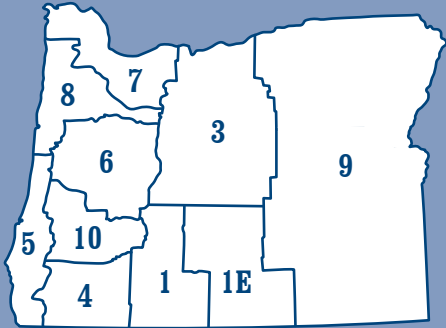


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From Your President

We missed several outstanding people at the Quarterly Board Meeting in Glide this month due mostly to weather-related problems like snow, ice and cold. But a good time was had by all, and the local community really came out in force, so that was nice. Sometimes it's good to mix it up a little and move our venues around so other folks can hear and appreciate our fine fiddle tunes. Thanks for all the people that made this January's meeting take place. A lot of volunteer work went into holding the meeting there, so kudos to all who made that happen.

I'm looking forward to the next big gathering: The 2017 State Convention in Rickreall (April 5-8)!

I hope that everyone had a great Christmas and that all of you made a new year's resolution to get out to at least one or more of our campouts this year. You will be glad you did. Silver Lake will be the first campout after Rickreall. The fine folks that organize this for us are about as friendly and fun as they can be. By the way, if someone asks you to "volunteer" for something to do at the convention, please be ready to say, "you betcha"! Many hands make for light loads. After all it's YOUR convention!

~ Jim

From the Editor and Editor Emeritus

We would like to take this opportunity to point out the importance of two events taking place in the next few months, which affect and benefit our entire association.

In March, we gather in Salem for our annual State Fiddle Contest. This contest is where OUR CHAMPIONS are discovered and identified to go on to the National Fiddle Contest in Weiser. It is also where the young fiddlers (as well as many older fiddlers) get feedback on how to improve their skills by highly qualified and knowledgeable judges. It is an important chance for young fiddlers to see what potential lies ahead for them, and it is where many people first interface with OOTFA. There is an excitement throughout the building that is tangible and contagious. The contest has many expenses to cover: costs for the venue, sound system, judge's fees, trophies, ribbons, and printing. Without financial support from individuals and districts, it would not be possible to hold a top-notch contest like ours. We encourage each district to show your financial support for the contest by donating a portion of your funds to this effort. Your officers will be voting on this in the near future, and it's critical that the districts support the effort. We also encourage individual members to contribute to the contest. You can send a check made out to OOTFA (with a note earmarking it for the Fiddle Contest) to Sharon Thompson.

Then in April, we hold our annual State Convention at the Polk County Fairgrounds near Rickreall. This event is a wonderful opportunity for us to gather as a group to renew our friendships, to make new friends and to just enjoy a lot of old time music. There will be meetings, workshops, jams, good food, and our extra-special Friday night fiddle show for the public. At this event, each district will select two fiddlers to represent them, with a chance to perform on stage for a large audience. Young fiddlers will also have a chance to be on stage that night playing for the audience--to prove that "you don't have to be old to be an old time fiddler." All young fiddlers are encouraged to participate

~ Karen & Lew

STATE FIDDLE CONTEST Coordinator, Eileen Walter



Eileen Walter

Hello Everyone! The State Fiddle Contest is coming up March 18 at Chemeketa Community College. By the time you read this, the contest will be only 6 weeks away! I'm getting things organized and ready to go, but we need a lot more volunteers – people to work in the judge's room, registration desk, front door, etc. Working at the contest is a team effort, and it makes for a fun day!! Please contact me if you can help at gdaewalt@comcast.net or 503-701-1578.

The schedule and registration form are in the December Hoedowner. Remember that the schedule is tentative depending on the registration. Be sure to check in with the registration desk at least an hour before your division is scheduled to start (even if you pre-registered), and leave yourself lots of extra time in case of schedule changes.

