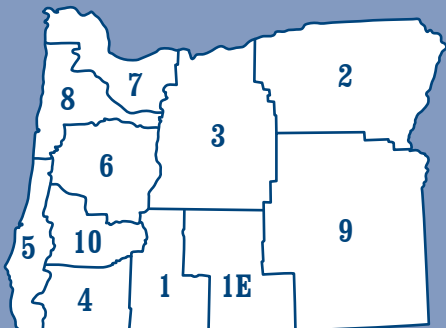


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From Your President

When a committee was formed to decide on the way to use the Keilhorn trust money, they did an excellent job of setting up the OCF as a way to perpetuate the work of the fiddlers. Up until recently we could not have known what the income would be. The answer is the fund generates more money than we are used to spending on our programs because they were tailored to our past income.

We are now at a place where we need to restructure our thinking and the organization to promote the music and musical styles of the oldtime fiddlers to achieve greater community involvement.

Two things to remember are: (1) we can expand our influence in our communities and in turn perhaps gain membership; but (2) we cannot use Keilhorn funds for normal expenses outside the wording of the bequest. This is now our requirement.

We cannot be a non-profit corporation if we in fact profit by not investing in our communities and our musical heritage.

Internally, we will distribute money as requested to districts at the quarterly meetings for equipment or performances, etc.; you need to get requests to me for review and qualification as early as possible.

Externally, we need to be creative and aggressive in seeking ways to promote training, performing and recognition of the fiddler goals.

~ Larry

From the Editor

It is with sadness that I report the death of Jim Lockhart. Jim and Carol were early OOTFA activists; Jim was state vice president 1991-1993. Carol plays a mean fiddle. More sad news: Carl Rovainen, of District 5, is ill. Carl plays banjo and viola, and has been known to sing. Carl and I go w-a-a-y back, to high school in Minnesota, where we were both on the debate team, and competed in original oratory - Carl's effort was entitled "Algea for Supper." Carl has cancer and is in hospice care. We wish him, and wife Leslie, well.

State Membership Chair Patti Luse is cleaning up OOTFA membership records. To this end, on February 15 she sent out 275 emails to registered members for 2013, and had 40 of them bounce! She subsequently sent out 177 emails asking people who haven't yet registered to do so, and had 35 of these messages bounce. If you have not received a message from Patti, OOTFA does not have a correct email address for you. Please send her updated information asap. Thanks.

You may have noticed the many photos in the Hoedowner of late. Most of them were taken by Peggy Mulder or Nina Hoffman, both of District 6., and occasionally by yours truly. There is a very nice photo of Nina, taken by Peggy, in this issue. The McLain photo in this issue was purloined from a Facebook post. We encourage submission of photos, but, please, be sure they are printable relatively high resolution photos. My iPad, for example, takes printable photos; many older cell phones do not.

~ Joe



Nine-year-old Tenaya Cooley, District Six

From the Editor Emeritus

When I send out an "OOTFA update," I sent it to literally hundreds of addresses. Early on I had to get special permission from AOL -- thinking that I was sending SPAM. I send the update to current members whose email addresses I have. If you have an email address, don't receive the updates and want to receive them, please drop me a line. I never drop an address unless I receive a request, or if an address comes back several times as "undeliverable." Because I do not make up a new address list each year, I continue sending the updates to people who may no longer be members. Some have written saying that they enjoy the updates. Others have written asking me to drop them.

If you don't have email or if you have email and don't receive the updates, you may wonder what I am writing about. I send out "OOTFA Updates" with information that hopefully is of value to our members and friends. This week I sent one dealing with the passing of Gene Williams and Dale Johnson. I, also, told of an addition to our web about Bill Gandy. I try to keep them pertinent and not send too often so they won't become a bother.

