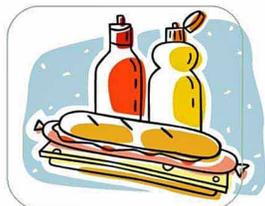


# SQUEEZINS

"Our squeezin'...is pleasin'"



The Oklahoma Accordion Club Newsletter



## Germanfest! 2019



DATE: Sun Sept 8  
MEETING: 3:30 pm  
DINING: 4:00 pm

We need a food count, so reserve by 10 pm Fri Sept 6 with V.P. Karen West  
call: (405) 949-0394 text: (405) 830-1058 email: accordion\_karen@yahoo.com

### Accordions & accordion players are needed!

Get ready for Oktoberfest music and fine German cuisine in a Bavarian setting!! Enjoy brats, hotdogs, German potato salad, sauerkraut, red cabbage salad, rolls, and apple kucken. Soft drinks provided.

Members, call in your reservation now for you and one guest!

(Additional guests may make a donation.)



OKLAHOMA ACCORDION CLUB  
Messiah Lutheran Church  
NW Expressway at Portland



## September Meeting

The September meeting will be held on Sunday, September 8, 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.

Be sure to make your reservation(s) by 10:00 pm Friday, September 6.

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

Seems like one special *Oklahoma Accordion Club* event is quickly followed by another! No sooner than the entire Club pulled together to accomplish our seventh annual free concert last month, now many have been busily preparing for our celebration of all things German. See the colorful flyer on the front page of this newsletter for \*\*\* IMPORTANT RSVP instructions\*\*\* for you, your family, and welcome guests. Food-wise and music-wise, you won't be disappointed!



We're saddened by the passing of one of our Tulsa-area members, Mary Jeanne Hojem of Sand Springs, who often carpooled to meetings, and pleased us with her beautiful playing. A teacher and indisputably sweet personality, Mary's spot in our hearts cannot be filled.

A photographer who attended our concert two years ago and sent us beautiful pix, has done a repeat performance! Chester Weems of Yukon sent us 50 more photos of our recent August event. They'll be on display at the meeting. Those following us on our Facebook Page will notice our well loved but timeworn group photo has been replaced by a more recent cover shot taken by Chester. Click "like" on that!

Despite the current warm weather, members can get a head start on the holidays by thinking now about a favorite Christmas song to perform as a solo, duet, or trio you'd like to perform for the December Christmas party. That's a great time of year to brightly let your light shine!

If you've ever arrived at the Club early, you know that a small informal group practice is usually held before the meeting. Just an extra perk to enjoy, and you're cordially invited! If your music stand is not up to date on the current practice songs, contact Past Prez Barbara Duer to receive them by email, or just snag paper copies when you show up!

Your souvenir program of the players and songs in the August concert is included in this newsletter. If your name isn't already listed in it, you've got time to make sure it's in next year's!

Thanks to all the willing hands that make this group a great resource!

• Maggie Abel, OAC President



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# Mark Your Calendars

Dick Albreski

**SEPTEMBERFEST or GERMANFEST** is an annual event sponsored by the *OAC* to start the Oktoberfest season with you accordion club members. It will be held on Sunday, September 8, 2019, at *Messiah Lutheran Church*, starting at 3:30 pm. Each member can bring one guest, BUT reservations are a MUST. Contact Karen West at 405/949-0394, or text her at 405/830-1058, or e-mail Karen at [accordion\\_karen@yahoo.com](mailto:accordion_karen@yahoo.com). The accordion is a very integral part of traditional German music. Now you know how important you are, because you make the accordion the integral part it needs to be.

**CORRECTION: The Bohemian Knights**, under the direction of Milo Shedeck (*OAC*), will be one of many polka bands performing at a gala Oktoberfest Party to be held at *Fassler Hall* in October. The *Knights* will play on Friday, 10/4/19, from 3:00 to 5:00 pm, and on Sunday, 10/6/19, from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. On Saturday, 10/5/19, the *Bohemian Knights* will be in Yukon, Oklahoma playing for the annual *Czech Days*. *Fassler Hall*, a German-inspired beer hall, is located at 421 NW 10<sup>th</sup> Street in Oklahoma City. *Fassler Hall* is known for its unique food, and both local and European beers. Make plans to attend a real Bavarian event.

