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The Oklahoma Accordion Club Newsletter

Happy New Year!

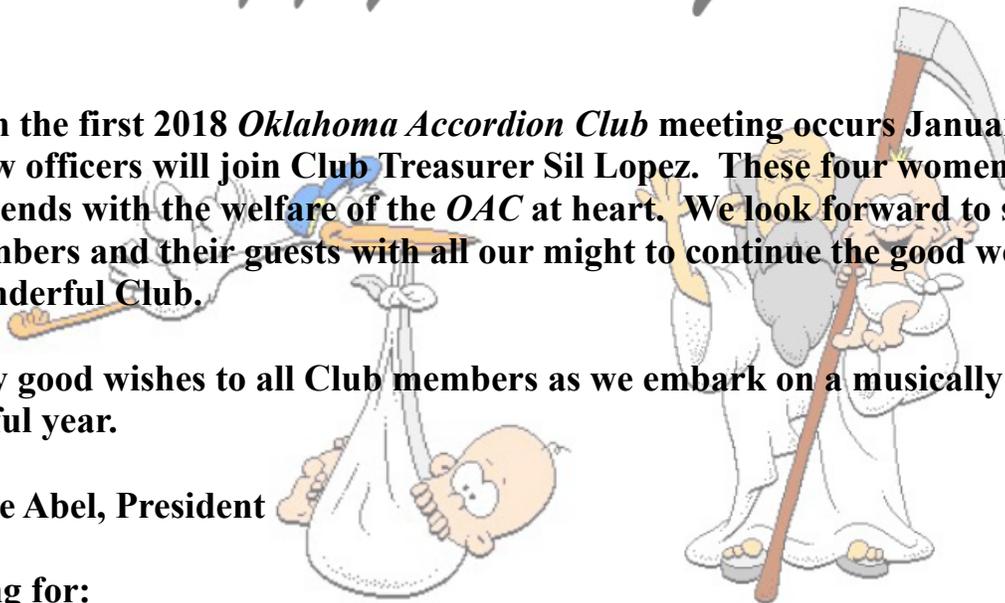
When the first 2018 *Oklahoma Accordion Club* meeting occurs January 14, four new officers will join Club Treasurer Sil Lopez. These four women are good friends with the welfare of the *OAC* at heart. We look forward to serving the members and their guests with all our might to continue the good work of this wonderful Club.

Many good wishes to all Club members as we embark on a musically successful year.

- Maggie Abel, President

Speaking for:

- Karen West, Vice-president
- Anne Lopez, Secretary



January Meeting

The January meeting will be held on Sunday, January 14, 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!



World Accordion Day

Dick Albreski

On May 6, 2018, all nations in our universe will celebrate *World Accordion Day*. Each accordionist is asked to “chip in” and do something to publicize our favorite instrument. To prepare for the event, I have included several rules that will help you in making the *World Accordion Day* a success:

1. Practice your accordion every day.
2. Play for family and friends in advance, to experience the joy.
3. Learn a new song or drill each month.
4. Share your plans with your accordion club and associates.
5. Think accordion.

Only accordionists can make the accordion great again.
Now is your chance to be a hero.



Hats, Gloves, Scarves, and Socks

Dick Albreski

Through the generosity of the *OAC* members at our annual Christmas meeting, a large number of hats, gloves, scarves, and socks were collected. The goal of the *OAC* is that these items be given to those in need. This year, the donated gifts were given to *Mount St Mary's National Honor Society* students to supplement their mission of giving back to those in need. Each year the students provide gifts to one elementary school. Last year *Shidler Elementary* was chosen, and this year *Lee Elementary* was chosen. A total of 134 youngsters received gifts, which included the donated gloves, scarves, and socks. Our members were not present to witness the joy in the children's faces, but they knew in advance what their donations would do.

Thank you, *OAC* members, from *The Mount St, Mary's National Honor Society* student members for assisting in our mission.