Here are some Salem motels: Comfort Inn (503-588-0515), Red Lion (503-370-7888), Shilo Inn (503-581-4001), Super 8 (503-370-8888), Double Tree (503-581-7004), Motel 6 (503-371-8024), Hampton Inn (503-362-1300), La Quinta (503-391-7000).

Here are directions to the contest from the I-5 Freeway. The Community College is only a few short miles from I-5. From the Market Street exit – travel east on Market Street – turn left and travel north on Lancaster Avenue – turn right and travel east on Silverton Road – turn left and travel north on 45th (the first traffic light) – travel approximately ½ mile. Building 6 will be on your left, and there's a large parking lot in front.

Please come to show your support for the musicians, volunteer, or even better... polish up some of your favorite tunes and become a contestant! I hope to see you all in March!

~ Eileen

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Greetings All from District One,

We are just about all shoveled out here in District 1. I know a few other districts are right in the middle of experiencing this winter weather right along with us...I even saw a picture on Facebook that showed snow at the COAST! WOW! Aren't the snow totals this year amazing? Lots of snowy days to work on fiddle tunes!

I would like to mention that a dear lady in District 1, Frances Hughes, passed away the first week in January. This tribute about Frances was written by her good friend and caretaker, Edna Jenkins... "Frances and her husband, Bud, were lifetime members of OOTFA. He had music in the house every day, and she sure missed that fiddle music for the last 14 years since he's been gone. She passed at home on January 4. She missed her 88th birthday by 5

February Events

12	meeting/jam	Shasta Grange	12:15 - 3 p.m.
16	gig	Plum Ridge	10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
16	gig	Pacifica/Brookdale	1 - 2 p.m.
23	gig	Quail Park (Bistro)	10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
23	gig	Rogue River Place	1 - 2 p.m.
TBD	gig	Pelican Point	

Practice on Saturdays 1- 4 p.m. at Luther Square. Check with Irene Ruddock for date and times 541-882-6418.

days. She spent the past 2 years connecting with friends of OOTFA around the state. Her boys were there playing their guitars and fiddles for her this last month.

On a lighter note, our Junior Fiddlers played a gig at a bank here in Klamath Falls, and performed beautifully. They are currently working on songs such as "Silver & Gold 2-step" and "Turkey in the Straw". Stay warm and dry and maybe February will bring us a HINT of spring!

February Birthdays are: Ben Coker, Lynn Foster, and Del Sparks. Let me know if I missed anyone!

~ Jenny Dreyer, District 1 Reporter



District One Junior Fiddlers perform at their Christmas concert.



Frances Hughes (District 1)

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January has come and gone. Seems like all we've done around here is "shovel and plow." Snow started coming in earnest a couple days before Christmas and it hasn't stopped. Days are short enough in winter, but when the first 3 hours of the day are devoted to "shovel and plow," they seem even shorter. The good news is that gray, cold, snowy days lead to good times to practice even if the only one who hears the music is the family dog or cat.

Last month's First Saturday Jam was essentially snowed out. Terry, Larry, and the newest musician to arrive in these parts, "Mike, the bass man," turned out for that event but they all live just a couple blocks from the facility. I was busy, "shoveling and plowing," and whiteout condition--coupled with below freezing temps--discouraged me from driving into town to play. Since Mike is leaving this week, the McLain's have made good use of his bass playing before he takes off for the Central Valley region of California and waits for the next long school vacation period when he can return for a few days, once again. We look

February Events

2	jam (Ground Hog Day)	Rosa Lee's house	5 p.m.
4	First Saturday Jam	Senior Center	2 p.m.
6	Business Meeting	Senior Center	7 p.m.
9	jam	Rosa Lee's house	5 p.m.
16	jam	Rosa Lee's house	5 p.m.
23	jam	Rosa Lee's house	5 p.m.

forward to the day he moves up to Lakeview permanently so he can make music with us full time.

