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Memories of 2023

Above, then counter-clockwise:

1. Amy Burrow at Fiddle Camp in July
2. Distict 10, New Year 2023
3. Spring State Convention
4. District 6 Central Grange Monthly Jam & Potluck
5. Central Oregon Acoustic Music Gathering, September
6. Linda Danielson



2024 OOTFA Calendar

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| Jan. 19 & 20 | Gathering & Board Meeting
Lebanon Senior Center |
| March 16 | Oregon State Fiddle Contest
Lebanon Mennonite Church |
| April 4 - 6 | OOTFA State Convention
Winston Assembly of God |
| May 1 - 5 | Christmas Valley Campout
Booster Hall, Lakeview |
| June 13 - 15 | High Desert Jamboree
Harney County Fairgrounds
Burns |
| July 22 - 25 | West Cascades Fiddle Camp
Emerald Christian Academy
Pleasant Hill |
| July 27 | Sunnyside Yourh Fiddle Contest
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| Aug. 2 | Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest
Benton County Fairgrounds
Corvallis |
| Aug. 15 - 18 | Fiddle at the Beach
Winchester Bay |
| Sept. 12 - 14 | Central Oregon Acoustic
Music Gathering,
Carry Foster Hall
Crook Co. Fairgrounds, Prineville
(Includes Board & Membership Meeting) |

Don't Forget Your Dues!

For OOTFA members (excluding Lifetime)

- \$35 for Membership Dues and receiving the Hoedowner Newsletter in a PDF via email.
- \$40 for Membership Dues and receiving the Hoedowner Newsletter by US Mail.

For Lifetime Members

- No Charge for Lifetime members who wish to receive the Hoedowner Newsletter in a PDF via email.
- \$5 for Lifetime members who wish to receive the Hoedowner Newsletter by US Mail.

Membership dues should be given to your District Membership Chairs or mailed to Patti Luse.

Hello Everyone,

I hope all of you had a wonderful Thanksgiving! I'm grateful for so much and especially our OOTFA family!

Cat McClintock is busy planning our **State Fiddle Contest** being held Saturday, March 16th in Lebanon. Start practicing your tunes and planning to volunteer. **Jude Kuether, Chris Cormack** and **Margot O'Sullivan** are working on our **Spring State Convention** which will be held April 4th thru 6th in Winston. We hope you'll consider making contributions to help support these important events. Cat and Jude will be looking for volunteers to help at the events as well. It is a great way to support our organization while having fun! I encourage each of you to think of what part you can play and respond when they reach out.

Remember it's time to renew your membership for 2024. Please do this through either your **District Membership Chair** or our **State Membership Chair, Patti Luse**.

Looking forward to seeing you in person in Lebanon, OR for the **OOTFA Winter Gathering**, January 19 and 20, 2024. We'll start making memories for the new year!

Happy Holidays! ~ Cindy

Fiddle vs. Fiddle

The Oregon State Open Fiddle Contest is on the Horizon!

Join us on Saturday, March 16, for the Oregon State Open Fiddle Contest, set again at the Lebanon Mennonite Church in Lebanon, Oregon. This musical tradition dates back almost 60 years in Oregon and is always full of fun tunes, warm camaraderie, and toe-tapping excitement.

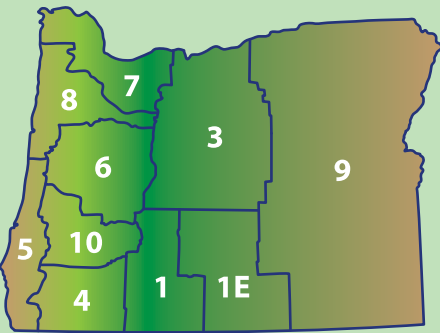
Let's keep it going! This contest is intended for everyone from national champions to nervous beginners looking for a supportive contest experience. We also welcome accompanists, volunteers, and enthusiastic audience members.

Contestants: Take advantage of our early bird special: Pre-register by March 9 and enjoy a \$5 discount on your entry fee. Look for the registration form in the January Hoedowner.

Volunteers: We're always looking for dedicated volunteers to keep the contest running smoothly. Many roles available. Sign up for a few hours or the whole day. Contestants may also volunteer; we'll work around your rounds. Contact Cat McClintock, contest chair to sign up.



