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**Greetings to all Oregon Old Time Fiddlers.**

**WHEW!!!** The past six weeks have truly been a whirlwind, Christmas and all its trappings, New Years Day and a worldwide Y2K scare, our Springfield OOTFA second quarterly meeting January 8th, making District assignments for our annual Roseburg March Convention, ending old ones and starting a new century and a new millennium, (on and on the list could go) and in the midst of all this activity we still found time to play music many times with our friends in Old Time Fiddlers.

At our quarterly meeting, all Districts gave exciting reports of their local activities. Much will be said later in our upcoming newsletter to

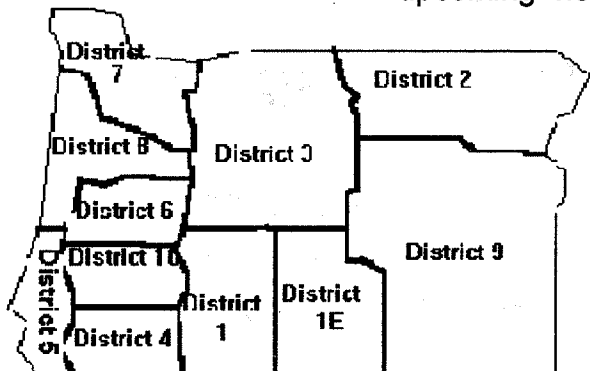
all District Officers about our Springfield quarterly meeting and March Roseburg Convention. A most exciting progress report was given by Lew Holt, who is assembling an outstanding "Historical Record of OOTFA" since its beginning. All of us are anxiously awaiting this project to be completed so we can have our own personal copy to read.

Following our meeting and jam in Springfield, Charlotte and I drove to Blythe, California where we attended a 13th annual "Colorado River Country Music Festival" (which is just a sophisticated way of saying old-fashioned, old time fiddle contest) January 13th, 14th, and 15th. After listening to numerous contestants of all ages play excellent music for three days, we

drove to Quartzite, Arizona where we met many friends and jammed with winter snowbirds from up north, especially Oregonians, at their Senior Center, Hamburger King and McDonald's. Later we drove to Yuma, Arizona where we met more friends and jammed with them, but after all that traveling and jamming we can truthfully say, "There's no place like home."

Now that our January quarterly meeting is over, our focus must turn to our March 16th, 17th, and 18th annual Convention in Roseburg. Please plan now to attend the quarterly meeting which will be held Saturday, the 18th, at 10:00 A.M. and our annual meeting Saturday, the 18th, at 1:00 P.M., at which our nominating committee will give their

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Hello and Happy Valentine's Day from Dist. 1. January brought the late arrival of winter to us, with cold, ice and snow. Actually we can' complain. Last fall was milder and more open than usual. Now, we're already anxious for spring.

Visitors from Dist. 4 at our January jam were Judy McGarvey and husband and Lee Cushman and Janet Spellman. Hope the roads weren't too icy as they returned home. Another new visitor to our jam was a fiddler from Montana, please come again, each of you. Also we again welcome Doc and Marie Walker to

our functions.

Happy Birthday Wishes go to Tex Cox - Feb. 16 and to Vivian Burde - 21st. If I have missed any birthdays or anniversaries, please give me an update on them.

To Tex and Minnie Cox - Get Well Wishes, both have been on the sick list lately - also we hope all our members have whipped the flu bug by now.

Players are needed for entertaining at the Klamath County Mental Health on Feb. 14th. We'll play from 1 to 2:15. (downstairs) It's located on the hill near the county jail, 3314 Vandenberg Rd in Klamath Falls. We played for them several years ago and the people danced to our music.

Next jam is Feb. 13 at Winema Inn - 1111 Main St. in Klamath Falls. The doors will open at noon, a meeting at

12:30 and the jam open to the public from 1 to 4. Nursing homes - Klamath Regional Rehab. - 711 Washburn Way in Klamath Falls 1st Tuesday of each month. We'll play from 3:00 to 4:00. Clairmont Nursing Home at east end of Main St. We'll play at 1:00 for an hour - then we go 1 block above to Clairmont Retirement. Play from 2:15 for another hour - same day. This is the 4th Thursday of each month.