I enjoy your comments about the Hoedowner Archives. Recently a member wanted to read some back issues. It was simple to send her to the archives which we have thanks to the volunteers who scanned many, many back issues and to Dave Basden who

puts them on the web each month. Check out OOTFA.ORG. I cannot brag enough about him. Also, a bouquet of roses for Dina Shaylor for the web that she does for us. Have you checked it out? http://home.comcast.net/~dina.shaylor/lew_chronicle/fiddlers-pict/h-musicians-index.html. It will keep you busy for a while. You will come away wiser for having checked it out.

Archives continued. Maybe it verges on being eccentric, if not, then what? I have three reel-to-reel tape players/recorders, an 8 track player, an 8 track recorder, several audio cassette tape players, 8 mm video tape player/recorder, VHS tape players/recorders, all kinds of DVD players/recorders/burners and more. Not many secrets with all that equipment. But I am looking for an 8 mm video tape rewinder. Mine is not working. If you have one and want to pass it this way, I would be most happy.

And thanks to Starr McMullen for getting three fine judges for our contest -- Luke Price, Jeanine Orme, and JayDean Ludiker. Hope to see you at the contest on Saturday, March 23rd. Contestants have started to send in their pre-registrations. Hope you will do the same soon if you are entering.

~ Lew

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The February meeting was well attended and several new items were discussed. We are encouraging all our members to pay their dues by the end of January, so they can continue to play with the group at scheduled events, and get the Hoedowner.

Carol Fulbright & Patti Northcraft will be the nominating committee. A slate of nominated officers will be presented and voted on at the March 3rd meeting.

Let's all welcome our newest members Ken, Kathy, Cooper & granddaughter Siera. Siera is learning to play the fiddle. Irene is Siera's instructor.

This is the note from John Rodgers for this month:

"As I think back in life, I had friends in high school closer than others. Three of us fellows ran around together through all of high school, and some even long after school and college. A couple of buddies have passed on, so now all I have is memories. Later in life in the work force I met a lot of new fellows, some became friends. We worked and played together. Other folks wanted to join, we would welcome them but it didn't seem to work out, and they had hard feelings. That is when I first heard the term "clickish."

"I joined an airplane club, met new friends, and they became close friends with some; there again some thought we were clickish. So, as life went on, we had friends from high school, the work place, and the airplane group. Then we joined the Oregon Old Time Fiddlers and met a lot of new friends. There, too, we made some close friends, we played music together, and enjoyed BBQs eating out, rock hunting, fishing and enjoying our garden & flowers. So in my lifetime I have made a lot of friends in the different fields, all of which I cherish.

March

3	Meeting & Pot luck	12 - 4 p.m.
5	Gig Plum Ridge	10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
5	Gig Quail Park	12:30 - 1:30 p.m.
10	Gig Shasta Community Center Dance	1 - 4 p.m.
12	Jam Senior Center	10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
19	Jam Senior Center	10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
21	Gig Shasta View Care Center	1 - 2 p.m.
21	Gig Linkville House	2:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Practice every Saturday unless something else is scheduled. Call or contact Irene Ruddock for any questions. I am sure there will be more on the schedule later, for updated information call either Sheila Fry or John Northcraft.

"I am amazed at the talent of so many of the members in the Fiddlers. We tend to learn from other members, picking up things that we admire in their skills.

"The Oregon Old Time Fiddlers is living proof that our musical dreams are within reach for any person eager enough to strive for it.

"In closing I am only too glad to help our best news reporter for District One. Keep in mind the friendships that you have made in this lifetime. Thanks, John."

Happy Birthday John Blasius, Faye Patterson, Don Hensley & Lois Jannuzzi. Hopefully everyone has a good one.

Anniversaries are Bill & Ann Bonser, Bud & Rebecca Ullman.

Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow.

~ Ali Swartwood, District 1 Reporter



At the District 6 barn dance:
Ken Luse and a little observer

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Reporter: Laura Light

We had a nice jam on February 2. A lot of people showed up. We had our monthly business meeting and election of officers on February 11. We had a quorum. New officers will be: Terry McLain, Chair; Jerry Light, Vice Chair; Sharilyn McLain remains Secretary-Treasurer; and Laura Light is now Reporter.