Janet is still commuting from Burns, and terrible weather doesn't seem to prevent her from showing up for work in Lakeview. I stood in as her practice partner in December until she could get back to Burns and practice with her real music partner, Joan Suther. Together, they gave a stellar performance on Christmas Eve night, playing Bach's "Gesu Bambino" for a crowded gathering at the Presbyterian Church.

Beyond that, it's "shovel and plow" around here. We hope your New Year is off to a good and promising start. As I write, the state board meeting and jam in Glide, Oregon is just a handful of days away. Weather and work will keep most of us Lakeviewites home but we'll be thinking of you and all the good music that will be generated over the weekend.

~ Nancy Yialouris, District 1E Reporter

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February Events

12	2nd Sunday Jam/Dance	PB Community Center	1 - 3 p.m.
12	Musician's Jam	PB Community Center	3:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Howdy from District 3,

As you all know, this has been quite a winter all over Oregon! Here in Central Oregon, it is the coldest, snowiest winter in at least 20 years. We are all safe and warm and very thankful for that. Due to the severe weather, we did have to cancel our 2nd Sunday Jam/Dance on January 8. Many other events and schools have been closed because of our weather. Powell Butte Community Center is working with us on options to help offset our costs due to the cancellation. They are very good to us, and we appreciate them.

This is short and sweet. Hopefully we can get back to a regular schedule of events soon and have a full report for February. We will again have a Musician's Jam after our main event in February. Do plan to stay and jam! It's a great time to play together and learn from each other.

Take care all. Stay safe and warm,

~ Kim Martin & Pat Borden District 3 Reporters

Statewide meeting and jam at Glide (District 10)



District 4 Reporter, Judy Lyons on stage with Ken Luse

Amy Burrow, Colleen Hanks, Lisa Ponder, Jess Knudsen

Darla Knudsen & Phyllis Coffin

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Hello fellow OOTFA members! I hope everyone has recovered from our snow and ice storm. In the Rogue Valley, we received over 10 inches of snow, which quickly became ice. Our chairperson, Scotty Phillips, made the difficult decision to cancel our Holiday Feast due to the icy road conditions. Some of our members were housebound for up to 9 days due to icy driveways.

Thankfully, weather conditions improved for the trip to Glide and the State Jam & Board Meeting. There was a good turn-out for the jam on Friday night. The district set out hot coffee and snacks to munch on, and the small room was soon filled with music and smiles. Young and older musicians blended their talents, spanning the generations. On Saturday, more members arrived and the fun continued--music rising to the rafters and stopping only when the aroma of the hot soups and chili filled the room. Sandwiches, salads, munchies and desserts were also served, including a decadent, "death by chocolate" cake. District 10 did a wonderful job of making everyone feel welcome and at home. After the lovely lunch, the sign-up jam began and again the music commenced, with many from the community in the audience. Those attending from District 4 were: Charlie Boyer, Tom and Cathy Futchey, Dave and Barbara Basden, Bruce and Judy McGarvey, and Judy Lyons.

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The calendar tells us that the Christmas season is over, but surely it is not true with OOTFA members! The beauty of friendship, the joy of gathering together, the love of music, and the surprise at what might be on the potluck table are long lasting qualities of our districts. Let us be sure that the spirit of Christmas lives on throughout the 12 months of 2017.

We were so glad to have Bob Shaffar, Kenny Croes and Mike Dado at our gig in Winchester Bay who added a lot to our performing slate on December 17th. They were very much appreciated by the audience as well as the musicians. Of course, Christmas songs were included by the on-stage performers. The show started with the fiddle jamboree which featured Bob, Sally Glines and Dawn Vonderlin. Several folks donned Santa Hats to celebrate the season. Sally performed a few tunes and was joined by her teacher, Jennifer Sordyl on a lovely rendition of "Carol of the Bells". We shared cookies, coffee and cocoa which added warmth to the chilly day.

We are always glad to welcome newcomers, and we hope that all the fiddle lessons going on in our district will yield some new fiddlers. It would be a boon to us as well as them.