By the time you read this our group will have played at Chemulk Fire House for the sled-dog races awards dinner on Jan. 29. This is always a fun evening.

Keep warm and well.  
Cherie Lane, Reporter District 1

Hollis Taylor, 1982 Oregon State Champion fiddlers, writes Jan. 21, 2000: It's fabulous to be in New York City, hearing all the greatest music in the world as it comes through. I send my best to my friends in the OOTFA and my former students and fellow musicians, all of whom taught me lessons that I continue to recycle into my music and my life. If anyone wants to keep track of my work, check out my website: [www.HollisTaylor.com](http://www.HollisTaylor.com)

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District 1E Up coming events – Feb. 5 jam will be at the Westside Grange Hall. This is a benefit for Lola Gage to help her with medical expenses. Old Time Fiddlers will play from 1 p.m. to whenever. There will be an auction, cake walk, chili feed and maybe if the people want, a dance afterwards. Although people can dance anytime music is being played. Come and have fun with us. For information on the benefit, or directions to Westside, call Bill Myers 947-5442, Homer McLain at 947-2903, T. McLain at 947-2677 or any Lakeview member.

A New Year's Eve Jam was held Dec. 31, 1999. It was our last jam of the year and good time was had by those attending.

Fourteen people saw the new year in.

Jan. 15 was our jam and potluck. After the dinner Homer tuned a couple of fiddles with the aid of a wooden match box for folks from Christmas Valley. A small girl, Katie Ortwein played several short tunes with the help of Homer. She is just starting to play. Sure is good to see these young ones coming forth. Between 15 and 20 people performed during the evening. Ruth, Karen and Bob came down from Christmas Valley. We are always glad to see the new ones from the north end of the county. Even though it is a long way to come, all enjoy their help for the evening.

The second Monday in Feb. (the 14th) will be election of officers for the year 2000. All members please be there. If you miss you may be put into an office.

Not many attended the monthly meeting Jan. 10th. Hard to hold a good meeting with no voices to express ideas and then later if some are not

there, they complain on what went on. Come and as they say, "put your two cents in." Hope to see more of you at the meeting. 7 p.m. Feb. 14 at Indian Village.

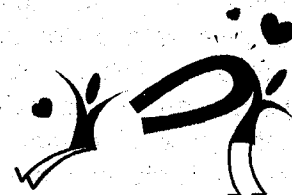
Several members have caught the sick bug. Mary Cathcart spent a night in the hospital but is doing better now. Others just don't want to get out.

Five members played and sang at the Long Term Care at the hospital on Jan. 11. I don't know which enjoys more – the patients or the musicians. All have a good time and one of the auxiliary ladies dances, too.

The weather is very changeable. Hope all are feeling better and we see your smiling faces at the functions.

Many have been traveling here and there. Going to doctors, funerals and visiting families. May you all have safe trips and get home safely.

Myrle Shepard - reporter District 1-E



## National Old Time Fiddlers Association

Perhaps I can put a plug in here for membership in this association. A fine and much improved newspaper comes out every other month with fiddle stories and telling about activities all over the U.S. The new president of the association is Layna Hafer who is the person you see running things at the Weiser contest. This has breathed new life into the association. To join just write the following information on a piece of paper and include a check made out to NOTFA for \$15 for one year or \$25 for two years.

1. Name
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Our first jam of the new millennium was a terrific success. Even the bad weather did not jeopardize the enthusiasm and enjoyment of all. It's always good to see such a big audience come. Isn't it great to be off to such a positive start for 2000?

March 16, 17 & 18 is the State Convention in Roseburg at the Fairgrounds.

For the benefit of the new members, going to Roseburg consists of a variety of inside and, weather permitting, outside jamming during the day, programs at night, raffles with good prizes, meeting people from all over with lots of hugs, fun, laughs and music, music, music. Food is available on site at reasonable prices. Dry camping is available and also camping with water and electric hook-ups. The fairgrounds does charge an appropriate fee for both types of camping. Motels are available in the area. AAA and the Roseburg Chamber of Commerce would have that infor-

mation. Additional details can be obtained at the jam.

