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# OOTFA PRESIDENT SCOTT PHILLIP'S REPORT =

#### **Thoughts**

#### LIVE FROM FRENCH GULCH!

One of the president's duties is to present the Norm Nash Distinguished Service Award and the Bill Yohey Award (for accompanists). To do that, I need your input. If you know someone you feel is deserving, contact a district or state officer and/or get a form to recommend them for recognition.

It is time for the membership to start thinking about how they would like to serve their organization in the coming year. It is not too soon to think about running for office. The nominating committee is waiting to hear from you. If state level is not for you, think about getting your feet wet at the district level. There is a lot to be done, and many hands make light work.

Winter is coming. May it never rain on your fiddle.

~Scott

### - State Calendar for 2019 $-\!\!\!-$

January 18-19	<b>Lebanon State Gathering</b> Lebanon Senior Center. State Board Meeting, Potluck and Jamming	
March 16	Oregon State Fiddle Contest Chemeketa Community College in Salem.	
April 10-13	OOTFA Convention, Polk County Fairgrounds in Rickreall. State Membership and Board Meeting	
June 13-15	<b>High Desert Jamboree</b> , Harney County Fairgrounds in Burns State Board Meeting	
July 22-25	Fiddle Camp. East Linn Christian Academy. Lebanon	
August 15-17	Winchester Bay Campout	
September 5-7	Central Oregon Country Music Gathering. Prineville	
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### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!! =

Lucy Bragg Eugene
Donald and Marilyn Brown Weatherford, Texas
Ted and Sherrie Firman Eugene
Jenny Jonak Eugene
Deborah and Bob Lincoln Keizer
Joyce and Paul Orsini Amity

# FROM THE EDITOR

We had fun playing this weekend on a beautiful autumn day at the Mary's River Grange Harvest Festival. A small group of musicians from District 6 and 8 showed up, and it seemed to hit just the right spot for the people who came out for the activities and this community fundraiser. It felt great to be a part of their day, and many people expressed their appreciation afterwards!

~Karen

#### FROM THE EDITOR EMERITUS

I want to tell you about Hanneke Cassel a native of Port Orford. She started playing classical violin when she was 9. But a meeting at a concert with Portland fiddler, Carol Ann Wheeler, when Hanneke was 10 changed her direction. She soon quit classical violin and started taking fiddle lessons from Carol Ann. Because of Hanneke's interest in fiddling, her mother would drive her – a round trip of well over a 500 miles from Port Orford to take fiddle lessons from Carol Ann. In 1992 she captured the U.S. National Scottish Championship in New Hampshire. I met Hanneke at the Crescent City, CA



Hanneke Cassel

contest when she was 8, where I was the runner at the contest. I became acquainted with the family later when they joined OOTFA and started playing at District 5 jams.

After high school, she went to college in Boston where she majored in music. While in college and after graduating, she played in groups in that area, across the U.S. and with overseas tours. The last time I saw her was during her appearance at the Folk Life Festival in Seattle. Besides introducing you to Hanneke, my

purpose for this month is to tell you about her appearances in November in Oregon. She is performing with "Childsplay", and you are invited to attend any of their events. If you should see her performance, please introduce yourself and tell her that OOTFA is proud of her. Thanks.

#### CHILDSPLAY IN THE NORTHWEST!!

November 13 - COOS BAY, OR Egyptian Theatre

November 14 - CORVALLIS, OR Austin Auditorium at the LaSells Stewart Center

November 15 - PORTLAND, OR. Aladdin Theater



District 6 and 8 members enjoying an onstage jam at Mary's River Grange (Philomath)

The fiddle choir Childsplay has just released their seventh and final album and this is their farewell tour. Led by violin maker Robert Childs, Childsplay is made up of over 20 musicians from around the United States and Ireland, with each member of the string section playing a violin or viola handmade by Childs himself.

It is said that, of all the musical instruments, the violin is the most like the human voice when played soulfully. Karan Casey, one of the most innovative and celebrated voices in Irish traditional and folk music, sang on the album and will be joining Childsplay for their farewell tour. Childsplay is made up of a cast of 12 incredible fiddlers, ranging from all-Ireland and national Scottish fiddle champions to members of the Boston Symphony, and also includes 9 all-star instrumentalists, singers and dancers. Altogether they create the sound that is uniquely Childsplay. Ticket information can be found at www.childsplay. org/concerts.

