

SQUEEZINS

"Our squeezin'...is pleasin'"



The Oklahoma Accordion Club Newsletter

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 2019 Dallas convention!!!

**SUNDAY
DEC. 9
3:30 P.M.**

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

December Meeting

The December meeting will be held on Sunday, December 9 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.

This year we'll enter the church through the school entrance (on the EAST side). There will be signage to guide you.

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 scarves, hats, sox, and gloves for needy children, as well as Christmas treats, and your annual dues.

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

All are welcome to join in the fun!



Prez Sez

Maggie Abel

Does everyone remember the accordionist who earned the moniker “The Happy Norwegian”? Yes, that was Myron Floren of the Lawrence Welk musical family. I remember my excitement each year watching Lawrence Welk’s special Christmas show. Sons and daughters of cast members would gather around the Christmas tree to receive a greeting and a gift from Mr. Welk.

Well, the *Oklahoma Accordion Club* has a special holiday event, too! Our most exciting local meeting of the year -- our Christmas party, with its many related activities! Sunday, December 9, we will enjoy many things: Christmas songs, the *Youth Band*, the auction and the raffle, the officer election, the collection of warm woolly items (sox, scarves, hats, gloves, etc.) for the needy...and the cherry on the cake is...well, cake, cookies, or other snacks and celebratory goodies brought by our members!

How can you best prepare for this meeting, you may ask? For a start, since Christmas carols will be played, bring your accordion to harmonize! And tote along your kids and grandkids so they can have the fun of putting those raffle tickets in the little sacks by the gifts that will be given away, and then waiting for their number to be called! Where will the gifts come from? Members have been saving up their white elephants and other totable trinkets all year to donate them for this day! The proceeds will go toward a very good cause: helping the families who bring their dedicated youngsters to play in the March convention in Dallas. So, be sure to bring enough currency to get lots of those \$1.00 tickets. Extra bonus tickets are included when you purchase tickets in larger increments!

This year we’ll enter the church through the school entrance (on the EAST side). There will be signage to guide you. It’s the large GYM to accommodate our festive Christmas party. We’ll arrive early to spread out a display of the items for our exciting raffle and auction, and the anticipated Christmas sweets and other morsels (yum, yum)!

Several compliments came in regarding the photo album page sent with the November newsletter. The first names beneath the photos of members posing with their accordions were helpful to introduce fellow members. Club Photographer Diana Richard can arrange to include your pic, too, if that has not yet happened. Another good reason to bring your accordion: so you can pose with it for Diana!

A second way to get acquainted with your fellows is the member bio that our esteemed editor Frank Gesinski has been putting in the newsletter. After you’ve read each bio’s details, you’ll find it even easier to talk shop with your table mates at the monthly meeting!

Last month, nominations were accepted to fill spots left open on the *OAC* Board by those who have resigned or whose terms are expiring at year’s end. The official nominee for 2019 Treasurer is former vice-president, Tom Phillips. Write-in names are also acceptable.

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Mark Your Calendars

Dick Albreski

'TIS the SEASON' Once again, at our December 9, 2018 meeting, the *OAC* will have their annual Silent Auction (supports the *OAC Youth*) and "Help the Needy" Christmas party at the *Messiah Lutheran Church*. Members are asked to donate small items that can be auctioned at this meeting. Your small, donated items can become another's treasure. All proceeds from the auction are given to the *OAC Youth* to help support their trip to the *National Accordion Association* convention in March 2019. Also, we ask the members to donate gloves, scarves, socks, and hats that will be given to the needy in our area. This donation is truly rewarding. **Now the good stuff!** Please bring your favorite cookies, candies, and sweet treats that you can share with others. The *OAC* will supply the drinks. There is joy in giving, and we ask that you become very joyful at this meeting, which has grown into an annual tradition.

LIVE MUSIC! The *Bohemian Knights*, under the direction of *OAC* member Milo Shedeck, will be playing at the *Royal Bavaria Restaurant*, located at 3401 S. Sooner Road, Moore, Oklahoma, every Friday and Saturday in January 2019. This is their

annual anniversary-month celebration. You can enjoy a fun-filled evening with good food, good house-brewed beer, live music, and a chance to win some tremendous prizes. Reservations are a must. This place gets packed! Just call 405/799-7666. See you there. Yes, there will be an accordion player.