What: Oregon State Open Fiddle Contest
Who: Musicians, volunteers, music lovers
When: Saturday, March 16, from 8 am to 10 pm
Where: Lebanon Mennonite Church, 2100 S. Second Street, Lebanon OR
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Lois Hoeffler
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We Salute all of our OOTFA Lifetime Members!



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Irvin & Karan Ann Gibson
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Barbara & Jerome Petrin
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Truman & Suzanne Price

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District 1 December Events

9 Pelican Pointe 2:30 - 3:30 pm
16 Rogue River Place 1 - 2 pm
29 Senior Center Dance 1 - 3 pm

**Practices Will Only Be On The Week We Have
A Care Center 7th & 8th (Subject To Change)**

Edna Jenkins, District 1, would like to give a lot of thanks to all the "Desert Divas" that have joined together at the **Prineville Country Music Gathering** since 2016. "Divas" throughout the state, and out of state have shared their talents to entertain dancers in the **Saturday Dance Band Event**. Each year has been a wonderful "mix" of musicians, a shout-out to the special featured musicians too. "Halina" (Hal Thompson-2016), The "Dooop Girls" (Rosa Lee McLain, Lynn Mims, Patti Luse 2022). This year, "Mzzz Borelli in Pink" (Mike). All of them could show up at other events by special demand. Thank you, Rosa Lee, for the seedling-idea that has made "Rose Blossom Memories" for us all!



District 1 musicians at Pelican Point Assisted Living in Klamath Falls

We played at the **Senior Citizen Monthly Dance** that was October 18th. At this time, we are very excited to be asked to do this. We don't know at this time if this will become a monthly activity or not, but I will keep everyone in District 1 informed. On another note, our care centers have become so much fun. **John McCormick** literally had all the guest swinging and clapping with his rendition of "Blue Suede Shoes". We are all thanked over and over for each time we come to play for them. It really makes us feel appreciated in what we are doing.

Wishing **Happy Birthday** to all of November and December members. Have a special day.

Happy Trails and Best wishes from District 1!

~ Noranne Sparks, District 1 Reporter

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Hope everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving!

We are still having a jam at **Rosa Lee's** on Thursday nights, 4 to 7, and a 2nd Saturday (December 9) at the **Chamber of Commerce** starting at noon. Non-OOTFA folks are welcome to join. Good time! We also play at the **Senior Center** that same day for a tea party. Should be fun.

~ Terry McLain, District 1E Reporter

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District 3 December Events

16 Potluck & Holiday Music 1 - 3 pm
at Terrebonne Grange - Potluck at 1:00
8286 11th Street, Terrebonne, just a block
off Highway 97, behind the Pumphouse Grill
Mondays Jamming with Jeannette 2:30 pm
Canceled for Christmas Day!
1898 NW Davidson Way, Terrebonne
Contact Information: 541-410-5146 or
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Please note that the potluck & music at the Terrebonne Grange is on a Saturday (December 16), starting at 1:00. Please bring a side dish, salad or dessert. The Grange will provide turkey, ham, mashed potatoes and dressing. We will not be playing at the Grange on Sunday, December 24.

After the meal, we (**District 3 Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers**) will provide Christmas/holiday music. Please feel free to bring sheets of your favorites.

There's a rumor that **Santa Claus** is expected to join us at about 2:30. If you have young kids or grandkids, feel free to bring them --- and bring the kids' gifts so that Santa can hand them out. Last year, we had a great time, and some of our members even got to sit on Santa's lap.

We wish you all a **Merry Christmas**, a **Happy New Year**, and other occasions or visits with out-of-area family and friends. For those of you who will be performing seasonal music for audiences, thank you for the gift of live music.

~ Karen Bennett, District 3 Reporter

Junior Hoedowner

Nevaeh (Na-vay-ah) Davidson (age 12) gets her name from “heaven” spelled backwards. From District 3, she lives in Terrebonne. She is a home-schooled eighth grader. Besides fiddling, she also likes to make jewelry, ride her bike, climb trees, and ride her horse. “I started fiddling originally about a year ago, for about a month, and then I took a huge break because I got bored with it. I’m not bored anymore, though, and I’m having a lot of fun with it. The funnest things about the convention are the jams and classes, and there are other kids my age there.”



Nevaeh at the State Convention last spring

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Winter is fast approaching and the holidays will be here soon bringing cozy fires, holiday parties and feasts. There'll be time to fellowship with family and friends and many opportunities to play the old-time tunes.