~Lew

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Greetings All from District One,

The first Junior Fiddler Jam went well, and I think the kids had fun! We had about 7 Junior Fiddlers come and about 5 adults. They are hoping to continue the jam and gain experience playing with others. If you can manage to make one, please do. I know the kids would love to have people come! Our last Farmer's Market in October was, OF COURSE, very COLD, but we all managed to muster up and get through it together. The meeting/jam for November is going to be a Pie and Ice Cream Social, instead of the usual finger foods. Please bring your favorite pie to share and let's have fun. All are invited, please come, hope to see you there!

#### **November Events**

6 Junior Fiddler Practice 2-3 p.m. 8 gig Crystal Terrace 11 a.m.- 12 p.m. 8 gig Rogue River Place 1-2 p.m. 11 meeting/jam Pie & Ice Cream Social Shasta Grange 12 -3 p.m.

15 gig Plum Ridge 10:30-11:30 a.m.

15 gig Pacifica 1-2 p.m. 20 Junior Fiddler Practice 2-3 p.m.

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

November Birthdays: Terry Etters, and Kay Godwin.

November Anniversaries: Johnny and Darleth Rodgers, Les and Lois Tucker.

~Jenny Dreyer, District 1 Reporter



The very beautiful Karen Ayres (District 1) playing back-up guitar!

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Well, here we are on the cusp of the holidays again and just like last year, it seems like it's just too soon for this year to be so close to being behind us. For us high desert dwellers, we live from one OOTFA event to the next for 6 months of the year and that speeds up our lives and our time, so it is easy to understand how the calendar year gets swallowed up so quickly. Still, I feel a little unsettled that it's "Turkey Time" already!

Jerry Light, one of our District 1E members, was instrumental in arranging a gig for us last month at Hunter's RV Park. Jerry, along with the McLain's and Mike Foster (District 1) played for the residents and visitors. They were joined by Paula Fitzpatrick, a former member who moved from our town some time ago but has recently moved back.

Larry McLain has been working with a middle school boy who is motivated to learn the guitar. They work together each week

#### **November Events**

1, 8, 15, 29 jam Ro 3 First Saturday Jam Ch 5 business meeting Ch 30 qiq Ch

Rosa Lee's House 5 p.m.
Chamber of Commerce 2 p.m.
Chamber of Commerce 7 p.m.
Christmas Fair and Craft Show
Lake County Fairgrounds 5 p.m.

and Larry is of the opinion that Colton has the will and desire to advance and will soon join us.

We look forward to playing for our annual Christmas Fair and Crafts Show which is always held the first weekend in December. The date will be November 30 this year, as it is the Friday preceding December 1. If anyone is interested in playing with us, please contact either Terry or Larry. This event is held at the Lake County Fairgrounds on Hwy. 140 and the doors open at 5 p.m. We usually play from 6-8 that evening. Our crafts fair is a huge community event that draws many people from not only our town but people from Alturas and Klamath Falls, too. The crafts are top quality and unique, and it is always a great show. It begins Friday night and goes through Saturday so even if you aren't able to get here Friday night, come on over on Saturday and enjoy the fair.

#### ~Nancy Yialouris, District 1E Reporter

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Howdy from District 3,

There hasn't been too much going on with us this month. I think we are mostly resting up and taking some time in our summer-like fall. Our events in October happened after this report is filed, so next month we'll catch everyone up on the October and November events.

The COCMG committee and volunteers had a debrief meeting after the Central Oregon Country Music Gathering. The meeting was hosted by Jeannette Bondsteel at her lovely home with supper provided. Marlene and Jeannette and Gayle made some excellent chili and cornbread. We talked about several things for next year's gathering and will be in the

#### November Events

11 2nd Sunday Jam/Dance Powell Butte CC 1-3 p.m. 15 Redmond Slow Jam Redmond Library 6-9 p.m.

planning stage after the holidays. Stay tuned to the Hoedowner and our website as information will be posted as soon as it is available.

Several of our members played at the Powell Butte Community Center for their Fall Festival. The players were: Jeannette Bondsteel, Marlene Stevens, Jeff Stevens and Ted Schoenborn. They had a good time and were fed a nice lunch.