Thursdays nights at Rosa Lee's are going really well; the jams start at 6 p.m.

The next jam will be March 2, as always at the Senior Center. There will be a workshop at 5 p.m. and jamming from 6 p.m.

The next business meeting will be March 10th at the Senior Center at 7 p.m.

Silver Lake Campout: The dates are May 2-5. Terry's phone number is 541-219-0896, if you need more info. Terry says we play til the cows come home. That will be Sunday around noon. Get your rest ahead of time.

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Greetings from District 3 over here in Sunny Central Oregon. We had a nice jam on February 10th; what seemed like a small turn out blossomed into a good turn out with musicians and dancers staying until 3:30 p.m.

We were thrilled to have Betty Chapman from District 1E playing with us; her singing and yodeling thoroughly pleased the audience. District 3 members welcome new member Rita Daily who sang and played the guitar bass. Another shout out is to Dick Cahill, a former OOTFA member, who played the banjo with the regular performers.

District 3 members would like to thank all the folks from Prineville who joined us for an afternoon of fun, music and good times.

Our scheduled meeting for that day was called off because we didn't have all of our officers, due to illness. We are sending get well wishes to the Tucker family as they were out with the flu. We also want to send out best wishes to Peggy Hudson and Dale Anderson who are recovering from knee replacement surgery in February. Get well soon so you can join back in and play some tunes in coming months.

Remember to send your dues in if you haven't already and take the time to update your contact information. Many of you have changed address, email or phone number and we cannot reach you for important member updates. Be sure and note that our Secretary Vivian Tucker has a new address listed at the top of this report; be sure you send your dues to the right address.

March

2	Jam and Workshop	Senior Center	5 p.m.
7	Business Meeting	Senior Center	7 p.m.

There are limited number of electrical-only sites for trailers around the outside of the Silver Lake Fire Hall-- first come, first served for \$10 per nite. Dry camping all around the hall is free. Please stay away from the helicopter landing zone. We don't want to disrupt emergency services.

A couple of blocks north, right on the highway, is Silver Lake Motel 541- 576-2131. Here's a couple more options: Silver Lake Trailer Park 541-576-2789; K&K RV Park 541-576-2258 and , approximately 20 miles out are Christmas Valley Desert Inn 541-576- 2262; Lakeside Terrace 541-576-2309; and Summer Lake Lodge 541-943-3994.

Everyone take care.

~ Laura Light, District 1E Reporter

March

10	Jam		1 to 3 p.m.
10	Meeting	District 3 Meeting	3 p.m.
24	Jam	Place tba at 3/10 meeting	1 to 3:30 p.m.

**PLEASE NOTE, March to October there will be two jams per month on the second and fourth Sundays at Redmond VFW Hall • 1836 SW Veterans Way Redmond*

We will have a meeting in March at 3 p.m. The program for March 10th will be from 1 to 3 p.m. to allow enough time for the meeting and take down of the PA system.

If you haven't served on a committee or as an officer for District 3, now is the time to consider serving your organization. We are going to elect new officers for 2013 at the March 10th meeting and we need nominations for vice chairman. Vivian Tucker and Roland White have agreed to stay on one more year as secretary and chairman on the condition that we get some new blood to take the vice chairman position. If we don't get someone to nominate or volunteer we are in danger of losing our District 3 status and this would be a sad day indeed.

We will discuss at the meeting if we want to continue two times per month from April to October so bring your ideas to the meeting.

Other topics to be covered are a volunteer needed for the publicity. Don Hendrix has done this for 3-4 years or more that I can remember. Help out and volunteer today as Don has it all set up to be easy for anyone with basic computer or phone skills.

District 3 members should all be thinking about a District 3 donation to the State Fiddle Contest and the West Cascade Fiddle Camp. Both are excellent events; we can help them continue by making sure they are funded. The Oregon State

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Fiddle Contest will be held at Chemekata College near Salem on March 23rd. This year it will be a one day event which will be action packed with fiddle playing going all day and into the evening.