District 4 finished October with several successful gigs rounding out a month of **Harvest Festivals**. Several District 4 musicians made the trip south over the mountain pass to perform for the **Siskiyou County Family Day** on the library grounds. It seemed that all of Yreka came out to enjoy the many festivities and hear the music.

The residents of **Bonaventure Assisted Living** facility enjoyed a 2 hour performance from District 4 musicians with a brief intermission for pumpkin pie and cider. Several District 4 musicians traveled north over the mountain passes to Azalea to enjoy a joint potluck and jam with District 10. The report was it was a fun and music filled day.

The last gig of the month was at **Pheasant Fields Farm**. Under the huge old walnut tree 10 musicians braved a cold day to entertain for 3 hours for the visitors enjoying the pumpkin patch, corn maze, hay ride and the music.

The district November monthly meeting and jam was held at the **Roxy Ann Grange**. **Carol Ferrara** had waved her talented hands over every room to decorate the grange

beautifully in Autumn decorations. Chairman, **Melissa Taylor**, brought the meeting to order and presented a comprehensive and plausible Action Plan to the members present designed for the growth of the district. The plan consisted of components for strategies and action plans to achieve goals designed for the growth of the district. The goals are designed to present the district to a wider audience of the communities in both counties. She explained each section her plan with a poster outlining each strategy to reach the goals. Her proposal was well accepted by the members and a lively discussion followed and used up the meeting hour and its was agreed to continue the discussion at the December meeting and other meetings until committees were formed and the goals met.

District 4 musicians gave a performance at the **Rogue Valley Manor** on November 9 for 2 hours. They played at the skilled nursing facility for 1 hour and then at the assistant living complex for another hour.

The December monthly meeting and jam will be held on December 2 at the **Roxy Ann Grange**. Meeting at 11:30, warm up jam at 12:30, sign up jam 1-3:00. Bring snacks to share. All members are encouraged to attend the meeting to help implement

the strategies and goals of the plan to bring our music to a broader audience and bring in new musicians and train to musicians and members.

There are currently no gigs on the calendar for December but please check the online calendar often for new arrivals. The Jammers meet every Tuesday, 4-6:00, at the Methodist Church in Medford. Call Judy McGarvey for further info.

Happy Holidays, Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah to all from District 4. See you in 2024!

~ Judy Lyons, District 4 Reporter



District 4 musicians playing for families at Pheasant Fields Farm

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Tune of the Month

Thanks to
Donna Wynn of
District 6 for this
month's tune

"Dill Pickle Rag" was composed by Charles Johnson (1875-1950) in 1906. It became wildly popular the following year after being performed as a brass band piece by the John Phillips Sousa band, and became the first ragtime tune to sell over 1 million copies of the sheet music. Charles Johnson composed and arranged over 200 pieces of music, many under various "pseudonyms" in order to avoid the exclusivity clause prevalent in many publishing contracts of the time. "Dill Pickles" (as it was originally titled) was one of the first ragtime tunes to incorporate the pattern of using a repeated 3-note melody phrase against a four-note bass rhythm. This tune has become popular in bluegrass and old-time circles, having been recorded by such legends as Chet Atkins, Doc Watson, and Mark O'Connor.

There are many versions to be found on YouTube. Just search for "Dill Pickle Rag".

Dill Pickle Rag

A

Chords: G, Em, D, A, B^D, C, Am, G, A, D, C, G, Em, D, G, A, D, G, C, A, G.

Measure numbers: 5, 9, 14, 19, 24, 29, 34, 39, 44.

First and second endings are indicated with '1.' and '2.' above the staff.

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District 5 December Events

- 5 Pacific View Sr. Living gig 1:30 - 2:30 pm**
- 12 Evergreen Court gig 2 - 3 pm**
- 16 Oddfellows Hall jam 1 - 3 pm**
88184 Hwy 42 S., Bandon
- 19 Inland Point gig 2 - 3 pm**

Holidays. Now is the season. Lights, enchantment and more than just a little bit of magic—much of which is infused with music. May the warmth and nostalgia of the holiday season cloak us in friendship and yes, even joy. Listen to some of our District 5 friends as they share some heartwarming stories and treasured traditions that make this time of year so special for them.

I'll go first. I am especially remembering Hal Thompson sweetly singing the song his mother taught him when he was very young. "C is for Christmas." I will make sure we sing his song this season each year.

