

SQUEEZINS

"Our squeezin'...is pleasin'"



The Oklahoma Accordion Club Newsletter

Happy New Year



2019

January Meeting

The January meeting will be held on Sunday, January 13 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

The fresh slate of a New Year is the best time of all! New beginnings, new resolutions, new friends to be made, and new rewards from last year's efforts!

OAC Secretary Anne Lopez yearns to put a checkmark on her "nice" list for you who've paid your 2019 Club dues. Your \$20 (or \$10 for family member) funds many of the great activities *OAC* presents throughout the calendar year.

The Christmas meeting on December 9 in the gymnasium was such, such, such a success. First, the locale allowed us to spread out four long tables of raffle items and colorful treats, and a gigantic gift box overflowing with donations of warm cozy items for those in need. Long strings of raffle tickets went fast, adding up to well over \$300 in Club funding to assist *OAC* youth attending March's *National Accordion Association* Convention in Dallas.

Speaking of the Convention, planning time is here! Members are already creating alliances to carpool or share a room, and registration will be opening soon. How-to workshops for aspects of both analog and digital accordions, pick-up bands, displays from accordion vendors, squeezeboxing in the hallways, a glitzy banquet followed by an accordion conga line, daily lunch buffets, a dance night with accordion music, and a concert finale on the last night—all await you!! Circle March 8-9-10 on your calendar with a big red magic marker!

ONLINE TIDBIT: Some of you have noticed the Facebook page for the Oklahoma Accordion Club. It began in February 2010, created by our Club Photographer Diana L. Richard (daughter of member Lois Roth). The page has 210 followers. This past week alone, posts thereon reached 104 people, and had 49 engagements (people who liked a post, replied, or commented on the page). Those who "like" the page receive notice of new posts!

Some very accessible songs have been hand-selected by Past Prez Barbara Duer, which we'll give out at the pre-meeting jam, and present to the Club during the January 13 meeting. You can participate in the jam and/or the meeting presentation of same. If you haven't received these good songs yet, e-mail Barbara or me so you can print them out now to warm up, or add to your collection!

- Maggie Abel, President



Advertisement

FRANK GESINSKI
Live Accordion Music & Accordion Lessons
8035 S. Irvington Ave.
Tulsa, OK 74136-8404
918/492-1715
AccordionFrank@att.net

Board of Directors

PRESIDENT

Maggie Abel

Oklahoma City, OK 73107

405-201-7867

magster@aol.com

VICE-PRESIDENT

Karen West

Oklahoma City, OK 73112

405/949-0394

accordion_karen@yahoo.com

TREASURER

Sil Lopez

Edmond, OK 73013

405/285-9145

sil.lopez68@gmail.com

SECRETARY

Anne Lopez

Edmond, OK 73013

405/285-9145

danz4545@hotmail.com

HISTORIAN/LIBRARIAN

Beth Henson

Mustang, OK 73064

405/376-4407

bhenson1@cox.net

PAST PRESIDENT

Barbara Duer

Oklahoma City, OK 73162

405-721-9657

bduer@sbcglobal.net

NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Frank Gesinski

Tulsa, OK 74136

918/492-1715

OKAccordionClub@sbcglobal.net

WEBMASTER

Diana Richard

Diana.l.richard@gmail.com

WEBSITE

<http://www.okaccordion.club/>

Lifetime Members

- Jim & June Butricks
- William "Rusty" Dolton
- Janet Haskin
- Roland Lohmann
- Frankie Martinez
- Bob Mansfield
- Tom Phillips
- Phil Scibelli
- Ophelia Woody

Mark Your Calendars

Dick Albreski

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 (much more information to follow). 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. The *OAC Youth* will also be performing at this convention. Please sign in now.

2019 Coupe Mondiale will be held August 12-18, 2019, in Shenzhen, China. Here's your chance to see and hear the most talented accordionists. China isn't that far away.

Look for more accordion events in future issues of Squeezins.



Nothing was given in return for donation/goods received.

