

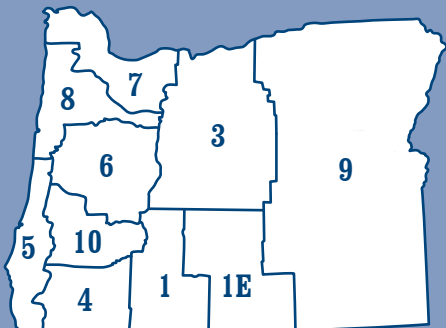
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From Your President

It is with deep regret that we accept the resignation of our State Secretary, Darla Knudsen. She submitted her resignation on February 10 stating, "Due to some medical issues, I need to tender my resignation of the position of OOTFA State Secretary. I don't feel that I could fulfill the duties of secretary properly for which I was elected. I'd like to thank you very much for the opportunity and the confidence you put in me to be able to do this for the last few years." Patti Luse has agreed to step in as Interim State Secretary until the board elections in April. We appreciate Darla's hard work and commitment to OOTFA over many years.

This is the first of two reports dealing with what we know and what we hope to know about our upcoming State Convention on April 4-7. First of all let me thank all of you volunteers that have worked so hard on past conventions in Rickreall. It takes lots of old and new hands to pull it off.

What we think we know is that duties have been assigned to certain tasks, and I will be mailing out those district assignments shortly. Sound system person has agreed to do his magic again this year. Stage will be set up on Thursday morning. There will be sign-ups for afternoon stage jams. Workshops are being arranged as I type Auction items brought in for the Saturday night auction will be handled differently than in past years. It will go much faster and more efficiently. After the banquet, there will be a dance from 7-9 p.m.

What we HOPE to know, by next Hoedowner, is who we will get as volunteers to be filling all these positions. We hope to know who will be the MC's and who will be our district volunteer players for Friday night's show and special talent, how many workshops there will be and on what subjects, etc. Many more items crucial to bringing about this kind of event will need to be finalized soon. So please say yes when you are asked to volunteer for something. It will be a better convention if you do.

One of the highlights of the convention is the Saturday Night Banquet beginning at 4:45 p.m. It is there that we honor some dedicated members as well as finish up the Auction.

Tickets for the banquet are \$17.50 per person.

Option 1: Grilled CHICKEN w/sundried tomato & garlic cream sauce.

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~Jim

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Lakeview

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Lebanon

Bend

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Eugene

Prineville

Roseburg

Myrtle Point

From the Editor

Well... I have made a decision. I'm going to enter the Oregon State Fiddle Contest on March 17. I usually avoid the stage. But one of my great mentors, Evelyn Horner, made an argument that resonated with me. She believes that fiddle contests are a part of the history and tradition of old time fiddling, and they give us motivation to polish up our tunes. There are so many great players in Oregon, and they should be recognized for their talents. But there should always be a place for playing a simple old time tune at an OOTFA contest. And as the adage goes, "If it doesn't kill you, then it will probably make you stronger." In that spirit, I hope you'll polish up three tunes and join me for this strengthening exercise. Hoping to see you at the Fiddle Contest in March!

~ Karen

From the Editor Emeritus

Alice and I have been members of OOTFA since 1980. We have had the luxury of getting to know many fine people. During the 38 years that we have been members, many "leaves have fallen." I take that phrase from O Henry's story, "The Last Leaf." I graduated from high school in 1947. We have lost many of our classmates. Several years ago, one of my classmates gave each of us a metal leaf and told us about O Henry's story. It has had great meaning for me – we have lost half of our classmates – their leaves have fallen.

http://www.online-literature.com/o_henry/1303/

So now I am sharing this story as it relates to our friends in OOTFA. On February 10th Alice and I and many others, attended a memorial for Willie Carter, a great friend, a great fiddler and a long time OOTFA member. His leaf has fallen.

On February 17, we played at Oregon's 159th birthday celebration at the state capitol. We were unable to attend a memorial the same day for Mark Carmickle, another long time OOTFA member and friend, an officer, a musician. His leaf has fallen recently, too.