February Events

4 meeting, potluck, jam Applegate Firehouse, Ruch 11:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

We have had some members who have been dealing with illnesses. Scott Phillips has been very ill and is now at home recovering, but he still needs prayerful thoughts. Jim Winslow was down with an abscessed tooth but has recovered. Gene Grant also was "under the weather," along with Don Maddox. We've missed other members and hope all will be back playing music soon.

We have rescheduled our Holiday Feast for our February jam. Our February meeting and potluck feast will be on February 4, at the Applegate Fire Station in Ruch. It's a good facility with a nice kitchen. The meeting will begin at 11:30; lunch will be served at noon, and open jamming will begin after lunch. The sign-up jam will be from 1-3 p.m. Ham, drinks and table service will be provided by the district. Judy Lyons will be contacting everyone to coordinate other food items. Please make plans to attend.

"We know an age more vividly through it's music, than through its historians." Roscoe Ambrose Brown

~ Judy Lyons, District 4 Reporter

February Events

1	gig	Myrtle Point Care Center, Myrtle Point	2:30 - 3:30 p.m.
8	gig	Baycrest, Coos Bay	1:30 - 2:30 p.m.
8	gig	Evergreen Court, Coos Bay	3 - 4 p.m.
15	gig	Pacific View, Bandon	2 - 3 p.m.
18	gig	Winchester Baymeeting (11-noon), finger food (12 - 1 p.m.), on-stage & circle jam (1 - 4 p.m.)	
22	gig	Avamere, Coos Bay	1 - 2 p.m.



Bob Shaffar & Larry Costa (District 5)

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Junior Fiddler: Elina Gouw (District 7)



Elina Gouw, District 7

Hi, my name is Elina Gouw. I am 18 years old and I grew up in Portland. I'd like to say that time goes by fast; this year I will be graduating from junior fiddle to young adult.

I slowly picked up the violin in second grade in an orchestra program at school. Things were never the same when my orchestra teacher, Suzanne Gaye, introduced some folk tunes for the very first time like "Campbell's Farewell to Red Gap." She noticed that I couldn't stop playing fiddle tunes during breaks and helped me find Jeanine Orme in 2012. Never had I been so eager to play my violin, which now became my fiddle--thanks to much practice and the teachings of Jeanine.

At first I was mostly interested in Celtic music, but Jeanine helped broaden my interests by introducing fiddle tunes in different styles until I got into Texas style fiddling. I'm still really interested in Celtic music, and over the years I've also picked up the Irish tin whistle and the Celtic harp. One of my favorite events is the Portland Highland Games where I enjoy listening to bagpipe competitions with my friend and playing in the harp circle and the fiddle rally.

I like to jam at coffee shops and pizza parlors; my favorite tunes to play are "Tam Lin" and "Indian Point", though a really memorable tune at the state contest was "Little Betty Brown" with Les Tucker.

Although I love playing music, most of my friends know me as an artist. My favorite drawing tools are soft pastels. When I'm outside I like hiking, jogging, biking, and playing sports with my little sister (who is actually taller than me). Hopefully I can still find time for these activities in college, but there are other cool things to try like tap dancing and Native American flute.

There's something special about being a part of the Oregon Old Time Fiddlers Association. It is a supportive community with unique folks. Being in a room with passionate and talented musicians who enjoy the same kind of music is truly rewarding, whether it's at a contest or a jam session. It's an experience I hope to encounter more often throughout the year.

Fiddle Tips: by Evelyn Horner (District 6) "What's in a Waltz?"

Evelyn Horner has She taught classes at Shasta Jr. College in American Fiddle. She has toured the White House with her students and played for President Reagan. For nine years, she taught fiddle for the California Arts Council and the National Endowment for the Arts. She's in the hall of fame for Western Swing, and if that's not enough...she loves to quilt and can her own home-grown veggies and fruits. We are lucky to have her with us!