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December Meeting

Maggie Abel

OAC Meeting Minutes December 10, 2017

President Barbara Duer welcomed 29 members and 11 guests to the Christmas party meeting. Christmas treats and Christmas music were the order of the day!

- TOP NEWS! Beginning in 2018, bring your accordion to every meeting because, starting in January, seasoned teachers such as Dick Albreski or Bob Mansfield will conduct a group lesson for attendees during each meeting. All levels of experience are welcome.
- Club members cast their ballots for new Club officers for 2018. Nominees from last month's meeting ran unopposed: President Maggie Abel, Vice-President Karen West, Secretary Anne Lopez, and Historian Beth Henson. Remaining in office for his second year is Treasurer Sil Lopez.
- Attendees purchased tickets for donated raffle items displayed on several tables.
- Dick directed the entire *Youth Band* in playing "This Is Our Song For You." Solos were offered from Matthew Medley "Riding the Range;" Asher

Elliott: "Drink To Me Only With Thine Eyes;" and Lazarus Elliott: "Beautiful Heaven." Two first-timers followed: Anna Rockwood performed "Czech Polka," and Alex Rockwood played "The Big Parade." The *Band* closed with "Apples, Peaches, Pumpkin Pie."

- The Christmas raffle was a success, orchestrated by Vice-President Tom Phillips, with assistance from Bob Mansfield. Many nice prizes went to happy ticket-holders! Proceeds go to assist youth members attending the *National Accordion Association* convention in March.
- Bob Mansfield played a beautiful song for our Jewish friends.
- Warming up for performing at the Woody Guthrie tribute show at the *Blue Door* later that night, T. Z. Wright played several Guthrie songs: "Little Bird," and "Are You Washed in the Blood of the Lamb."

As members helped put things away after the Christmas party, all-time crowd favorite Lois Roth entertained worker bees with a medley of holiday music.

- Secretary Maggie Abel



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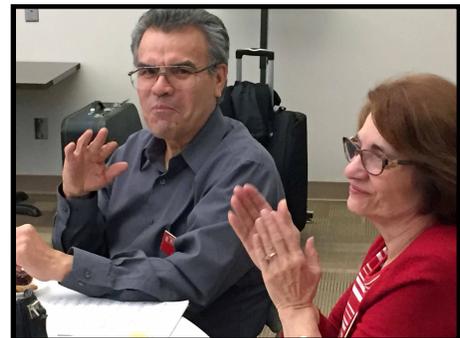
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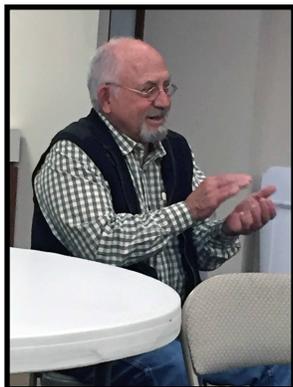
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Mark Your Calendars

Dick Albreski

The Royal Bavaria Restaurant, located at 3401 S. Sooner Road in Moore, OK, will feature the *Bohemian Knights Band* in their anniversary festivities each Friday and Saturday evening, from 6:00 to 9:00 pm, during the month of January. Here's your chance to hear live music from a local band, plus enjoy great German food and handcrafted German beer. Reservations are suggested. Call 405/799-7666 to reserve your table.

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.

On May 6, 2018, celebrate **World Accordion Day**. This is the day that the accordion was patented in 1829. Here's your chance to plan something that will enhance the accordion in your world. Everyone can register their *World Accordion Day* activity on the official website,

http://www.accordions.com/cia/cia_wad_general.php

Then send a report afterward. Make you and your accordion known.

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



Happy Birthday Wishes to the following OAC members:

Tom Phillips, January 19

Matthew Medley, January 28

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
Membership Form*

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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):

Professional Semi-Professional Amateur Student

Associate Hobby Teacher Repairman/Repairwoman

Other (specify) _____

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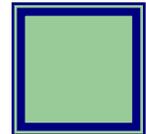
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