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The Oklahoma Accordion Club Newsletter

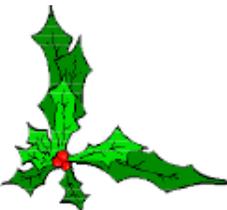
This time of year brings family and friends together to celebrate Thanksgiving, Hanukkah, Christmas, and New Year's. On behalf of all the officers, we wish each and every one of you a very blessed and happy Holiday Season.



*Merry
Christmas*



*Happy
New Year*



December Meeting

The December meeting will be held on Sunday, December 10, 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, and Happy Holidays!

We will be electing new officers at the December meeting next week. I have thoroughly enjoyed being your president for the last four years. I think we had a great team, and worked well together. We organized and put on four concerts, four *Septemberfest* dinners, and the pizza parties. Thank you to everyone who were Board members the last four years -- you did a great job.

Moving on, we have our Christmas party at the December meeting. We'll really be busy with the *Youth Band* there to entertain us, with the auction to raise money to help with costs for the youth members to go to the *NAA* conference in March, and with the election. Also, remember to bring hats, scarves, and socks for the homeless. Dick will distribute them for us. Then, when there's time, we'll eat the Christmas goodies we bring.

Starting in January, we will start our meetings with a half hour workshop by one of the members. Dick Albreski is going to do the first one, and Bob Mansfield will be doing a workshop in the future. So, bring your accordions and learn some new techniques.

Christmas Accordion: <https://youtu.be/kbH4ZFxa2EA>

Have yourself a Merry Little Christmas: <https://youtu.be/k-BOlugoYxY>

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November Meeting

Maggie Abel

OAC Meeting Minutes November 12, 2017

President Barbara Duer welcomed 19 members and 2 guests to the November meeting.

- Nominations were requested for new officers to be voted on in December. Results were: Maggie Abel, president; Karen West, vice-president; Anne Lopez, secretary; and Beth Henson, historian. The treasurer, Sil Lopez, will continue to serve.
- Dick on accordion and Milo Shedeck on clarinet performed a Veterans Day medley, featuring the official song for each branch of the service, asking veterans to stand as their branch was honored. We heard "The Caissons Go Rolling Along" (the Original US Army Song); "Marines' Hymn"; "Anchors Aweigh" (the US Navy Marching Song); "Semper Paratus" (the Coast Guard Marching Song); "Off We Go into the Wild Blue Yonder" (the US Army Air Corps and US Air Force song); and "America the Beautiful."
- Dick and Toni Paulding offered a lovely duet entitled "Sparkling." Dick and Wayne Turgeon performed "Tourelay."
- Dick directed the *Oklahoma Accordion Club's Music Makers* band members Beth Henson, Karen West, Toni Paulding, Lois Roth, Barbara

Duer, Janet Hoskins, and Maggie Abel. They played "Beer Barrel Polka" and "Schneewaltzer" (the 400-year-old "Snow Waltz").

- Anne Lopez and Lois Roth performed "Lover Tell Me Why," a traditional Czech tune; "Tell Me a Story" by Frankie Yankovic; and "Give Me My Heart Back," a *Fun Band* piece arranged by Dick.
- Bob Mansfield played a Russian Yiddish piece on his 15-button, free bass accordion, "Tum Balalaika," and then on his regular accordion, "Dansa Farfalla," arranged from an Italian traditional waltz.
- Lois, Barbara, and Karen offered World War I songs "Smile" and "Over There," plus "The Petite Waltz," arranged by Lou LeBrun.
- Bob Mansfield, using Barbara's Petosa accordion, performed "The Blue Panther."

The December meeting will be held in the back room near the school office entrance. Members should bring hats, gloves, scarves, socks, etc., for the needy. Christmas treats — candies, cookies, etc., should be brought to share!!

NOTE: Beginning in 2018, either Dick Albreski or Bob Mansfield will present a participatory accordion lesson at each meeting, so everyone should bring an accordion!

- Maggie Abel



We Need You

Dick Albreski

It's December, 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.

The primary membership is \$20.00, a family membership is \$10.00 for each additional family

member, and a lifetime membership fee is \$300.00.

As we end this very successful accordion year, we wish to extend to all members a very joyous holiday season. Remember, "Our squeezin' is pleasin'."

See you all at the Christmas party!



November Meeting

Maggie Abel



Mark Your Calendars

Dick Albreski

Heads Up! On December 10, 2017, the *OAC* is planning their annual Silent Auction (supports the *OAC Youth*) and “Help for the Needy” Christmas party at the *Messiah Lutheran Church*. If you have any small items that you could donate to the Silent Auction, the Youth of our Club would be very grateful. All proceeds of the auction go to support the *OAC Youth* with their trip to the *National Accordion Convention* in March 2018. Also, we ask all members and guests to donate gloves, scarves, socks, and hats, which the *OAC*, in turn, will give to the homeless in our City. This annual appeal has grown to a tradition, thanks to your generosity.

Plan on This! The *National Accordion Association* will hold its annual convention next

March 7-10, 2018, at the *Hyatt Regency Hotel* in Richardson, Texas. This is a great event to bring you up to date on the accordion world. The *OAC Youth* will perform in concert on Saturday, March 10, 2018, at 1:30 pm. All *OAC* members who plan to attend the convention are urged to join the *NAA Fun Band*, who will perform at 7:00 pm on Thursday, March 8, 2018. Please contact Dick Albreski for additional details. The *NAA* committee is presently completing the program and, starting next month, this column will bring you up to date on all the performers, workshops, and dealers. See you there.

Look for more accordion events in future issues of Squeezins.



Karen West played on the sidewalk at the Bethany Christmas Christmas Tree Lighting on November 17.



Happy Birthday Wishes to the following OAC members:

Lucy Shedeck, December 13

Maggie Abel, December 21

Larry Gering, December 29

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.



**OKLAHOMA
ACCORDION CLUB
CHRISTMAS
PARTY!!!**

Abundance of
Christmas music!
Christmas carols!
Youth
accordionists!!
Silent auction!!!
Christmas treats
to share!!!!



BRING
Christmas
treats!

Hats, scarves,
gloves, and
socks for the needy!

Silent auction items
to benefit our youth
attending the
2018 Dallas
convention!!!

**SUNDAY
DEC. 10
3:30 P.M.**

MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH—Portland Ave. & NW Expressway—USE SCHOOL ENTRANCE at NE corner of church



*Oklahoma Accordion Club
Membership Form*

Name _____ Date _____

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Phone (____) _____ Birthday (mm/dd) ____/____/____ (optional)

Newsletter

I prefer to receive the monthly newsletter, the OKLAHOMA SQUEEZINS, by:

E-mail at address (above) or at _____

Conventional post

Membership Dues

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

Primary Membership is \$20.00 per year per individual.

Family Membership is \$10.00 per year for each additional family member when accompanied by a Primary Membership.

Lifetime Membership is a one-time fee of \$300.00.

Youth Membership is complimentary for accordion-playing youth through age 18.

Your Status (please check all that apply):

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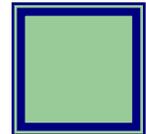
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