Many people mistakenly believe that American fiddling springs exclusively from Irish-Scottish-English fiddling. It is easy to see the fallacy in this by looking at the American repertoire. The vast majority of tunes from the British Isles are jigs, reels, hornpipes, marches, and slow airs. But if one attends a fiddle contest in the United States, one finds that fiddlers are nearly always required to play a waltz as one of the contest pieces. Sometimes a breakdown and a waltz are required, sometimes a breakdown, waltz and a third tune of choice. Some Canadian contests require a jig, a waltz, and tune of choice.



Evelyn Horner

The earliest beginnings of the waltz, like most other music and dance forms, are lost in antiquity. The Northern European people have been dancing in 3/4 time for at least ten centuries. Many of the song dances of the Faroe Islands, virtually unchanged since Viking days, are in 3/4 time. The same meter is found in a lot of the Irish slow airs, which were played by harpists long before the fiddle was devised. But these were only vague predecessors of the very clearly defined waltz of today. Next issue, we will explore those origins.

The ever-present American waltz, almost unknown to the traditional fiddlers of Ireland, Scotland, and England--where did it come from? How did it find its place in the American idiom? How does it fit in with fiddling styles? These are the questions to be explored in the next few issues of "Fiddling Tips" in your Hoedowner.

~ Evelyn Horner

Linda Danielson's Tune of the Month: "A and E Waltz" by Rusty Modrell

A and E Waltz: Named for the keys it is played in, this version comes from The Evergreen Fiddler Tunebook, Volume II, edited by Stuart Williams. Nobody is sure, but the tune is often said to have been composed by Rusty Modrell, who was an Oregon state champion in the 1960's. At any rate, Stuart and I were both learning this one from Rusty back in the 1970's. It appears to have migrated to Canada by way of Weiser.



Linda Danielson

~ Linda Danielson

End with the A part.

Statewide meeting and jam at Glide (District 10)



Kelly Wadsworth (District 10) with young fiddlers



Ben Coker (District 1)



Charlie Boyer (District 4)

District 5 (Continued from page 4)

Keeping the Winchester Bay and weekly events going each month requires a lot of volunteers for success. A sincere thank you to all who so generously offer their time and energy. It would not be possible to host such events without the dedication of our members. Many within our district and some from other districts graciously pitch in. Please think of joining us in the volunteer department! You can call any of the officers listed above to offer your assistance. And remember, playing music is also a volunteer position!

Exciting things are taking place in Florence as Larry Gallagher has been heading up a group to play at some of the care centers. The recipients sincerely appreciate the wonderful music brought to them. If you are interested in dates and times please call Larry G. at 541-590-3676.

Many thanks to Dawn Vondelin for adding so much to this report. Ken and I have been out of the loop for about 7 weeks due to his knee surgery in November.

~ Susan Joubert, District 5 Reporter



Russ Hall, -National Treasure (District 5)

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Oregon hasn't been subjected to this much snow and ice in almost ten years! Due to hazardous conditions, nearly all jams, performances and classes were canceled in December and early January, leaving District 6 in a musical drought and, from this reporter's perspective, OOTFA-related news.

As the music specialist at Territorial Elementary outside of Junction City, it brought a personal disappointment. I was charged with helping students prepare a holiday performance for their school community. But so many school days were canceled due to inclement weather that it caused us to miss three days of rehearsal and we had to scratch not only the original assembly, but also the one rescheduled on January 9, due to ice and snow.

Troupers that they were, Ernie Connelly, Jesse Knudsen, Ken Luse, Lisa Ponder and Alan Stults stayed at the ready in the event that Mother Nature favored a performance. The plan was for each to do an instrument demonstration, then, back up the kids when they performed "I Want a Hippopotamus for Christmas", and "Place in the Choir." Sadly, it was not to be this winter. Perhaps I can prevail on theirs and others' talents when we warm up the school's new covered play area with a barn dance in the spring.

The quarterly meeting and jam in Glide may have broken the ice. Musicians from several districts represented OOTFA, and we played to a sizeable and appreciative audience. Kudos to District 10 folks who hosted at the Glide Community Center and to all who brought and served the hearty luncheon.

