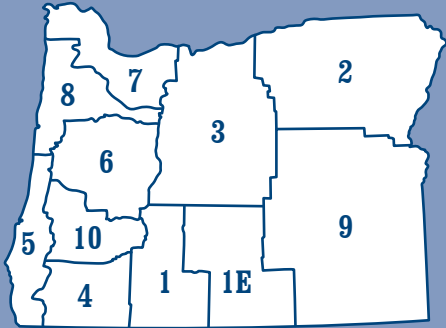


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## From Your President

Enjoy the season . Hope to see you at the January meeting.

~ Larry

## From the Editor

We here in District 6 are looking forward to hosting the state meeting and jam on January 12 at Crow Grange. Crow Grange is located west of Eugene, not quite five miles south of Veneta on Territorial Road; the venue was changed from the earlier announced Santa Clara Grange to ensure that adequate parking will be available. The doors open at 8 a.m.; see you all there.

We were saddened to learn of the untimely passing, from cancer, of Joe Kasik. Joe was an active participant in the Eugene folk music scene, playing home-made flutes and the ukulele.

Melissa Takush writes to inform us of the coming appearances on January 21 in Portland and Eugene of renowned old-time banjo and fiddle musicians Kirk Sutphin and Bertram Levy. For more information, contact Melissa at 541.683.8830 or melissamandra@yahoo.com.

~ Joe



At the District 6 Christmas jam, Jerry Parks and the Johnson sisters: (l-r) Ken Luse, Les Tucker, Jim Hoots, Marilyn (15), Anya (11), Amber (12), and Jerry Parks

In the Junior Hoedowner, Carina Johnson writes: "One night we were thrilled to see that a member of the Lebanon Square Circlers had brought his fiddle to play for the dancers! One thing led to another and before long Jerry Parks was volunteering his time and substantial effort to come to our home once a week to teach three of our daughters fiddling. Not only was he teaching them how to play, but he had also found fiddles for each of them to use.

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## From the Editor Emeritus

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We can look back to our successes in 2012 but now it is time to look to the future and what 2013 offers us, but better yet, what we can offer 2013. It isn't too early to start thinking about sharpening up those tunes in anticipation of the fiddle contest that will be held on March 22nd and 23rd at the Chemeketa CC here in Salem. Two important requirements are that you must have lived in Oregon six months prior to the contest and that you be a member of the OOTFA. It is possible to even join the day of the contest but I want to sincerely invite you not to wait until the contest to join. It is much easier for volunteers to check your name off as a member rather than having you fill out a form, writing a check, telling the people who are doing the registration that you just joined, give the money to the treasurer, make out membership cards – hopefully I have convinced you. So, please, if you are entering the contest or if you are even thinking about entering, send your membership to Patti Luse or to your district membership chairperson. Thanks everybody.

Check [Oregonoldtimefiddling.org](http://Oregonoldtimefiddling.org) for specific information about the contest. Also, I would like to encourage all districts to be thinking about their contribution to the contest. Through district contributions, the contest has been able to survive. Half of our contest participants are 18 or younger so the contest especially serves young fiddlers – giving them a purpose for practicing and to demonstrate their skills.

I received this letter recently asking for information. Now I am turning to you to ask if any of you old timers have any information. Luckily he is mentioned in the OOTFA History Book – see our web page. Please contact me if you can help.

“Hello Lew, I believe my father (now deceased) was among the fiddlers assoc (circa 1968) and I'm wondering if you might have any information (pics, video or articles) on/about him: his name is Gordon Neufeld. Thanks for any information you can provide. Trina Morgan”

~ Lew

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### January

1	Gigs Cancelled due to holiday:	Plum Ridge and Quail Park	
5	Practice	Luther Square	1 - 4 p.m.
6	Holiday Dinner	Shasta Community Center	12-4 p.m.
8	Jam	Senior Center	10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
12	Practice	Luther Square	1 - 4 p.m.
13	Dance	Shasta Community Center	12 - 4 p.m.
17	Gig	Shasta View	1 - 2 p.m.
17	Gig	Linkville House	2:30 - 3:30 p.m.
19	Practice	Luther Square	1 - 4 p.m.
22	Jam	Senior Center	10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
26	Practice	Luther Square	1 - 4 p.m.