Jolly Hibbits has two standout memories. She shares: "Growing up, on Christmas Eve we got around the piano and sang a few Christmas carols, ending always with Silent Night." She also relates that in the 1970s, she and some work friends would "Go caroling up and down the hilly streets of Duvall Washington, laughing and singing and sipping rum which was kept hidden in the pockets of their very warm jackets."

Sharon Gallagher gave us this gem: "When our daughter was very young she learned many Christmas songs from me. That summer, we were driving back east and she and I were singing. After a bit, Larry had had enough of Christmas in July and asked us to please cease and desist. I thought Christmas was a better way to pass the time with a two year old than 100 bottles of beer on the wall."



Charlotte Verhagen and our magic kitchen manager, Ruth Weyer

Linda Sweatt remembered her days teaching elementary school children music. One girl gave her a chuckle when she told teacher Linda that she liked that Christmas song with Ken (of Ken and Barbie) in it. After asking the little third grader about which song, it turned out she was referring to the song, "We Wish You a Merry Christmas" and the "Ken" she was referring to was the line in the verse, "Glad tidings we bring to you and your kin!" Kids do say the darndest things. Linda could write a book, I am sure!

Luke was happy to share one of his "best musical memories" from when he was a young grade school boy. His uncle and aunt played accordion and guitar and sang. They performed at a local bar and because Luke loved the music so much, they took him along with them. During breaks, young Luke was given a can which he took around for donations. We can bet his aunt and uncle got more money on the nights their adorable nephew was there, helping them!

Pat Winfrey fondly remembers loving every moment of her Church's Christmas musicals and choir shows which brought the story of Christmas to life and filled the air with music and the spirit of Christmas. She wishes we still had such traditional celebrations which were so important to her as a young person.

Some of us remember the beautiful Christmas lights and music provided by Church, school groups and various organizations out at Shore Acres. This was a bright and lovely display emblematic of the joy of the season.

So, we reminisce about these cherished moments and the music that we made or heard; and we fall into an easy nostalgia and even longing for the traditions that filled our hearts. Music has been a huge part of our experiences that spread the message of love, unity and joy. We carry the spirit of these performances and it is visited upon us in good measure as we play together today.

Here are a few photos from our Membership Holiday Din-

ner we enjoyed Saturday, November 18th. Ruth Weyer really outdid herself this year, for this dinner! She prepared the delicious turkey and so many special dishes, including some special gluten-free to accommodate allergies.

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District 5 continued

Sharon Gallagher cooked a ham and made some very delicious, old-fashioned raisin sauce. Nobody makes that anymore! There were so many wonderful offerings, both side dishes and desserts. One thing's sure: District 5 has some great cooks!

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District 6 December Events

- 2 Intermediate Fiddle Class 1 – 3 pm**
River Road Annex, Eugene
- 7 Dave & Jim's Acoustic Jam 1 - 3 pm**
Corvallis Community Center
- 9 District 6 Monthly Jam 10 am - 3 pm**
Central Grange, 87200 Central Road
- 11 Basic Fiddle Class 1 - 3 pm**
Bethesda Lutheran, 4445 Royal Ave., Eugene

The District 6 Thanksgiving Jam and Potluck felt like a family reunion, a feast of communal music and food. There were big helpings of tune talk, to be sure, but just as much general chit-chat as people caught up with each others' lives. Upwards of forty members attended and Patti Luse was able to corral enough of us to get a "family photo".

Fiddle classes and retirement community performances are ongoing. Robin is working with activity coordinators

We were delighted to have Jude and Jim Keuther from District 10 join us for dinner and playing in our performance jam afterwards. They brought a delicious pear flan and their delightful musical talents. They make great music together!

We, in District 5, send you all our wishes for a lovely and warm holiday season. Accompanied by Christmas music, of course! Keep the music and friendship flowing,

~ Barbara Scheirman, District 5 Reporter

to schedule shows for the first quarter. Thanks to all of you who volunteered to play gigs in November and December. We currently list thirty-four performers. Let **Amy Burrow** know if you'd like your name added to, or subtracted, from the roster.

Representatives of **WCFCW** entertained at the **Linn County Ag. Expo** in mid-November. The music attracts many listeners and, often, little dancers. This annual gig brings in a sizeable donation for fiddle camp. Committee members **Jerry** and **Linda Parks**, **Ken Luse**, **Linda Danielson** and **Amy Burrow** performed, and were joined by **Jim** and **Gabi Ford**.