The Redmond Slow Jam is growing, new attendees are welcome!

Happy Halloween!

~Kim Martin & Pat Borden, District 3 Reporters

# District 4 - Grants Pass, Medford, Ashland

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Our clear and crisp autumn days are heralding the coming of our winter holidays--a happy time to celebrate with food and music with family and friends. Our October jam was a lovely day with a good turnout of musicians and, by the end of our performance, a full-house audience. We welcomed Ted Hunt November Events

gig/ jam Eagle Point Grange, Eagle Point, Or. 11:30 a.m.

from District 8 who visited and played back up guitar and sang several tunes. Also visiting was a local musician, Veronica Graff, a lovely young lady who plays a terrific harmonica. We love having visitors join in our fun, and they are always welcome.

# District 4 - Grants Pass, Medford, Ashland (continued from page 3)

We did our annual gig at the beautiful Pheasant Fields Farm. The day was perfect weather and the farm had a large attendance of visitors. Most of the children visiting are under 12 years. They have little problem showing off their dance moves to our tunes. Even the tiny ones still in their parents' arms smile and bounce around all to our delight. Music truly is the universal language. November brings our annual gig at the St. Vincent DePaul building in Central Point. The annual Thanksgiving dinner, provided by the Central Point Presbyterian church, to feed the community will be on Sunday, November 18. We will play from 12-2 p.m. while everyone is being served and continue while they are eating their delicious dinner. This is a fun event and a rewarding gig, so please, let's have a good turnout of musicians.

It was so great to have Barbara and Dave Basden back playing with us; we're happy Dave is doing well again. Sylvia Chapman has improved and is in the process of getting stronger. She's planning to see us soon. Don Maddox has good and not so good days, so he and Barbara get out to the events when they are able. Jim Winslow is out of rehab and back in their apartment with Dottie. Jim still needs a wheelchair and also has a lift type easy chair in the apartment but Dottie reports the attendants there at Waterford are so helpful and they are doing great.



District 4 performing at Pheasant Fields Farm under the giant old walnut tree.

Our November monthly meeting and jam will be at Eagle Point Grange in Eagle Point. Meeting at 11:30 a.m., fiddle jam 12:30 p.m., sign-up jam 1-3 p.m. Bring snacks to share, come have fun and fellowship with friends. There are several new gigs on the calendar so please check it for all dates, times and directions or call an officer, or call me (541-956-0618). See you there!

~Judy Lyons, District 4 Reporter

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We re now fully immersed into the fall season. The rain has finally returned, leaves are floating to the ground, and our commitment to our mission remains strong. New members have been added to our district and we look forward to establishing close relationships with these musicians. As reporter, I send out an invitation to those new members to please email me a little bit about yourselves. We must find our connections!

Our September performances were joyful and lighthearted events. We gathered in Mapril Combs' territory and performed at The Dora Corn Feed. We got to feast with this community and sample all of their blackberry pies. Our performance was staged outside under a huge memorial tree. Just like any other picnic, this one came with bees. Yellow jackets, to be exact. There were a few sketchy moments when those ornery bees decided to use the heads of our instruments as landing pads. OOPS! Missed a chord because it was already occupied by a yellow jacket! We had a wonderful time and send our thanks to the town of Dora, Mapril and her neighbors. It was a pleasure.

#### November Events

7	gig	Myrtle Point Care Center	2:30-3:30 p.m.
14	gig	Inland Point	1:30-2:30 p.m.
14	gig	Evergreen Court	3-4 p.m.
17	District	5 Members Thanksgiving Dinner	11 a.m.
17	gig/stag	ge show Winchester Bay Community Center	1-3 p.m.
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(jam to follow stage show)

gig Pacific View
 We wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving Holiday

28 gig Avamere 1-2 p.m. 28 gig Inland Point 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.

At the end of the month, Myrtle Point spiffed up their businesses and put on their annual street fair. We met at our usual location in front of the Cherry Creek Florist. Concerned with the weather, the event organizers made sure we had protection and a large awning was set up for us among the hay bales. Thank goodness, it did rain on us, and Barbara Scheirman had to dry off her guitar. The most interesting circumstance for us, as a group, was to look around a few minutes before show time and realize we were an all girl band! We had 3 fiddles, 3 guitars and Jolly's 2 autoharps. We showcased our traditional side and chose songs that complimented our instruments. We sure made a lot of people smile. Great work ladies!