I am sure there will be more on the schedule later; for updated information call either Sheila Fry or John Northcraft.

There will be no meeting on January 6th. We decided to have a New Year's dinner to celebrate the coming year instead. This is something we all do our best at: eating and playing music. So hopefully everyone will be able to come enjoy the food, friendship and music.

We want to thank Larry, Terry, and Mary Ann McLain for bringing their sound equipment and playing with us for the November dance. I know this is late but I have a very good excuse. We really do appreciate District 1E and would like them to come more often.

December was a busy month for everyone. Playing for special parties, Christmas shopping and planning for our big Christmas Dinners. A big thanks to everyone that was able to play at all the nursing homes, senior center, and special events.

We want to keep John and Patti Northcraft in our thoughts and prayers. Patti had back to back knee surgeries. John has had some health issues with his heart.

Irene Ruddock wrote the note for this month:

“Ali, asked me to write a little note. The New Year is here and I wish everyone a very Happy New Year.

There are so many great tunes. I wish I could learn all of them. But, more important, learn the tunes and future tunes well. Play them with a good rhythm not speed. Rhythm is as important as playing in tune. Learn to listen to your backup, they help your timing, and guitar players keep a steady beat. It is also important to know the key of the song. It helps all the other players and especially your back up.”

Thanks Irene. Irene didn't mention she and Jerry's four students. Three are learning the fiddle, and one, the guitar. Also Irene organizes our practice sessions.

We want to welcome Carol & Phil Fulbright's granddaughter, Dakota Sedlacek. She will be joining District 1 and is learning to play the guitar.

Wherever you go, no matter what the weather, always bring your own sunshine, but don't forget your umbrella.

~ Ali Swartwood, District 1 Reporter

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Hope everyone had a wonderful Holiday Season.

We played for the Holiday Fair at the fairground on the 30th of November. Larry, Terry, Barrett and Jerry all played. The next day we had our monthly jam. Was certainly good to have Jerry back.

Thursday nights are back up and running. 5 p.m. at Rosa Lee's home.

Next jam: January 5th workshop at 5 p.m. and jamming at 6 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Next meeting: January 14th, 7 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Please everyone be safe.

~ **Mary Ann McLain, District 1E Reporter**

### January

5	Workshop, Jam	Senior Center	5 p.m.
14	Meeting	Senior Center	7 p.m.



District 1E's Larry McLain (l) with brother Terry (r).

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Happy New year to everyone from District 3 over here in Central Oregon. We had a couple of cancellations that were unavoidable in November and December so not a lot of news, but we are all looking forward to 2013.

We had our District 3 Christmas Party on December 8th at the Pine Forest Grange with a great turnout of 45-50 District 3 members. Great food prepared by Vivian Tucker and Ron Odegard for the main courses and all the members brought really good food.

After the dinner there was a nice circle jam sharing tunes including Jingle Bells sung by Jack Kerr. Anyone looking for a fiddle to use? I have a donated fiddle ready to go which needs a bow. Anyone with a student quality bow to donate, see Roland.



District 3 members jamming at the Christmas party.

### January

13	Circle Jam	VFW Hall, Redmond.	1-3:30 p.m.
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### February

10	Circle Jam	VFW Hall, Redmond.	1-3:30 p.m.
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*Note: Second Sundays at Redmond VFW Hall • 1836 SW Veterans Way Redmond*

We have secured our lease with VFW for next year so we are all looking forward to jamming and playing music. The VFW has been great to District 3 and we give them a big Thank You for their hospitality.

We are set up to have some fiddlers jam from 12:30 to 1 p.m. when the regular show starts so I hope some of you fiddlers can show up a bit early for just the fiddlers. The regular program starts at 1 p.m. but don't forget the circle jam in the auxiliary room.

No more news for now, but send me your birthdays, anniversaries and other tidbits to keep our District 3 informed.

~ **Roland White, District 3 Reporter**



District 6 players at the Spencer Creek Grange barn dance (l-r): Jan Simmons, Joe Moyle, John Gent, Gary Baran, and Bruce Cooper.

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Our jam at Roxy Ann Grange feted our annual Holiday dinner with turkey, ham, and all the fixin's. Yummy! Judy Lyons did her usual exceptional job of organizing the feast! Carol Ferrara and Edna Chitwood decorated the festive tables, and Dotty Birkett brought the lovely poinsettias which were raffled off. Quite a party!