The instructor roster is solidified for this year's fiddle camp and the array of workshop offerings is being fine-tuned. It promises to be another all-ages event at which there is something for everyone:

February Events

2	jam	Old World Deli, Corvallis	7 p.m.
3	jam	Eugene Hotel	7 p.m.
4		Ila Mae's Intermediate Fiddle Class at River Rd. Annex	1 - 4 p.m.
6		Ila Mae's Basic Fiddle Class at Bethesda Lutheran	1 - 4 p.m.
10	jam	Elmira Grange	7 p.m.
11	jam	Central Grange	12 - 3 p.m.
17	jam	YaPoAh Terrace Jam (non OOTFA jam)	7 p.m.
18 & 19	gig	Frontier Heritage Fair, Lane Co. Events Center	
24	jam	Willakenzie Grange	7 p.m.

string players, singers and dancers, alike. The instructor cadre is experienced and talented. Grant monies from the Kielhorn Foundation will allow us to provide scholarship opportunities to youth who want to help perpetuate the joys of old time music.

The Frontier Heritage Fair is scheduled for February 18-19 at the Lane County Events Center. District 6 Old time musicians are encouraged to come and play! Contact Melody Morrell for details (mbmorrell@q.com). It's a lot of fun and there is much to see that celebrates our Oregon pioneer roots.

Looking ahead, Hal Weiner is trying to breathe life into an event hosted by Keeping the Arts, an organization that is committed to providing music instruction in schools where there is none. Their mission is to reach out to 1000 or more students in rural schools in the Santiam Valley area to introduce them to American Roots music in all of its forms. The weekend event is in the early planning phases and funding is being sought to bring it to fruition. Look forward to more information as plans develop for fall of 2017 in Turner.

Until next month, stay warm and healthy, and feed your souls with soup and music.

Happy Birthday to Kathy Ness, Gary Baran, Willie Carter (90!), Tony Humphreys, Phyllis Coffin and Dave Stubbs.

~ Amy Burrow, District 6 Reporter

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Dear District 7 members,

As I write this article Portland is experiencing a major snow storm, and the weather has been very cold. I hope by the time February rolls around, we are already seeing a few flowers and much warmer weather than the 20 degrees it is outside right now. In January we had to cancel a number of events because of the weather--many of us had to stay inside and play music by ourselves.

Well, I hope now you are all practiced up because we have some great events lined up in February. First of all, we have my favorite event of the year, sponsored by the Eagle Creek Grange. It is the dinner and jam where we play on the stage for the Eagle Creek community in celebration of Valentine's Day. The grange always looks lovely with lots of hearts, lights and streamers scattered all over the hall. Decorated tables are set up to accommodate the folks who come for the dinner and the entertainment that we provide-- we always play for a great crowd. At 5:30 we are

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Snow is still with us as I write this report. It isn't falling now, but with freezing temperatures, it has only melted a little. The streets and highways are clear for the most part. We have been feeding a couple hummingbirds. They are usually waiting in the morning for me to put the feeder out. They are fascinating creatures to watch.

We will have had our January Jam in Newberg at the Mountain View Trailer Park on the 21st. The residents there enjoy the music.

Be sure to put Saturday, February 11 on your calendars. We're playing at the Capitol in Salem. Time to be announced. We had a good group last year. Hope you'll all come this year. There will be lots of interesting displays about Oregon's history and probably cake for Oregon's 158th birthday.

On February 18, we have a jam at the Community Center in Dallas. We'll have a meeting at 11:30. and the jam will be from 1 to 3 p.m. Please come!