Many of us are looking forward to a new gig at the Mahaffy Pumpkin Patch up in Allegany this year. This should be a big hay wagon full of fun! Thanks to Barbara Scheirman for being the go-between and setting things up for us.

Stay safe as you are traveling to events or to visit family. Darkness comes early and rain can create driving hazards in the fall. From the South Coast, we wish you well.

~Kriss Fenton, District 5 Reporter



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#### Junior Fiddler: Daniel Johnson (District 5)

Daniel Johnson is 10 years old and is in the 5th grade. He comes from a large family, 4 brothers and a baby sister, though so far he is the only one really interested in playing music. He has always loved music especially when "all those violins play together, I really like the sound". He is mechanically inclined according to his Mom. He is very good at building Lego projects and often builds his own designs. He loves to work with his hands. Perhaps mechanical engineering is in his future. He told me he enjoys "latch hooking" as well and that he was working on a project. I told him I would love to see his work. He brought a beautiful lighthouse design he had created to the next fiddle lesson. Everyone was so impressed! He also enjoys soccer. He has a wonderful smile and takes his fiddle playing seriously. He is very determined and is making great progress in Bob Shaffar's fiddle class. He actually practices! Each lesson I see marked improvement. He is a joy to be around. He has a great attitude and really wants to learn...hopefully he will continue playing that fiddle and we will see him play at an upcoming OOTFA event in the future!



**Daniel Johnson** 

Since first writing this, (sadly for District 5) the family has decided to move to Twin Falls, Idaho due to a career opportunity. I was so sorry to see him go...however, I recently received an email from his Mother Katie, informing me that they had connected once again with the Oldtime Fiddlers and Daniel was once again playing the fiddle and taking lessons! So who knows...maybe someday someone will spot him in Weiser at the fiddle contest!

### ~Dawn Vonderlin (District 5)

Melinda Grant

# Tune of the Month Suggested by Melinda Grant (District 4)

We OOTFA members are lucky enough to have some very talented old time music composers among us. The idea of old time music being newly composed may at first blush seem 'just wrong'; but all those old tunes got composed by someone, sometime. To stay relevant, the music must evolve and be 'refreshed'. Our next few

Hoedowner tunes will feature some of the wonderful tunes

written by OOTFA members. (If you've

written one yourself or know of tunes written by OOTFA members, please let Karen or Melinda know! And not to worry, Cambria by Homer McLain is coming right up...)

Here is a beautiful waltz written by District 9's Ruel Teague: 'I Hate To Say Good-

bye'. Many of you heard Ruel play it with Jessie Kurtz at Prineville last September. We in District 4 often use it as our closing number.





Ruel Teague









Ruel Teague

#### From the State Fiddle Contest Director

Regarding the Contest – Be a Part of it – It's Fun to Volunteer!

The 2019 contest (March 16) will be the contest's 54 year! Please help out in whatever ways you can so we can keep the contest alive and well for many years to come.

It takes around 30 volunteers to run the program on the day of the contest. I'd like to mention some of the volunteer duties that I would like to fill. I attempt to schedule people for most of the positions so that they will also have some time to watch the contest (and/or compete!) These positions include timekeepers, front door, registration, photographers, video recorders, tabulation assistants, runners, copiers, posters, back stage monitors, score sheet collectors, "contestant wranglers", and more.

Many of you have provided much appreciated assistance through the years, and I will be calling you sometime during the next couple of months to twist your arms again (I know I don't really need to twist them very hard!) I'm looking for some new volunteers to help the "regulars" – mainly with the front door, registration, copying & posting, and timekeeping.

This month I would like to highlight one of the favorite jobs – the timekeeper position. This involves sitting in the judges' room for around 1 and ½ hours and starting & stopping the stopwatch during each contestant's round. Most contestants will not go "overtime", but on the rare occasion that it happens, there is a procedure involving writing the contestant # and how many seconds overtime on a sticky note and handing it to a tabulator. The timekeeper will be listening to the contest, watching how the judges and tabulators work, and eating some of the delicious snacks in the judges' room.