The jam was well attended, and we enjoyed having visitors Dean Oliver (bass player) from Klamath Falls, and Hal Thompson (almost a regular) from District 10.

There were nine youth from our beginning fiddle group, as well as Sera Tang and Yoshe Zohar from the previous fiddle group, and they did a great job of performing four numbers on stage. Even two-year-old Olivia Tang joined in a couple numbers. The applause was deafening! What a joy to see these young players making great music and having fun doing it!

We missed Delsa Corder who is having major knee problems. Gene Williams remains in rehab at Hearthstone, and is getting out his fiddle now and then. We wish you both well.

We again remind you that elections are coming up soon, and we need you to volunteer to serve as an officer to preserve our district.

Lenny Ferrara, Sera Tang, Everett Costa, Barbara Jackson, Cindy McDonald, and Scott Phillips joined "yours truly" in the orchestra for the Feast of Carols at the Medford Methodist Church (where we are welcomed to jam each Wednesday). They all did a great job, and did their part at the Feast of Cookies as well!

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Welcome to the New Year! May it be happier and more prosperous than the one through which we have just come.

The Thanksgiving - Christmas dinner, held before the November jam, was well attended and enjoyed by everyone. There was a sharing of all the traditional dishes including turkey, stuffing, sweet potatoes, pumpkin and other pies with all the accompanying goodies that lead one to say, "That was a great dinner!" Thanks to all who helped and contributed to make it so. We have some very good cooks in District 5. and they always come up with tasty repasts.

Guests: musicians from other districts at our November jam included Karen Pohl, Sharon and Hal Thompson, and Donna and

### January

5 Jam, snacks Eagle Point Grange 11:30 a.m.

### February

2 Jam, snacks Fruitdale Grange, Grants Pass 11:30 a.m.

### March

2 Jam, snacks Eagle Point Grange 11:30 a.m.

Since this "old broad" (Judy) is going "abroad", Ron Bolstad graciously agreed to finish off this report and send it in. So - He-e-e-res Ron!

Twenty of our members performed a rousing kick-off to fellow member Don Maddox's 90th birthday party at the Ashland Community Center. We played for an appreciative audience, making many new fans of old-time music. The four hour event gave the community an opportunity to recognize local citizen Don for his many musical accomplishments with the legendary family band, the Maddox Brothers and Rose, and more recently as its only surviving member.

Don himself performed for an exciting hour, receiving a standing ovation. District 10's Bob Hanson added his fine accompaniment. Also entertaining during the afternoon were two professional bands, Sage Meadows and her High Country Band and the bluegrass group, Siskiyou Summit. It was quite a gala event!

We are delighted to welcome these new members, individuals and families: Elan Chardin, Ashland; Ray and Pat Evarts, Central Point; Walt and Katie Cheshire, Christa and Kartina from fiddle class, from Central Point; Paul and Becky Christensen, Nolan, Paige, David, Mea, and Phoebe (Nolan and Paige from fiddle class), Central Point; Jerry and Nicole Murphy, Medford; Betsy Martin, Medford; and from Yreka, CA, Della Frost; Adrian DeRose; and Joan Sims. A warm welcome to you all!

Our wish for you in the New Year: May your right hand always be stretched out in friendship, but never in want

**~ Judy McGarvey , District 4 Reporter**

### January

2	Gig	Oerdings, Coquile	1 - 2 p.m.
2	Gig	Myrtle Point Care Center	3 - 4 p.m.
9	Gig	Bay Crest, North Bend	1:30 - 2:30 p.m.
9	Gig	Ocean Crest, Coos Bay	3 - 4 p.m.
11	Gig	Inland Point, North Bend	11 - 12 noon
16	Gig	Heritage Place, Bandon	1 - 2:30 p.m.
19	Monthly Jam	Winchester Bay	1 - 4 p.m.
23	Gig	Memory Care, Empire	1:30 - 2:30 p.m.
23	Gig	Heartside, Coos Bay	3 - 4 p.m.

her husband, whose last name I didn't get, and who were visiting from California, from Dist.10 and Marlene and John Renfro from Dist. 4. We always enjoy having guest performers and hope you will be back soon.

