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### From Your President =

Well I"m late getting the Hoedowner article in again . I don't take the computer with me on travels.

We are preparing for Merrill, the last state meeting and music fun of 2013 and then we hunker down for winter and the assisted care and nursing home schedule that many of the fiddlers and residents look forward to.

It has been an eventful year with districts getting new upgraded sound and performance equipment, continuing the youth and adult fiddle classes and instructions. exploring suggestions for increasing membership and seeking ways to extend support to other old time fiddle and old time music groups operating in Oregon.

Our scholarship programs continue to help young people obtain and play the instruments that we provide and the districts, at the last report, are holding their own financially.

If I miss you in Merrill Please enjoy the months to come and I will look forward to your company in January

~ Larry

### From the Editor =

I was seated next to John and Thelma Steele at a recent jam, when it came to me how rare they are. There are only a very few people left in District 6 whose membership stems from OOTFA's early years: John and Thelma are two of them. Everyone else is new.

While the membership has turned over almost completely, the basic themes that make OOTFA what it is remain largely unchanged -- or almost. True, the number of Hank Snow imitators has dropped dramatically, and there is a rising interest in Gaelic tunes, but the same instruments are

played, and the same principles apply: rhythm guitar and double bass backup and no electrified instruments or drums.

I see no reason why this system, which has worked so well in the past, cannot continue into the future. Certainly the number of younger players who turn up at fiddle contests, the West Cascades Fiddle Camp, which will run July 20-24 next year, and fiddle classes is a favorable augury.



At a District 6 Nursing Home Gig (I-r): Marie Roberts, Bernie Roberts, Brian Neal, Annie Carter, Wayne Carter, Jesse Knudsen, Keith Barr, Art Choate, Nina Hoffman, and Joe Moyle.

~ Joe

### From the Editor Emeritus =

As much as I want to attend the semi-annual meeting in Merrill, if you don't see Alice and me there, it is because I chose to stay home not to put stress on my leg. I am now walking with a cane and making good progress but not comfortable driving 500 miles round trip and the several days' activities. It is difficult to be realistic sometimes. But who knows, maybe a miracle will happen.

In my letter two months ago I wrote about the reality of dealing with the archives of the OOTFA possibly ending up in a dumpster someday. I have not been overloaded with responses - just one from a friend in Eugene expressing her concern for the archives and volunteering to help if she could. Time and the "luck of the draw" will hopefully solve the problem someday.

When I get more mobile, I hope to spend time this winter in the basement identifying material so it can be better organized for possible future homes. A thought came to me the other

day suggesting that the archives could be divided into 1) audio cassettes, 2) 8 mm videos, 3) VHS videos, 4) pictures, 5) other written material, 6) DVDs and CDs. Different people might be interested in archiving just one part of the archives so it wouldn't overload one person. Just thinking out loud. I wonder what your thoughts are?

Many of you know that for years I have sent out "OOTFA Updates" by email with information regarding people and events that are often timely and would be old news in the next Hoedowner. If you have email and do not receive these updates and would like to receive them, please drop me an email so I can put your name on the list – right now at 297 addresses. Some times they are happy news and too often they are sad news but for the most part they deal with our association and our members. Or if you want your name removed, please let me know. LewHolt@aol.com

~ Lew

October		
1 Gig	Plum Ridge Care Center	10:30 -11:30 a.m.
1 Gig	Quail Run Nursing Home	12:30 a.m 1:30 p.m.
5 Gig	Farmers Market	10:30 a.m 1:30 p.m.
6 Jam, Meeting, Potlu	ck Shasta Community Center	12 - 4 p.m.
13 Jam, finger food	Shasta Community Center Senior	Dance 12 - 4 p.m.
17 Gig	Shasta View Nursing Home	1 - 2 p.m.
17 Gig	Linkville Nursing Home	2:30 - 3:30 p.m.
19 Gig	Potato Festival, Merrill	10:30 a.m.
26 Gig	Farmers Market	10:30 a.m 1:30 p.m.
29 Gig	Shaw Library Banquet-OIT	5 - 6:30 p.m.
tba	Pelican Point Nursing Home	

October Anniversaries: None listed.