That's all for now! Be sure and mark your calendars for March 10 OOTFA District 3 meeting immediately following the dance program at 3 p.m.. Send your news to Roland White: roland@fiddlplay.com

~ Ann Povin & daughter , District 3 reporters



Betty Chapman, District 1E,
at the District 3 jam.



Anne Povin and daughter,
District 3 reporters.

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Website: www.OOTFA4.org (Check us out!)

Our monthly jam at Fruitdale Grange, preceded by wonderful snacks and finger foods, hosted our usual musicians, in addition to visitors Guy Kinman, Bob and Jean Hanson, and Hal Thompson. There was lots of good music on stage during the performance, then off-stage for the last session. Several audience members say they really look forward to the last part when a group of all kinds of musicians jams, and folks can dance all around.

Carol Ferrara, with help from sister Edna, had the grange decorated for Valentine's day – so festive with red hearts and love messages! Thanks, you two, for making it special!

I just received news that Gene Williams passed away this morning, February 14, at Hearthstone Rehab Center. Gene and Lola have been members of OOTFA for as long as I can remember. Gene played the sweetest fiddle -- often tunes he composed himself. He was a real gentleman fiddler, and will be greatly missed for his music and his presence. Niquita Wilkinson said it well, "He played music that sounded like it was made in heaven, unlike any other." We extend our sincerest sympathy to his wife Lola, and his many family and friends. A donation will be made in his name from the district to the family's choice.

Rick Hazen was having vision problems, and was referred to specialists at the medical center in Portland. After many tests and all that stuff, he is slowly regaining his sight in that eye, and is undergoing more tests.

March

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

April

6 Jam, potluck Roxy Ann Grange 11:30 a.m.

Jim Winslow had carpal tunnel surgery on his right hand, but is already back playing guitar again. Dottie Birkett had cataract surgery, and is still hobbling (but pretty spryly) on her broken toes. What a pair! You can't keep a good man (woman) down!

Annette McGregor continues to improve after her very serious illness, and is playing with us now and then. Okay folks, we're ready for everyone to be well – it's been a long winter!

Sera Tang and Yoshe Zohar, two of our young fiddlers, are looking forward to competing in the state contest. They're working hard on their tunes. It's always a challenge.

The April 6 potluck at Roxy Ann Grange in Medford will be organized by Becky Lindgren. Your help would be welcomed. This is an important meeting as we will vote on officers for next year, so be ready to step up and volunteer. Don't forget to get your raffle items ready for the state convention in Rickreall, April 10-13. If you are unable to go, we will find transportation for your items.

My thought for the month (yeah, I know, it gets kinda lonely when that's all I can manage. Maybe two?): A conscience is what hurts when all your other parts feel so good, and . . . a clear conscience is usually the sign of a bad memory.

~ Judy McGarvey , District 4 Reporter



Dancers at the District 6 barn dance;
in the background, caller Alan Ede.



Terry and Larry McLain strike up some music, District 1E



Nina Hoffman, District 6.

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District 4 Junior Fiddlers

The District 4 beginning fiddle class is headed up by Judy McGarvey and Ron Bolstad, with funding partly covered by a Kielhorn grant. Loaner instruments have really been utilized, especially the smaller ones that get outgrown.

Classes started in October with 15 students, ages 7-15, one-hour lessons once a week through November, after school in a local music store's extra room. We learn by ear, then discuss the sheet music and take it home to practice. In December we took a bye, and regrouped in January.

With their assignment to learn a new tune and bring it back, we had a couple more holiday tunes, and several started learning Peach Blossom from the Hoedowner. Lennie Ferrara taught them Bear Creek Hop; picking the strings (pizzicato) was another new skill. At the January jam at Eagle Point Grange, six students were able to come. They played four tunes, and did a really great job. Of course they loved them! We were sure proud of them – and I think they felt good about playing, too. They looked so nice, and even dressed western (hats and all).