For those of you who haven't paid your dues, "get 'er done" before the end of January. If you don't, your name will not be included in the new membership roster.

Don't forget the state quarterly meeting and jam to be held on January 12 at the Crow Grange out of Eugene. Let's all make an effort to be there.

# JR FIDDLEDOWNER

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## Marilyn, Amber, and Anya Johnson

Carina Johnson writes: "From a summer job to square dancing to fiddling, one never knows where the journey of life will take them. Marilyn, our second daughter, took a job one summer picking blueberries at Berkey's Blueberries in Lebanon. The owners of the field invited our family to join in square dance lessons, an awesome, clean, family friendly activity, which we highly recommend to any family.

"One night we were thrilled to see that a member of the Lebanon Square Circlers had brought his fiddle to play for the dancers! One thing led to another and before long Jerry Parks was volunteering his time and substantial effort to come to our home once a week to teach three of our daughters fiddling. Not only was he teaching them how to play, but he had also found fiddles for each of them to use.

"When we offered to pay him, he turned us down. He said that during his many years of learning how to play different instruments, others had shared their love of music with him. He shares his love of fiddling with our daughters without expecting anything in return, besides their commitment to practicing. It is so refreshing to find an organization full of people who wish to bless younger people by sharing of themselves, without the promise of monetary gain.

"Marilyn is 15, but has always been intrigued with the violin. She was about four when she started asking for violin lessons. We decided to wait to see if it was a passing fancy, but decided to look into it when she hadn't changed her mind after a couple of years. Her first violin seemed so tiny, but she loved it! Being a one-income family we were only able to provide paid lessons for about 18 months. However, she never complained when the lessons had to stop. Her love of the violin and music was never fully extinguished, and she was ecstatic to learn that Jerry would share his knowledge with her. She is doing well, but wishes she

had more time to dedicate to practice. Two Awana groups, church, babysitting, school, and friends keep her very busy, but she loves the time she is able to spend with the fiddle.

"Amber, 12 and Anya, 11, are both horse lovers. They are almost glued at the hip. Whatever one of them is doing the other wants to be doing also, for the most part. So, when Jerry offered to find them fiddles too, they both said yes. It wasn't an option for one of them to say no. They challenge each other to be better, and tease each other when one messes up. They are really enjoying the fiddle a lot!

"No one knows where the path leads on which our three daughters are traveling, but I am certainly glad it led us by way of the Old Time Fiddlers Association. Our family is learning so much more than music during this time of our lives. Thank you for blessing us and sharing our journey."



The Johnson sisters at the District 6 Christmas jam.

## Fiddle Tips by Eileen Walter – Shifting with Double Stops

This column will talk about how to practice shifting to higher positions while playing double stops (two notes at once). Many tunes have sections which include a double stop in first position which then shifts to another position using the same fingers on the same strings. A common one is a G chord played with the first finger on the A string (B) and the third finger on the D string (G) in first position and then shifting the same fingers on the same strings to third position – playing a B on the D string (with the third finger) and a D on the A string (with the first finger). This double stop shift occurs in Morning Star Waltz, Kelly's Waltz, Brown Skin Gal, Sally Johnson, Leather Britches, and many other tunes and is a good one to use for practicing this type of slide.

Turn on your chromatic tuner. Play each note separately in first position and make sure both notes are in tune. Then slide both fingers up to third position, but only play on one of the strings. Check with the tuner and see if your new note is in tune. If not, try it again. Do this several times. Then continue to shift with both fingers, but play only on the other string and check with the tuner. Do this many times. Then shift while playing both strings, stop, and check each note separately with the tuner. Do it again. This may sound like a tedious exercise, but it will pay off in improved intonation.

## Tune of the Month -- Billy in the Lowground

This is a tune with a history, having been played all over the country, particularly in the South and during the Civil War. The tune may go back as far as the 1740's. No one knows who Billy was, or what he was doing in the low ground.

### Billy in the Lowground [1]



Source: Jay Ungar

Transcription: AK/Fiddler's Companion



District 4 junior fiddlers sound off!

## District 5 Continued from page 4

If you missed the last jam you missed the highlight performance of the day when John MacRae and his "pips" Rachel and Annonda, both of whom, I'd guess, were in the 5 - 6 age range, sang the children's song, Ally Bally Bee. What a fun song! They received a big hand of applause for their presentation.

