

# SQUEEZINS

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The Oklahoma Accordion Club Newsletter

## Your Invitation

OAC member Roland Lohmann is inviting all of his OAC friends to a Valentine Brunch at his *Good Things* store, located at 710 West Main in Norman, OK. This will be an event catered by Bill Munsell of the *Elise Cooking School*. Here's chance to sample some very good hors d'ouvres, plus the many chocolate and confectionary treats that Roland features in his store. This is a free event. In addition, all OAC members will receive a 25% discount on all purchases on that day.

Roland is not finished with the goodies. Our friend, Nick Ballarini, will perform for our listening pleasure on a new Roland sound system that allows guest accordionists to drop in and stroll without hooking up to an amp. This you have to see and hear.

Nick will perform three sets:

- 10:00 to 10:45 am
- 11:00 to 11:45 am
- 12:00 to 12:45 pm

Please come and enjoy Nick's music, and the many good things to eat and drink at Roland Lohmann's *Good Things*.

## February Meeting

<b>2:00 pm</b>	<b>Orchestra Rehearsal</b>
<b>3:00 pm</b>	<b>Business Meeting</b>
<b>3:15 pm</b>	<b>Individual and Group Performances</b>
<b>5:00 pm</b>	<b>Jam Session</b>

The February meeting will be held on Sunday, February 10, at 3:30 pm. As usual, the meeting will be held at the Messiah Lutheran Church, located on the southeast corner of Northwest Expressway and Portland in Oklahoma City.

Enter the parking lot from Portland and use the south church entrance.

Everyone is encouraged to come, and everyone is encouraged to perform. If you are shy about playing alone, some of us will play with you.

After the individual and group performances, we will have a Jam Session.

All are welcome to join in on the fun!



# The Prez Sez

Dick Albreski

Did you know we have perhaps the only “Valentine instrument?” What other instrument can you hold next to your heart with two hands and serenade others? Think about it.

The February meeting will be exciting, and a good reason for you to attend. The Youth Group will perform some of the music they will play at the NAA convention in Dallas next month, plus an ensemble of OAC members will also play music I arranged for the adult “FUN Band” at the same event. This year I will conduct both the Youth Band and the adult recreational FUN Band in Dallas. The FUN Band concert is scheduled for Thursday, March 7 at 7:30 pm, and the Youth Band concert is scheduled for Saturday, March 9 at 1:30 pm.

Have you received your registration forms for the NAA? If you haven't, please let me know and I will get them for you. The 26<sup>th</sup> annual National Accordion Association (NAA) convention and trade show will meet from March 7 to March 9 at the Westin Park Central Hotel in Dallas. Nick Bratkovich, who played for the OAC last November, will be there, plus an old friend, Tony Lovello, will also be one of the headliners. There is so much going on at this meeting that it would take eight pages of text to properly describe everything. Visit the National Accordion Association website, [accordions.com/naa/convention/index.html](http://accordions.com/naa/convention/index.html), for a complete review of the many events, workshops, and concerts.

Good news for our treasurer, Milo Shedeck and his *Bohemian Knights Polka Band*. They will travel to Ennis, Texas on Saturday, February 24 and perform on the *Mollie B Polka Party* TV show. This is a weekend event where many well-known bands will perform and tape for continuing enjoyment. Check out Mollie B and the Squeezebox, [www.rfdtv.com/shows/music\\_&\\_entertainment/mollie\\_b\\_polka\\_party/](http://www.rfdtv.com/shows/music_&_entertainment/mollie_b_polka_party/)

For those of you who have renewed your 2013 OAC memberships, **THANK YOU**. For those who haven't, please do. We need your support to continue the accordion activities. See you all on February 10 at Messiah Lutheran Church, starting at 3:30 pm.

P.S. Bring a friend and your accordion!



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# The Treasurer Sez

Milo Shedeck

Greetings from your new treasurer.

Evelyn did a great job as treasurer, and it will be hard to fill her shoes this year, especially if they're high heels.

