

SQUEEZINS

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The Oklahoma Accordion Club Newsletter



January Meeting

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

The January meeting will be held on Sunday, January 13, 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

I want to thank everyone who made our Christmas meeting one of the best ever. Our Youth performed to start the festivities. The treats were scrumptious, and the gifts given for the needy were overwhelming. Our Club is truly one great group. On another page of this month's newsletter, you will see members of the Club presenting our donations to a local charity.

The year 2012 was a good year for us. We met some new members, and established and reinforced some traditions. But most importantly, we KEPT THE ACCORDION ALIVE and WELL.

I want to thank Lois Roth and Diana Richard, plus my pretty wife Evie, for all the help they have given to the Club and me in the past two years. One benefit we all appreciate is their continuing dedication and support. I do welcome Barbara Duer, Maggie Abel, and Milo Shedeck to the Board, and look forward to working with them.

What does the year 2013 have in store for us? To start, we have the National Accordion Association convention that will be from **March 7 to 9** at the Westin Park Central Hotel in Dallas, Texas. Our Youth will be representing the OAC on this occasion. I encourage all of our members to go to the NAA website and start reviewing the many programs and events that are scheduled at this gold star meeting. The OAC will make copies of the current NAA program and forward them to our members who do not have a computer. Our goal is to have everyone knowledgeable about this great event and make plans to attend.

I have a concern. We are way down on renewals. Please, we need your continuing support; the accordion needs your continuing support.

Last, thanks to each of you for helping and supporting me in the past year. With members like each of you, this job is fun!



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The Treasurer Sez

Evie Albreski

Welcome to our new treasurer, Milo Shedeck. Our Club is fortunate to have such a dedicated musician as Milo. He is the leader of the *Bohemian Knights* orchestra, and is one of the best alto, tenor, and clarinet players in the state. He believes in live music, and so do we.

I also learned that our new secretary, Maggie Abel, celebrated her birthday on December 21. A welcome aboard, and a belated happy birthday goes out to Maggie. Our records indicate that three members will be celebrating their birthdays in January. Happy birthday to Bert Orza (1/5), Dan Orza (1/8), and Max Gunter (1/30). If we missed your birthday, it's because we don't know the date. Please update your records with the Club.

Our new historian is a friend, a talented musician, and she is dedicated to the accordion.

She has all that is required to keep our accordion history up to date. Welcome aboard Barbara Duer!

Folks, **it's time to renew your 2013 memberships.** Without your support, the OAC cannot continue. We have had a record number of members in the last two years. Please help us to continue with a record number in 2013.

Unofficially, we have \$443.29 left in the 2012 checkbook. No 2013 membership dollars are included in this. There will be an audit to confirm this year-end total before we turn the checkbook over to Milo Shedeck.

Last, I'm not gone, because I will always be with the Oklahoma Accordion Club. I do thank each of you for your support and trust in me.



A special thanks to Frances Engle and to Lucy and Milo Shedeck for taking time to give our donated hats, gloves, scarves, and socks to Bob Waldrop, director of the *Oscar Romero Ministries* in Oklahoma. Your generosity will keep many people warmer this winter.



Oklahoma Accordion Club Membership & Renewal Form

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I prefer to receive the monthly newsletter, the *Oklahoma Squeezins*, by: E-mail Conventional mail

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

- Primary Membership is \$16 per year per individual Lifetime Membership is a one-time fee of \$180
 Family Membership is \$8 per year for each additional family member when accompanied by a Primary Membership Youth Membership is complimentary for accordion-playing youth through age 18

Your status (please check all that apply): Professional Teacher Repairman Student
 Semi-Professional Associate Hobby Amateur Other

December Meeting

Lois Roth

OAC Meeting, December 2, 2012

President Dick Albreski called the Christmas meeting and party to order at 3:30 pm. There were 25 members and 8 guests present. The refreshment table was loaded with special treats brought by members.

- The nominations for new officers were announced. They are Maggie Abel for secretary, Barbara Duer for historian, and Milo Shedeck for treasurer.
- Dick asked for other nominations. There were none, and the nominations were closed.
- Members voted using paper ballots, and the nominees were elected. Congratulations to our three new officers!
- Dick explained the raffle rules. Tickets prices were three for \$1.00, or 18 for \$5.00. We were given time to view the raffle items and distribute our tickets.
- Six talented members of our Youth Group entertained us with these selections:
 - "Good King Wenceslas" played by all
 - "Sleigh Ride" played by Job Elliott
 - "Jolly Old Saint Nicholas" by Becca Smith
 - "I Saw Three Ships" by Isaac Elliott
 - "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" by Bria Smith
 - "Jolly Old Saint Nicholas" by Timothy Granger
 - "Up On The Housetop" by Madeline Smith
 - "Olive Blossoms" by Job Elliott

- "Joy To The World" played by Isaac, Timothy, and Job

We should all be very proud of these young players and their leader Dick Albreski!

- Anne Lopez had toes tapping with "Never On Sunday" and "Blue Skirt Waltz."
- Then, the raffle was held. The Youth Group, aided by Evie Albreski, drew the winning tickets. Proceeds from the raffle amounted to \$129, which will be added to the Youth Fund.
- Bob Mansfield concluded the music with "Counter," a piece containing unusual harmonies and melodies.
- Dick closed the meeting by saying that the Club has had a successful year, and has started some new traditions. He reminded us that membership renewal has begun.
- The National Accordion Association convention is scheduled for mid-March, and will include St. Patrick's Day weekend.
- A jam session of Christmas music followed the meeting.

Our next meeting will be January 13, 2013.

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all OAC members and their families!

Respectfully submitted,
Lois Roth, Secretary



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