**ANNUAL CZECH DAY** in Yukon, Oklahoma will be held on October 5, 2019. Enjoy true Czech music, Czech food, and Czech history. The *Bohemian Knights*, under the direction of Milo Shedeck, will be one of the polka bands playing for this event. They will also play that evening at the

*Czech Hall*, located on Czech Hall Road, for the *Grand Ball*, and the introduction of the Czech Queen and her court.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS for the LAS VEGAS ACCORDION CONVENTION 20<sup>th</sup> 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*.

**COTATI ACCORDION FESTIVAL** in Cotati, California will be held August 17-18, 2019. This year's theme is honoring the first responders for their dedication and sacrifice. Two days of accordion fun outdoors. For more information on this festival, go to <https://cotatifest.com>.

**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.

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



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# August Concert

Anne Lopez

The *Oklahoma Accordion Club* once again outdid themselves with their free concert at *Czech Hall*. With superb leadership by our president, Maggie Abel, around 275 attended the concert. The *Youth Band* is always a big hit, as attendees see the development from beginner to professional. Past member of the *Youth Band*, Job Elliot, awed us with his rendition of "Czardas." Thanks for all the hard work with the *Youth Band*, Dick Albreski! Kudos to all our players.

Once again, special thanks to Lucas Ross for a great job emceeing the concert. And, there would

be no concert without the soundman -- Thanks, Alton Scott. We couldn't do it without both of you!

We appreciate those coming from afar. Lou LeBrun comes all the way from Springfield, Missouri; Frank Gesinski hails from Tulsa; and TZ Wright from Moreland. Youths Anna and Alex Rockwood traveled from Cache.

Greatly appreciated were all the volunteers for set-up, cleanup, greetings, stage work, and behind the scenes. Many hands make little work!

• Anne Lopez, OAC Secretary



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

**Sil Lopez, September 15**

**Barbara Pederson, September 22**

**Lou LeBrun, September 26**



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](mailto:accordion_karen@yahoo.com).



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# August Concert Program

Oklahoma Accordion Club hosts its 7<sup>th</sup> **An Accordion Affair** August 11, 2019 Yukon Czech Hall

**Welcome & Introduction**

Emcee Lucas Ross with Dick Albreski

**The Youth Band** directed by Dick Albreski

Melodie D'Amour – Anna Rockwood  
 Let's Rock & Roll – Alex Rockwood  
 Anniversary Waltz – Asher Elliott  
 Tantalizing – Lazarus Elliott  
 2019 Polka Medley – Ensemble

**Mack the Knife, Colonel Bogey March** – The OAC Band

Bob Mansfield, Lou LeBrun, Barbara Duer, Karen West, Lois Roth

**Frossini's Hot Points**

Toni Paulding & Dick Albreski

**Musette Waltz**

Ron Shearon

**Domino, Tango I**

Bob Mansfield

**Besame Mucho**

Bob Mansfield & Sil Lopez

**Valzerissimo**

Dick Albreski

**Whiskey Before Breakfast, A Walk in the Irish Rain**

T.Z. Wright

**Sing-along: You Are My Sunshine, Carolina in the Morning, Edelweiss**

Lois Roth, Anne Lopez, Barbara Duer

**San Antonio Rose, Polka Medley**

Lois Roth & Anne Lopez

**Don't It Make My Brown Eyes Blue**

Karen West

**Espana Cani**

Lou LeBrun (of Springfield, MO)

**Seventy-Six Trombones, Washington Post March**

Lou LeBrun & Barbara Duer

**Bye, Bye My Baby Polka; Hi Lily, Hi Lo**

Frank Gesinski

**Drink To Me Only With Thine Eyes**

Maggie Abel

**When the Saints Go Marching In**

Tom Phillips

**Czardas**

Job Elliott

**Let's Dance the Polka**

Barbara Yuill & Dick Albreski

**William Tell Overture, Tico-Tico**

Lois Roth, Karen West, Barbara Duer

\*\*\*PRIZE DRAWINGS\*\*\*

**FINAL E: God Bless America – All**

Oklahoma Accordion Club meets at 3:30 p.m. the second Sunday of each month. Call first in March (convention month) and August (concert month).

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Birthday (MM/DD) \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ (optional)

I prefer to receive the monthly newsletter, the Oklahoma Squeezins', by:  E-mail  Conventional mail

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Family Membership is \$8 per year for each additional family member when accompanied by a Primary Membership  Youth Membership is complimentary for accordion-playing youth through age 18

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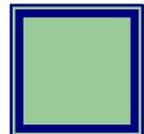
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