Those muzzle-loading Weyers have been at it again! Ruth and Pat both got their deer when they went hunting with their muzzle loaders in the Oakridge area in November. That's a sport they both enjoy very much. Daniel Boone incarnate?

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District 6 looks forward to hosting the state jam and meeting at Santa Clara Grange on Saturday, January 12. The grange doors will open at 8 a.m.

One correction to the directions to Santa Clara Grange, in last month's Hoedowner: the distance to the grange from the stoplight in Veneta is 4.7 miles, not two miles, as previously stated.

The basic fiddle class will be held on Monday, Jan. 14, Feb 25th, March 25th, and April 29th at Bethesda Lutheran Church from 1-4:30 p.m. The intermediate fiddle class will not meet in January. The next class scheduled is February 23rd, none in March, but gathering again April 27th, at the River Road Annex 1055 River Road 1-4 p.m. For more information, contact Darla Knudsen (jkdjkc@q.com or 541-998-2064.)

From Sandy Wallrich: "Our Crow jam this month was full with seven fiddlers and a few guitars, banjos, mandolins and bass. We really enjoyed each other's music, especially Deborah Weese's rendition of "Grandfather's Clock," on her wonderful banjo. Glad to see Shirley Humphrie's daughter's family come to our jam. And it sure is good to hear that Leah Canaday is having so much fun in life that she forgot where she was last night. "

From John Gent: "For the day after Thanksgiving at the Santa Clara grange, apparently not everyone was still so stuffed that playing a little music was not out of the question. Eight musicians and three listeners showed up. It was a small circle, which is sometimes nice because it's easier to hear everyone, and it's a good time to experiment with tunes.

"Wayne Carter was sporting a mandolin along with his arm sling from shoulder surgery. Since he's only been playing it for a very short while, it was a good opportunity to clearly hear him sing. Great voice, that man. Sue Cooper (fiddle) has been bringing Squirrel Hunters and Soldiers Return to many of the jams hoping to get others to learn them. Great tunes. Certainly worth learning. Deb Weese (banjo) brought several new tunes, a couple that she had worked on with Sue earlier that day. But the real hoot was when she called Zippity Doo Daa. We even got Joe Moyle to sing a verse or two. Fun!"

Again I want to thank all of you for the great birthday tribute at the November jam. You blew me away! I loved the cute song you composed and sang to me. But I didn't live on an island. We went everywhere, including school, in a boat because I grew up on the Smith River where there were no roads in those days. My love to all of you.

Give a man a fish and he will eat for a day. Teach a man to fish and he will sit in a boat all day drinking beer.

~ Mary A. Weist, District 5 Reporter

### January

4	Jam	Eugene Hotel Lounge.	7-10 p.m.
11	Jam	Crow Grange	7-10 p.m.
12	State Mtg & Potluck	Crow Grange	10-4 p.m.
19	Barn Dance	Spencer Creek Grange	7-10 p.m.
25	Jam	Santa Clara Grange	7-10 p.m.

### February

1	Jam	Eugene Hotel Lounge	7-10 p.m.
8	Jam	Crow Grange	7-10 p.m.
9	Jam, Meeting & Potluck	Santa Clara Grange	10-4 p.m.
16	Barn Dance	Spencer Creek Grange	7-10 p.m.
22	Jam	Santa Clara Grange	7-10 p.m.

JAM VENUE ADDRESSES: Crow Grange - 85994 Territorial Hwy, Eugene (in Crow); Eugene Hotel - 224 E. Broadway, Eugene; Santa Clara Grange - 295 Azalea, Eugene; Spencer Creek Grange - 86013 Lorane Hwy, Eugene.

January birthdays: Joe Moyle 1-1, Gerald Clark 1-1, Galen Ness 1-14, Allan Ede 1-16, Mike Wallrich 1-17, Zane Coffin 1-18, Ken Spann 1-20, Cal Montgomery 1-21, John Childers, 1-22, Ken White 1-22, and Leah Canaday 1-26,

January anniversaries: Willie & Edna Carter, Galen & Kathy Ness

~ Gary Davis, District 6 Reporter



At the District 6 Eugene Hotel jam (l-r): John Gent, Addison Talbot, Joe Moyle, Tenaya Cooper, and Joe Canaday.



