11:00 -
Potluck at 12:00 and music from
1 to 4 p.m. Let's make this a big*

*celebration to end the Century
and make plans for a better
one to come.*

*Sorry to report that La-
nora Waggoner has been ill.
However a visit from her
brother Jack and wife Peggy will
surely speed her recovery. We
miss our "Yodeling Grandma."
Hurry back Lanora.*

*Our birthday members
for Dec. are Peggy Krohn, Dick
Miller and Velma Benefiel. Velma
has moved into a retirement
home. Enjoy Velma! Anniversa-*

*ries - Dennis and Thelma Allen,
Tracy and Ellen Smith.*

*Beginning in January,
2000, our Saturday meetings,
have been changed from the 3rd
Saturday to the 2nd Saturday.
Our first meeting of the new
century will be Jan. 8. Meeting at
11:00, potluck 12:00 noon and mu-
sic 1 to 4:00. Please mark your
calendars.*

*Tiny Stinett -
Reporter Pro-Term District 10*

Notes from the Editor

1000 Trails Sept. 14,15,16, 2000 Mark Carmickle says that he is ready to start taking your reservations for 1000 Trails for next Sept. So if you want to have the same place you had this year, please let him know.

Hey everybody. Please note that the date for the April Fiddle Festival in Florence is April 28-29. Yeah, I know, it was different last month but it was decided not to have it conflict with Palm Sunday and no way with Easter, and the Elk's Lodge was not available on the 8th and 9th. This was the best date. It shouldn't conflict with district jams.

Fiddling Doug and friends jam every Tuesday afternoon from 1 - 4 at the Corvallis Free Methodist church on the corner of Highland and Walnut St. finger food and jam. For more information, call Doug at 541-758-0043 And he wants to remind you that they are having a Christmas party on Dec. 14 and then will take a vacation until the first Tuesday in January.

OOTFA History Project: I am filling in spots this month's Hoedowner and in future Hoedowners with "tid-bits of history" of the Oregon Old Time Fiddlers Association. Actually I am whetting your appetite with the kinds of things you will find in the history book when it comes out early in the next century. I hope you enjoy the "tid-bits of history." I want to "quote" Janet here : What fun I've had recently researching the history of District 9. Phone calls and visits with some of the early members brought back many good memories. Rusty and Joan Knight shared their stories of the beginning of District 9. Susie Anderson added her remembrances. . . . Janet has put her heart into it and will have the history of District 9. (Along with Homer's and other contributions.)

A note from Hollis Taylor says: I'm selling a bunch of my instruments to finance my new violin and my move to New York City. Perhaps you know someone who might be interested in: W. A. Pfretzschner violin bow \$600, German violin \$3,500, Charles Espey violin bow \$3,800, Charles Brugere violin bow \$3,000 plus my two beloved violins, Carl Becker 1949 and Rambaux a Paris 1851 Hollis Taylor, (503) 796-0223

Another reminder -- Notice to all Officers and Members of OOTFA: I will be vacating my position as State Sec/Treas as of June 30, 2000. Anyone interested in filling this position please inform Pres. Fred Hardin or myself. I want to thank you all for your love, your support and your Friendship. Myrtle Arnold

Gang, one of the most important things you can do at this time is to pay your membership. There is a whole crew of dedicated people ready to take your membership and to issue you cards.

I received a note from Trevell Sofge. He has been a member for some time and has had a Band Repair business in Eugene. But now he would now like to "sell out." He sends a list of all the tools and material he has for sale but to summarize it, the best I can say is that he has enough to literally set up an violin family repair shop (tools, jigs, hair, clamps - everything). You can either check the list on our web site and/or write or call Trevell Sofge 36 West 25th Ave. in Eugene 97405 (541) 343-4769. He would be please to hear from you.

Ora Schultz - Life Member and widow of Slim Schultz called the other day to say that she had a "Japanese Martin" with a hard case that she would like to sell for \$400. She can be reached at 401 N. 17th Apt 126 Mt. Vernon, WA 98273 (360) 416-0917

Calendar

(Be sure to read the district news for the specific times, places and activities.)

December

- 5 Moose Lodge Lebanon 6
- 5 Gresham Senior Center... Gresham 7
- 5 Senior Center Burns 9
- 12 Winema Inn Klamath Falls . 1
- 12 Deschutes Co. Fairgrounds 3
- 18 Roxy Ann Grange Medford 4
- 18 Greenacres Grange Coos Bay 5
- 18 Winston Community Building 10
- 19 VFW Hall Willamina 8

January 2000

- 3 Burns Senior Center Burns..... 9
- 8 Willamalane Springfield 6
- 8 State Quarterly Meeting - Springfield
- 8 VFW-Moose Lodge Shady Cove 4
- 8 Winston Community Building..... 10
- 16 Gladstone Senior Center 7
- 16 Woodburn Community Building 8

February 2000

- 5 Grange Hall Lake Creek 4
- 20 McMinnville Senior Center 8

March 2000

- 4 Community Ctr. Rogue River.... 4
- 11 Keizer Senior Center..... Keizer 8



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