If you're interested in this position (I like to line up around 8 people for this one) or any other position, or if you have any questions, please email me at gdaewalt@comcast.net or call or text me at 503-701-1578. I urge you to get your name on the list – you won't regret it!

Thanks, Eileen



Eileen Walter

Alice Warner

#### Notes From an Old-Time Fiddler

Old-time fiddlers have a cure for cabin fever this winter - curling up in a comfortable chair to read Truman Price's memoir. Canora: Notes From an Old-Time Fiddler is a rollicking read, offering a close-up of a musical life well-lived as told by an engaging storyteller.

Many of you fellow OOTFA members, especially long-timers, have met Truman performing, calling dances, teaching or jamming up a storm and have been inspired by

his passion for old-time music and fiddling around the world. The book answered a question that's been on my mind for 20 years - how did Truman become the musician he is?

I read the book slowly, savoring a few vignettes each day, like the one about how Truman learned the story behind the old standard Cripple Creek after playing it for

Merle Travis in a West Virginia farm kitchen. While Forrest Gump delighted the audience with fantastical brushes with historical figures, Truman brings musical and cultural history to life with his actual experience.

Truman's memories range from his reflections on old-time songs, to learning old-time fiddling, to the secrets of making authentic old-time music, to his life as a performer, and to juggling life as a musician with family and making a living. It's there for you to discover (and I know you will thank me for not spoiling the stories)! You can order the book on Amazon.

Happy Birthday Truman!!!

Alice Warner (District 6)



Truman Price

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November Events					
1	jam	OOTFA Jam	Old World Deli Corvallis	7-10 p.m.	
2	jam	Eugene Hotel O	OTFA Jam	7-8:30 p.m.	

Intermediate Fiddle Class River Rd. Annex 1-3:30-ish
Basic Fiddle Class Bethesda Lutheran Church 1-3:30-ish
iam Elmira Grange 7-9:30 p.m.

7-9:30 p.m.
10 quarterly meeting, potluck & jam Central Grange 11 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
16 jam YaPoAh Terrace 7-9 p.m.
23 jam Willakenzie Grange OOTFA Jam, 7-9 p.m.

WOWZERS! Performers and audience, alike, enjoyed a sparkling evening at the Emerald Valley Opry at Willamette High School on Oct. 13, judging by happy smiles and sentimental tears. Twenty-seven of our musicians, along with other bands, entertained an audience of over 150, attracting funds to music programs in the Bethel School District in Eugene. During intermission, we hosted an OOTFA information table at which we encouraged visitors to learn more about the organization, class, camp and event offerings, and to consider joining.

Being a LIFETIME Member of OOTFA is a special honor. We salute these valuable members who contribute talent and service to our district. Our thirty-eight Lifetime Member Households represent around 27% of our district membership. Others may qualify...being 70 years old and a member of OOTFA for at least 5 years...but have not requested that status. Collectively, that's pretty close to over 700 OOTFA years! Let us know if you meet the criteria.



District 6 playing on stage at the Emerald Valley Opry.



Please Note: 8 year old Lucy Bragg (District 6) is front and center and the audience loved her!

Thanks to all of you for mentoring to our "younger" members!!! Lifetime Member households include:

Keith & Christine Barr Lynn & Karen Berg Charles Booher Leah Canaday Ila Mae Carmickle Wayne & Annie Carter Edna Carter Edna Chitwood Art & Janet Choate Zane & Phyllis Coffin Linda Danielson
Darlene & Sal Fiducia
Jenny Gusset
Arlo Hamilton
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Rich Hoglen
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Cheryl Horner
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Bernie & Marie Roberts
Paula and Gerry Sanders
Dorothy Sather
Beverly Schriver
Thelma Steele
Helen Stout
Bob Strelow
Dave and Lena Stubbs
Hal Weiser

Our November 10 Quarterly Meeting, Potluck and Jam at Central Grange near Eugene is VERY important. We hold only four meetings yearly, so come, meet your fellow musician members, participate, eat and make music. Our potluck will be centered around harvest favorites. We'll discuss the OOTFA Lebanon State Gathering & Board Meeting scheduled for January 18-19, 2019. We'll be planning and hosting, and we aim to make this a fantastic event.