Winter presents opportunities to hunker down and practice your instrument. It might be a good time to take lesson to hone your skills. Find a good instructor, then consider applying for a District 6 scholarship to offset some of the tuition cost.

Jenny's Youth Jam will resume December 8.

Birthday Greetings: **Thelma Steele** (12/1)

Doug Wise (12/6) **Brian Neal** (12/12)

Anniversaries: **Dave & Lena Stubbs** (12/11)

Jim & Gabby Ford (12/23)

~ Amy Burrow, District 6 Reporter



A nice District 6 turnout for the Thanksgiving meal and jam at Central Grange on November 11th

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District 7 December Events

- 2 Sunnyside Grange Circle Jam 1 - 4 pm**
13130 SE Sunnyside Road, Happy Valley
- 10 Ron Zabudsky Memorial TBA**
Seventh Day Adventist Church
18575 SE Langensand Road, Sandy
- 16 Ron Beatty Memorial 10 am**
Cedar Mill Bible Church
12208 NW Cornell Road, Portland

The 3rd annual Sunnyside Youth Fiddle Contest is tentatively planned for Saturday, July 27, 2024 with funding from the City of Wilsonville, co-hosted by OOTFA Districts 7 and 8. At this writing we have two potential excellent locations in Wilsonville and will confirm in a later report.

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District 8 December Events

Marie's jam is in Amity on the 1st & 3rd Mondays of each month. The jam is not a slow jam or a beginner jam; it is for musicians who want to learn Old-Time tunes. For more information, please contact Marie at 503.835.7185.

Our district jam meets at Marie's home in Amity on the last Saturday of each month. No jam in December due to Christmas Day so close to the jam date. We will resume in January 2024.

Martha's group is not meeting in December. They usually meet the first three Thursdays each month at Cathy Yale's home in Keizer. For more information, call Martha at 503.393.2271.

We have a gig at Brookdale Assisted Living and Memory Care on December 6 from 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm. Contact Marie for more information and for a set list if you are interested in joining the gig.



2023 Sunnyside Youth Fiddle Contest, looking forward to 2024!

District 7 is saddened by the passing of two members, **Ron Zabudsky** and **Ron Beatty**. Our members have been invited to perform favorite fiddle tunes before and after the memorials listed above in the calendar. If you plan to participate in either memorial performance, contact **Marcella Easley** to confirm, and to receive the set list.

~ Nancy Christie & Larry Vining, District 7 Reporters



Martha, Dirk, Sapphire, Mel at Emerald Pointe in Keizer

We want to say, "We really appreciate Marie for doing so much for District 8!" Thank you girl! And a shout out to **Rae** for all her work on scheduling our gigs in the midst of a hectic time for her! Let's not forget **Martha**; "Thank you Martha! And **Mel**! Our FB goddess! **Cathy**, thank you 1,000 times over for the use of your home".

Other newsWe are selling our sound equipment and trailer because we play to smaller groups and bought something simpler to haul around and set up/take down. See last month's Hoedower for **Ted's** phone # if you're interested.

Marie did a splendid job stepping up to the mic and being MC for us at our gig at **Battlecreek Retirement Village** in Salem. And she has agreed to MC all our gigs until **Lynn** migrates back from her winter solace in Arizona. A long time friend and fiddle player, **Janice Kilbourne**, was at our gig in Salem to cheer us on.

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Martha's group will not meet in December. They played at **Emerald Point Retirement Home** in Keizer. The audience was very responsive; singing along at times, clapping thunderously, telling members how much they appreciated their musical gifts. The class performed very well for their first ever performance and enjoyed the experience as well. Martha's group is a beginner group, not a jam, and open to anyone including OOTFA members. Call Martha for details 503-393-2271 if you're interested in joining them. They really have a good time.

Marie has changed the dates of her home jams to the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month. Please call her for details 503-835-7185 if you're interested in joining. Marie's jams are not slow jams and are not beginner jams. They are jams for musicians who want to learn traditional old-time tunes. And there are some gifted musicians in Marie's jams! Like Martha's group, they are open to the public as well as OOTFA members. We are trying to move the district jam from Marie's home to the **Heritage Museum** in McMinnville; awaiting for approval from their board.

We want to play in the schools and have communicated with several other districts about their school programs. Thank you to all who responded! We got such good information and now we feel confident about designing a program in the future.

And lastly we are thinking about coming up with an idea for a **Sunday Beginners' Jam** in Salem starting in 2024. Stay tuned for updates.

