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FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Hello everyone: MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We have had a little snow so it does look like Christmas, if you are used to living in snow country, but it is melting fast.

It was brought up at our last meeting in Merrill that some of the districts are having a problem getting a quorum together at their meetings. It was suggested that the quorum, which now consists of 13 members, be lowered. This must be voted on at the state convention, so please keep it in mind. Think about what a good solution would be; it will have to be voted on to change the ruling. It is under ARTICLE V MEETINGS --- Section 2. in the by-laws.

If you have any nominations for new officers let your district chairman know or Bob Strelow, who has agreed to chair the committee.

Get your nominations for the Distinguished Service Award board in as soon as possible so that there will be no mix-up as there was last year.

I wish to wish all of our members that are ill or have had surgery a speedy recovery. Get well soon.
Your President,
Irene Ruddock

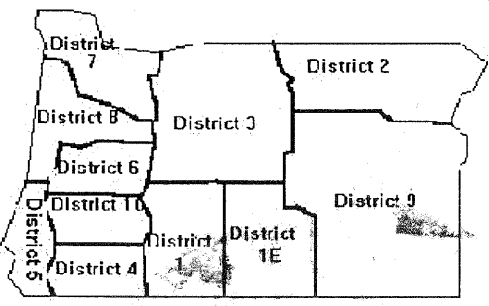
From the Editor Emeritus:

I had to pound more nails in the wall to take care of the many hats I wear. One hat -- Starr McMullen, Amy Booher and I want to turn to the districts again this year to encourage district contributions to our state contest. We already have had nice contributions from several individuals. But we could never have a contest without the contributions from the districts. Your contributions over the years have been very much appreciated. Almost half of our contestants are under 18. This is a far cry from years ago when we only had a "handful." Kids really look forward to our contest -- coming from all over the state.

Another hat. The Gaston Fiddle Contest is scheduled for Saturday, February 3rd. I will be mailing out invitations right after Christmas. So if you don't get one by a week or so into January and want one, let me know -- or go to our website for information. Last year there were just a few contestants shy of 80. It was a busy, busy day.

Yet another hat. I am on the board of directors for the National Old Time Fiddlers Association - replacing Shorty Dow of Bandon years ago. The year before last our western district had more new members than any other district. I was very proud. So I am inviting you -- don't forget your state membership of course -- to join the National Old Time Fiddlers Association. An interesting newspaper comes out every other

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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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January

- 7 Villa West Regular meeting, potluck, and Jam
12:00 till 4:00 pm
- 14 Shasta Community Hall, Senior dance and Jam
12:00 till 4:00
- 18 Crystal Terrace 3:00 till 4:00
- 23 Linkville House 1:00 to 2:00

I hope all the Old Time Fiddlers and their families had happy holidays. I should have mentioned the holidays in my last issue, but it is called poor planning ahead. Sure didn't seem like Christmas in November when last issue was due. So that's my only excuse. Guess I could blame it on my wife she was planning a trip to Texas for us. Well, that trip is over now and that is one very large state. I sure wouldn't want to cross that state on horseback like you see in cowboy movies.

At our dance and Jam Sunday the 10th I met a new member to me her name was Carol Olson, she plays the accordion. She lives up in the north end of our county, and was good friends with the Lancaster's. If you are reading this Carol don't let stage fright worry you, we have all been

there. It's an every time case for me. I have found that are members are very considerate of us beginners, and are very helpful. Will be looking forward to seeing you more often, but we know the road conditions can be a big concern.

Oh, while I'm thinking about what kind of music the pilgrims listen too? A very tricky question, ask by Eileen McLain in her last issue of district 1-E in the Hoedowner. Well I have given the question a lot of thought and I did read the answer. That is very clever for a gal that got stuck on the escalator for an hour while the power was off.

As you can see I have ran out of things to write about, so I couldn't resist picking on some one in District 1-E Now I will get on with the birthdays and anniversaries for

January. Birthdays: Johnny Rodgers, Phil Fry, Al Nelson, Thelma Nelson, Jo Harris, Frances Hughes. Anniversaries: Grace and Lewis Stork, Jack and Verna Evatt.

Jo Harris, hugs and kisses, we miss you very much, we hope they are taking good care of you up there in Dallas Oregon. We think of you often.