" A man earns respect, not by following in another mans tracks, but by making his own" Louis L'Amour

#### ~ Johnny Rogers, District 1 Reporter

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Well another month we got though. The Fair went very well. We want to thank: Shelia and Phil Fry, Fred Young, John and Darla Rogers, Mike Foster from Districts 1 and 10 for coming over and helping --- you guys were great. Thank you again.

Then we had the O'Time Fiddlers Kids, Raven, Lily, Barrett, and Alexis; they sang"Wagon Wheel. " Thank you, kids -- you guys were great.

Just a little note: Jerry Light entered his banana bread and his yummy balls in the fair this year and placed first. Two blue ribbons!! You all will have to try them -- yum yummy

Senior Center, Lakeview 14 Business Meeting Senior Center, Lakeview

We will see you all this week-end at Merrill -- lookin' forward to it. Our next jam is October 5th at the Senior Center in Lakeview; hope to see more faces. Our next business meeting is October 14th.

Until next time, God Bless You All.....

#### ~ Laura Light, District 1E Reporter

### District 1 =

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The Merrill Campout is over; we hope you had a good time. Thank you for coming. If you helped with any of the tasks we sure appreciate it. It was good to see old friends again and to enjoy the music. Hope you had a safe trip to and from Merrill. Hope we have good weather also.

Ali Swartwood says: "We want to encourage all of members to enjoy the music. The organization is to preserve old time fiddling and old time music, whether it is playing fiddling, guitar, banjo, mandolin, singing, dancing or just listening."

October Birthdays: Isom Patterson, Ann Bonser, Bob Dorsey, Noranne Sparks David Larson. We hope you have a good one.

October 5 Jam

### **District** 3

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Greetings from District 3 in Central Oregon. Thank you District 3 members Ann Odegard and Jeanette Bondsteel for stepping up to be our jam leaders. It was decided at our brief meeting that a sign-up sheet for the next jam will be posted so players can sign up. Ann and Jeanette will call and remind folks prior to the jams so we know that we will have enough players to put on a good show for the listening and dancing public.

At the September 8th jam we had some exciting moments when the sky opened up and dumped hail and rain in monsoon proportions, enough to flood the VFW Hall while we were playing. A mop up bucket brigade was immediately formed while the band played and never skipped a beat. Thanks again to the VFW for sending the calvary over to help with shop vacs and mops.

After a couple of no-show incidents at the VFW Hall they have stepped up and been right on time the last two jams, with reliable folks to assist us on our jam days. We should thank them for their efforts whenever we can.

#### October 13 Jar

Jam VFW Hall, Redmond

1-3 p.m.

\*PLEASE NOTE, October starts one Jam per month on second Sundays at the Redmond VFW Hall • 1836 SW Veterans Way, Redmond.

We also decided to have our Christmas party on November 14th and our regular VFW Jam the following day. I'm still working on the location for the Christmas party.

Remember to mark your calendars for the winter jam season which is one time per month starting in October on the second Sunday from 1-3 or 3:30 p.m.

If any of you in District 3 can write a sentence or two, or are available for work on public relations, we need a new Hoedowner reporter and a new PR person. Don Hendrix has done this for 5 years, so can someone please step up and take over this job? Don has all the email addresses and deadlines for the next person to start up with --- what could be easier?

#### ~ Roland White, District 3 Reporter



District 4 chair Avi Zohar on the bass, with mandolin in reserve.



District 4's Judy McGarvey with the certificate of recognition presented to her by the district.

### **District** 4

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A lovely summer day was the venue for our potluck and meeting at Roxy Ann Grange. A good turnout of musicians and audience, and several folks said they thought it was one of our best jams ever. We gained four new family memberships – folks stated that we were having so much fun that they wanted to be a part of it! Our new chairman Avi Zohar is motivating the group to grow, and we had a good start. If you have any suggestions they will be welcomed.