What a great bunch of musicians! They learn a song in about an hour that takes me three days! Most are home schooled – including three sets of siblings, and a couple sets of friends – who all seem to work well together and keep each other challenged. One family had to move out of the area, but our attendance is holding steady. When I asked the kids what I should say about the fiddle class, they said, "Tell them we're AWESOME!" Maybe they're right! It's an enthusiastic group, who are not only playing well, but seem to be having fun, too.

We've had invaluable support from other district members. Lenny Ferrara, Everett Costa, Cathy Frutche, Scott Phillips, and former student Yoshe Zohar have all helped out with fiddles; Avi Zohar has played backup along with Ron Bolstad. Carol Ferrara greets all the students and parents, hands out name tags, and takes attendance, as well as handling any financial stuff. What a great team!

Old time fiddle music is not so much about old fiddlers as it is passing down the music to this new generation so that it will live on for generations to come. This old music is too good to be lost, and much of it is not written down – or not written down as we play it. Let's keep the faith, and encourage these young players doing the good old stuff – which is what OOTFA is about.

It's such a joy to work with these young folks and watch them grow in not only musical ability, but self-confidence and stage presence! We have a great bunch of students!



The District 4 beginning fiddle class.

Fiddle Tips by Eileen Walter – the “Hook”

The “hook” is one of my favorite bowing techniques. It's generally used at the end of a phrase in order to make things more interesting.

Here's an example for a tune in the key of G – such as Give the Fiddler a Dram:

1. Play an A1 (first finger on the A string – or B note) with a down-bow for ½ beat; leave the finger down.
2. Then play a D3 (third finger on the D string – or G note) with an up-bow for ½ beat. Then continue playing the D3 with the up-bow, tipping the bow and adding the A1 to form a double stop for 1 beat; leave both fingers down.

3. Then play a down-bow with the same double stop (D3 and A1) for 1 beat. This will take 3 beats, or, depending on the tune, you may hold the last double stop for 2 beats and the entire hook will then take 4 beats.

For a tune in the key of D – such as Blue Eagle - replace the A1 with an E1 and the D3 with an A3.

Like so much in fiddling, this can best be accomplished by a “flick” of the bow arm wrist. Working on the flexibility of your wrist and developing as much agility as you can is one of the best things you can do for your fiddling.

Tune of the Month -- Drömmen Om Elin

A lovely Swedish waltz, taken from the Prairie Mountain Fiddlers website.

Drömmen Om Elin (1)

Waltz, Sweden, Karl Jularbo, 1893-1966

1) PMF arrangement

Scored:
2011-03-09

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A

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14

20

26

35

B

41

47

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in treble clef, key of D major (one sharp), and 3/4 time. It consists of 48 measures. The score is divided into two systems, A and B. System A contains measures 1 through 34, and System B contains measures 35 through 48. Chords are indicated above the staff at various intervals. Measure numbers are placed at the beginning of each line. A tempo marking of 160 beats per minute is shown at the start. The score includes repeat signs and first/second endings at measures 26-27 and 47-48.

Notes:

- Translation: "The Dream About Elin", related: Borgholmsvalsen?
- 2011-03-09: chords updated by David Foster

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It's that time again!! Time to start planning for our annual campout in August at Winchester Bay. We need to come up with an original and fun theme so all participants can begin thinking about their choice of music and planning their costumes. This will be discussed at the business meeting before the February jam as will plans for the Thursday evening dinner.

It is also time to start thinking about the election of officers for the coming year. A nominating committee will be appointed at the business meeting; if you would like to serve in one of the official posts be sure that the committee members are aware of that.

The new Bose sound system got a good testing workout at the last jam and worked very well. The improvement in the sound quality was very apparent and much appreciated by those performing on stage and also by those of us just sitting there listening.

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Hello folks. I'm Sandy Wallrich and I am now the "Sunshine Lady" for District 6. If you know of any members that need any special acknowledgement or encouragement, could you please email me at: sandy4beachsky@yahoo.com, or call at: 541-485-7981. I'm also now the reporter for District 6; if you hear any news that you feel needs to be announced, please contact me at the above email address or phone number.