~ Lynn Gossett, District 8 Reporter



District 9's Janet Braymen with her two accompanists

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We continue to meet Friday nights at Janet's place while **Hines City Hall** is being remodeled. We should be back at the City Hall after the first of 2024. We enjoy Janet's twin golden Labradors, who also seem to enjoy our music.

Second Sunday Potlucks and Jams resumed in October, and with a November 12 potluck and jam at the **Hub** (senior center). We are pleased to be in a community that provides several opportunities to participate in musical activities; the **Chamber Music Society of Harney** sponsors a choir directed by **Don Greenfield**, orchestra directed by **Ken Peckham**, long time band instructor at **Burns High School**, and bell choir directed by **Carol Sawyer**. Our **Christmas Concert** date is December 3rd. Music is a universal language expressed in many different ways!

Upcoming activities include the **District 9 Jamboree** in June, and fourth Friday fiddle jams at the **Aspens Assisted Living Center**.

~ Don Greenfield, District 9 Reporter

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District 10 December Events

- 1 Christmas Craft Fair 12:30 - 3 pm**
Douglas County Fairgrounds, Conference Hall Foyer
- 4 Monday Jam Time & Location TBA**
- 5 The Landing 12 - 1 pm**
- 11 Monday Jam Time & Location TBA**
- 14 Garden Valley Retirement 2 - 3 pm**
- 18 Monday Jam Time & Location TBA**
- 23 Sutherlin Senior Center 12 - 3 pm**
Potluck & Jam
- 26 Bridgewood Rivers 2 - 3 pm**
- 31 Brookdale 10:30 - 11:30 am**
New Year's Eve Party

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District 10 report

November was a busy month with **Monday jams**, **four assisted living facility gigs**, **Lookingglass Grange Dessert Social** and **Beginning Fiddle Class**. **Jude** uploaded and shared lyrics, chords, music and/or sound files for several hundred songs. December shows and jams will include many Christmas and holiday songs. Event updates are sent around via e-mail, texts and posted on District 10's Facebook page. Contact **Jude Kuether** to subscribe or get the links. No **Beginning Fiddle Class** will be held in December. For next year's schedule, contact **Kelly Wadsworth**. Loaner fiddles of various sizes are available.

Some of us went over to District 5's holiday jam and dinner at the **Oddfellows Hall** in Bandon on November 18. We thank them for their hospitality and good times. We always enjoy getting together with friends from other districts. In 2024, we are again talking about scheduling **Joint Potluck Jams** with our friends in adjacent districts (4, 5 and 6).

District 10's Facebook group now has 194 members. Please pass the word and help us exceed 200 by 2024! To join, just search Facebook for "OOTFA District 10." Also, the "Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers' Association" Facebook group, with 1,132 members, that is the place to share news, tunes, photos, videos, jokes and music. OOTFA's Musician/Band page on Facebook, with its over 1,000 likes and followers, is more for the organization's official announcements, posters and info.

Hal Thompson passed away on November 13. Please keep **Sharon** and their family in your prayers and thoughts. Cards can be sent to Sharon Thompson, PO Box 117, Glide, OR. 97443.