There are others, too, but I am using these two to tell my story. Our membership changes as leaves fall. I think I can use the fingers on one hand, to count the friends still with us since Alice and I joined in 1980. Our membership evolves slowly perhaps but is ever changing. Leaves may fall but the "last leaf will never fall" as long as we keep playing "old time fiddle music."

~ Lew

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March Events

11	meeting/jam	Shasta Grange	12:15 - 3 p.m.
15	gig	Plum Ridge	10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
15	gig	Pacifica/Brookdale	1 - 2 p.m.
22	gig	Crystal Terrace	10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
22	gig	Rogue River Place	1 - 2 p.m.

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

Greetings All from District One,

It seems spring is right around the corner here in District 1... we have weeping pussy willows in full bloom, daffodils ready to bloom, and trees are budded out and ready to rock! It's a very special time! I think we will have a wonderful spring for sure and hopefully a fire-free summer. After a winter of no snow, summer truly seems scary this year! But never mind all that...something exciting is just around the corner, and that is the OOTFA Fiddle Contest March 17th in Salem. I've heard great things about this contest, and maybe one of these years, I too will have a chance to travel and be involved. So much planning goes into these events. The people who are doing all the work are doing so with a lot of love and energy to see that OOTFA is strong, successful, and FUN. Thank you so much coordinators, volunteers, and participants for the OOTFA opportunities state-wide that are consistently top notch!

In other district news, our gig calendar is the same as last month with our usual nursing homes/assisted living facilities. Our Junior Fiddlers are working on their songs for an upcoming spring gig at Umpqua Bank in downtown Klamath Falls. More to follow on exact dates! And last but not least...it was brought to my attention that I did not do as much research as I could have concerning one part of my article for last month. In regard to

the section where it talks about the "Mia and Pia's Jam" that is held at that restaurant on a monthly basis; it is actually called a BLUEGRASS Jam. It has NO affiliation to OOTFA in any way. All are welcome to attend this jam, however, it is a BLUEGRASS Jam and upbeat music is the tune of the day. It is currently being run by Fran and Ben Coker. Any questions regarding this monthly jam should be directed to them. Many thanks!

March Anniversaries: Bill and Ann Bonser and James and Jenny Dreyer,
March Birthdays: Jon Blasius, Faye Patterson, Virginia Priddy, and Hannah Scott.

Let me know if I missed anyone! -

~ Jenny Dreyer, District 1 Reporter



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Last month's First Saturday Jam was a winner! We had a large (for our remote location) group of 13 musicians and singers, so it was a great time for all of us. Musicians from 4 counties (Modoc, Lake, Harney, and Klamath) were represented. Aside from the McLain's, Terry, Larry and Rosa Lee, we were joined by Janet Brayman, our "Harney County Once-in-a while'r," the Coker's, Fran and Ben from Klamath Falls, Sharon Enderlin, from the Alturas, CA jam group, our newest young player, Chloe Winters and her grandmother, Tanya Winters, Lisa Ackerman, Paul Newton, Rocky St. Claire and friend, Dick, and yours truly. We were pleased that so many people made the effort to join us, and it was nice to have a hammered dulcimer, bass and banjo to offset the heavy presence of guitar players. What a wonderful way to kick off the month!

Our First Saturday Jams are going to be scarce, as the warmer months bring more opportunities for gigs, not to mention holidays, that interfere with our dates. We will be gone the first Saturday in April but hope to see everyone at the State Convention in Rickreall that weekend. The first Saturday in May we will be at Silver Lake Campout, so come and play with us there. **The next First Saturday Jam in Lakeview will be held on June 2nd!** July, Aug, and September are all months when we won't have Saturday jams due to the holiday in July and a gig at our local Fair and Round-Up in September. A family reunion in August takes the McLain's to La Pine where 100+ of their relatives gather each year. So come and play with us this month, Saturday, March 3, in Lakeview!