District 4 was well represented at the Winchester Bay Jam and it was a lot of fun! Curt Renfro won the award for best vocalist, Yoshe Zohar was awarded best junior fiddler, and the Gene Williams award was presented to Bob Shaffer for best fiddler. Bob said he was honored to receive the award commemorating a fiddler he has admired for years. Everett Costa's heartfelt tribute to the firefighters touched us all, and the audience responded with a standing ovation. Thank you, Everett.

Libby DeWees is recovering from having three stents and ankle surgery this past month. She and Al are moving to Twin Creeks Retirement in Central Point – we wish her well, and we're looking forward to having her join us again soon.

#### October

5 Jam, Snacks

Eagle Point Grange

#### November

2 Jam, Snacks

Fruitdale Grange, Grants Pass

#### December

7 Jam, Holiday Potluck

Roxy Ann Grange, Medford

On a personal note, I was delighted to be honored at the jam with a certificate of recognition, gifts, and CHOCOLATE, as well as the nice words and stories (some of them true), good music, and smiles. A special thanks to Don Maddox for serenading me with "Faded Love"! It's so rewarding to be honored by my peers, and we have such a wonderful group of folks in our district! Thank you all for a very special day!

By the time this arrives, the Merrill get-together will be history, but at this point we are all looking forward to a great weekend with our friends and fellow musicians.

In retaliation for all our banjo jokes, Neal Jones (banjo player extraordinaire) brought in a whole page of fiddle "truths" (no joke) – but I just crossed out the word fiddle and replaced it with banjo! Example: What's the best pickup to put on a fiddle (read banjo)? An F-150

#### ~Judy McGarvey, District 4 Reporter

### District 5

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Our annual campout and jam in Winchester Bay in August was, again, an interesting and enjoyable event. On Thursday evening there were 44 performers on stage, 52 on Friday night and 45 on Saturday with all offering good performances with their choices of music. They came from all areas of Oregon, some from Northern California and a group from central Washington. Thanks to all of you for coming and being a part of the festvities and we hope to see you again next year. Adding to the merriment was the awardng of recycled trophies rescued by Larry Costa, our co-chairman. Hal Thompson received one for his "singing like an angel and playing like the devil" while Dan Pullis was given the "Golden Geezer Award" Thursday evening.

Adam Taylor, from California, sang a hilarious song, "five Pounds of 'Possum" which was repeated, by request, on Friday evening. Anyone for a little 'possum stew? I'm sure I have more than five pounds of possum in my plum tree every summer and you're welcome to it if you can catch it!

There were 12 fiddlers on stage for the opening number on Friday evening, more special trophy awards, lots of good music and singing which included the song "Adios" written and sung by Evelyn Horner, a California OTF member fom Shasta and performances by those in the group from Washington.

October						
2	Gig	Oerdings, Coquille	1 - 2 p.m.			
2	Gig	Myrtle Point Care Center	3 - 4 p.m.			
9	Gig	Baycrest, North Bend	1:30 - 2:30			
9	Gig	Evergreen Court, North Bend	3 - 4 p.m.			
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	Hearthside, Coos Bay	3 - 4 p.m.			

The Saturday program featured all the songs chosen to fit the theme of a song with someone's name in it and there was certainly a great variety. Some of these included "Jimmy Crack Corn", "Somewhere Between Jesus and John Wayne", "Sally, There's a Bug on You", "Poor Jud is Dead", "Uncle Billy", "Ernie, Tonight You're Mine", "McNamara's Band" and "Oh, Jessie Boy, Oh Jessie Boy", written by Everett Costa to tune of "Danny Boy" and honoring the fallen firefighters.

Chosen by judges from the audience, Curt Renfro was the winner for best song fitting the theme with his rendition of "Mary Ann". This is the third year in a row that he has won that honor. Best costume award went to Linda Eichoff and children Rachel and Tyler; fanciest costume Sharon Gallegher; and youngest participant, Tyler Eichoff.