Johnny Rodgers,
District 1 Reporter

A HAPPY
NEW YEAR

District 1E

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 Secretary Treasurer: Sharilyn McLain 541-947-4623
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January

- Monthly Jam Lake County Senior Center
- 9 Business Meeting

Hi all,
 I must say I should've left the reporting to someone else, as I've been down in Weed, CA for a month, so I'm not really in touch with what's going on back in 1E country. I've been home once and found my computer on the fritz, so if some of you have been missing my email messages (or dreading them) - I'll be back online this weekend. Ha!

Our vice-chairman gave me the rundown, though, and it seems there's just not a whole lot going on, but she suggests it's not too early to tell everyone the dates for our District 1E camp out -May 16,17, 18, and 19. Same place. I'll get all the details in the March Hoedowner.

In December, we played for three different functions. One was the

Lake County Fair Board annual appreciation dinner. One was the Lake District Hospital fund raiser bazaar, and one was the Mormon Church fellowship potluck- a busy month by our standards. Next month nothing is yet in the works. I think we'll all be working on with our new diet and exercise programs!

We will have our regular jam at the Lake County Senior Center on the

District 3

Chairman: Dennis Jakab 541-548-2387
Co-Chair: Jean Hardman 541-317-9566
Sec/Treasurer: Joyce Wallace 541-548-6865
Membership: Earlene Ervin, 6189 N.E. Wainwright Road, Prineville, OR 97754 541-447-5451

Table with 4 columns: Month, Date, Location, Time. Rows for January, February, and March.

Welcome to a New Year!

Our last VFW show was December 3rd. There was dancing and toe tapping music. Thank you, Mike Hymen, for directing the show. Our next show will be January 7th; the district will be having a meeting afterwards. This meeting will give us information; please attend. Fiddle lessons will be given after the PA system is put away. This will be for beginners and intermediate fiddle players. This is free, and open to anyone who wants

to learn.

District 3 wants to thank Bob Ervin. Bob has been directing the Easter Star Grange show. The show was November 26th. Thanks to all who performed.

District 3 had a Christmas Party on December 9th, held at the Pine Forest Grange. The party opened with a circle jam. Then Rhea read a Christmas story about our soldiers being away from home at Christmas time. Lunch was blessed by Jack Kerr. Thanks to Betty Fuller-

ton, who directed the lunch. Betty did an outstanding job! Thanks for all your help.

Closing Thoughts: Thanks to all who help out at our jams. May this year be filled with togetherness, joy, love, and old time fiddle music.

Rhea Bigelow, District 3 Reporter.

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Table with 4 columns: Month, Date, Location, Time. Rows for January, February, and March.

It's hard to believe that 2006 is at a close, and we will be embarking on a whole new year. A lot of music has been performed and enjoyed, but I bet there's a lot more to come!

Our "Holiday Dinner" at Roxy Ann Grange filled us up with good food, good companionship, and good music. What more could anyone want! Richard Ferguson gave tours of our beautiful new equipment trailer. Gene Williams was heard to remark that if it just had a porta-potty, he could live in it! It will be great to have our sound

and kitchen equipment dry and easily transported, with much better access for loading and unloading. Thanks, Richard, for your hard work!

Donations were made to our local scholarship fund in the names of Marie Mickey and Hilde Hartinger, at the requests of their families. Artie Hammonds fell and broke her (of course) right wrist - is having surgery on it. Knowing Artie, it won't slow her down much.

Seven of our fiddlers made the transformation to "violinists" to play in the OOOMPA (Only Occasional

Organized Methodist Philharmonic Association) 20+ piece orchestra for the Christmas Program. This helps "pay our rent" for using the church every week for our jammers. They done good!

We've played for several Christmas parties for Royal Gardens, Food and Friends, Three Rivers Hospital Auxiliary, Historic Hanley Farm, and are gearing up for the Victorian Ball on New Year's Eve in the ballroom at Jacksonville. It's been a busy time, but way too much fun!