Birthday salutations to Marie Roberts, Peggy Mulder, John Gent, Louise Dandurand, Darlene Fiducia, Teresa Bowers, Jim Hoots, Benjamin Cooley and Shirley Humphreys.

#### ~Amy Burrow, District 6 Reporter

# District 7 - Portland, Northern Coast Area =

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I am sure that you all are enjoying our beautiful fall this year. I have been, too, but have also been moving ("downsizing"). I am trying to squeeze a little walking or biking riding in between packing and am also looking forward to having more time to play at OOTFA gatherings. We had five great events in October. The first one was at Roger Germundson and Donna Nichols' church, Trinity Lutheran, in Gresham-- very close to my "old" house.

We were invited to play for the Senior Members Luncheon and had a great turnout with 16 musicians. We first jammed for thirty minutes while our hosts prepared our delicious lunch. Their members brought a huge assortment of potluck dishes with a large table of desserts, as well. We were invited to sit at a table with members of the church and once seated, were asked to put a paper plate on our head and draw a picture of a violin. The plates were collected and judged and those who drew the best likeness of a violin, won. The winners received "prizes" and their "masterpieces" were posted on a bulletin board. Try to do this sometime--it's really hard. After

#### **November Events**

Marjorie Stewart Community Sen Ctr,

21907 SW Sherwood Blvd. Sherwood OR 1-3 p.m.

NW Jam, 600 NE 8th Ave. Gresham Doors open 11 a.m. iam

Sign-up playing 12:30-3:30 p.m.



District 7 members playing at the 2018 Clackamas Country Fair in Canby.

lunch we played again for an hour and our hosts loved our music. We always enjoy playing for these folks and often play here three or four times a year.

Enjoy all your music and all the beautiful colors outside.

~Elaine Schmidt, District 7 Reporter

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November Events

1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Fiddle Tune Workshop Americana Store;

Silverton. 405 N Water St; Bazaar 10:30 a.m.-1p.m. 503-873-3977 Willamette Lutheran Retirement

Basic Fiddle Class Community; 7693 Wheatland Rd N, Kaiser 4:30-6:30 p.m., 503-393-2271

7, 14, 21, 28 Learning Jam 25th St N.E., Salem 7-9 p.m. call first: 503-585-3033

Donna & Gerrit Janzen's home. 1445

jam

Yamhill Valley Heritage Center, 11275 SW Durham Lane;

south of McMinnville 1-3 p.m.

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Capitol Manor; 1955 Dallas Hwy N.W., Salem 97304. 2-3 p.m.

class & kid's Jam 533 Clarmar Dr N.E., Salem 2:30 p.m. Phone: 503-999-1641.

**Directions for Capitol Manor:** In Salem, get on Commercial St and take the Marion St. Bridge heading West on Hwy 22. Shortly after crossing the Willamette River, you will want to get onto Edgewater St NW. Follow Edgewater, heading West, to Manorview Lane. N.W. Capitol Manor is shown on Manorview Lane N.W.

OOTFA dues are coming due, by January 1, 2019. Our new membership person is Brenda Halgrimson. Her cell # is: 503-476-5380. Mail: 6920 S.E. Wallace Rd., Dayton, OR 97114.

We played at Yamhill Valley Heritage Center October 13. We had a lot of fun; the audience were enjoying us & we had some dancers. It was a very supportive venue.

~Gayle Clarity, District 8 Reporter



District 8 members performing at Yamhill: Truman Price, Darlene Bryant, Loita Colebank, Marie Bailey & Dennis Brutke.

# District 9 - Burns - John Day Area =

**Chair:** Randy Gibson 541-589-1866 outlawwoodproducts@yahoo.com **Vice-chair:** Joan Suther. Jsuther10@gmail.com, 541-573-5601

Secretary/Treasurer/Membership: George Sahlberg

Reporter: Marianne Andrews

With a heavy heart, we are dealing with the death of our longtime OOTFA member, Ruel Teague. He passed away on Sunday, October 14th at the age of 91. His contribution to OOTFA over the years has been tremendous. He was a fixture in Burns with his car dealership for many, many years and was always so welcoming at the High Desert Jamborees in Burns each June. He and his wife, Margaret, gave many hours promoting old time music in the area as well as throughout the state. Margaret passed away in 2016. One of the songs he wrote which is played by fiddlers is this Hoedowner's Tune of the Month, "I Hate To Say Goodbye" He is survived by his daughter, Paula Cook, who is a member of OOTFA. In addition, he also leaves behind his other daughters Patsy & Peggy and son Pete. His Celebration of Life will be held