District 6 at the Eugene Hotel (l-r): Addison Talbot, Josie Slaven, Joe Moyle, Mike Slaven.



District 3's Jack Kerr (r) and Don Hanna (l).

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HAPPY NEW YEAR! What a year this has been, and I am sure we are all looking forward to another fun year "fiddling around" with everyone. We have been blessed this past month to have several young players join us, and hope the coming year will bring even more young members to OOTFA.

Reminder - the New Year means dues are due! Please pay them early to continue your membership.

We are planning a memorial service for Linda Easley on January 27th at the Gresham Community Center. Doors open at 11am, and will have sign up playing from 12:30 - 3:30 pm. Please join us for this tribute. The address is 600 NE 8th Street, Gresham OR 97030.

We had a wonderful Christmas party and delicious food at the Estacada Senior Center. This year we had several young people make their playing debut, so we want to congratulate and welcome them! We also had fun playing for the Milwaukie

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HAPPY NEW YEAR and hope all had a good Christmas.

The group that meets at our house Wednesday evenings played in two places on December 13th. First for the Golden Age Club at a South Salem Church where we were treated to a nice lunch. We each received a bag of goodies including homemade jam. That evening we played for the Multiple Sclerosis Group. Another great potluck. Each of us won Christmas themed door prizes.

Musicians in and near McMinnville meet to play and practice regularly as do the Salem bunch. It helps us all, and it's fun to get together and play.

Lutheran Church Christmas lunch. Thanks so much to everyone who made these events so successful.

Welcome new member MIKE ELSTON! Mike is Phyllis Elton's son, and he is an accomplished guitar player, has a wonderful singing voice and is learning to play the fiddle, with great promise.

Welcome returning members RICHARD and VERNA Whitecotton! They have been gone for a few years, and we are so glad to have them back.

Our January playing lineup to date includes:

Sunday, Jan. 6 Gladstone Senior Center: 1050 Portland Ave., Gladstone, 97027. Playing times from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. Sign-up playing from 1:00 pm - 3:30 pm. This is our first jam for 2013. We will have a meeting to decide on funds for the contests, so your input will be appreciated.

Friday, Jan. 25 Tanner Springs Assisted Living Center: 23000 Horizon Drive, West Linn, 97068. Playing time from 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. This audience is very appreciative.

As usual, please watch your emails for any other future gigs!

~ Marcella Easley, District 7 Reporter

### January

19 Jam Dayton Community Building

### February

16 Jam Oak Grove Grange -- west of Salem

Saturday December 15th we met at the grange hall in Woodburn. It's been several years since we played there. The rooms are nicely remodeled. We had a good crowd of listeners. Several members brought cookies and treats to go with our brown bag lunches. It was Christine Lang's birthday with cupcakes to mark the occasion. Happy Birthday, Chris! The program featured 20 musicians. Many played or sang Christmas songs as well as our favorite fiddle tunes.

Nice to have Brian and Nathan Stiner there to play for us. Brian is attending Portland State and he's taller than Grandpa Wally Case. The boys sounded great twin fiddling.



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January 12th, Saturday, OOTFA will hold the first quarterly meeting of the year. It will be at the Crow Grange near Eugene. There is more information elsewhere in this issue. Everyone is invited. There's always a great potluck and an equally great jam program after eating. And of course the District and State officers meet to plan schedules and tend to OOTFA business.

Our January jam will be Saturday the 19th at the Community Center in Dayton. This is a new location for us. Hope to see you there. If we can't get the address in time for this Hoedowner, Lew will be sending out an email when we get it. Or call Lew for the address and directions.

A memorial for Linda Easley will take place in Gresham on January 27th. It's in conjunction with the North West Music Jamboree at the Ambleside Center (Senior Center). Many OOTFA members also belong to NWMJ.

February 16th we'll hold our monthly jam at Oak Grove Grange. From Salem, travel west on Hwy 22, toward Dallas and the coast. Turn right, north, on Oak Grove Road just before the Rest Lawn Cemetery. It's actually the road to the cemetery. Continue several miles to the Grange which is on the right. It is time to be thinking about our new officers for next year. More details next month.