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54070 Bear Creek Rd, Bandon, OR 97411

- January**
- 27 *Greenacres Grange meeting noon, jam 1 p.m.-4:00 p.m.*
- February**
- 17 *Reedsport Community Center on Winchester Ave 1 p.m.- 4 p.m.*
- March** 16 *St. Patrick's dance at Heritage Place, Bandon 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.*
- 17 *District 5 meeting and elections, North Bend Sr. Ctr. 11:30 a.m. potluck - noon, jam 1 - 4 p.m.*

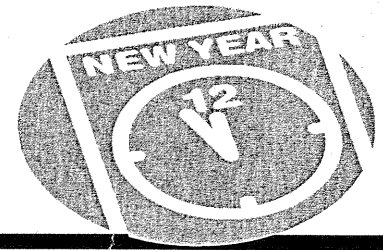
Happy New Year to all!

We received a nice letter of apology from the North Bend Senior Center for the Holiday Potluck disaster. They also offered the use of their bldg without charge for a jam! We will go there in March. Thanks to Kathy Nash for organizing the musicians who played at the Siuslaw Museum in Florence on December 10th. Feedback from the museum was that everyone was very appreciative of the music, Our January jam will be held at the

Green Acres Grange in Coos Bay on January 27th from 1-4 pm. We will also be having a short meeting at noon before the jam to discuss our August campout, appoint a nominating committee, and take up any other business. For February we will be trying a new venue for our jam. It will be at the Reedsport Community Center on February 17th from 1-4 pm. The Center is one block south of Hwy 38 between 4th and 5th streets. Additional open jams are First Fridays at the Langlois Senior Center/Fire Hall and Second Fridays at Farwest Hall

in Bandon, both jams starting at 7 p.m. Anyone who hasn't sent in dues needs to send them to Jolly ASAP. Happy Natal Day and Annual Celebrations of Wedded Bliss to all of our Januaryites.

Hal Weiner, District 5 Reporter



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Secretary/Treasurer: *Bernie Roberts 541-689-5764*
Membership: *Mark Ratzlaff, 25701 Cochran Ct. Veneta, OR 97487 541-935-8506*

- January**
- 6 *State Quarterly Jam Adult Activity Center, Springfield 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.*
- February**
- 3 *Jam and Election Meeting Jasper Grange 11:00 a.m. to 4 p.m.*

WOW!! What a fantastic Christmas party at the Lebanon Moose. The Moose served 90 turkey dinners. Several people came after lunch was served, so the place was "jumping". Twenty-four musicians signed up to play. The food was wonderful and the music was great. Santa was there ho-hoing, passing out candy canes and wishing everyone Merry Christmas. I'm not sure who the man in the red suit was, but he seemed to be having as much fun as everyone else. Put this party on your calendar for next year. It is a gathering not to be missed.

the Springfield Adult Activity Center at 215 West C Street in Springfield. It will be from 10:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and will be a potluck. Come and meet fiddlers from around the state. Learn some new tunes and make some new friends. Directions: From I-5, take I-105 east toward Springfield. Get off at the City Center/ Pioneer Parkway exit. Turn right and follow Pioneer Parkway to C Street. Turn right again and the Center is at the end of the street. Hope to see you there!

will be a business meeting and election of officers. All offices are held for one year and the chairmanship is limited by the constitution to two consecutive terms. Elections take place in February for a term which begins in July. Please be there.

Another date to put on your calendar! On January 20th, Cal Montgomery will be celebrating his 80th birthday. Ruth Montgomery and their children will be hosting an open house at Central Grange. It will be from 12:30 p.m. -5 p.m. They will be providing a buffet lunch beginning at one p.m.; the birthday cake will be cut at about 3:30 p.m.. This will be an open jam; everyone is asked to bring their instruments. If you would

On January 6th, the State Quarterly Meeting and Jam will held at

Our next District meeting and Jam will be on February 3rd at Jasper Grange. It will be a potluck and will start at 11:00 a.m. It is important to be at this meeting, as there

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We looked and looked, but our mailbox was empty ! Hope to have a full report next month.ed.

January

21 Gladstone Senior Center Gladstone

February

3 Gaston Fiddle Contest and Jubilee Gaston

11 Canby Adult Center Canby

March

11 Lake Oswego Adult Center Lake Oswego

District 10

Chairman: Bob Hanson 541-672-6929
Co-Chair: Don Hamlin 541-673-5689
Secretary: Jo Barnes 541-459-4522
Treasurer: Gynn Deaton 541-839-4501
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January

Meeting and Potluck

February

9 Meeting and Potluck

We had a very nice Christmas potluck and jam --- thanks to everyone who helped out and brought the good food. Guests were Bill Gandy from District 4 who played and sang for us; also Mike Ackley.

a break and danced, we all had a good time. Gem Moore, 91, passed away last week. She was a long time member of the fiddlers.

noon, and jam at 1 p.m. will be January 12th, 2007. February's potluck and jam will be on the 9th.