Barrett Amacker, our youngest fiddler, is part of "The Sixth Grade Angels." That is the name the 6th graders are calling themselves after forming a fundraising group in an effort to help raise money to reopen our local theater. The theater closed due to outdated analogue sound and projection equipment, and the kids are joining with several other adults in our town who share in the goal to get the performing space/movie house up and running again. There will be a spaghetti feed on March 9 (a Friday night),

March Events

1, 8, 15, 22, 29	jams	Rosa Lee's House	5 p.m.
3	First Saturday Jam	Alger Theater	6:30 p.m.
9	Spaghetti Feed	Elk's Lodge	5:30 p.m.
9	gig	Alger's Angels	Alger Theater 6:30 p.m.
18	gig	Alger Theater	2 - 3 p.m.

followed by a performance in the Alger Theater. In addition to raising money for digital sound and projection equipment, the theater needs a general refurbishing, from ceiling tiles to new seats. Any and all who might be interested in attending the event (see above) are welcome. Barrett will be performing with his uncle and grandpa, and others will be performing that night, too.

Just a reminder that if you are planning on joining us at the Silver Lake Campout and are not planning on dry camping or tenting around the firehouse, it is time to make reservations at either of the two RV parks in Silver Lake or at the Silver Lake Motel (541-576-2131). As was mentioned last month, RV accommodations can also be found on Hwy 31 near Ft. Rock, at Anna Reservoir, or in Christmas Valley where lodging is available. All three of those locations are roughly in a 20 mile radius from Silver Lake. More details to follow in the April newsletter.

On a very sad note, I just learned that Laura Light passed away this morning (Feb 11, 2018.) She and Jerry live in Gardnerville, NV, and are members of OOTFA. They lived in Lakeview before moving and had recently purchased a mobile home and were planning to move back to our district this spring. Jerry and Laura have attended Silver Lake Campout and the Prineville gathering. They would come each September to play our fair gig and they would visit as often as possible staying with Larry and Mary Ann during those times. Our sincere condolences go out to Jerry and the family. Cards can be sent to Jerry Light, P.O. Box 153, Gardnerville, NV, 89410.

Before signing off, we'd like to wish all the fiddlers who are participating in the State Contest the best of luck! Anyone who puts the time and effort into practicing and preparing, then conquers "the nerves" that accompany being in the spotlight is a winner, so we send courage and congratulations to you.

~ Nancy Yialouris, District 1E Reporter

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Howdy from District 3,

First we'll get caught up from January: Despite the fog which has been very thick over Central Oregon for several weeks, our jam/dance on January 14 was very well attended, with about 60 guests and 15 musicians. It was great fun with lots of dancers and excellent music. We had several new faces, including 2 couples, the Walter's and Huillet's who showed us an energetic dance called the Horseshoe which is a couples line dance. Many of our members renewed their membership, and we welcomed two new members from Prineville: Ron Halsey and Arlene Spannaus. Also we did have 3 members sign up with us to help set up/put away: Ben

March Events

11	2nd Sunday Jam/Dance	Powell Butte CC	1 - 3 p.m.
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and Gerry Oakes and Mike Culver. Thanks!! Touchmark Senior Living in Bend brought several of their residents over, and they enjoyed the music and the dancing. At the request of Margaret Keene, we have started a song list for District 3, a very good idea so our musicians will know the type of music played.

And now on to February: We had another great jam with about 18 musicians and 50 guests. There were several 1st timers who enjoyed the music and expressed an interest in joining OOTFA. Touchmark Senior Living again brought a van with 8 guests. A



Barb and Kip Walter dance the "Horseshoe" at District 3's jam in January.

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special note of thanks to Garitt Bondsteel and Brad Gray who are always there to set up and take care of our sound system. Thanks also to the many who came early, helped to set up the hall and then clean and put things away. Our dancers and guests are what keeps us able to jam!

We held a membership meeting after the jam and discussed the Central Oregon Country Music Gathering for which there was overwhelming support. Minutes were approved, awards were discussed, and treasurer's report given. Then we held our elections. Thanks to Glen Crutchfield-Chairman, Ron Jackson-

Vice-Chair, Margaret Keene-Treasurer we are now under new, very capable leadership. Vivian Tucker and Teri Tucker stayed in their positions of membership and secretary. Another special mention and thanks go to Jeanette Bondsteel and Ed Fritz for their excellent service and leadership.

Speaking of the Central Oregon Country Music Gathering, it is time to get those reservations for the campground in. We should have updated forms on the website very soon. Enjoy the spring-like weather. We never know how long it will last!