#### **November Events**

2	Friday Jam	7 p.m.
9	GIG The Aspens	7-9 p.m.
10	Ruel Teague's Memorial Celebration	2 pm
11	Potluck and Jam Harney County Sr Ctr	1 p.m.
16	Friday jam	7 p.m
19	GIG Ashley Manor	6-7 p.m.
23	Friday Jam	7 p.m.
30	Friday Jam	7 pm

on Saturday, November 10 at 2 pm at the Harney County Fairgrounds. Part of the celebration will be a jam so bring your instruments.

Everyone is invited to our Sunday, November 11, Potluck and Jam (second Sunday of each month from now until May). Join us for great food (at 1 p.m.) and music (2 p.m.)

There are 5 Friday night jams so please call one of the officers for the location. We always welcome newcomers, traveling through folks, card players, clappers and especially our regular and extraordinary musicians.

#### ~District 9 Report with help from Randy and Joan



Remembering Ruel Teague with this picture leading a group onstage in Burns this past June.



Some Ruel Teague memories include backing up a fiddler in Burns.

# District 10 - Roseburg, Canyonville, Sutherlin Area

Chair: (& Program Coordinator): Jude Stensland, 541-430-2080

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mamabear3506@centurytel.net P.O. Box 117, Glide, OR 97443 **Kitchen Mgr:** Sandy Harter, 541-340-3430 sandharter@gmail.co **Sound Person**: Jim Leininger, 714-852-8144 leinfam@earthlink.net **Reporter/Publicist:** Joe Ross, 541-673-9759 rossjoe@hotmail.com

We had a nice crowd at our September 22 jam. On October 27, we held a district members meeting before our regular fourth Saturday jam in Sutherlin. Jude Stensland would like everyone to know that her phone number listed in the 2018 OOTFA Roster is incorrect. Her correct number is 541-430-2080.

Happy Birthday to Jon Tilley (Nov 1), Irena Lane (Nov 9), Ron Bishop (Nov 11), Kathe Bishop (Nov 14), Fred Young (Nov 18) and Jim Kuether (who turns 80 on Nov 27). Mary and Dennis Oswald celebrate their anniversary on Nov 23.

#### **November Events**

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1	gig	Bridgewood Rivers	1:30-2:30 p.m.	
14	gig	Rosehaven	10-11 a.m.	
15	gig	Riverview Terrace	4–5 p.m.	
19	gig	Callahan Court	2:30-3:30 p.m.	
24	jam	Sutherlin Grange	12-3 p.m.	
26	gig	Callahan Village	3:30-4:30 p.m.	
29	gig	Linus Oakes	2:30-3:30 p.m.	

Dues for 2019 are due by January 1. Sharon Thompson will be available to collect the dues at our monthly jams or they can mailed directly to Patti Luse at 979 Ascot Dr. Eugene, Or 97401.

Let's pick!

~ Joe Ross, District 10 Reporter



John Williams (District 10) playing at a recent jam.



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Ken Luse, 979 Ascot Dr. Eugene, OR 97401

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**Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers' Association** 979 Ascot Dr. Eugene, OR 97401



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Even our State Fiddle Contest Coordinator competed at Weiser in June 2018

# A MESSAGE FROM PATTI LUSE, STATE MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

**REGISTRATION DUE NOW FOR 2019:** Hand or mail your dues to your District Membership Chair (contact information is listed in the District Reports in this publication). The dues remain the same as last year so for the 2019 Annual Household Membership which runs from January 1 -December 31:

- •\$20.00 You will receive "The Hoedowner" directly from the printer in a PDF format.
- ·\$25.00 You will receive "The Hoedowner" via the US Post Office first class mail.

**BE AN HONORED LIFETIME MEMBER IF** you are at least 70 years old and have been a member of Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers' Association for at least 5 years. You can still support OOTFA and pay but be recognized as a Lifetime Member. You will automatically receive the Hoedowner in PDF, but if you want THE HOEDOWNER mailed then it's \$25.