After the Feb. jam there will be officer nominations for Chairman, Co-Chairman, Sec./Treasurer and Reporter/Advertising. It is NOT necessary or required to have a computer to fulfill these positions. Now since that very tired and worn out excuse can finally R.I.P., hopefully there will be many that will eagerly volunteer. Also, another reminder, if you choose to run for office for the state nominations, please let Ed know so he can submit your name at Roseburg.

Alice Holt has advised Betty that dues need to be paid early in February to be able to continue receiving the Hoedowner and to also get your name, address, phone number and e-mail address in the state roster. The up-dated roster can then be purchased at Roseburg. If you have already paid your dues and have an e-mail address that was not submitted, please send it soon to Alice at [lewholt@aol.com](mailto:lewholt@aol.com).

Marie M. Nelson, Reporter

P.S. I am not what I ought to be. I am not what I wish to be. I am not even what I hope to be, but by the grace of God, I am not what I was.

Marie Nelson reporter District 3



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Our December Jam was too late to get into the last Hoedowner, but was noteworthy, nevertheless. We added new members Joel and Margaret Watson, Rick (mandolin) and Joan Reichert, and John (guitar) and Marlene Renfro. We welcome you! Visitors included Ernie Penry, and Jerry and Irene Rudock from Klamath Falls. Our wonderful kitchen crew provided a great dinner of ham and turkey, with members providing the "fixin's".

Our January Jam was a little smaller, but was a nice way to

celebrate New Year's Day. Faye and Isom Patterson from K. Falls braved the weather to join us. Several of us are doing more twin and triple fiddling, and it makes for exciting music! It started snowing as we played, and some were getting a little wary, but the snow changed to rain, so weather did not become hazardous.

Merle and Paula Pasley have been ill, Marie Mickey had a heart attack, but is home and doing okay. Vic Flood hurt his knee and has been out of commission for a while, and Julie Pantel is recovering from a fracture in her back. Martha Warwick, one of the original members of district 4 was very ill and in the hospital. She wants to thank all those who have called and written. She will be going to Portland for further surgery the end of the month. Hey folks —

get well — we've missed you!

Pat Manion, Joan Allgood, Gene and Lola Williams attended the state meeting in Springfield. Fortunately weather permitted a safe trip. Lee Cushman, Janet Spellman, Bruce and Judy McGarvey joined the Klamath Falls jam in January — lots of great music and a nice welcome!

Some reminders: Dues must be in early in Feb. to get your name on the roster. Also, Lola (our SUPER kitchen lady) reminds folks to please bring their own table service to meetings as she has a limited supply.

Remember: There are two important rules for success... 1) Never tell everything you know. . . .

Respectfully submitted, Judy McGarvey, reporter District 4

The Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest was started in 1998, the first year that the Oregon State Contest moved from Corvallis to Salem. There was strong community support for fiddling and the Benton County Fair had long been interested in a fiddle contest to cap off the week at the fair. The third annual contest will be held August 5, 2000 at the Benton County Fairgrounds. This contest has the usual three required tunes, but the audience is allowed to applaud and respond between tunes. It is held on an outside stage and the overall atmosphere is less formal than most contests --- the idea is for both spectators and participants to have fun!

The contest has attracted some of the Northwest's top fiddlers with the Championship being won in 1998 by Oregon's Rudi Booher and in 1999

by Idaho's Danita Hartz --- both former National Championship winners. Last year we had contestants from Oregon, Idaho, Washington, and California.

In addition to Pee Wee (8 and under), Junior-Junior (9-12), Junior (13-17), Adult (18-59), Senior (60+), and Championship Divisions, the contest also has a novice division where players new to contest playing can "break the ice".

The Willamette Valley Contest has quickly become a favorite at the fair. Last year the finals, held under a tarp in the pouring rain, attracted almost 200 spectators --- more than showed up for the main stage concert that evening!