National Accordion Association Convention will be held March 7-9, 2019 at the *Hyatt Regency Hotel* in Richardson, Texas. Mark your calendars for this great event. The *NAA* is presently preparing the list of presenters and performers. Dick Albreski will be conducting the *Youth Band* and the adult *Fun Band*. All *OAC* members that plan to attend the convention are encouraged to join the *Fun Band*, and start rehearsing weeks in advance. Dick will distribute the music at the end December. Please sign in now. The *OAC Youth* will also be performing at this convention.

Look for more accordion events in future issues of *Squeezins*.



Prez Sez

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And it's also that time of year when we get our dues paid up for 2019. It's \$20 for the accordionist, and \$10 for subsequent family members. Guests are welcome to attend without charge, while member dues provide support for *OAC* events throughout the year.

In summary, here's your *Magnificent Seven* bring-along list for the December 9 party:

- 1) Accordion, 2) Kids and grandkids, 3) Donations of auction and raffle items, 4)

Currency for lots of winning tickets, 5) Warm items for the needy, 6) Your favorite goodies to share on our Christmas snack table, and 7) Your 2019 dues!

Your mission, should you accept it, is to help your fellow *OAC* peeps close out 2018 with a musical celebration of charitable Christmas spirit to welcome in the soon-to-arrive new year!

- Maggie Abel, President



Happy Birthday Wishes to
the following *OAC* members:

Lucy Shedeck, December 13

Maggie Abel, December 21

Larry Gering, December 29

Alex Knight, December 29





Oklahoma Accordion Club Membership Form

Name _____ Date _____

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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):

Professional Semi-Professional Amateur Student

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Other (specify) _____

Make checks payable to: Oklahoma Accordion Club

Mail your membership dues TODAY to:

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November Meeting

Anne Lopez

OAC Meeting Notes November 11, 2018

President Maggie Abel commenced our meeting at 3:30. There were 12 members in attendance. Diana Richard and Maggie are currently working on creating a Club directory, with the pictures taken of members with their accordions at past meetings. If you have not had your picture taken yet, see Club Photographer Diana Richard to make arrangements to have your picture taken.

Maggie presented new member Julie Young with her Club badge. Welcome, Julie!

December 9 we will have our Christmas party. Once a year, we collect scarves, hats, sox, and gloves for needy children, so be sure to bring them to our December meeting. Everyone is asked to bring Christmas treats so we can satisfy our sweet tooth! Treasurer Sil Lopez will be collecting your annual dues, \$20 for single, \$30 for a couple.

The highlight of our Christmas party is the silent auction, held to raise money for the *Youth Band*. Be sure to bring your white elephants for the silent auction! Tickets will be sold prior to the auction, for \$1.00 each, with discounts for 5, 10, and 20 ticket purchases.

Our entertainment began with Lois Roth on her Scandalli accordion, and Barb Duer on her banjo, playing "Wooden Heart" and "Hofbrauhaus."

Barb followed with an interesting ethnic accordion solo, a Yiddish number called "Chosjajka."

Anne Lopez and Lois, the "Scandalli Sisters," serenaded us with "San Antonio Rose" and "Waltz Across Texas," followed by "The Eyes Of Texas." In honor of Veteran's Day, they played the following songs while everyone joined in a spirited sing-along:

- "Long Way to Tipperary"
- "The Caissons Go Rolling Along"
- "Anchors Aweigh"
- "From the Halls of Montezuma"
- "Semper Paratus"
- "The U.S. Air Force Song"
- "Navy Hymn"
- "Battle Hymn of the Republic"
- "Taps"
- "Lili Marlene"

• Anne Lopez, Secretary



More OAC members who look forward to greeting you!



Ron



Lucy & Milo



Wayne



November Meeting

Diana Richard



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. Memberships are our main support.

The *OAC* is not just for accordionists -- It's for everyone! Our meeting doors are always open. How about purchasing a membership for a friend or relative as a Christmas present? This gift will last the whole year.

The primary membership is \$20.00, a family membership is \$10.00 for each additional family member, and a lifetime membership time fee is \$300.00. The best deal in town.

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

See you all at the Christmas party



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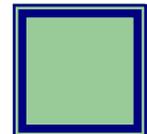
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