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The Oklahoma Accordion Club Newsletter

Donated Accordion Classics



Our Club not only encourages accordionists, but also promotes the protection and preservation of the accordion. It is our goal that the accordion should be kept alive and well.

Recently, our Club became the proud owner of two accordions in rather poor condition. Due to improper storage and handling, the accordions appeared to be destined for the dumpster. After further review, it was determined that these instruments had value, not in sound, but in history. Each was unique in its own style.

Tom Phillips, OAC vice president, contacted Helmi Harrington at the *Accordion Museum* in Superior, Wisconsin. She agreed to look at the instruments if we, OAC, would ship them to her. Upon receipt of the accordions, Ms. Harrington said the following "The accordions arrived safely. I am happy to report that they are deserving of repair, and they will be added to the museum's displayed instruments, with plaques recognizing the OAC generosity." Ms. Harrington also advised, "The accordions are in display. Both were cleaned, but their interiors will wait awhile. The **ITALO** joined the newest **ITALO** display, and the **Hohner** found a reserved space."



November Meeting

The November meeting will be held on Sunday, November 13, at 3:30 pm.

As usual, the meeting will be held at the Messiah Lutheran Church. The church is located on the southeast corner of Northwest Expressway and Portland in Oklahoma City.

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.

Members are invited to bring snacks for everyone.

After the individual and group performances, we will have a jam session.

All are welcome to join in on the fun!



The Prez Sez

Barbara Duer

Hello everyone. We had a small but very enjoyable meeting in October. I think almost everyone there played the accordion for us. I hope we have lots of music at the November meeting.

For this newsletter, I'd like to present Anthony Galla-Rini:

Galla-Rini was born in Manchester, Connecticut, the third of seven children to John and Angela Galla-Rini, an [Italian](#) immigrant family. He toured the United States with his family, playing with such Vaudeville stars as Mae West, The Marx Brothers, Jack Benny, Jimmy Durante, and Eddie Cantor.

After his sisters dropped out of the family's act when he was twelve, Galla-Rini's accordion playing became more important to the act as his father John played a more diverse range of instruments. It was at this time Galla-Rini realized the accordion was a complete musical instrument in itself, devoting more time and attention to the accordion, and eventually abandoning all other musical instruments in favor of the accordion.

Vaudeville ended with the advent of motion with sound, forcing Galla-Rini's family to find other forms of work. Galla-Rini decided to open an accordion studio in [San Francisco](#). He established himself as a teacher, writing both accordion instruction books and also various music for the instrument.

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Mark Your Calendars

Dick Albreski

November Oklahoma Accordion Club meeting will be held on November 13, 2016, from 3:30 to 5:30 pm, at the *Messiah Lutheran Church*. You could be the main attraction, so be there.

December Oklahoma Accordion Club meeting will hold its annual "The Gift of Giving" meeting. We not only give, but also receive. All members are urged to bring hats, gloves, scarves, and socks that can be donated to the homeless. In addition, we will have an auction, and all funds received from the auction are given to the Youth Program in our Club. Last and perhaps the best, A COOKIE AND CANDY EXCHANGE. Here's your chance to receive. All members are urged

to bring sweets that can be exchanged and enjoyed by members and guests. This has proven to be one of the best meetings of the year. No, I didn't forget. There will be lots and lots of accordion music. See you there.

For the Future: The National Accordion Association will hold its annual convention March 8 to 11, 2017, at the *Hyatt Regency Hotel* in Richardson, Texas. This is their 30th anniversary meeting. You must mark your calendars for this event. As accordionists, you cannot afford to miss this one. More to follow on this great event.

Look for more accordion events in future



Dues

Dick Albreski

It's November, and that means the OAC must turn to its members for their continuing support. We need each and everyone to renew their membership so we can continue to keep the accordion alive.

Our Club was started in the year 2000. Since inception, the OAC Board has strived to not increase the membership dues. It's now 2016, and reality has forced the OAC Board to raise the membership dues.

Starting in 2017, the primary membership will be \$20.00, a family membership will be \$10.00 for each additional family member, and a lifetime membership will be a one-time fee of \$300.00.

This increase was a difficult decision for the Board. We trust, however, that the members will understand that our expenses have increased significantly since the year 2000.

We need you. Please continue to support our *Oklahoma Accordion Club*.



Happy Belated Birthday Wishes to:

Anne Lopez, October 22

**Happy Birthday Wishes to
the following OAC members:**

Frankie Martinez, November 9

Donna Dove, November 16

Alberta Bliss, November 19

Bria Smith, November 27



Your birthdate is collected from your OAC membership application, if you have chosen to include it. If your birthdate is not listed on our newsletter birthday page during the year, please contact Karen West at 405/949-0394, or at accordion_karen@yahoo.com.



October Meeting

Maggie Abel

Oklahoma Accordion Club October 9, 2016 Meeting Secretary's Report

Club President Barbara Duer opened the meeting, attended by 13 members and 2 guests.

- Reminders were issued that the December Christmas party will include raffles and an auction. Bring winter clothing such as gloves, mufflers, and socks for a good cause.
- Historian Karen West has initiated a suggestion envelope for next August's concert. Club members can submit their ideas in the envelope anonymously.
- Barbara presented two recent members with their OAC badges: Abby Bozart and Steve Dryer.
- Music began with Bob Mansfield and Steve Dryer performing duets: "Blue Skirt Waltz" and "La Ti Do Ra" (a round).
- Bob then played three solos: "Hatikvah," the national anthem of Israel, which starts at a snails pace and then speeds up; "Ah Yashima" (May There Be Heard); and "Heart in C Minor," a

Russian tango. Bob will play on Halloween night in a chamber orchestra at OU.

- Toni Paulding was accompanied by her daughter Julie Marehwa (on flute) playing the hymn "In the Garden."
- Barbara played "Na Golici" ("Trumpeten Echo Polka") and "Metsakukkia" ("Woodland Flowers").
- Lois Roth joined Barbara in presenting "Send Me the Pillow," "Blue Eyes Crying in the Rain," and "Waltz Across Texas."
- Lois and Anne played "Blue Skirt Waltz" and "Rain Rain Polka."
- Bob jumped back in with two more songs, "Quizas" and "Sabor A Mi," both accompanied by his excellent vocals.
- Larry Gering directed *The Mob* (Barbara Duer, Lois Roth, Toni Paulding, and Maggie Abel) in playing "Happy Wanderer." Karen supplied the lyrics so the group could sing along.

• Maggie Abel



Christmas Party

Dick Albreski

One of the favorite OAC meetings of the year is the Christmas party. The Club, however, does not follow tradition at this time of the year. Instead of receiving gifts, we encourage giving gifts. Members are asked to bring hats, gloves, scarves, and socks that can be donated to the homeless in Oklahoma. For several years, our Club has kept less fortunate children and adults a little warmer with your donations. We know we can count on you to support this worthy cause again this year.

In addition, we hold a silent auction, and the proceeds are given to the OAC Youth so they can attend the *National Accordion Association* Convention, to be held in Dallas, Texas in March 2017. Please help by bringing a gift that can be auctioned off at this meeting.

Giving is the theme of this meeting. However, we also can receive because we ask members to bring candies and cookies that can be exchanged and **enjoyed**. What greater joy can we have then candies, cookies, fellowship, and accordion Christmas music.



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Senior's Cabaret

Karen West

Barbara, Maggie, and Lou at the *Oklahoma Senior's Cabaret*, October 21 and 23, 2016, in Moore.



Oklahoma Accordion Club Membership & Renewal Form

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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

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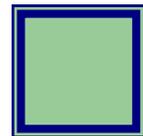
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