Although the fair does contribute about \$800 to this event (sound systems, etc.), the remaining \$2200 for prize money and judges needs to be

raised by the contest committee each year. Last year Nancy Rohn, of Nancy Rohn's Violin Shop in Corvallis donated a fiddle for us to raffle off. The fiddle raffle was the largest single source of income for the contest --- thanks to Nancy as well as the many OOTFA members who bought tickets. The raffle fiddle was won by Brenda Shelton, an OOTFA member. Other contributors included Jeff Thomas of Pilgrim's Fine Woodwork and Gracewinds Music of Corvallis. In addition to the fiddle contest, there are lots of other fun activities to keep people busy at the fair between rounds. I encourage each and every one of you to mark August 5 on your calendar and attend the Third Annual Willamette Valley Fiddle contest at the Benton County Fair in Corvallis, Oregon. Starr McMullen

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Here it is February already and I am eating humble pie AGAIN! I pray that our state President and his wife, Charlotte, will please forgive me for not reporting about their visit to our district last month. I did not get to this meeting, but I want them to know district 5 was very pleased to have them pay us a visit. A little bird told me that Fred Hardin did a fantastic job on the fiddle and we will welcome them back anytime I am just sorry I wasn't there but, I do think it was wonderful of the Hardins to visit every district in the state and they deserve a great bit "THANK YOU!"

At our last meeting Shorty Dow brought up the fact that we should get back on a schedule to play in the state parks during the summer again. This is a great idea as it gives District 5 a lot of

recognition. Remember these parks are good money makers and the fiddlers have a chance to put on a great show for people from all over the good old U. S.A. and foreign countries plus district 5 also gets wonderful publicity! We have a trailer for hauling the speakers, microphones and etc. We need a vehicle and a trailer hitch who would be willing to pick up the equipment at the Greenacres Grange and haul it to and fro! Do we have any volunteers?

Speaking of volunteers, everyone should be thinking of the upcoming election of officers. I understand Fred Grove and Elwood Serfass will not be running for office this next time, so someone will have to be chairman or co-chairman or we may have to button it up. Fred said "I would lend a helping hand when I am available" But he and Florence plan on doing some much deserved traveling. So everyone put on your "VOLUNTEER BUTTONS AND THINKING CAPS!!" We had a good turn out at our January meeting and Jam despite the horrible wind, rain and floods.

Just goes to show you how much everyone enjoys our OLD TIME FIDDLERS!

Our next meeting will be held on February 19 at the Green Acres Grange from 12:00 pm-1:00 pm Everyone is asked to bring finger food and the jam will follow from 1:00 pm-4:00 pm Everyone is welcome.

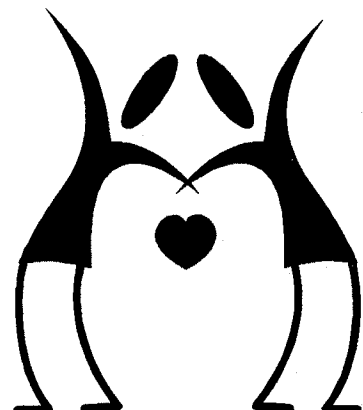
Among our sick is Cecil Davidson and Bill Tennant who have been bitten by that nasty old flu bug, Ruth Whaley has been in the hospital with bronchial pneumonia and Ned Matthews has also been hospitalized, again. We offer them our prayers, our concern and may you all get well sooner than soon! Linda Carver's father passed away recently. Our sympathy goes out to Linda.

Happy Birthday to Kathe Leaf on the 5th, Betty Reaves on the 18th. Anniversary wishes to Joan and Ray Daniels Feb. 13 and to my husband, Ron on our 48th Anniversary on Valentines Day. I love you honey Happy Valentines Day to everyone.

