

SQUEEZINS

"Our squeezin'...is pleasin'"



The Oklahoma Accordion Club Newsletter

Tis the Season

Dick Albreski

December is not only a time to receive, but also a time to give. Traditionally, our *OAC* Christmas party is one of the most important of all *OAC* meetings. The generosity of the members is outstanding. We again ask for your support in making this year's event another success.

First, the "goodies." We ask the members to bring cookies, cakes, and candies to share. The *OAC* will furnish the drinks. Next, we ask the members to bring socks, scarves, gloves, and hats that will be donated to the homeless. Donating to the homeless is a tradition with our *OAC* for many years.

Last, we ask the members to bring a small gift that can be auctioned off. All proceeds from the auction will be given to the *OAC Youth* for their trip to the *National Accordion Convention* in Dallas next March 2020. The *OAC* will have four of their youth representing the *Oklahoma Accordion Club*.

As I said earlier, this is a time to receive, but also to give. There are rewards. Seeing "our kids" playing in the *Youth Band* in Dallas, or a homeless person getting some new socks and gloves, really makes the season.

Don't forget, bring your accordion, and bring a friend.



November Meeting

The November meeting will be held on Sunday, November 10, 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.

Before the meeting — from 2:30 to 3:30 — The *OAC Band*, directed by Barbara Duer, practices and plays easily played tunes. **All members are encouraged to participate in the fun!**



Prez Sez

Maggie Abel

Amazing how many colorful lights are twinkling below when you fly over Oklahoma City at 5:30 in the dark morning! I'm not sure what those other tiny, invisible people are doing up at this hour, but I'm happy to be heading for the electronic accordion symposium in Ohio, that I mentioned in my column last month. It is hosted by the same people (and more) who present the digital workshops at the March convention in Dallas. You shall have a full report on it next month!

You'd be surprised how many people waiting at the airport shared their accordion experiences with me. The best so far was a man from the Lawton area who told me that, in his scout troop, there was a remarkable boy who not only played the accordion, but also even traveled all the way to Oklahoma City for lessons.

When meeting new friends, the trusty old topic of the squeezebox proves to be a great icebreaker. "What is this boy's name?" I asked.

"Alex," the scoutmaster replied. You're a step ahead of me if you figured out that this boy is our Alex Rockwood who, with his sister Anna, performed in our August concert at *Czech Hall*.

Well, one thing leads to another, and the accordion trio that performed at *Will Rogers Senior Center Variety Show* in September has maintained momentum. Congrats to Barbara Duer, Lois Roth, and Karen West, who have since performed at an Oktoberfest-themed dinner for a local church group, and are now practicing with additional friends as the *Gardenaires*. This group will play December 1 before the public at *Will Rogers Park's* annual "trees-lighting ceremony," and after that, on December 6, for the private Christmas party of the *Iris Society*.

Patriotic songs *might* predominate at this Sunday's meeting on November 10. Also, jammers have received suggested music by email from Barbara. If you didn't receive, drop her a line! She will bring copies to the meeting for newbies. It's full on toward the holidays, so be dusting off that Christmas music! Carols are best played by accordion. Agreed?

• Maggie Abel, OAC President



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Dick Albreski

OAC CHRISTMAS PARTY, December 8, 2019 will be held at the *Messiah Lutheran Church*, Northwest Expressway and Portland, from 3:30 to 5:30 pm. We need your candy and cookies to share. We need socks, scarves, gloves, and hats to donate to the homeless, and a small gift that can be auctioned off. This is the time to give. We need your support to continue our tradition of giving to the needy, and supporting the *Youth* going to the *National Accordion Convention* in Dallas, Texas. Please plan to attend.

NATIONAL ACCORDION ASSOCIATION CONVENTION will held at the *Hyatt Regency Hotel* in Richardson Texas, from March 18-21, 2020. This is one event you don't want to miss. The accordion is KING, and the attendees are all royalty. The *Fun Band* will once again be part of the program. I will conduct the *Fun Band* in 2020, and ask that that the Oklahoma members who plan to attend let me know, so I can get the arrangements to them at an earlier date. More info to follow at a later date.

Look for more accordion events in future



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Belated Birthday Wishes (my apologies, Karen):

Ann Lopez, October 22

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.



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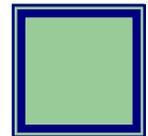
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