Best adult fiddler honors went to Bob Shaffer who was presented with the Gene Williams memorial award for his great playing and Yoshe Zahar, another great player, was chosen as best junior fiddler. Congratulations to both of you! There were other special awards which included Loita Coalbank for best dressed woman, Homer Meeds for all those old songs you do so well, Jim and Jean Pearson for best duet and Sharon Gallagher for all her



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### Fiddle Tips, by Eileen Walter

I recently had the opportunity to attend a lecture and demonstration by world famous violinist/fiddler Mark O'Connor. He was promoting the new teaching/learning method he has designed for several instruments. His violin method consists of three volumes which include many "Americana" songs, variations, duets, history, lyrics, technique exercises, theory, ear training, and a CD. The audience appeared to consist primarily of classical teachers and musicians. I was impressed by the message Mark was conveying and by his perspectives; it made me feel proud to be a fiddler and a teacher. One of his main points was that while there is much creativity today among jazz, bluegrass, folk, swing, country, rock, blues, etc. musicians, there doesn't seem to be as much in the classical world. His contention is that has to do with the way classical musicians have typically been trained. Also, the classical repertoire is often music composed by European composers hundreds of years ago and nothing has been changed. Mark suggests that musicians would have more fun if they didn't necessarily have to join an orchestra,

if they were trained on a more diverse repertoire, and if they were encouraged to be creative in improvising and composing.

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Of course Many fiddle tunes are also very old; Mark feels that classical musicians would benefit from including some "Americana" in their training, including blues, ragtime, spiritual, gospel, jazz, bluegrass, folk, Celtic, etc. Of course much "Americana" music came from or was influenced by people from other countries. I'm sure that many classical musicians play a mix of styles – perhaps Mark is trying to reach those who don't.

Improvising doesn't necessarily mean composing a complete solo on the spot. You can have fun varying parts of tunes, as I'm sure many of you do. If you would like to start feeling more comfortable improvising, you can begin by just changing one or two notes in a tune, or slightly changing the rhythm in a small section.....and check out Mark O'Connor's Violin Method.

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### Junior Hoedowner

### **Tune of the Month -- The Puncheon Floor**

This is a lively tune popular in McLain country -- District 1E.



together. The surface is finished flat with an adze. This makes a good solid dance floori

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work. I probably missed mentioning some of you who received awards and I apologize if so. Send me your info and I'll include it next month.

There were two gigs from September which were not listed in the calendar. These were the annual corn feed in Dora on September 14 and the annual Myrtle Point Harvest Festival coming up on September 28.

Russ Hall is recovering from gall bladder surgery which he underwent in August. He had a very large gall stone and was

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Well we sure had a busy month, here in District 6. The Old Time Fiddlers played at the Spencer Creek Pancake Breakfast and at the United Way Picnic gig. What a nice musical picnic we had too. We also played at the Lebanon gig, where Willie Carter played some nice tunes. Tony and Shirley Humphry's jam and potluck was a great success. What a beautiful place they have and what a beautiful spread of food. If you ever see Tony or Shirley, give them a great big hug of Thanks. That sure was fun.

Our Friday night jams are still going strong. At the Santa Clara jam last month, Joe Grivel played "Crested Hen." Nice tune. At the Eugene Hotel, Tenaya Cooley and her Dad, Bruce, entertained us with a fantastic version of "Kansas City Kitty." To our greatest surprise, we now have Hal Weiner as one of our District 6 members. So glad that he has moved Eugene, although he will continue to maintain ties with District 5. We'll be looking forward to lots of great banjo tunes.

The December monthly jam (Xmas jam) this year, is being moved to Lebanon. Both semi-annual jams, one in December and one in May, will be held on the first Saturday of that month. The December jam will be held on Saturday, December 7th, at the American Legion, in Lebanon, at 480 South Main Street, from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.. No longer will we be playing at the Moose Lodge in Lebanon.

For those who are lucky enough to have gone to Merrill, we hope you had tons of fun.

We did have a great loss in our district this last month. A beloved friend and musician, Gary Davis, passed away. Gary had the biggest smile that emanated from his heart. He was always willing to help in anyway that he could and truly desired to be a part of the OOTFA family. His passion for the banjo was very strong and his improvement accelerated quickly. If you ever were lucky enough, you also got to hear his nice, beautiful and strong vocals. We will miss Gary so much. quite ill but is feeling better every day and expects to be back with us soon. Also recovering from recent illness at Baycrest in North Bend is Loren Osborn. Hope you are feeling better and will soon be out of there and back with us again soon, too, Loren. Our best wishes go out to both of you.