Reporter-  
Marylou Saylor (541) 396-3238

**Here are important dates to remember as you plan your district calendars:**

- March 16,17,18 State Convention in Roseburg
- March 18 State quarterly and annual meeting in Roseburg
- Apr 28 -29 State Fiddle Contest in Salem
- May 12 - 13 Florence Fiddle Festival in Florence
- June 9-10 Wallowa Co. Fiddle Contest
- June 15,16,17 High Desert Jam in Burns
- June 19 - 24 Weiser Fiddle Contest
- July 20 -23 Mt. Hood Campout
- Aug. 3-6 Diamond Lake Campout
- Aug. 5 Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest Corvallis
- Aug. 26 Canyonville Contest Canyonville
- Sep. 14,15,16 1000 Trails at LaPine/Bend



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The District Six monthly jam and meeting will next be held on Saturday, February 12 at the Willamalane Senior Center in Springfield. There will be election of officers. There will also be a discussion of bylaws and standing rules. It will, as usual, be potluck. The Board will provide the dessert; please bring either a salad or a main dish.

The state quarterly meeting and jam was held at the Willamalane Senior Center January 8, and a great success it was, too. There were very nearly as many

out-of-district members present as there were people from District Six, perhaps 200 in all. While we do not have space to mention the names of all out-of-district people who attended, we would be remiss if we did not mention Lew and Alice Holt, from Salem, Shorty Dow, from Bandon and Ella Savery and Harold Householder, from District 5.

It being the eighth of January, Chairman Mark declared "The Eighth of January" to be the tune of the day; Wayne Holmes kicked off the pre-jam proceedings with a spirited rendition of that number. The tune reappeared later on, notably when John Madsen did both a fiddle and vocal version of the number.

The State meeting was presided over by President Fred Hardin. Details of what happened are covered elsewhere in

this issue.

The highlight of the potluck was the "Millennium Cake" prepared by Maxine Benson, as well as the beautiful table decorations. Many thanks to all who helped. A "Year 2000 Cupie Doll," contributed by anonymous person, was raffled off.

The formal opening of the jam was marked by a beautiful twin fiddle rendition of the national anthem by Wayne Holmes and Ila Mae Carmickle.

During the Christmas season, 95 gifts were distributed to rest homes with the help of many District 6 members. Many thanks to all who helped out. We are already beginning to look forward to doing it again next year.

We hear that Harv Harvey is under the weather. All the best to you, Harv, and may full health soon return!

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report and new officers will be elected for next year. Important issues will be discussed and voted upon which makes it necessary that many of our members be participants. Every member can take an active part in our convention. Please contact your District Chairman and/or Vice Chairman, volunteer and let them know how you can help.

Each District is asked to bring 2 or 3 floral arrangements for our Saturday night banquet tables, bring your raffle items to be used as fund raisers, and bring a "whole bunch" of door

prizes. Shorty Dow asked me

to remind you to "please bring door prizes that you would be glad to win." This is not a white elephant sale so let's follow Shorty's advice and bring nice things that the winners will be pleased to have won and pleased to take home.

Roger Germundson is in charge of our Friday night variety show. Sharpen your fiddle playing skills, because each District is assigned 15 minutes to play good danceable music for our Saturday night dance.

Exciting workshops are being planned, and of course, we're all looking forward to our nominating committee's proposal for President, Vice President, and Secretary-Treasurer for next

year. We will need people to help with table decorations, setting tables, and head table place cards for Saturday night banquet. Also, we have parking, record keeping, fee collections, registration and banquet ticket sales to attend to. As you can see by this list of activities, your help is sorely needed, so don't hesitate to volunteer.

As most of our members know, the "Bill Yohey" award is given each year to a deserving back-up player. In my November Newsletter to all District Officers statewide, I wrote several comments relating to that coveted award, saying it was an excellent thing for us to do and

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Our January jam was at the Gladstone Senior Center. We all blew in for a fun-filled afternoon. The day was again relaxed and enjoyable. A few of our musicians dropped by after some period of absence. Those musical folks include: Alan and Carol Ede, Tom and Jered Widman, Frank Williams, John Waddingham, Linda Mar, and Stella Kaser.

...AND FOR OUR UPCOMING JAM. February 6th we are booked for the Forest Grove Senior Center. The directions are: in Forest Grove follow Pacific Ave. (the main one-way street going west). Turn right on Douglas St. The Senior Center is on the right. We are currently still having our potluck at 12. We will be having election of officers that day.