On February 20, we'll be playing for an afternoon dance at the Chehalem Senior Center in Newberg. The address is 101 West Foothills Drive, Newberg. This is something new, though I believe we have played at the center in the past. The times are 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Many of us have been housebound, or nearly so, for days. To add insult to injury (actually injury to insult) Lew fell in the back yard and has a cracked lower pelvis. No surgery needed,

February Events

- 8 Gladstone Senior Center Gladstone OR Doors open at 12. Sign-up playing from 1 - 3 p.m.
- 15 Monthly Circle Jam Estacada Public Library 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.
- 26 NW Jam, 600 NE 8th Doors open at 11a.m. Sign-up playing 12:30 - 3:30 p.m.
- 28 Marti Gras Party Springridge Court Assisted Living 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.
32100 SW French Prairie Rd, Wilsonville

provided a delicious dinner before we start playing and then we take the stage at 6:00. If you haven't been there before, come on out. I know you will enjoy yourselves.

The Estacada Library circle jam on the 19th is another fun event. We have always had a good turn-out for this venue and look forward to playing there again after a number of months off. You may bring sheet music to teach your songs to the group.

There were lots of OOTFA members at the Old Time Music gathering in downtown Portland in early January. District 7 had a table there which was visited by many people interested in our organization. If you haven't been to this venue either, I highly recommend it. It was held at the Tiffany Center where there was lots of room for jamming and workshops.

Stay warm everyone!

~ Elaine Schmidt, District 7 Reporter

February Events

- 11 gig State Capitol in the Senate Lobby 10 - 11 a.m. and noon - 1 p.m.
- 18 meeting/jam Community/Senior Center, Dallas 11:30 a.m. meeting, jam 1 - 3 p.m.
- 20 gig/dance Chehalem Senior Center, Newberg 1:30 - 4:30 p.m.

just time. He can get around with a walker. The orthopedist predicts a good recovery.

Just a heads-up that the State Fiddle Contest will be Saturday, March 18 at Chemeketa Community College in Salem. Same location, the auditorium, as the last few years. Come, enter the contest or cheer on your favorite fiddlers. Many thanks to Eileen Walter and her crew of workers. It's a big job, and we appreciate your dedication.

April 6-8 are the dates for the annual OOTFA Convention. Wednesday April 5 there will be jamming for those who come early. The fairgrounds at Rickreall have proved to be a great location for us. Camping for RVs as usual. Keep in mind that we will be providing finger food on Wednesday. More information later.

Perhaps February will bring us rain instead of snow. The good thing about rain is that you don't have to shovel it.

~ Alice Holt, District 8 Reporter

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Our Sunday Potluck and Jam was during the ice and snow storm on January 8. Janet calls George to see if we should cancel and he says, nope, this is normal Harney County weather and a few hardies will show up, and my deviled eggs are already made, plus, Billy has a ham she needs to share. Soooo, we had 5 musicians, one couple to dance, and 5 clappers. Fun was had by all and the musicians each had their time in the sun (well sort of).

Our next Sunday Jam will be February 12th. Come and join us hardies and make more music.

Ruel and Randy are so glad to be in Arizona that they are probably cackling with glee over not being in our snow storms.

District 10 (Roseburg, Canyonville, Sutherlin Area)

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District 10 hosted the January State Jam and Board Meeting in Glide on January 13-14. We'd like to thank everyone who came long distances to partake in the musical camaraderie, jams and shows. It was another big success, and most everyone liked the new venue. The annex was a little chilly on Friday evening, but the fiddling warmed things up. On Saturday, we had a good crowd for the public concert. About twenty groups signed up to be in the show.

Our fourth Saturday Sutherlin jam on January 28 had a small turn-out, but everyone had fun. We held a district membership meeting prior to the jam and provided an "after action report" for the State Jam and Board Meeting.

I asked Kelly Wadsworth for her thoughts about old time music and OOTFA. She offered: "Our grandchildren and their parents just left after a short, intense two-day visit. Between us, we have a boatload of instruments. It was a blustery, rainy weekend which provided perfect conditions for playing music together. "Tennessee Waltz", "You are My Sunshine", and "Red Wing" provided the base for our tune list. Crying babies were part of the mix too, as were toddlers who needed attention. Someone would start playing, and several others would join in, often improvising a harmony line. This is what OOTFA has provided for my family – it's a support group for living room musicians."