Hope everyone had a HAPPY HOLIDAY.

It was nice to have the bluegrassers join us at the jam. We had many visitors and dancers. Some of us even took

Happy Birthday and Anniversary to all in January.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

Joyce Pickett, District 10 Reporter

Our next meeting 11a.m., potluck

District 6 cont.

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like to RSVP (that would help in estimating food needed), or if you have questions call: Ruth Montgomery 541-995-6629 or Dee Dee 541-998-3755. Directions: Follow 126 from the intersection of Beltline and West 11th. Drive west about eight miles. You will see on the right Perkins Peninsula Park and on the left Central Road. Turn left onto Central Road and Central Grange is about two miles down the road on the right. The family

requests No Gifts. Cards are OK. Who those of you who use Map Quest, the Central Grange address is: 87200 Central Road, Eugene, OR.

Don't forget the other opportunities to jam: the first Friday each month at Central Grange and the second Friday at Crow Grange. The second Tuesday jam and potluck hosted by Bernie Charlebois at Central Grange from 10-4 and the fourth Thursday jam and potluck hosted by Wayne Carpenter at Jasper Grange from

10-4.

Birthdays this month: Joe Moyle 1/1, Martha Greene 1/14, Alan Ede 1/16, Zane Coffin 1/18, Allison Roberts 1/19, John Childers 1/22, Ken White 1/22, and Leah Canady 1/26. No Anniversaries for January.

If your name is not listed above (but should be), send me an e-mail about this or other news at: jkdkjc@juno.com.

Darla Knudsen, District 6 Reporter

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 Secretary: Christine Lang 503-982-6224
 Treasurer: Wally Case 503-678-5548
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January

13 Senior Center McMinnville

February

17 Senior Center McMinnville

The weather played a trick on our December jam plans. The big wind-storm of '06 took trees down and knocked out the power at the McMinnville Senior Center. We canceled and hope everyone got word by phone or e-mail.

Next jam is January 13th at McMinnville. Let's hope for better weather! Jim Hockenull will teach a workshop on Cajun fiddle from 11-12. Brown Bag lunch at noon. Sign up jam from 1-4.

Eleven of us played for Dale Emery's company Christmas party. We played "background music" for about 250 people for a couple hours. Then we had a delectable dinner. We were given a VERY generous donation for District 8. Thanks Dale! Those attending, including spouses were: Darlene and Jack Bryant, Ray and Marie Cunningham, Les and Peg Tucker, Wally and Betty Case, Dale

Colebank, Ken Cartwright, Lew and Alice Holt, and of course Dale Emery who played with us.

The Holts and Chris Lang attended District 7s jam at J. J. North's Chuckwagon. The District has been having its December jam there for a couple years. It was lots of fun! Many friends to visit with.

It's not confirmed yet, but we'll probably be playing at the Salem/Keizer Senior Center on March 17th for their St. Patrick's Day Irish Stew Dinner.

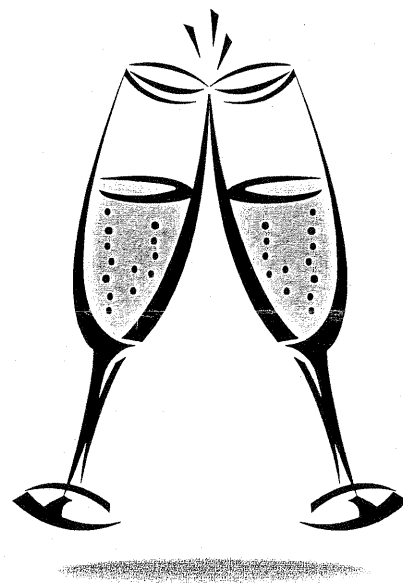
Lew and I have had several good visits with Jim and June Secor. Jim was OOTFA president 1975-1977. June still plays great piano backup. They send their regards to their friends. Jim is in his 90's. Both are doing well.

It seems like only yesterday everyone was excited about the year

2000. Here it is 2007 already! Time does fly when you're having fun.

HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE!