AND NOW ON TO THE MOST

### IMPORTANT PART OF THIS MONTH'S MESSAGE!!

We need candidates for offices. Helen Hakanson has served two terms in a row so may not serve again. Also it is time for Helen and John to have more time to travel! Helen has done an admirable job at leading and supporting our group. We've discussed the likelihood of sharing the responsibilities between a couple of people in order to lighten the load, and allowing folks to take roles matching with strengths. Running a meeting and transporting the coffee etc. might be just right for someone, while setting agendas, planning jams and setting up groups to play for special events might be a lot of fun for someone else. Helen has a very helpful notebook, with lists of names addresses and phone numbers, etc. pertaining to the jams of the past, which is sure to be of great value to our next officers.

Please notice two missing issues related to leading our district: 1. Andy Jorgensen is doing a wonderful job as our sound person/MC THANK

YOU , THANK YOU, THANK YOU Andy!! 2. Remember also that you DO NOT need to play an instrument to guide our group. Helen, Red, Chuck and Cactus have served most recently on nominating committees. Please phone one of them to either volunteer to run or suggest the name of someone you think would truly be a good candidate. Currently we have no candidate for chairperson. Elections are scheduled for February.

Well here is the list for the next several jams: March 12 will be in Lake Oswego, and April 2nd will see us in Oregon City at the Pioneer Community Center.

Kathy and Norm Nash are close to having their home in Florence. Their lives have been full to say the least! You can reach the Nashs at 88900 Twin Lakes Court Florence, OR 97439. (No phone number yet.) Be safe you two!

Hey, hey we made it all the way to 2000!!!!

Pat Gates, Reporter District 7

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that we should continue doing it.

In addition to our "Bill Yohey" award, I suggested another good thing for us to do would be to establish a "Fiddlers' Hall of Fame" and elect one of our deserving members to it each year as our way of saying "thank you" and showing honor to our musicians who contribute so much to our organization. As a matter of fact, dreaming of course, I even think establishing a "Fiddler of the Month" award would be a good idea, possible and desirable, but I realize many

things first must be done before we could consider that. We have many excellent musicians, and honoring them for their contributions toward promoting, preserving and perpetuating old time fiddling with an award such as this would be one the most notable things we could do for them. Anyway, all I'm doing is dreaming and planting the seed, because good things from seeds planted can grow.

Thank you for reading my Hoedowner piece this month, and you can look forward to more about our convention next month.

Fred Hardin, President



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Y2K has arrived, and we're all still here! Not that we had any doubts! Hope you did what you wanted to do New Year's Eve, whether it was partying or staying home.

Our December jam in Willamina, held after the last Hoedowner news deadline, was a tremendous success. Many of you from neighboring districts came to share their food, music and good company with us. We appreciate you one and all.

We are deeply saddened by the death of Faythe Maahs, wife of Leonard. Faythe passed away early Christmas Day. She had been an active member of District 8 for many years. She had served as district secretary-treasurer a few years back, as well as doing whatever needed doing, whether decorating, cooking, or kitchen clean up. We will miss her. Carol Ann Wheeler, accompanied by Lee Jones, played several beautiful

tunes at Faythe's funeral service. Our condolences to Leonard and the family. It's good to hear that Leonard is feeling better.

Leslie Norlin, an associate member from Salem, also passed away in January. He didn't attend jams too often, but enjoyed reading the Hoedowner. Our condolences to his wife Ruth.

Wind and rain and downed trees didn't keep us from having a great time at Woodburn on January 16th. We jammed informally before lunch, then sampled all the delicious soups accompanied by salads and desserts. Rozanne and Ken Spann visited from District 6. It was good to our McMinnville dancers there too!

Sunday, February 20th we will be at the Senior Center in McMinnville. Business meeting will start at 11 AM. This is an important meeting, as we'll be electing officers for the coming year. Marie Bailey is heading the nominating committee. Please, please let her know your wishes for officers. There will be a regular potluck after the meeting and the program to follow that.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, March 11th. We've been

invited to play for the Keizer/Salem Area Senior Center for their Irish Stew Dinner. This will be our third year there. It's great fun.