Well, our Friday night jams are becoming quite the place to be on Friday nights. Last month, at the Crow jam, one of our youngins, Josie Slaven, played a beautiful song, "The Old, Old House" on her fiddle and then shared her sweet voice, singing that beautiful tune. We also had a great time hearing one of our new members, from Noti, Barb Ewing, with her mandolin, guitar and vocals. Her husband, Steve, was one of our gridders. It's so nice to have not just pickers, but gridders too. We also lucked out in having Virgil Schmoe play his awesome fiddle. We sure hope he shows up more often. At the Santa Clara Grange, it sure was nice having one of our newer fiddlers, Kathy Ness, play with us, while her husband, Galen sat with their neighbors, listening to all of us. At the Eugene Hotel, we really enjoyed Meg Graf play a wonderful fiddle and her piano playing was just awesome, as she accompanied a couple of vocalists. We also enjoyed hearing a mandolin trio with Joe Moyle, John Gent and Sue Cooper, on "Whiskey For Breakfast." At the Crow Grange this month, Wayne Carter "wowed" us with his fiddle and vocals on a Jimmy Rodgers

March

2	Gig	Fireman's Spaghetti Feed, Hauser	TBA
6	Gig	Oerdings, Coquille	1 - 2 p.m.
6	Gig	Myrtle Point Care center	3 - 4 p.m.
13	Gig	Bay Crest, North Bend	1:30 - 2:30 p.m.
13	Gig	Ocean Crest, Coos Bay	3 - 4 p.m.
16	Jam	Monthly Jam, Winchester Bay	1 - 4 p.m.
20	Gig	Heritage Place, Bandon	1 - 2:30 p.m.
27	Gig	Memory Care, Empire	1:30 - 2:30 p.m.
27	Gig	Hearthside, Coos Bay	3 - 4 p.m.

Our sympathy and best wishes go out to the family and long-time companion, Dan Pullis, of Betty Ann White whose death occurred on February 2. She was a life member of OOTFA and was well known for her piano playing. She had been in declining health for several years and had been confined to nursing home care for some time.

Happy Easter, everyone! May the Easter bunny fill your basket to the brim.

Isn't it funny how red, white and blue represent freedom----until they are flashing behind you!

~ Mary A. Weist, District 5 Reporter

March

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.

tune, "Nobody's Darlin' But Mine." We hope he keeps singin' that for us. Keep on coming to the Friday jams. They're lots of fun. Also, thanks to Bob and Linda Graves, from Leaburg, for coming and grinning at our District 6 potluck and jam.

Be sure to make it to our next district jam, on March 9th. Before the potluck there will be a jam and then a meeting. This meeting will include election of officers for next year.

Hey, and good luck to all our competitors in the upcoming State Fiddle contest!

Other announcements: The next Basic Fiddle Class will be March 25th, and then April 24th at the Bethesda Lutheran Church, from 1-4:30 p.m. The Intermediate Fiddle Class will not meet again, until April 27th at the River Road Annex at 1055 River Road, from 1-4:00 p.m. There will be no Intermediate class in March. For information, contact Darla Knudsen at (jkdjkc@q.com or 541-998-2064. Also coming up soon will be the Hult Thursday Performance on May 2nd and the Lebanon Moose jam on May 5th.

We're getting pretty excited here in District 6 about this year's upcoming summer fiddle camp (July 22nd-25th at Westridge Middle School, near Oakridge). For the Westfir Fiddle Camp (WCFCW) there will be a limited number of scholarships available for youth.

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All the information on the fiddle camp will be on our website: www.fiddlecamp.org, which is updated regularly.

We've had some losses in our district lately. A long time member of District 6, Hurbert J. (Jim) Lockard, passed away on January 13, 2013, at the age of 80. Jim was OOTFA vice-president in the early 90's and was very active both at the district and State levels for several years. He played guitar and harmonica alongs with his wife, Carol, who played the fiddle. Carol, wants to thank everyone who was involved with Jim throughout the years. Also, some dear friends of our OOTFA family, Joe and Leah Canaday, lost their son, Larry, recently. Margie Ratzlaff's mother, Mary Lou Hanna, has also passed away. We will all have them all in our thoughts, hearts and prayers.