Kim Martin and Pat Borden District 3 Reporters

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The daffodils have sprung up from their winter's sleep and are nodding their golden heads with the promise of spring. Our Feast was such a success with so many dishes of wonderful food and a table of yummy desserts. More than 35 members and family came for the dinner, and many more visitors came for the desserts and music. It was successful also for all those who volunteered to help with the preparation and all the volunteers who did the set-up and clean-up of the facility. Many thanks to all who came, had a lovely day and helped make it fun. Our January visit back at Waverley Inn was much enjoyed by the residents who were happy we are again playing at their residence. Many musicians came to play for them. Also our first visit to Avamere Rehab Center brought smiles and tapping toes to the residents who clapped and expressed that the music brought back happy memories. Our personal reward is their happiness.

District 6 really did a fantastic job of attending the Winter Gathering in Lebanon. The facility was so nice, and all the activities were well organized. Thanks to all who put this meeting together. Those from

March Events

3	Monthly Jam and Meeting	Ashland Community Center	11:30 a.m.
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District 4 attending were, Gene and Melinda Grant, Cathy and Tom Frutchey, Scott and Linda Phillips, Bruce and Judy McGarvey and Judy Lyons. Mark your calendar for Sunday, March 4, the day after our monthly jam. We will play for the Spring Lunch presented by the Central Point Presbyterian Church which will be at the St. Vincent DePaul dining room. This is the same organization we play for at Thanksgiving, and it's always fun. They really appreciate our music as they serve a lovely meal to their community.

Our usual gig at Fountain Plaza on March 27 has been cancelled (for March only). We have been booked again for March 22 at Brookdale in Grants Pass at 3 p.m. The State Fiddle Contest is coming up March 17 in Salem. Our annual State Convention and Meeting is on the calendar too. It will be held the first week in April at the Polk County Fairgrounds. It's always a special event... a chance to reconnect with old friends and make new ones, play old familiar tunes and learn "new" old tunes. There's a Friday night show that highlights many of our performers and is open to the public and usually well attended. There are always lots of neat objects brought from each district to raffle off, and usually musical instruments are for sale or raffle. And there's a really nice banquet on Saturday evening. Please make a special note to yourself that our April meeting and jam will be held on the second Saturday April 14 at the Roxy Ann Grange.

~ Judy Lyons, District 4 Reporter

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District 5 is happy to announce that our sound system has been upgraded with brand new microphones due to the efforts of Dawn Vonderlin who petitioned for grant monies. We received OOTFA's Kielhorn Foundation funds for 6 new microphones and accessories! This will keep our audiences hearing the best quality sounds we have to offer. Thank you so very much to OOTFA for the much appreciated assistance!

The Coos Bay Elks Club performance was a happy success. We played to a fair sized audience and received a nice donation from this wonderful club. Ten musicians were in attendance, so we were able to provide a variety of treasured songs. We agreed, as a whole, it was a fun and spirited gathering.

March Events

3	gig	Hauser Spaghetti Feed	3 - 4:30 p.m.
7	gig	Myrtle Point Care Center	2:30 - 3:30 p.m.
14	gig	Bay Crest Village	1:30 - 2:30 p.m.
14	gig	Evergreen Court	3 - 4 p.m.
17	meeting, buffet, show	Winchester Bay Community Center	
	member's meeting & St. Patrick's Celebration	11 a.m. Stage Show	
		1 - 3 p.m. (possible circle jam to follow)	
21	gig	Pacific View, Bandon	2 - 3 p.m.
28	gig	Avamere	1 - 2 p.m.
28	gig	Inland Point	2:30 - 3:30 p.m.

We send a big shout-out to Bob Shaffer for his terrific fiddle classes! The students are really learning a lot from Bob. He offers lots of useful tips, and he challenges the group to push for improvement. We are lucky to have him, Thanks to you, Bob, from all of us!

Our monthly Stage Show at Winchester Bay falls on St Patrick's Day. We plan to "get our Irish on"! Drag out your best green wardrobe and shiny shamrocks because funny little leprechauns like to pinch! Members please bring some Irish foods to share with the community.

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Oregon State Fiddle Contest March 17!!!!!!!

