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The Oklahoma Accordion Club Newsletter

December Meeting

Dick Albreski



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Donations of substantial value (\$250 and up) must have an itemized list upon receipt.



Above is the receipt for 30 pounds of socks, hats, gloves, and scarves that were donated for the homeless by OAC members. Thanks for all your help!



January Meeting

The January meeting will be held on Sunday, January 12, 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

Our Christmas party last month was, by all measures, a great success. Everyone seemed to be having great fun. Many highlights included watching our young folks give great performances, guided by director Dick Albreski; a hilarious accordion auction was helped along by a member bidding against even himself; as Toni Paulding played her accordion, our ever-entertaining Vice President Karen made her comic debut on an extremely expressive triangle (see photo on the front page). The raffle was a high point as members walked around dragging strings of raffle tickets as they decided which prizes they would target.

Thanks to our outgoing officers from the year 2019. New Club officers for 2020 were voted upon in December, resulting in the following current board: I remain Prez, Ron Shearon is Vice President, Lois Roth is Acting Secretary, Tom Phillips remains Treasurer, and the Historian position will receive its final vote in January.

How does the Club grow? The *Oklahoma Accordion Club* has a "20-20 vision" for this year! Many members are resolving to gain new joy from their unique melodious instrument in the coming 12 months! Possible new year's resolutions might include bringing a friend along to the monthly meeting, learning a new song for the August concert, giving a personal performance at a senior care facility, or forming a duo or trio with someone to practice with. Two new students began taking accordion lessons in the past couple of months due to a member playing accordion for houseguests, and then helping them try it out. One guest rented an accordion, and the other guest first rented, and a few weeks later, purchased a pre-owned accordion.

Each of us has the potential of being the Johnny Appleseed of accordions! Newbies are fascinated by our one-man-band capabilities!

Here's hoping we all make the most of the musical possibilities we are given in the year 2020.

- Maggie Abel, OAC President

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Mark Your Calendars

Dick Albreski

LIVE MUSIC in OKC. The *Bohemian Knights*, under the direction of *OAC* member Milo Shedeck, will be performing at the *Royal Bavarian Restaurant* during the month of January. The restaurant is located at 3401 S. Sooner Road, in Moore, Oklahoma. The *Knights* will be playing every Friday and Saturday evening from 5:30 to 9:00 pm. Reservations are a must. Call 405/799-7666 to make reservations. Here's your chance to enjoy a fun-filled evening of really good German food, house-brewed beer, live traditional German music, and the opportunity to win some tremendous prizes. The ultimate prize is a round-trip to Germany during their 2020 Oktoberfest celebration. Don't hesitate. Make plans to be there now! Yes, there will be a live accordion player in the band!

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. This is the time to make your hotel reservations at the *Hyatt*, plus send in your reservations for the *NAA* convention. 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. The *OAC Youth* will also attend and perform their concert on Saturday, March 21, 2020, at 1:30 pm. More info to follow at a later date.

Look for more accordion events in future issues of Squeezins.



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Barbara Yuill, January 12
Tom Phillips, January 19**



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Birthday (MM/DD) ____ / ____ (optional)

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The OAC membership year runs from January through December. Membership cost is prorated quarterly for new members.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Primary Membership is \$20 per year per individual | <input type="checkbox"/> Lifetime Membership is a one-time fee of \$300 |
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December Meeting

Lois Roth

The final meeting of the year was held on December 8, 2019, in the *Messiah Lutheran Church's* multi-purpose room. Twenty-four members and nine guests attended.

Several members came early to set up the space. People were welcomed at 3:30 into a festive room with a spread of tempting snacks, several tables of raffle items, and Christmas music played by our jam group.

- Lou LeBrun and the *Trio* (Barbara Duer, Karen West, and Lois Roth) performed three duets: "Israeli Christmas Carol," "Frosty the Snowman," and "Silver Bells."
- Dick Albreski and his students, Asher and Laz Elliott, played "Dark Eyes." Asher soloed with "Cielito Lindo," and Laz performed "Bel Viso" by Frosini.
- Bob Mansfield led us in a fun sing-along, starting with the "B. C. Clark Jewelers Song," followed by "White Christmas" and "Rudolph, The Red-Nosed Reindeer." He concluded with a French song — "L'Âme de Poètes."
- President Maggie Abel welcomed everybody to the party. She introduced the guests, and she explained the rules of the raffle.
- The music continued with Lou LeBrun playing and singing "I Just Don't Look Good Naked Anymore," and "I Can't Give You Anything But Love Baby."
- New member Al Giuntoli performed "Blue Christmas," "Springtime in Sweden," and "Bubbles in the Wine" (Lawrence Welk's closing song).
- Next on the agenda was the election of Club officers. The results were: Maggie Abel, President; Ron Shearon, Vice President; Lois Roth, Secretary; and one final vote will be held in January for Historian. Tom Phillips will continue as Treasurer for one more year.

- The *Dynamic Digital Duo*, Maggie and Ron, played "Silent Night" on their digital instruments.
- Jacob Chen soloed with "Waltz For Amalia." Jacob is a music teacher at Mustang schools. He was referred to the Club by Jean Hill.
- The church pastor stopped by to wish us a Merry Christmas.
- Dick Albreski, Toni Paulding, and Barbara Yuill played "Waltz Number 2" by Shostakovich. This is one of the songs arranged by Dick for the 2020 Convention *Fun Band*.
- Toni performed "Silver and Gold Waltz." She followed with "Carol of The Bells," accompanied by Karen playing the triangle.
- Milo and Lucy Shedeck were in charge of the raffle. All the items were numbered and on display, each with a bag for ticket stubs. Some items were raffled off between performances, but now it was time to finish. Many happy winners took home a variety of pretty and useful items. The raffle concluded with an exciting "bidding war" for an accordion donated by Tom. It was finally won by Ron.
- Dick thanked the group for donating winter clothing accessories for the homeless.
- Mike Clark and Dick played an accordion duet: "Silver Bells."
- Colleen Rettman ended the music with a solo: "Joy To The World."

A big Thank You to all who helped make our Christmas party a success! Our next meeting will be Sunday, January 12, 2020. Remember to come early if you want to join the jam session. Simple sheet music will be given out that day by Barbara Duer.

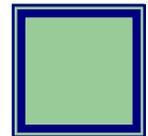
- Respectfully submitted,
Lois Roth, Secretary



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