

SQUEEZINS

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The Oklahoma Accordion Club Newsletter



The Trio Performing at the Will Rogers Variety Show

October Meeting

The October meeting will be held on Sunday, October 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.

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

What a delightful *Germanfest* we enjoyed last month! It was like “old home week,” attended by a record number of members from afar. And many guests showed up to help us enjoy ethnic treats prepared by Chef Extraordinaire Barbara Duer!

The morning before the meeting, Karen and I stopped by Barbara’s to observe her culinary art, and learned a lot about how potatoes are properly peeled, how onions should be properly cut, and other important things that we two as non-cooks will probably never use!

A trio of three women from our Club -- Lois Roth, Karen West, and Barbara Duer -- performed September 13 and 14 at *Will Rogers Senior Center’s* annual Variety Show, “Sea to Shining Sea.” In keeping with the traveling theme, they played “Missouri Waltz” and “Pennsylvania Polka.”

OAC peeps interested in digital instruments may like to know about *The International Digital Electronic Accordion Society* (IDEAS) 2nd Annual Symposium at *Avalon Inn & Resort Country Club*, 9519 E. Market St., Warren, Ohio, 330/856-1900, www.avalongcc.com.

The Symposium will be four days of classes and concerts, November 6-9, 2019, that teach you everything about your digital instrument and peripherals (Roland FR-4X, FR-7X, FR-8X, Bugari Evo Haria, Roland BK-7M arranger, Ketron SD-90 arranger and much more), taught and performed on by some of the best in the world on these instruments and devices (Eddie Monteiro, Matthias Matzke, Cory Pesaturo, Joe Natoli, Richard Noel, Greg Volovic, Lenny Feldmann, Markus Baggio, Michael Soloway, Alex Chudolij, Kenn Baert, and more). Go to the IDEAS website at www.gr8ideas.org or to their Facebook group “GR8 IDEAS” for full details.

Now that we’ve turned the heat on in our houses, it’s not too early to dig out those Christmas songbooks to prepare for our December 8 party. Palmer Hughes has an excellent Christmas book that has at least four versions of each song -- simple to advanced -- so duets and trios can play together.

Another preparation for December is to gather woolly items like gloves, socks, mufflers, etc., for the disadvantaged. We hope to overflow a giant box like we did last year.

Be thinking of who might be available to replace our outgoing secretary (as of September) and historian (at end of year).

To misquote Lucille Ball and Ethel Mertz in their cute little song:

“Friendship, friendship,
It’s the perfect blendship!
When other friendships have been forgot,
Our Club will still be HOT!”

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Mark Your Calendars

Dick Albreski

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for the LAS VEGAS ACCORDION CONVENTION 20th year celebration to be held October 14-17, 2019, at the *Gold Coast Hotel and Casino*. There will be workshops, concerts, accordion vendors, plus a list of performing accordion greats. One outstanding artist who will perform is Professor Frederick Lips. Joanne Sommers will direct the *Roaring Twenties Orchestra*.

PEDONE-BALLARINI Accordion Clinic will be held at the *TbarM Ranch Resort* in New Braunfels, Texas, November 10-13, 2019. A great four days of group lessons, workshops, jam sessions, participants' concerts, solo performance opportunities, study groups, great guest artists/instructors, all in a beautiful learning environment. Nick Ballarini will be at the *OAC* June meeting to

discuss in detail this awesome opportunity to advance your accordion experience.

NATIONAL ACCORDION ASSOCIATION CONVENTION will be held at the *Hyatt Regency Hotel* in Richardson Texas, 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 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 issues of Squeezins.



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September Meeting

GermanFest! September 8, 2019 OAC

Before President Maggie Abel opened our meeting with 31 people present, at 3:35 pm, jammers Dick Albreski, Toni Paulding, Lois Roth, Barb Duer, and Anne Lopez started the festivities with German music. Dick and Milo Shedeck opened the meeting with the "Clarinet Polka." Thanks for the clarinet part, Milo! Many brought guests. Karen West brought her friend, Carol, from karaoke. Bob Mansfield brought Liz and Ben who do clown work. Barb brought Alton, a Bluegrass fan, and this year's soundman. Maggie brought Chong from her dance club. Anne and Sil Lopez brought Carol, Tony, and Linda, all good friends. Member Ophelia Woody came all the way from Minco, Oklahoma, to join the festivities, and John and Barb Mahar drove from the Tulsa area to join us. We welcomed new member, Rick Wicker. Chester Weems, the concert photographer also attended and displayed his pictures of the August concert. Thanks, Chester!

We want to thank all members who helped ready the party, with special thanks to Barb Duer for preparing the food, and to Lois Roth for buying the buns. Barb made fresh potato salad. We had no problem chowing down most of the delicious brat, hotdogs, German potato salad, kraut, and apple pies.

Secretary, Anne Lopez handed in her resignation so that she can care for her mother in Ohio. The Club will decide if they will hold an

early election for the post of secretary, or have a temporary until general elections in December.

We were all very saddened to hear that member David Richard, Diana Richard's husband, passed away, and that member Mary Jeanne Hojem passed away. Our condolences to both families.

Karen West gave a report on the concert ads. Special thanks to *Mary's Maids Service*, that paid for a free two-page ad for our concert in the *Yukon Progress*. *Senior News* distributed FREE copies of their publication at the concert.

• Bob Mansfield did a great join entertaining all with:

- "Im Munchen Steht Ein Hofbrauhaus"
- "Du Du Liegst Mir Im Herzen"
- "s ist alles dunkel, 's ist alles trübe"
- "Wenn die Soldaten"

• Jean Hill, who admitted to first teaching herself to play the accordion upside down (!), played:

- "Zillertaler Landler (Zillertal)"
- "Mein Vater war ein Wandersmann"

• Anne and Lois played the sweet strains to:

- "You Can't Be True Dear"
- "Hofenbrauhaus"

• Barb, Anne, and Lois ended our GermanFest with:

- "Just Because"
- "No Beer"
- "Beer Barrel"
- "Liechtensteiner"
- "Wooden Heart"

• Anne Lopez, OAC Secretary



Happy Birthday Wishes to the following OAC members:

Karen West, Oktober 8

Jocelyn Pederson, Oktober 25



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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A Sad Note

A previous *OAC* member and newsletter sponsor, John Gaunt, passed away in September. John operated the *Accordions & Keyboards* in Clearwater, Florida. He was an accordion

enthusiast, and actively supported the accordion for many years. John will be missed by all of us in the accordion world.



If I Were a Rich Man

Dick Albreski

I am a rich man, but not in money, but FRIENDS. Last September 23, 2019, I answered a phone call from a young man asking, "If I knew of any accordion repairman, or where he could rent an accordion." He explained that he just gotten his accordion from the airport, and it has severe bass damage. He also advised that he was the accordion player in the musical, "Fiddler on the Roof," and he needed an accordion for a five-hour rehearsal that would take place later in the day.

Long story short, I was able to give him an accordion to use, and gained the opportunity to spend the next four days repairing his accordion. My new friend is **Jonathan Murro**. Jonathan is the touring accordion player with the *Network Theatrical Co.* of Columbia, Maryland, that is presently touring the United States with the show.

Needless to say, I have gained a new friend. I thank GOD for giving me the ability to repair accordions, and I thank GOD for allowing me to be there whenever there is an accordion in need.



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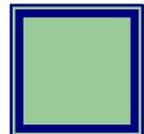
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