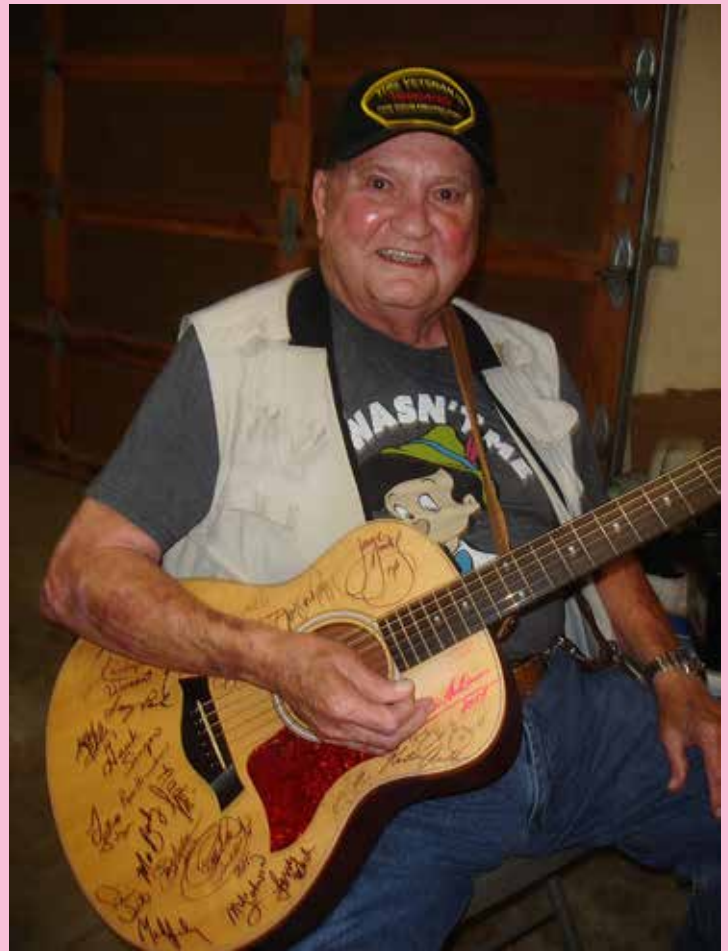


Joint Potluck & Jam at Azalea Grange Hall on Oct 21 with Districts 4 and 10

In December, we celebrate birthdays of **Donna Priestley** (Dec 4), **Dan Pohl** (Dec 10), **Christine Cormack** (Dec 29) and **Karen Pohl** (Dec 31). **Kelly** and **Scott Wadsworth's** 45th Anniversary is on Dec 14. Congrats to all! If we missed your special day, please let us know.

Dues for 2024 are due by Jan 1 to **Sandy Harter**. In closing, remember what **W.C. Fields** said, "The best cure for insomnia is to get a lot of sleep!" And what **Mark Twain** declared, "Old-time music is better than it sounds!" Have a Happy, Safe Christmas and New Year.

~ Joe Ross, District 10 Reporter



Hal Thomson was an exceptionally talented singer and guitarist and will be greatly missed

When I first saw Hal, he was sitting in his special place as the back up guitar player for everyone at the district 10 monthly meeting and jam. I tried desperately to follow his fingers, with minimal success. He could play anything! Over the years, he tried to pass his skills to me (I hope I absorbed at least a portion). He knew so many songs which he sang in his beautiful tenor voice. Even though the words began to be lost in the fog of age, he could still play the guitar in his smooth, elegant style.

Hal and I had our differences which were often aired at district 10 jams. He had a unique sense of humor that, for the most part, I appreciated. And I loved his funny songs and I'm sorry I did not write more of those down). On my last visit with him days before he passed, he entertained me with the story of how he and Sharon met, and how he finally got her to go out with him to begin their courtship. She is the love of his life. He joked that he had 12 lives, way better than a cat! Then we got out our guitars and played "Have I Told You Lately That I Love You" together. We couldn't make it all the way through, but we understood the love we shared. I am blessed to have known him and shared music. You are missed, Hal.

Christine Cormack, District 10 Co-chair

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In Memoriam

Hal Thompson, a lifetime member from Glide (District 10) passed away on November 13 at the age 87. Hal was an outgoing member and made friends anywhere and had stories to tell and music to sing. Some of you have a CD of his tunes and it is a pleasure to listen to. Hal was born on May 13, 1936. He had many connections around the country and was even related to our late **Jack Kerr**. He served in the military for 22 year in intelligence and received both the **Bronze Star** and the **Purple Heart** among many others. His 2 children, 3 stepchildren and numerous grandchildren survive him along with wife, **Sharon**, whom he had been married to for 27 years.

A graveside service will be held at the **Roseburg VA Cemetery** at 11 am on Thursday, December 7...**Pearl Harbor Day**. Reception will follow at **Westside Christian Church**. A Celebration of his life and music will be held in the spring so look in the Hoedowner for further details. Condolences can be sent to: **Sharon Thompson & Family, PO Box 117, Glide, OR 97443.**

Ronald John Zabudsky, a lifetime member from Estacada (District 7) passed away on November 9 at the age of 82. For most of his working career, he worked as a sales representative in the environmental industry. Ron enjoyed making apple juice, being with his grandchildren, playing his fiddle. He was an active member of the **Sandy Seventh-Day Adventist Church**.

A celebration of his life will be held at the church on, Sunday, December 10. He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Alice, two children and 6 grandchildren. Condolences can be sent to:

Alice Zabudsky & family
31701 SE Currin Rd, Estacada, OR 97023

(Editors Note: Please send any recent obituaries of OOTFA members or past OOTFA members to: **Patti Luse 979 Ascot Dr., Eugene, OR 97401.**)