The balance as of 12/31/2012 was \$443.29. We have deposited \$200 in dues and \$193 for the student fund, and paid rent to the Lutheran Church for \$25, leaving a balance for the end of January 2013 at \$811.29. We need your support in paying current dues and recruiting new members for 2013. Dues are due – and we would like to put you on record as "Paid in Full." I know where you live! LOL!

Dick, Evelyn, and their helpers did a superb job

with all the wonderful food and parties last year, especially Septemberfest, so keep in mind your dues were more than paid back to you with fun, food, fellowship, and great music. We currently have 63 members, and 14 have paid. With your help, let's significantly increase our membership soon!

A great big shout-out for the birthdays in February to Evelyn Albreski (2/2), Margaret Oldham (2/13), and Bob Mansfield (2/24). For those that haven't turned in your birthdate, e-mail it to me at [miloshedeck@cox.net](mailto:miloshedeck@cox.net).

See you at the next meeting.

• Milo



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## A Sad Note

Dick Albreski

On January 20, 2013, OAC member Johnnie Sakaly passed on to play in a greater band. Johnnie was one of the very early OAC members, and shared a lot of his talent with us. He could make more music come out of a 12-Bass accordion than any other accordionist I know.

Johnnie was also an arranger. I



have access to his accordion arrangements for the stage play *Oklahoma*. I was thinking that, perhaps in the near future, we could get an ensemble together and play his arrangements. It would be a fitting tribute to a good friend and a loyal member.

I know Johnnie would like that.



# January Meeting

Lois Roth for Maggie Abel

## Minutes of OAC Meeting January 13, 2013

The band began the New Year gathering by playing "Heart and Soul" and "Auld Lang Syne."

The meeting was called to order by President Dick Albreski. There were twelve members present.

- Dick announced our new officers: Maggie Abel, Secretary; Barbara Duer, Historian; and Milo Shedeck, Treasurer.
- Our next meeting will be February 10, and will have a Valentine theme. The Youth Group will perform, and a few of the Fun Band members will play the music that is being prepared for the National Accordion Association Convention.
- The convention takes place the same weekend as the OAC March meeting. The board will decide how to handle this, and will announce a decision at or before the February meeting.
- At the convention, Dan Orza will present a workshop on conducting.
- The NAA Convention schedule includes the Fun Band on Thursday evening, Polka Night on Friday, the Youth Group performance on Saturday afternoon, and on Saturday night a banquet followed by a performance by the Club's old friend, Tony Lovello.
- Dick suggested that we take a look at accordionist Richard Noel on YouTube.
- After the business meeting, Bob Mansfield performed three songs: "La Cubana Mysterioso,"

"Samba Italiano," and "Domino."



- The band trio played "The Tennessee Waltz" in memory of Patti Page. They concluded with "Let Me Call You Sweetheart" and "Missouri Waltz."



Our next meeting will be on Sunday, February 10. Come and listen to love songs!

Respectfully submitted,  
Lois Roth (acting for Secretary Maggie



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An advertisement for accordion lessons. It features a central logo with a cartoon boy playing an accordion, the text "ACCORDION MUSIC AND LESSONS IN TULSA", a musical staff with notes, and the name "Frank Gesinski". Below the name is the phone number "918/492-1715" and the email address "Frank.Gesinski@sbcglobal.net". The advertisement is framed by vertical stripes in various colors.



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### Newsletter

I prefer to receive the monthly newsletter, the Oklahoma Squeezins, by:

- E-mail at address (above) or at \_\_\_\_\_  
 Conventional post (snail mail)

### Membership Dues

The OAC membership year runs from January through December. Membership cost is prorated quarterly for new members.

- Primary Membership is \$16.00 per year per individual.  
 Family Membership is \$8.00 per year for each additional family member when accompanied by a Primary Membership.  
 Lifetime Membership is a one-time fee of \$180.  
 Youth Membership is complimentary for accordion-playing youth through age 18.

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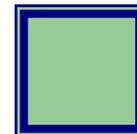
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