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Scheduler: Ron Zabudsky, 503-630-7499

March is upon us – so that means Irish and Easter songs. I love this time of year – such a great variety of music!

We have been enjoying playing for our usual groups, including a wonderful fund raiser for My Sister's House in Gresham. It is a safe haven home for abused women. We were treated to a wonderful meal and very appreciative audience. We also played for the Valentine party at the Eagle Creek Grange – another great meal, and so much fun. Thanks so all who participated.

District 8

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It's looking more like spring in the Willamette Valley. The days are getting longer, daffodils and tulips are coming up, and primroses are blooming!

The Holts and Linda Schaffer played for two Headstart classes. The four-year-olds sang along with the Alphabet Song and several others. Most of them knew what a guitar was, but weren't so sure about fiddle or violin. Now they know!

February 16th jam at Oak Grove Grange was well attended. We had a meeting before the program. The meeting voted to contribute \$1000 to the OOTFA Contest and \$300 to the Willamette Valley Contest. Our officers for next year will be Linda Schaffer chair, Phil Ringle co-chair, Marie Cunningham secretary, and Donna Janzsen treasurer and membership. Thanks to the returning officers, and to Wally Case for serving several years as treasurer and membership. We heard many nice comments about our music.

District 8 member Dale Johnson has passed away. He hadn't been active for some time. Our condolences to his family.

March Birthdays: Ed Sather 3/3, Cara McKenzie 3/4, Joanne Clark 3/15, Patti Luse 3/11.

March Anniversaries: Ed and Dorothy Sather 3/7, Sal and Darlene Fiducia 3/15, Alan and Carol Ede 3/17, Wayne and Annie Carter 3/30.

What's the difference between a fiddle and a chainsaw? You can turn a chainsaw off.

~ Sandy Wallrich, District 6 Reporter

Welcome to new members: Beta Anderson who play fiddle, and Barb Leedy, who is an ace on the piano. We are privileged to have you as members!

Our March playing lineup to date includes:

Friday, March 15 - Cherrywood Village, 1417 S E 107th, Portland, Playing from 3 - 4 p.m.

Sunday, March 17 - Lake Oswego Senior Center, 505 G Ave., Lake Oswego, Playing from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. with sign up playing from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Friday, March 22 - Tanner Springs Assisted Living Center, 23000 Horizon Drive, West Linn, Playing from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

As usual, please watch your emails for future gigs

~ Marcella Easley, District 7 Reporter

March
23 OOTFA fiddle contest, Salem

April
11-13 OOTFA convention, Rickreall

The OOTFA Fiddle Contest will be Saturday only this year. No Friday evening show or competition. It will be in the Auditorium on the Chemeketa Community College campus in Salem. Come and enter, or come and listen.

The OOTFA Convention will be April 11 through 13 at the Polk County Fairgrounds at Rickreall on Highway 99. Early arrivals can come on Wednesday, the 10th, for jamming and finger food. District 8 members are reminded and encouraged to bring finger food on Wednesday, the 10th, to the Crafts Building around back where the early birds will be gathering all day for a good time.

Lew sometimes sends out special emails to District 8 members with directions, etc. If you are a district 8 member, have email, don't get Lew's letters, and want to receive them, drop him a note with your email address.

On a personal note: Thanks for all the good wishes for Lew and me on our 60th anniversary!

~ Alice Holt, District 8 Reporter

District 9

Chair: Janet Braymen, 541-573-1323

Co-Chair: Darlene Wingfield, 541-589-1208

Sec./Treas./Membership: George Sahlberg, 541-573-6517

788 North Buena Vista, Burns, OR 97720

Yippee!

It has warmed up nicely in February and folks are so happy to get out of the deep freeze. A good group of musicians played at the Aspens and even more were in attendance at the jam.