Alice Holt, District 8 Reporter



District 9

Chairperson: George Sahlberg 541-573-6517
 Co-Chair: Ruel Teague 541-573-2868
 Secretary/treasurer/membership:
 Rose Johnson 541-573-6237

January

12 Aspens 7 p.m.
 14 Senior Center Potluck 1 p.m.
 25 Ashley Manor 6:30 p.m.

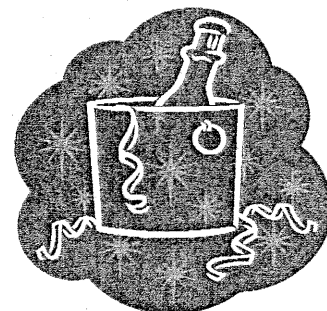
We had oodles of food but a small crowd at our holiday potluck and jam. We played a lot of Christmas songs and a few old stand-bys. Our next Senior Center potluck and jam will be held on January 14th at 1 p.m..

John and Linda Borelli of Drewsey should be button-bustin' proud as their daughter Alexandra (sophomore) and son Kyle (junior)

students at Crane high school have been selected for membership by the National Society of High School Scholars. They were recognized for achieving "superior academic excellence".

The Aspens will be Friday January 12th at 7:00pm and we play Ashley Manor on Monday January 25th at 6:30 pm.

Julia Milleson, District 9 Reporter



District 4 cont.

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I agree with Mark Twain for my New Year's Resolution: "Never put off until tomorrow what you can do the day after tomorrow."

Judy McGarvey, temporary reporter District 4

District 1E cont.

I'm sad to report that lifetime member Clyde Lynch is in pretty bad shape in the hospital. Our thoughts and prayers are with him and his wife Donna.

Here's hoping you all had a wonderful Christmas, and will have a safe and healthy new year.

Eileen McLain, District 1E Reporter



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Notes from the Editor:

Starr McMullen writes:

"Erin McMullen has run the judges room at the state contest for many years.

This year she will have a small baby and will be unable to put in as much time as usual. Accordingly, I would like to ask for volunteers from the OOFTA membership who might be interested in working in the judges room for the

May 2007 State Championships. This is a great opportunity for those interested in learning how a successful contest is run --- and the Oregon

State Contest is well known in the west as one of the best run and most reputable contests around! Please have people contact me (at mcmulles@hotmail.com or 541-745-5130) if they are willing to

help out and I will arrange a training session/ orientation prior to the contest. This is a great opportunity for people to get involved in the contest."



Notes from the Editor:

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month. Contact me or the national headquarters in Weiser. NOTFA 115 West Idaho, Weiser, ID 83672 (Tell 'em that Lew told you.)

Thanks. \$15 one year or \$25 for two years. Check our state web site, too, for more information.

We have a member who wants one of our state cookbooks. If anybody has one that they don't want, our

member would be glad to buy it from you. Contact me.

You might mark your 2007 calendars for April 4 - 5 - 6 - 7 for our state convention in Rickreall -- and May 18 - 19 for our state contest in Salem.

I have hopes of coming up with some old Cliff Buker audio tapes from the 60s. I'll know soon. Alice and I remember Cliff playing at the Cranberry Festival in Bandon back in 1980. He was a leader in getting

our state association founded and was our first state president. The other day when I was scanning some old slides I ran across a slide of Fred Virtue making hooks in his shop. Some of you might remember Fred as a fiddler. Others of us remember him making his living by forging hooks that fasten cables together for loggers. He had a shop out back where he did his work. Maybe Hal can get the picture on our web site.

Happy New Year. Lew.



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Merlin & Geri Humpal, Seaside
Vera Cooper, Grants Pass
Tal & Jody Blankenship, Glendale
Burton & Patty Davis, Medford
Doris Hudson, Prineville
Lee Williams, Sweet Home
Joe Bryan, The Dalles

Mark Ratzlaff, State Membership Chairman

State Calendar

January

6 Quarterly Meeting and Jam Adult Activity
Center, Springfield 10:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

February

3 Fiddle Contest Gaston

April

4-7 State Convention Rickreall

May

18-19 State Fiddle Contest Salem



Your Name
Here

These name tags are yellow with blue trim with the OOTFA emblem and district number. The name tags with pins are \$7.00 and those with a magnetic back are \$8.00 mailed. Please send a check to , Earlene Ervin made out to her.
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