

# SQUEEZINS

"Our squeezin'...is pleasin'"



The Oklahoma Accordion Club Newsletter

## Youth Group

We are very proud of our young accordionists



## March Meeting

**The March meeting will be held on Sunday, March 18 (NOT March 11), 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!



# Prez Sez

Maggie Abel

March is a big month for the *Oklahoma Accordion Club*. Some members are making the trek this week to the *National Accordion Association's* annual convention. The normal "second Sunday" meeting will therefore be postponed until the third Sunday (March 18 at 3:30 pm).

Whether you are going to the *NAA* or staying behind to hold down the fort, all will gain from this event in Richardson (aka Dallas), Texas. Travelers will return, bringing fresh inspiration, new tunes, workshop handouts, and anecdotes to share.

It costs nothing to enjoy exploring the *NAA* convention website. It includes descriptions of workshops, lists of sheet music for varying skill levels, and the names of exciting on-site vendors. (You could actually travel to Texas with your trusty accordion, trade it in, and return home with a new-to-you different model!). You are sure to recognize some of the smiling faces of presenters and performers on the website.

You can link to the fascinating 42-page convention book here:  
<http://accordions.com/naa/2018Music/NAADocuments/2018ConventionBook.pdf>.

At the March 18 Club meeting, you will have the \*option\* of our resident photographer (aka Diana) taking your photo, posing with (or without) your accordion, for a get-acquainted compilation of some sort. So, polish up that squeezebox!

A hearty thanks to our Club members who carpool from Tulsa or other areas to attend our meeting. May they always feel that it is worth the drive! We are glad to see them each time!

You are welcome to bring snacks to the March 18 meeting. Our vice president, Karen West, masterminds the presentation of these goodies. As we munch, we will be regaled with tall tales and improved tunes from returning conventioneers.

And looking ahead to the April 8 meeting, that's our annual Pizza Party! A reminder flyer will be emailed a few weeks before the date, so get your taste buds ready! Nothing whets the appetite like live accordion background music as we chomp down on our tasty pies.

You have noticed that some members perform in duos, trios, or in Dick Albreski's *Music Makers* band. Performing with others within the intimate setting of our Club is a great way to motivate yourself to put needed mileage on your delightful instrument. Someone sitting at that round table with you once a month may be the very practice partner you would enjoy.

We are honored to be official representatives keeping the tradition of this timeless classic instrument -- and as ever, may our squeezin' be pleasin'!

- Maggie Abel, President



Future, Present, and Past all walked into a bar. It was tense.

Q: What do you call a man that sleeps outside on the lawn?  
A: Dewey.

Q: If you throw a rock into the Red Sea, what does it become?  
A: Wet.

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# Mark Your Calendars

Dick Albreski

The National Accordion Association will hold its annual convention 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. 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. Rehearsals for the evening concert will be held at the *Hyatt* during the day on Thursday. The *OAC Youth* will join with other youths from the area to perform in concert on Saturday, March 10, 2018, at 1:30 pm. Your support and attendance is their encouragement. Please contact Dick Albreski for additional details. Both acoustic and digital accordion workshops and concerts will be featured at this convention. In addition, there will be exhibits, plus continuous accordion music and performers. For more information, go to National Accordion Convention 2018, <http://www.accordions.com/naa/sandbox/sandboxConv/conv6Registration.html>.

**PIZZA PARTY!** The *OAC* will hold its annual pizza party on April 8, 2018, at the *Messiah Lutheran Church*, starting at 3:30 pm. Each member can bring one guest. **Reservations are a must!** You can contact the Board members or visit the *OAC* website, <http://www.okaccordion.club>. Pizza relates to Italian music, and Italian music relates to the accordion. Get it? So, bring your accordion to the party.

**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. **What have you planned for this most**

**important time?** Everyone can register their plans on the World Accordion Day website, <http://www.accordions.com/cia>, and send a follow-up report of the success of your event. Make you and your accordion known.

**NOT JUST OOM-PAH** concert and workshop to be held June 16-17, 2018, at the *Texas Folklife Resources*, 1708 Houston Street, Austin, Texas. Featuring Ginny Mac (Gypsy Jazz) Jan Flemming (South American) Shirley Johnson (Eastern European), and Mario Pedone (Electric World). The fee is \$150 for accordionists, and \$60 for non-accordionists. The fee includes breakfast, lunch and dinner on Saturday, plus one concert ticket. For more information, contact Shirley Johnson at [ShirleyJ@Vjeveric.com](mailto:ShirleyJ@Vjeveric.com), or Laura Niland at [ljinland@texas.net](mailto:ljinland@texas.net)

**American Accordionists Association (AAA)** will hold it's 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration July 11-15, 2018, at the *Holiday Inn*, 625 First Street, Alexandria, Virginia. 22314. There will be exciting competitions, workshops, outstanding guest artists, plus concerts. More to follow on this event.

**Accordion Teachers Guild (ATG)** 78<sup>th</sup> annual convention will be held July 25-28, 2018 at the *Hyatt Hotel* in Lisle (Chicago) Illinois. There will be workshops, vendors, plus original music for the accordion concert. More to follow on this event.

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



Happy Birthday Wishes to  
the following OAC members:

**Tad Shadid, March 1**  
**Ronald Shearon, March 1**  
**Janet Haskin, March 8**  
**Jim Whitten, March 13**  
**Becky Rickard, March 25**  
**Dan Hanson, March 28**  
**Barbara Duer, March 30**

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 Beth Henson at 405/376-4407 or [bhenson1@cox.net](mailto:bhenson1@cox.net).



# February Meeting

Anne Lopez

## OAC Meeting Minutes February 11, 2018

Our president, Maggie Abel, opened the meeting to 14 members, and welcomed 2 guests.

- We discussed the possibility of taking pictures of everyone with their accordions in order to create a directory for the members. We were also encouraged to wear our name tags.
- Bob Mansfield led the workshop of the month. Finger strengthening exercises were presented, as well as wrist repetitions and wrist flexibility drills. Thank you, Bob, for preparing these for us.

• Treasurer Sil Lopez reported the Club balance as of February 14, 2018, at \$1,928.05.

• Different members offered praise for the NAA convention. Barb Duer mentioned she has been attending for six years, and has loved meeting new people as much as the accordion workshops and shows. Dick and Evie Albreski have been attending since 2000, 18 years now. Dick has been leading the *Fun Band* since 2012. He mentioned

that about 60% of the instruments are acoustic accordions, and 40% are digital (no reeds, electronic). Some of the fun events include line dances, the *Youth Band*, the *Fun Band*, the *Band Camp*, *Jazz at the Bar*, *Superstar Banquet*, etc. Accordions and more accordions fill the convention weekend, but there is also a very social atmosphere!

- Our very own *Music Makers* (Barb Duer, Lois Roth, Karen West, Toni Spaulding, Beth Henson, and Maggie) entertained us with the "Oklahoma Accordion Waltz," written by Dick, followed by "J'attendrai."
- Our *Trio* (Lois, Karen, and Barb) brought back memories with "Can't Help Loving You," "Till There Was You," and "You Light Up My Life."
- The *Scandalli Sisters*, Anne Lopez and Lois, played their improvised versions of "Let me Call You Sweetheart" and "Harbor Lights."
- Karen followed with a heartfelt "That's All."
- Anne Lopez, Secretary



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Diana Richard



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### 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):

- Professional    Semi-Professional    Amateur    Student  
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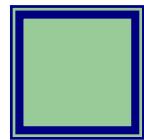
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