George Sahlberg finally returned to his home and was at the February jam along with brothers Gary and Jim. He is still in need of heart surgery once the infection in his knee is completely gone but the new knee is in. Robin Gadbury also returned home and was at the jam. She was able to go to a couple of District 1E Thursday night sessions while in Lakeview. Thanks to the McLain's and folks for making her feel welcome.

Paul Hyland invited Janet and Joan out to check out the pump house jam room he has been building to see if it would pass muster. We think it will, although a few folks may decide to forgo the stairs. We'll give it a go once the weather dries up this spring.

Paul Hyland took a trip down south to visit family and ride his motorcycle. Darlene Wingfield is off visiting family on the east

March

8	Gig	The Aspens	7 - 9 p.m.
10	Jam and Potluck	Senior Center	1- 4 p.m.
18	Gig	Ashley Manor	6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

coast following a train ride across the country. Hopefully she missed the eastern winter storms.

We look forward to Diana Chase returning to the jams once her cold clears up and she can sing again.

Glad to have Bill Jones (and wife Jane) at the February jam. Bill sings with that high lonesome sound and plays the mandolin. Paul Arrington and his ukulele where here from Hawaii and added to the quality music.

We will have a meeting on March 10 to elect officers. Term limits are coming up for the chairperson position so someone new needs to step up and fill it. Please inform one of the officers if you are willing to serve prior to the March 10th meeting.

In March, Aspens will be on Friday, the 8th from 7 – 9 pm. Sunday, the 10th is the jam at the Senior Center with potluck at 1 pm and music from 2- 4 pm. Ashley Manor is Monday, the 18th at 6:30 for one hour.

~ Janet Braymen, District 9 Reporter

District 10

Chairperson: Don Hamlin, 541-673-5689

Co-Chair: Carol Ridley, 541-680-2881

Secretary: Clair Eaton, 541-784-3974

Treasurer: Gwyn Deaton, 541-839-4501

Membership: Barbara Sullivan, 541-673-8981

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Reporter: Joyce Pickett, 541-643-2995

We had a really good jam in January, lots of people, some I didn't even know. Great music, all kinds of different players and singers, and dancers. Axel even showed up at the last minute and gave us a few songs. He's an entertainer!!! Thank you Axel.--I want to thank Barbara Sullivan and Jean Hanson for clean-up and all they do for us. And everyone else that helps out.

Don't know if everyone got the word or not, but we won't be at the VFW any more. It will still be the 4th Saturday, but it will be at---SUTHERLIN GRANGE, 851 S. Comstock, Sutherlin, from 1 to 4 p.m., with finger food. We may start up with potlucks, depending on how it goes and how many want to. It will be at the Grange from now on.....

Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to all that had them. Hope everyone that was under the weather will be with us soon.

Thank you everyone for all the prayers for my daughter Trish; that's Teresa's mom. Trish has leukemia; her sister is her donor. By the time you read this she will have had her bone marrow transplant and everything will be going okay, I hope.

Hope to see you all at the grange at our next jam. Have a good month and stay warm.

~ Joyce Pickett, District 10 Reporter



District 1, at the Senior Center



Seen in a mirror: District 6 Barn Dance



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State Calendar

March 22-23	State Fiddle Contest, Chemeteka Community College, Salem
April 10-13	State Convention, Rickreall
May 2-5	Silver Lake Campout, Silver Lake
June 13-15	Country Music Jamboree, Burns
July 22-25	West Cascades Fiddle Camp, Oakridge

New Members to Welcome!

Beta Anderson & Barb Leedy, Lake Oswego
Ken, Kathy & Sierra Cooper, Klamath Falls
Bob Dorsey, Klamath Falls
Cassandra Harter, Roseburg

Aiden & Elizabeth Humphrey with Issac, John
Paul, Joseph, Lillian & Evan, Junction City
Christopher & Katheryn Leder, Mount Angel

- Patti Luse, OOTFA State Membership