The contest is only a couple of weeks away! I hope many of you are planning on attending – it's always a lot of fun. Remember that you can email me at gdaewalt@comcast.net or call/text me at 503-701-1578 to register and/or if I can answer any questions for you. There are also many volunteer positions yet to be filled – I will be working on the volunteer schedule soon. I encourage you to participate – either listening to all the great tunes, or entering the contest. There are several fantastic fiddlers who have moved to the area during the year – you won't want to miss them! Aaron Carter has put together a nice poster/flyer for us.

I hope to see you soon,

~Eileen



Winter Gathering in Lebanon



Loita Colebank (District 8), Evelyn Horner (6), Bob Huffman (7).



Jerry Parks (District 6), Judy McGarvey (4), Judy Lyons (4), Hal Thompson (10).

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Peggy Mulder (District 6), Phyllis Coffin (6), Marie Bailey (8), Wayne Carter (6).

Tune of the Month: "The Banshee"

I took a workshop from Roland White at the Central Oregon Country Music Gathering in Prineville last summer. He gave us some helpful tips to answer our specific questions. At the end of class, he handed out a packet of Irish tunes, and I've been playing them ever since. Here's one that is also known as "McMahon's Reel". It was written by James McMahon in the early 1900's and is apparently a standard at Irish sessions. Look at Youtube where Kevin Burke plays his version and teaches a lesson based on this tune.

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

~Karen



The Banshee



Winter Gathering in Lebanon



Meg Graf (District 6), Colleen Hanks (10), Isaac Helland (6), Linda Danielson(6), Jim Hoots (6).



Gene Grant (District 4), Truman Price (8), Dan McLucas (6), Cathy Frutchey (4).

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Just before I took over the District 5 reporter job, Susan Joubert had interviewed Mapril Combs, one of our great members in District 5. Here is the outcome of that interview. I will take this opportunity to thank Sue and send a big hug to Mapril.



Mapril playing with Pat Weyer in 2015.

"I was born at Mast Hospital which is now the Myrtle Point Care Center where District 5 plays once a month. It was during my two and a half years in the US Air Force that I met my husband, Grant, and also where I was part of the Drum and Bugle Corps during Officer Training. My background for that experience came from playing the French Horn in high school and college, I

first became interested in the fiddle at age 11 when I heard an elderly man, who was my neighbor playing it. I sold a heifer and used the money to buy my first fiddle, which I still have. When I joined OOTFA and was just learning to play, I had the great

fortune of meeting Lew and Alice Holt, both of whom were very influential in helping and encouraging me."

"Long years ago when I was a stay at home Mom, I played a little with the fiddlers. My mentor was a lovely lady named Catherine Hall who was in her 80's at the time. Once we showed up at a place in Bandon and realized she and I were the only ones who came to play! I asked if we should cancel and leave, and she told me no! She said that our whole reason to be there was to make the "old folks" feel special, if only for a time. She told me we could play the songs we knew-- just two violins, and if we ran out of songs, we'd TALK to the residents! It was one of the few really memorable gigs I've had, mainly because Catherine put me on track as to our reason for doing this. The folks don't care what we play or how we play it; we go there because they are worth it. So, play away. They'll love you for it."

"One of the things I have come to appreciate is the impact we can make on a child's life when they are introduced to music at a young age, and when they actually see and hear someone playing a musical instrument."

~ Kriss Fenton, District 5 Reporter

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March Events

1	jam	Old World Deli OOTFA Jam, Corvallis	7 - 10 p.m.
2	jam	Eugene Hotel OOTFA Jam	7 - 8:30 p.m.
3	Intermediate Fiddle Class,	River Rd. Annex	1 - 4 p.m.
5	Basic Fiddle Class,	Bethesda Lutheran	1 - 4 p.m.
9	jam	Elmira Grange Jam,	7 - 10 p.m.
10	jam, Central Grange OOTFA Jam,	12 - 3 p.m., doors open at 10:30 a.m.	
16	jam	YaPoAh Terrace Jam	7 - 9 p.m.
17	Oregon State Fiddle Contest,	Chemeketa Comm. College, Salem	
23	jam	Willakenzie Grange OOTFA Jam	7 - 10 p.m.