The only February birthday we know about is Dona Brown's on February 3. Happy Birthday Dona!

At our jams, we have a table for music-related items and instruments for sale, exchange or rent. A donation by the seller back to District 10 and OOTFA is encouraged.

Pick and Grin!

~ Joe Ross, District 10 Reporter

February Events

3	jam	Friday Night Jam	
10	gig	The Aspens	7 - 9 p.m.
17	jam	Friday Night Jam	
20	gig	Ashley Manor	6 - 7 p.m.
24	jam	Friday Night Jam	

Joan's somewhere warm as well.

We are still sending get well wishes for folks under the weather, including Cliff Dawson, LaWanda Williams, and Walt Cooper.

Be certain to call one of the officers for the home or facility that the Friday Night Jams are held in. We always welcome newcomers, card players, clappers and especially the regular musicians. You can get on Don Greenfield's e-mail too and that makes it easier for some folks.

Happy Valentine's Day to you all. Musically Yours,

~ Marianne Andrews, District 9 Reporter

February Events

8	gig	Rose Haven, 740 NW Hill Ave, Roseburg (2nd Wed)	10 a.m.
14	gig	Brookdale, 3400 NW Edenbower, Roseburg	10 a.m.
20	gig	Callahan Court, 1801 NW Garden Valley, Roseburg	2:30 p.m.
25	jam	Jam, Sutherlin Grange Hall, 851 Comstock Rd, Sutherlin	12 - 3 p.m.
27	gig	Callahan Village, 1801 NW Garden Valley, Roseburg	3:30 p.m.

March Events

2	gig	Bridgewood Rivers, 1901 NW Hughwood, Roseburg	1:30 p.m.
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Note from District 10 and Sharon Thompson:

Thank you to all the members that made their way to Glide for the January Jam/Board Meeting.

The weather did not cooperate well, but it happened with reduced attendance, and those that DID make it had a great time.

The report from many is they like the new venue in Glide. Let me know what you thought about lunch provided versus potluck.



Sharon Thompson

A special shout out to thank several people who helped make it happen:

Advertising: Joe Ross, Ann Hodson, and Patti Luse

Sound: Jim Kuether

Food: Ann and Gene Hodson, Ken and Patti Luse, and Ruth weyer for their soups. Yummy!!

Kitchen Help: Jenna Anderson, Ruth Weyer, Colleen Hodges and Art Bigelow.

Glide High School: Students help with setup and clean up

Supervision and Coordination: Edna Jenkins

Welcome Table: Darla Knudsen and Patti Luse. Please forgive me if I missed someone, it is not intentional.

Unfortunately several District 10 members were ill and not able to make it. Other district members kicked in to help!



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State Calendar

March 18	State Fiddle Contest	Chemeketa CC, Salem
April 5-8	Statewide Convention, Polk County Fairgrounds	Rickreall
May 4-7	Silver Lake Campout	
June 15-17	Burns Quarterly Meeting and Campout	
July 17-20	Fiddle Camp	near Oakridge
August 5	Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest	Corvallis
Aug 17-20	Winchester Bay Campout	
September 7-9	Central Oregon Country Music Gathering	Prineville

New Members to Welcome!

Dan Bonfield	McMinnville	Terry Jorgensen	Sandy	Gerry Phelps	Roseburg
Dorine Brickley	Roseburg	Horty Joyce	Bandon	Ken Sherman	Bandon
Nancy Christie	Kelso, Washington	Zachary & Nathan Lester	Bandon	Pat and Micki Smith	Klamath Falls
Claude Crane	Roseburg	Debra Markham	Roseburg	Lisa Trottier	Bandon
Sylvia Ernst	Langlois	Shawn Morford	Salem	Larry Vining	Kelso, Washington
Joan Hammond	McMinnville	Bob Morrow	Langlois	Yemaya Wind	Bandon
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