The reason politicians try so hard to get re-elected is that they would hate to have to make a living under the laws they've passed.

~ Mary A. Weist, District 5 Reporter

#### October

6	Gig	Xmas Tree Farm	1-3 p.m.			
12	Jam	Monthly Jam, Santa Clara Grange	10 a.m 4 p.m.			
13	Gig	Xmas Tree Farm	1-3 p.m.			
26	Intermed	liate Fiddle Class	1-4 p.m.			
26	Gig	Xmas Tree Farm	1-3 p.m.			

For the Xmas Tree Farm gigs, contact Joe Moyle if you wish to play; space is tight.

Friday night jams are held at the Eugene Hotel (first Friday), Crow Grange (second Friday), Yapoah Terrace (third Friday), and Santa Clara Grange (fourth Friday), from 7-9 p.m. No jam on fifth Fridays.

Also, Lucille Childers, Marlene Chotoian's mother recently passed away, at age 94. She was a long-time OOTFA member. John and Lucille had just celebrated their 75th wedding anniversary.

Hope everyone has a nice October and a happy Halloween!

Birthdays: 10/4 Wayne Carter, 10/8 Ila Mae Carmickle, 10/12 Freida Chandler 10/13 Lisa, 10/23 Thelma Drayer

Anniversaries: 10/2 John and Thelma Steele

What do you call a musician without a significant other? Homeless.

#### ~ Sandy Wallrich, District 6 Reporter



District 1's Aline Swartwood in fancy dress.

### District 7 =

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Well, Fall is about to fall – whether we are ready or not (and I'm not)! Here is wishing a fabulous Indian summer to everyone – and a fun Halloween. Wow, the holidays are just around the corner. Hope everyone has a lot of interesting and enjoyable gigs!

We are pleased to introduce new members to District 7 from the Lake Oswego area:

---- JOYCE MARTINAZZ (Husband NORMAN PARKER). Joyce is a great guitar player.

--- ROB & CHERIE RAINWATER. Rob plays guitar, mandolin and banjo; Cheri plays the Guitar.

--- GRETCHEN AMANN, who plays five string banjo, guitar, mandolin and bass.

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Membership:

Whew! Can we relax now? District 8 had a busy summer, playing for fairs. festivals and other events.

Each fall we play in Mount Angel at the Benedictine Nursing Home. This year was no exception. Usually it's an outdoor affair, but threatening rain kept us inside. Sixteen musicians gave the residents a good show. Adam Sully, one of our youngest fiddlers wowed us all. The MC had Adam and Dale Emery each play some extra tunes. Youth and age do have their advantages! Gayl Ratigan and Linda Mar from District 7 joined us. Linda and a few others conducted a "Flash Mob" for the Benedictine Sisters before our program. Following our tradition, we had dinner at the Mount Angel Sausage Factory after the concert.



District 8ers at dinner after their annual Mount Angel jam.

We send a great big Old Time Fiddler welcome to each of you!

Our October line up so far includes:

**Tuesday, October. 8** - Marquis Centennial, 725 SE 202nd Ave., Gresham. We play from 2 - 3 PM. This is our first visit to this location, so we are hoping for a good turnout.

**Sunday, October 13** - Harding Grange, 16831 S. Harding Road, Oregon City. This is our monthly jam. Doors open at 11 a.m. with sign-up playing from 1- 3:30 p.m. We will be provided a free light lunch. Come and help support this group.

**Saturday, October 19** - Oregon City Public Library, 606 John Adams Street, Oregon City. The library would like the fiddlers to be part of "The Spirit of Oregon City" celebration. We will play in the library from 6 - 9 p.m., in a circle jam (as we did last year) with a couple of breaks. The audience can come and go as they please. This is a lot of fun, and we hope many of you will join us.