True is the adage that, "Volunteers are not paid because they are worthless, but because they are priceless." And so it was that many priceless volunteers came to Lebanon to host musicians and guests at the State Board Meeting, Jam and Potluck in Lebanon in January, by all reports a legendary success, which brought joy to community members who came to listen. Thirty-one District 6 members attended and pitched in from set-up to clean-up. Thanks to all members who voted to support the event by attending, volunteering and making music.

Special appreciation goes to Linda and Jerry Parks for securing the Lebanon Community Center and camping space, as well as acting as local hosts, and to Peggy Mulder and Patti Luse for offering to sponsor the event and foster the enthusiasm and commitment necessary to make it a winner. Thanks, too, to Sharon Thompson, Meg Graf and Sandy Neustel, who welcomed musicians and guests, and to Steve and Karen Johnson and others for putting the center back to rights afterward.

District 6 mourns the passing of Willie Carter and extends heartfelt condolences to Edna and the family. Willie Carter bought a fiddle from his uncle when he was 15, but after some frustrating attempts, figured he wouldn't be able to play a fretless instrument, his first experiences being on guitar. He sold the fiddle and played guitar and mandolin. When he was 17, a jam buddy pointed out to him that mandos are tuned the same as fiddles and that the lack of frets shouldn't scare him off, so he acquired another one, but was deviled, at first, by bowing. He had such a passion for the fiddle, though, that he persisted and became an inspiration and mentor to many aspiring fiddlers. He was inducted

into the Northwest Western Music Hall of Fame in 2013, joining Les Tucker (2006) and Evelyn Horner (2000), also from our district. He is a treasure, and he will be truly missed.

Twenty-five musicians from District 6 volunteered to perform at the 2018 Frontier Heritage Fair at Lane Events Center on February 17 and 18, in a kaleidoscope of mix-and-match ensembles, garnering a generous donation to the district from Fort Umpqua Muzzle Loaders. This unique event draws a large crowd of visitors and includes demonstrations and displays of old-time arts, tools, clothing and skills, and hosts a variety of vendors. Our performers act as a musical magnet, eliciting from visitors stories and memories about instruments and songs from their family histories.

Milestones

Warm birthday wishes to Joanne Clark, Patti Luse and Shirley Nemke.

Anniversary congratulations to Ed and Dorothy Sather, Darlene and Sal Fiducia and Wayne and Annie Carter.

~ Amy Burrow, District 6 Reporter



Willie Carter

District 7 (Portland, Northern Coast Area)

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District 7 members had two lovely events in February that everyone enjoyed. The first was on February 9 at the Eagle Creek Grange, where we celebrated Valentine's day with the community of Eagle Creek. There was a great turn-out of OOTFA members and the community as well. As usual the dinner served was excellent, and it was a lot of fun playing up on stage in the old grange hall. This year Donna and Dick Foreman brought their daughter, granddaughter and great-granddaughter, and everyone got a big kick out of seeing them dance along with many in the community. From now on this event will be on the Friday before Valentine's Day--that should make it easy for everyone to remember.

On February 14, about 17 OOTFA musicians enjoyed playing for the celebration of Oregon's birthday at the Oregon Historical Society in downtown Portland. There were about 200 people who came to listen to the fiddlers play, hear speeches from dignitaries, and eat delicious cake provided by local bakeries for the occasion. We enjoyed listening to Oregon's newest Supreme Court Justice, Adrienne Nelson, speak about her life and her judicial work here in Oregon. We also enjoyed hearing from two of our past governors--Betty Roberts and Ted Kulongoski. We were asked to play again at this event next year and encourage others to join us then for Oregon's 160th birthday party.

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Directions to Mountain View Mobile Estates (2901 E 2nd St. in Newburg): If you are coming from the South: Turn on 2nd St. across from the airport on the southeast end of town. If you are coming from McMinnville - Newburg -- go through town, turn right -- a gradual turn towards St. Paul. Soon the airport will be on your right. Turn left onto 2nd street -- after a block turn left into the mobile park. **We'll be playing at the community building on your left.** See you there.

