

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

November Meeting

The November meeting will be held on Sunday, November 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 the fun!



Prez Sez

Maggie Abel

Now, just because the Christmas invitation flyer is included in this newsletter, don't think we are celebrating Christmas at our Veterans Day meeting this coming Sunday, November 11. We just wanted to give you a little heads up, so you can scan the internet for Christmas treat recipes, knit some warm woolies for the needy, and round up some white elephants for our Christmas raffle and auction. Those benefit the families of our Youth Band, who travel to the 2019 *National Accordion Association* convention in March with the rest of us.

You'll notice in this issue a darling sheet of photos of some of our members. It's like your high school yearbook, on a smaller scale! (Yes, people can still sign under your pic and write, "Don't ever change!") Over a several month period, Diana Richard (Lois Roth's daughter) graciously set up her professional backdrop and shot portraits of members and their accordions. As you can see, the images turned out great, so newbies can see in advance the personnel who will be welcoming them and showing them the ropes!

If you missed the shoot or were waiting for a retake day, let us know and we'll make an arrangement. Then, you'll go down in history as our historian Beth Henson is able to put a more complete "yearbook page" in our growing scrapbook.

In this month of Thanksgiving, we are very thankful for our treasurer, who has served us well for two years. Sil Lopez's term finishes at year's end, and he is not re-upping at this time, so we are looking for another bold soul to steer our financial ship starting in January. Training is provided! And the new treasurer will find the four women on the Club board a delight to work with!

Hey, if you do social media and haven't checked out the *Oklahoma Accordion Club's Facebook* page recently, take a peek. We're seeing a stepping up of the activity there lately. Also, on our web page: <http://okaccordion.club>

We're lucky to have many accomplished people in our Club. Talent shows in the many things they do outside the Club. For instance, past president Barbara Duer and Missouri-based member Lou LeBrun were featured singing, dancing, and playing instruments last month in the *Oklahoma Seniors Cabaret's* annual variety show. I witnessed it, and can testify it was a riot and a hoot! Be sure to send us news of your extracurricular doings so we can make a mention for the inspiration of fellow members.



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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. Much more information to follow.

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



This photo of Lou Le Brun and Maggie was taken October 13 at the *Oklahoma Seniors Cabaret* annual variety show. Lou was in town — she is an *OAC* member from Springfield, Missouri — to perform, along with Barbara Duer.



Happy Birthday Wishes to
the following *OAC* members:

Frankie Martinez, November 9

Donna Dove, November 16

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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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

Associate Hobby Teacher Repairman/Repairwoman

Other (specify) _____

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October Meeting

Anne Lopez

OAC Club Minutes October 14, 2018

President Maggie Abel called our meeting to order at 3:35. Seven members and one guest were present. In spite of low attendance, we all had a great time.

In this *Oktoberfest* month, some members have related musical engagements. Karen West told the group about the trio (Vice-President Karen, Lois Roth, and Past President Barb Duer) playing at a retirement community, *Grace Point*. Lois and Anne Lopez are playing at *Edmond Adult Day Care Center*. Both ensembles are spreading joy with their accordions.

Karen entertained us with "Schutzenliesel." Anne played two Italian mazurkas, "Returning Dreams" and "All-Ombra."

The remainder of the meeting was filled with snacks, sing-a-longs, and laughter, as Anne and Karen jammed polkas, waltzes, and more.

Maggie managed to dance with everyone, as she live-streamed the meeting to *Facebook*. The resulting video is posted on *OAC's Facebook* page. Maggie is hoping to spread the word of our Club over the Internet.

Sil Lopez accompanied his wife, Anne, as she played, singing a heart-filled rendition of "Besame Mucho."

• Anne Lopez, Secretary



Bio Sign

The subject of this month's *OAC* biography is Karen West, our Club's vice president. She has been a Club member for over 15 years.

Karen is a genuine Okie. She was born in Altus, in southwestern Oklahoma, and grew up in Duke, Oklahoma.

Karen's mother was a music teacher. She bought a 12-bass *Hohner* for Karen's oldest brother when he was quite young, which was kept under a bed.

Occasionally, Karen could get it out and experiment with it. At Christmas time, Karen's mother would play the *Hohner* to accompany a children's choir caroling to the elderly in their church.

Years later, Karen's uncle, who lived in Vernon, Texas, visited them, and took the little *Hohner* home with him. When he later returned for a visit, she found out that he had sold the *Hohner* for \$25 – Karen was furious. Since then, she has tried to locate it in and around Vernon, but she has not been able to find it.



When Karen was in the seventh grade, her family acquired their first television set. Then she got to watch the *Lawrence Welk Show* and saw Myron Floren playing his accordion. She became so infatuated with the instrument that her mother bought her a 120-bass *Scandalli* — which Karen still has — and she started taking music lessons.

At one time, when Karen was a teenager, she was taking piano, organ, and accordion lessons. As a result, she couldn't really focus on any one discipline. The summer after she graduated, she dropped the accordion lessons, and started voice lessons.

Besides her Club officer duties, Karen plays in an *OAC* trio that plays at nursing homes, retirement villages, and retirement centers in Oklahoma City. She has also played at the *Daily Living Center* and the *Will Rogers Senior Center*. Karen also loves to play table tennis.

When you get a chance, please thank Karen for her dedication to the *OAC* and to the accordion.



A few of our OAC members who look forward to greeting you!



Anne



Annette



Barbara D



Barbara M



Beth & Billy



Karen



Lois



Maggie



Nita



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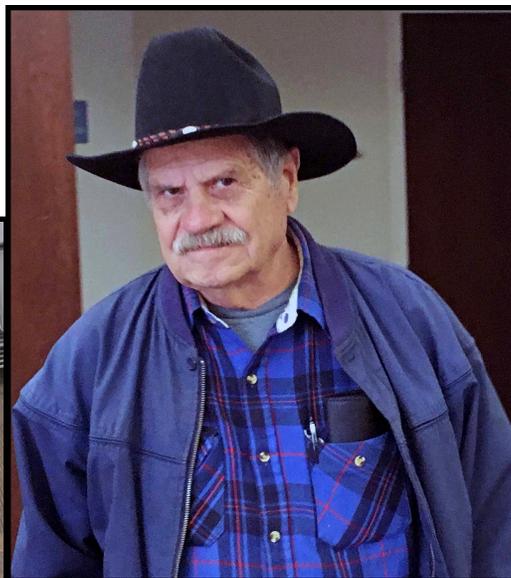


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October Meeting

Beth Henson, Maggie Abel, Sil and Anne Lopez, and Floyd Estes



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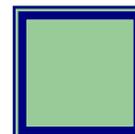
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