Plan now to attend the OOTFA convention in Roseburg, March 16th, 17th and 18th. If you have something to donate for a raffle or a door prize, these would be very welcome. We'll be discussing our district's convention duties at our February meeting.

Alice Holt, Reporter

Fiddle friends, I want to tell you about a project that I have worked on for several years. "Herman Johnson-Master Fiddler" has now been published by Mel Bay Publications. The book has 39 songs, 12 songs were transcribed from a recording Herman did several years ago and the recording is included as a CD with the book. The remainder of the songs were transcribed from my personal recordings. It was a big project for me and a great learning experience. Herman is thrilled with it which makes all of the work worthwhile for me. The book is available from Mel Bay Publications Inc. I also have copies available. Thank you. Jeanine Orme  
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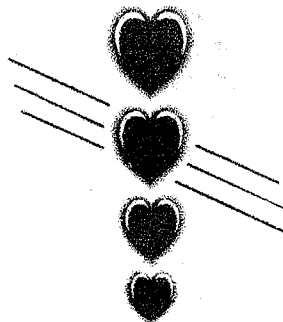
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## Notes from the Editor

Probably the most important message to get across to you is that **YOUR MEMBERSHIP IS DUE – PAST DUE TO BE EXACT.**

This will be the **LAST HOEDOWNER** you will receive if you have not renewed by Feb. 15, **AND** you will not be in the new roster. It costs us a fee to drop you, and another fee to re-instate you. So please, write a check for \$15.00 made out to OOTFA and send it to your district's membership chairperson **RIGHT NOW.** If you are from District 2 or out of state, you may send your membership

OOTFA History Archives. When I started writing the history of the Oregon Old Time Fiddlers I turned to Donna Oldham to see what might be in the archives. She turned all that she had over to me and asked me to keep it since she didn't get around to other districts very often. So I have the "archives" although I am not "officially" the "archivist" for the state. Nevertheless I would like to ask a favor of all of you. I have come to appreciate very much the history of our state association. We actually have very little material in our archives so I am not encumbered with a lot of boxes. Now I am turning to you to ask you to contribute to help place material in our archives that will better keep our history. It need not be complicated – a picture and/or story from the newspaper, an obituary, a funeral program – no matter what the age. I know that many of you have these kinds of things tucked away. Alice and I do, but as we run across one, it goes into the "state archives." Or if you have photographs or albums of photographs or scrapbooks, they would add much to our archives. Use your imagination – and hopefully there will be so much material that I will

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

I received a nice note from Charles and Nancy Trump – Please include the Wallowa County Old Time Fiddlers Contest, June 9-10 in your calendar. For more information contact Charles Trump (541)886-7885. The open contest is Friday for Seniors and Saturday for all other class divisions.

You are encouraged to use your imagination and send/take a nice door prize to the convention. As Pres. Fred Sed – Please send something that you would be proud and pleased to take home if you won. The door prizes add a little extra to the convention. And if you have a special raffle prize, it would be appreciated and the money will be put

We all had a good time at the District 6 jam and state meeting this month but something extra special happened that I really appreciated. Maxine Benson sold chances on a doll and I was given a check for \$75 that will go to the contest fund. Later Alice McDowell handed me a very generous check. Thank you Maxine and Alice very much.

Wally Bloom has donated a fiddle and I am converting it to a 5-string. It will be raffled at the state convention. Also, there will be a 1/8th fiddle as a part of the raffle so save a dollar or two so you can buy some chances.

Harv Harvey writes, "I want to thank my many friends and fellow Old Time Fiddlers for the prayers, phone calls, and cards I received over my Christmas stay in the hospital. Although it isn't over yet, I am very optimistic about the outcome. Thank you so much." Harv Harvey

## District 9

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Howdy, Looks like we all survived the Y2K bug. A small but dedicated crowd turned out for the first jam of 2000. The food was good as always and so was the music and the company. February's jam will be on the 6th at the Harney County Senior Center. Potluck is at 1 p.m. with music and dancing from 2 - 4 p.m.

Remember the Aspens on February 11th. Jamming will start at 7 p. m. Last month Marilyn Dean made it in from Drewsey to help out. What a terrific singer she is.