The **OOTFA State Fiddle Contest** is the big event for March. It's on the 17th, Saint Patrick's Day. Many thanks to Eileen Walter for chairing the contest. Her organizing skills are appreciated. Also thanks to the volunteer workers and the contestants.

On February 2, a group of 7 of us had a very good time playing for the residents at Marian Estates in Sublimity. We were very well received. One gentleman told us he'd lived there for 3 years and our music was the best he'd heard. Those playing were: Phil Drain, Jim Wallace, Ted Hunt, Loita Colebank, Darlene Bryant, Lew and Alice Holt. Thanks to all for your fine musicianship.

"Another leaf has fallen" (to quote Lew). We were sad to hear that Willie Carter, of District 6, Lebanon, passed away January 31. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family..

I believe I first met Willie and Edna down "here" in Arizona. They spent many winters in Quartzsite, and Willie played fiddle and

March Events

- 9 gig Cherry Park Plaza, 1323 SW Cherry Park Road, Troutdale 3 - 4 p.m.
- 11 gig Clarkes General Store, 25760 S. Beaver Creek Rd, Beavercreek OR 1 - 3 p.m.
- 17 State Fiddle Contest, Chemeketa Community College Salem 8 a.m. - 10 p.m.
- 25 jam NW Jam 600 NE 8th Gresham, Doors open at 11 and sign-up playing 12:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Have fun welcoming spring this month. I will be down in Tucson riding bikes with my husband in early March and look forward to having longer days and more sunshine when we return.

~ Elaine Schmidt, District 7 Reporter



District 7 members playing at the 159th birthday party for the state of Oregon: Ron Beatty, Ella Beatty, Sharon Sandgren and Ron Zabudsky.

March Events

- 17 OOTFA State Fiddle Contest at Chemeketa Community College in Salem
- 24 District 8 jam Mountain View Mobile Estates, Newburg 1 - 3 p.m.

also the steel guitar regularly at the Senior Center. Western Swing tunes were his favorite. I also used to see him at the Oregon Old Time Fiddlers jam in Quartzsite that Roger Germundson and Ruel Teague started some years ago. Willie was a regular at the OOTFA campouts as well. He was one of Oregon's best known fiddlers. He will be greatly missed.

~ Gayle Clarity, District 8 reporter



District 8 playing for Oregon's birthday celebration at the state capitol: Phil Drain, Jim Wallace, Darlene Bryant, Ray Cunningham, Alice Holt, Jerry Janszen, Linda Schaffer.

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Good news—George is back. Things just operate more smoothly with him around. We had a lovely Sunday Potluck and Jam with 10 musicians and Ronda from John Day as a guest. I received a small lesson in harmonica playing from her. Thanks. Ian's "Down Yonder", joined by the whole gang, was the capstone of the day. We had only 20 listeners and dancers. Jay and Virginia Smith and Bill Phillips (Billy boy was here) were our new listeners. It was very good to see Robyn with us, back in health. It was good to have Larry Koskela and his homemade instrument back in our midst. Our new chairman, Randy Gibson, did a marvelous job of ram-rodding the jam.

Ronda and Carl Metler are our newest members. Welcome!

Last month I wrote Carol Dobson, but I was supposed to have written Carol Dawson. Sorry for the mistake. She is slowly getting better, by the way.

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We had a quorum for our January 27 meeting, and members agreed to provide funds to support the convention, West Cascades Fiddle Camp, and a couple fiddle contests. The group agreed to recognize a district member for extraordinary service each year. We'll elect some new officers at our April meeting. Colleen Hanks has done a wonderful job for several years, and Jude Stensland has agreed to run for Chair. Kelly Wadsworth has agreed to continue on as secretary. We also thank Gynn, Mary, Sandy and Jim for everything they do to keep things running smoothly.

In March, we celebrate birthdays of Jean Hanson (March 1), Juanita Poelstra (March 10) and Gene Hodson (March 24). Happy Anniversary to Jim and Joyce Kuether on March 10. If we don't have your special days, please be sure to let one of us know. When you sign in at our jams, you can also write in the month and day of your birthday.