~ Alice Holt, District 8 Reporter

## District 9

**Chair:** Janet Braymen, 541-573-1323  
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Happy New Year, 2013!

December's jam featured a wonderful holiday meal complete with the turkey cooked by new members Larry and Nadine Shireman. Isn't it great when new members jump right in and contribute! Walt Cooper had the sound system set up just right and about 40 folks were in attendance to enjoy the music and food. Betty Chapman made the trip from Christmas Valley to enjoy the festivities. Paul Arrington was back in town from Hawaii and shared a few ukulele tunes as well as some awesome food!

Kudos and thanks to Diana Chase and Jane Jones for all the new tunes, good music and beautiful harmonies. What a great addition they are to the district 9 events.

George Sahlberg was able to attend the December jam though he was right back to the hospital afterwards. Sure do hope the infection clears up as scheduled so you can get back on your feet in January, George.

Friday night jams continue to happen as well as the occasional Sunday afternoon practice session. The number of musicians

### January

11	Gig	The Aspens	7 - 9 p.m.
13	Jam and Potluck	Senior Center	1- 4 p.m.
21	Gig	Ashley Manor	6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

participating are small so be sure to encourage anyone you know to come out and play in a safe environment.

Walt Cooper hasn't been feeling top notch lately and LaWanda Williams continues to improve slowly with her health conditions. It's always great to see them when they're able to attend a function.

Joan Suther had a great trip to Argentina. It's always nice to have Joan around with the solid backup, lead and harmony vocals.

Speaking of new members, Bill Leonard and Jim and Sue Sahlberg returned to the fold after years of being away. Jim and Pam Litscher and Bob and Jacki Drinkwater are first time members. We welcome all of you and know you'll enjoy hours of great music at the jams!

In January, the Aspens will be on Friday, the 11th from 7 - 9 pm. Sunday, the 13th is the jam at the Senior Center with potluck at 1 pm and music from 2- 4 pm. Ashley Manor is Monday, the 21st at 6:30 for one hour.

~ Janet Braymen, District 9 Reporter

## District 10

**Chairperson:** Don Hamlin, 541-673-5689  
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Well, this month we only had 18 people, 10 players and the rest audience. But, we had some very good music. Too much going on, and nasty weather.

Barbara Sullivan is now our new membership chair. She will do a good job. Thank you Jo Barnes for all the years you did the job.

Chuck and Margie Hastey were in the hospital for a few days; hope they're doing okay -- they're out of the hospital now.

Everyone that's under the weather, hope you're up and around soon. The virus that's going around isn't very nice.

Happy Birthday to Whitey Kelm Dec 7th.---Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to all that had them. Don't have a list.

Our next jam will be January 26th, 2013, at the VFW hall in Roseburg, from 1 to 4 p.m., finger foods for everyone, so bring some goodies, and bring your instruments and voices and have a good time with us.

By the way, it's time to pay your dues for 2013, if you pay them now, you're sure to get into the roster for '13.---The dues are still only \$20.00 per family per year.

Hope to see you at the next jam.

~ Joyce Pickett, District 10 Reporter



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## State Calendar

January 12	State Meeting and Jam, Crow Grange, Eugene
March 22-23	State Fiddle Contest, Chemeteka Community College, Salem
April 10-13	State Convention, Rickreall
July 22-25	West Cascades Fiddle Camp, Oakridge

## New Members to Welcome!

George and Barbara Breeze, Roseburg  
Elan Chardin, Ashland  
Walt, Katie, Katrina & Christa Cheshire, Central Point  
Lara and Grant Christensen, Portland  
Patty Anne and Drew Da'Cunha, Smith River, CA  
Bob and Jackie Drinkwater, Burns  
Mike Elston, Oregon City  
Ray and Pat Evarts, Central Point  
Raymond Griffin, Pleasant Hill

Carl and Denise King, Gold Beach  
Lucie LaBonte, Gold Beach  
Bill Leonard, Burns  
Jim and Pam Litscher, Burns  
Betsy Martin and Rai Peterson, Medford  
Jerry and Nicole Murphy, Medford  
Bob and Kathryn Petzold, Brookings  
James and Sue Sahlberg, Burns  
Richard and Verna Whitecotton, Odell

- Patti Luse, OOTFA State Membership