One of the Friday night practices was held at the Elkhorn last month where Elly Downing treated jammers to a Thai buffet dinner. Elly has closed the Hereford Cafe which the fiddlers practiced somewhat regularly at. We wish Elly the best in her new adventures and will miss playing music in the aisle of the restaurant.

Please note Janet Burgess has resumed an old name and will in the future go by Braymen.

Marie Danner had a fall and tore her rotator cup. We wish her a speedy recovery. Watch out for those slick spots! Several folks have had bouts with the winter cold bug including La-Wanda Williams. Rumor is Rusty Knight has been under the weather. Hope he's up and about soon.

Congratulations go out to

## The Hoedowner

Rose Modey and Wayne Johnson who are tying the knot on February 19th.

If you haven't paid your dues for 2000, this is your last Hoedowner. If you get your money to Rose Modey quickly perhaps you can avoid being dropped from the mailing list. 'Don't dawdle now,' she said sheepishly thinking I'd better set a good example and get on the ball.

Have a Happy Valentines,



## District 10

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Fred Young & Claire Eaton

Greetings from District 10. Welcome everyone to the new millennium. Bob and I just didn't have time to think about the New Year. We have been traveling since last October. We went to Elko, Nevada, on to Kansas, Missouri, Florida, California and every place in between so it's a good thing God takes good care of us.

District 10 will start out the New Year with their regular schedule of playing music at con-

valescent and retirement homes.

Thinking about next year. It is time for our nominating committee to go to work - you are asked to make your recommendations for our new officers. Our next meeting will be Feb. 12th - meeting at 11:00, a potluck at noon and a jam from 1 to 4. Please note that the Saturday meeting has been changed to the 2nd Saturday of each Month. March 11 - meeting, April 8 - meeting.

Lenora Waggoner wants to thank everyone for all the beautiful cards when she was in the hospital. Her new address is: 495 Winston Section Rd Winston, OR 97496.

We are sorry to hear that Dorothy Whaley is in the hospital with complications. We wish

you the best Dorothy. Our prayers are with you and John.

Celebrating birthdays for February will be Dorothy Meadows, Carroll Laken, Mary Deadmead, Edith Christianson and John Eicharm.

Happy anniversary to John and Dorothy Whaley and Robert and Dorothy Meadows.

At our Thanksgiving meeting someone left their silverware and trays. If they are yours or if you know who they belong to, please call Jo Barnes 541-459-4522.

I want to thank Tiny Stinett for being your reporter while I was gone - and to all of you "may you have a wonderful 2000."

Jean Hanson, reporter 541-672-6929

# Calendar

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

## February

- 5 West Side Grange Hall..... 1E
- 5 Grange Hall ..... Lake Creek ..... 4
- 6 Burns Senior Center..... Burns ..... 9
- 6 Forest Grove Senior Center.. Forest Grove ..... 7
- 13 Deschutes Co. Fairgrounds . Redmond ..... 3
- 19 Greenacres Grange ..... Coos Bay ..... 5
- 20 McMinnville Senior Center.... McMinnville..... 8

## March

- 4 Community Ctr. .... Rogue River ..... 4
- 5 Senior Center..... Burns..... 9
- 11 Keizer Senior Center..... Keizer..... 8
- 12 Lake Oswego Senior Center Lake Oswego ..... 7
- 16, 17, 18 State Convention ..... Roseburg . OOTFA
- 18 Quarterly & state meeting .... Roseburg

## April

- 1 Roxy Ann Grange ..... Medford ..... 4
- 2 Pioneer Community Center... Oregon City ..... 7
- 28 - 29 Oregon State Fiddle Contest

## May

- 6 IOOF Bldg..... Gold Hill..... 4
- 12 - 13 Florence Fiddle Festival

## June

- 9-10 Wallowa Co. Contest ..... Blue Mtn
- 19 - 24 Weiser Contest

## July

- 20 -23 Mt. Hood Campout

## Aug.

- 3-6 Diamond Lake Campout
- 5 Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest Corvallis
- 26 Canyonville Contest Canyonville



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