PU Area <u>Security</u>	JESUS HOUSE, INC.	PU Truck <input type="checkbox"/>	Leaseway <input type="checkbox"/>
Day <u>Fri</u> Date <u>1/18/18</u>	RECEIVING RECEIPT	Car <input type="checkbox"/>	Van <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
NOTES: <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">50 lbs blankets /clothes</div>	1335 W. Sheridan OKC, OK 73106 (405) 232-7164/7179 Fax (405) 232-1369	Items sitting out: _____	
Give rec't <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	PLEASE CALL DONOR BEFORE PICKUP!		
Mail rec't _____	Time rec'd <u>10:56 A/P</u>		
No rec't _____	Date rec'd <u>12-14-18</u>		
Receipt # <u>24616</u> Rec'd by <u>M</u>			
Donor's Name <u>OKLAHOMA ACCORDION CLUB</u>			
Address _____			
City _____	State _____	Zip _____	Ask for: _____
Home # _____	Work/Office # _____		
Cell _____	Answering Machine _____		
DONATIONS OF:		(DIRECTIONS REVERSE SIDE)	
Jesus House is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization. All donations are tax deductible.			
Thank you for your support!			

We are so proud of the generosity of the Oklahoma Accordion Club members. As you review the above receipt, you will notice that the gift given to the Jesus House weighed 50 pounds. Yes, you gave 50 pounds of gloves, socks, hats and scarves to the homeless. We are so proud of you.





Oklahoma Accordion Club Membership Form

Name _____ Date _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-mail _____

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 plus 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) _____

Make checks payable to: Oklahoma Accordion Club

Mail your membership dues TODAY to:

Oklahoma Accordion Club
c/o 7109 NW 102nd Street
Oklahoma City, OK 73162



December Meeting

Anne Lopez

OAC Minutes December 9, 2018

Fun was had by all at our annual Christmas Party. We had 24 members and 21 guests and students attending. As guests entered, Barb Duer, Annette Zongker, Toni Paulding, Lou LeBrun, Lois Roth, and Irene Bookbinder welcomed us with Christmas carols. Busy members pitched in setting up food and raffle items, as Treasurer Sil Lopez collected dues, and Tom Phillips helped sell the raffle tickets.

As Maggie Abel opened the meeting, she invited all to feast on the extensive display of goodies, and participate in the raffle. As we feasted, Bob Mansfield played many of our Christmas favorites, including:

- "The Christmas Song"
- "Home for the Holidays"
- B. C. Clark's "Jewelry Song"

Dick Albreski introduced the *Youth Band*, as each student played a solo for us:

- "Sharpshooter's March" -- Lazarus Elliot
- "Silent Night" -- Anna Rockwood
- "Sleep Little Holy Child" -- Rowan Shelton
- "Fascination" -- Matt Medley
- "It Came upon a Midnight Clear" -- Alex Rockwood

- "Polka Duet" -- Dick and Matt
 - "La Espanola" -- Asher Elliot
- Many thanks to the students for all their hard work preparing to entertain us!

Laz serenaded Lou Le Brun with a jazzy "Keyboard Hug."

Lou outdid herself playing

- "Tommy Dorsey's Boogie"
- "I Can't Give You Anything But Love"
- "Penthouse Serenade"
- "I'm in the Mood for Love"

Thanks, Tom and Bob, for calling out the raffle tickets. It was an early Christmas morning for the winners! Many thanks, also, to all the members who donated items to help raise money for the *Youth Band*, and those who brought goodies to enjoy. Special thanks to Lou for donating, arranging, and indexing Sharon Fox's music.

Barb and Lou wowed us with

- "Zillertaller"
 - "Ilta Budapestissa"
 - "Domino"
- Anne Lopez, Secretary

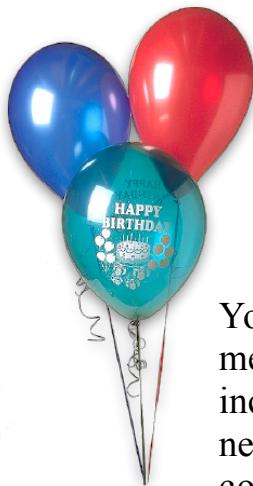


**Happy Birthday Wishes to
the following OAC members:**

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.



December Meeting

Maggie Abel



December Meeting

Maggie Abel



Advertisements

The Bohemian Knights
Featuring Master Accordionist Dick Albreski



Music for your Party or Special Occasion
Polkas, Waltzes, Pop Tunes & Folk Dances

Contact: MILO SHEDECK
405-748-5376
milosshedecck@cox.net
Playing at the Czech Hall in Yukon, Ok.
www.czechhall.com for dates

 **JUST ACCORDIONS**

Sales • Repairs • Instruction

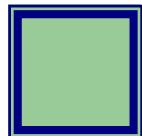
Dick Albreski

(405) 721-0564
7109 N.W. 102nd St., OKC, OK 73162
juaccord@hotmail.com

7-07

Oklahoma Accordion Club

7109 NW 102 Street
Oklahoma City OK 73162



FIRST CLASS MAIL