And, as usual, please check your emails for any additional gigs

#### ~ Marcella Easly, District 7 Reporter

October 19 Methodist Church,

Falls City

Twenty or so of us played at the Oregon State Fair. We always have to jump through some hoops to get tickets for everyone. Many places ask, "How many in your group?" Hard to estimate, but I think it worked out okay. Depends on the gate person sometimes too. The weather was very nice and many of us got our Fair Food Fix after we played. We played for a hour for an enthusiastic audience , with everyone getting a spot at the microphone. Good timing!

The Dayton Harvest Festival in early September was great fun. The park block in the middle of town with the bandstand, historic buildings and vendor booths makes you think you're in Mayberry. Remember the Andy Griffith show? About a dozen of us played and sang for the audience. We each did two tunes. Another good show.

Norm McGrew has had pneumonia. Hope you're doing okay Norm! We miss your vocals and guitar backup.

Starting off the fall-winter season, we're scheduled to play at the United Methodist Church in Falls City on Saturday, October 19th. We're invited to join them for a pot luck at 12 noon. Then we'll play from 1 p.m. to whenever. It's always fun to play there. The church congregation is small, but others come to hear us. Those of you who have not been to the Methodist Church in Falls City, it is on Main Street on the right as you go into town. Can't miss it.

Note: We are still looking for a volunteer for district treasurer. We have a possible membership person.

~ Alice Holt, District 8 Reporter

#### District 9 October Chair: Ruel Teague 11 Gig The Aspens 7-9 p.m. Co-Chair: Janet Braymen Jam and Potluck 13 1-4 p.m. Sec./Treas./Membership: Darlene Wingfield P.O. Box 517, Burns, OR 97720 Boo! It's been a hectic month as the end of summer winds We are saddened by the passing of Joyce Geer, wife of Thad, who passed away in August after a long illness. down. The Harney County Fair is always a big deal and this year was no exception. The Oldtime Fiddlers played two shows. As usual, the weather was unpredictable and had us running for In October, The Aspens will be on the 11th from 7-9 p.m., cover while a thunder storm passed over and dumped buckets Ashley Manor is Monday, the 21st at 6:30 p.m. for one hour. The of rain. second Sunday Jam is October 13 with potluck at 1 p.m. and music and dancing from 2 – 4 p.m. Cycle Oregon came through Harney County this year and several folks were involved in entertaining the cyclists. Look forward to seeing everyone at the Senior Center on October 13. Bring a friend! Don Williams is feeling much better after his knee surgery and has started attending Friday night jams again. ~ Janet Braymen, District 9 Reporter

October

Jam

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### District 10 =

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There weren't very many there at the August jam. Some of us had to leave early to go to weddings, but there were enough players and singers to do the job quite well. A lot of other things are going on this time of year.

----I'm kind of late getting this out, just got back from a vacation to Montana.

Hope everyone is okay and having fun. Those that are laid up, hope you're up and around soon.

Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to all that had them.

12-3 p.m.

--There will probably be more news next month.

Sutherlin Grange

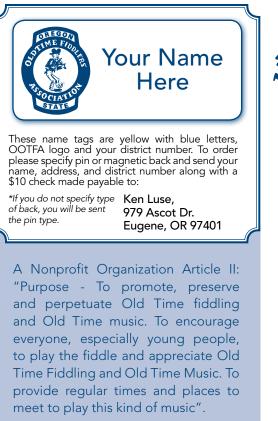
Our next jam will be Oct. 26th at the Sutherlin Grange, 851 S. Comstock, Sutherlin, from noon to 3 p.m.

Hope to see ya'll there!

#### ~ Joyce Pickett, District 10 Reporter



District 6ers at the Opera gig.





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## State Calendar

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State Quarterly Meeting, Sutherlin

# **New Members to Welcome!**

Willa Bauman, Eugene Brian, Kendra, Josie and Julius Bolstad, Phoenix (Oregon) Sam Cooper, Ashland John Doan and Linda Juchert, Junction City

Missy Ellis and Curt Johnson, Medford

Rob and Cherie Rainwater, Lake Oswego Steve Robare, Eugene Carol Force, Victoria Eccleston and Forrest Force, Grants Pass Michael and Kathleen Williams, Mt Shasta (California)

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