Our featured member this month is Joyce Pickett. She was born on Jan 1, 1939 and raised in Minnesota. When in school, she was in band and could keep good timing. At age 17, she married Dennis Pickett in 1956. He played the tenor banjo and taught Joyce to play tenor guitar, and then the six-string. They moved to Montana for a few years when Dennis got a job in Great Falls. Then, they decided to come to Oregon, and he worked in construction. They lived in Winston for 30 years. He learned how to play fiddle and taught their girls to play. Joyce recalls, "The first time I heard him sing on a mic was in Winchester Bay, and my mouth dropped open. I'd never heard him sing before. He wanted me to do some runs and things on the guitar."

The Picketts had five kids. A daughter died of MS in 2003, and a son died in his sleep in November 2017. Dennis passed away in

March Events

2	jam	Friday Jam	7 p.m.
9	gig	The Aspens	7 - 9 p.m.
16	jam	Friday Jam	7 - 9 p.m.
19	gig	Ashley Manor	6 - 7 p.m.
23	jam	Friday Jam	7 p.m.
30	jam	Friday Jam	7 p.m.

We'll miss our old friend, Willie Carter, and his old time fiddle playing. We always enjoyed his visits to Burns and his friendship.

We'll be glad to have Rick and Joan home from their adventures in India, including riding elephants and singing at a convention in Jorhat on the spur of the moment. Travel conditions were very primitive.

Remember that to discover the place the Friday Jams are held, call one of the officers. We always welcome newcomers, card players, clappers and especially the regular and extraordinary musicians.

Musically Yours,

~ Marianne Andrews, District 9 Reporter

March Events

1	gig	Bridgewood Rivers	1:30 - 2:30 p.m.
14	gig	Rosehaven	10 - 11 a.m.
19	gig	Callahan Court	2:30 - 3:30 p.m.
24	jam	Sutherlin Grange Hall	12 - 3 p.m.
26	gig	Callahan Village	3:30 - 4:30 p.m.
29	gig	Garden Valley	2 - 3 p.m.

2003. Clarence "Whitey" Kelm and Joyce got together in 2005 and moved to Sutherlin. Two of Joyce's kids live out in the Winston/Green area, and one lives back home in Minnesota. She has 11 grandkids and about 14 great grandkids. Another great grandchild is due in May. She's made baby afghans for each. Her fiddling granddaughter Amanda is currently serving in the U.S. Air Force. Also, she has another granddaughter Teresa that plays a mean fiddle, and Teresa's daughter Bridget plays violin with the Umpqua Valley Youth Orchestra.

We certainly appreciate everyone who comes out to support OOTFA gigs and jams.

Let's pick!

~ Joe Ross, District 10 Reporter



Joyce Pickett dancing with Clarence "Whitey" Kelm (District 10).



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State Calendar

March 17	State Fiddle Contest	Chemeketa Community College, Salem 8 a.m.-10 p.m.
April 4-7	State Convention, Membership Meeting	Polk Co. Fairgrounds, Rickreall, OR
May 3-6	Silver Lake Campout	Silver Lake, OR (See District 1E's)
June 1-2	Brookings Jamboree	Chetco Grange, Brookings Harbor
June 14-16	High Desert Fiddlers Country Music Jamboree	Burns, OR (see District 9's report)
June 18-23	National Fiddle Contest	Weiser, Idaho
July 16-19	West Cascades Fiddle Camp and Workshops	near Oakridge, OR
August 3 (Friday)	Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest	Benton County Fairgrounds, Corvallis, OR
August 16-19	Winchester Bay Campout ("Fiddle at the Beach")	
September 6-8	Central Oregon Country Music Gathering	Crook County Fairgrounds, Prineville, OR

A MESSAGE FROM PATTI LUSE, STATE MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

The **2018** Roster will be sent to the printer in the middle of March and will be available on April 5 at the OOTFA Convention in Rickreall. If you know of a member who hasn't registered please talk to them.

On March 10, Patti will send an **Email Check** with a short note to ALL members whose email addresses have been given to us. We use emails to remind members of some monthly events or other announcements which may or may not be in the Hoedowner. Even if you get the Hoedowner in the MAIL, an email addresses is helpful in getting notifications. Contact Patti at pattiluse@comcast.net or 541-915-3231 by March 15 if you don't get Patti's email so we can update our records and have it correct in the Roster.

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