

Prez Sez

Maggie Abel

Autumn weather, school starting, trees changing color, hot chocolate -- and playing your accordion as you look out your window at the leaves piling up! An unbeatable combination, agreed???

Last month's meeting was about half-and-half divided between those actually present and those virtually *Zoomed* in! We are glad to greet them all! Including a few *Zoomers* who had never visited our Club in person!

Among our cohorts last month were Past Prez Dick Albreski and Past Treasurer Milo Shedeck, taking a break from their Oktoberfest appearances with the *Bohemian Knights*. OAC members appreciate having top-notch entertainment at our fingertips!

The number of duets we enjoyed last month is a reminder that doubling up with another player is a great way to expand your playing enjoyment.

To that end, you have noticed that our Tulsa-based newsletter editor, Frank Gesinski, has been forwarding members a few "simple" songs each month to try out at home. Arranged by Dick Albreski, these tunes let us attempt an entertaining play-together at the meeting. Just print out the part one, two, etc., that you prefer, and bring it with you to our Sunday, October 10 meeting. We convene at 3:30 pm at the *Messiah Lutheran Church*.

Will Rogers Senior Center put on its annual variety show last weekend. Among the talented senior dancers, singers, etc., in its talent show program was one novice accordionist. Guess who?



In my photo that someone took, I was obviously concentrating too hard to smile! But my effort elicited many comments afterward due to the popularity of our irreplaceable instrument. And thus, was created a chance to spread the word about our Club!

Also, Dick and Milo playing at the *Yukon Festival* last Saturday.

Our dear past VP Karen West and current Secretary Lois Roth conscientiously arrange our snacking table each month, so thank you in advance if you bring an offering for it — whether home-baked or store-bought

— to help us keep the munchies at bay while we absorb the melodies we will hum the rest of the month!

Let's be dusting off that squeezebox to prepare it to step out on October 10!

• Maggie Abel, OAC President



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October Hybrid Meeting

Out-of-town members, or anyone who cannot attend the live meeting in person, may still wish to experience it in *Zoom* (the same way they did in previous months).

(1) On computer, tablet, or smartphone, to join us with audio and video, go to:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5236709799>

OR

(2) On your landline or non-smart telephone, to join us by audio only, call this number: 346/248-7799. When you are asked for a meeting ID, type in 523-670-9799.

If you want to try out the system before that date, just call me at 405/201-7867, and we'll give it a test to make sure all systems are go.

Grab your Ma and bring your Pa, as we broad-jump into that *OAC* squeezebox spirit, anticipating our upcoming meeting!



Outside Group Policy Messiah Lutheran Church Open Up and Recover Safely Plan:



- We ask that everyone who is entering the building wears a mask. The rule of thumb is:

IF YOU'RE MOVING, YOU'RE MASKING

- Once you are in place and safely distanced, you may remove your mask if you desire
- Groups are responsible for providing masks for their group members if they do not have their own
- Groups are responsible for providing their own hand sanitizer, gloves and disinfecting wipes to do the wipe down of touch points on the doors, bathrooms and surfaces used by their group during their activities.

Sanitation & Disinfecting of touch points: Wipe down all touchpoints used by group including but not limited to:

- Inside and outside door handles on all doors touched by group members
- Restroom touchpoints including faucet handles and stall door touchpoints
- Any chairs and or tables used by the group

Maintain Social Distancing

- Groups are asked to abstain from shaking hands and we encourage doing non-contact greetings.
- Seating should be set up to maintain proper spacing (family members from same household may sit together)
- If distancing cannot be assured, then masks should be worn
- It is recommended that group members use hand sanitizer before your group activity begins and again before leaving

Mark Your Calendars

Dick Albreski

Wurstfest in New Braunfels, Texas is scheduled for November 5th to 14th, 2021. If you want to enjoy some great polka and waltz music, plus a ton of good ethnic food, then plan to attend this event. There will be many great polka bands and soloists performing. Go to wurstfest.com for the schedule of events. The Wursthall and food pavilions are completely rebuilt after the devastating fire that destroyed the area in 2019. Think about this one. This is really a fun event.

IDEAS Virtual Symposium 4.0 Update! The *International Digital Electronic Accordion Society (IDEAS)* is announcing its 2022 Symposium that will be completely virtual, once again, because of the ever-advancing COVID Delta variant. The new dates are now January 21-30, 2022. The quality and scope of next year's Symposium promises to be every bit as engaging and educational as the past Symposiums, with a line-up of world-renowned digital, accordion players. Read more at gr8ideas.org.

HEADS UP! Yes, there will be a *National Accordion Association* convention in March 2022. Plans are now being completed with special emphasis on new talent, new workshops, and new performances. Start marking your calendar for this one, because it will be a great one. Yours truly will once again direct the FUN BAND. Keep in touch, a lot more will follow. Incidentally, the *Hyatt Regency Hotel*, which housed the previous *NAA* conventions is now the *Hilton Hotel*. I'm told there are no changes to the program from that we attended in the past. See you there.

There seems to be a lot more happening this year in spite of the Pandemic. As I hear or learn about upcoming events, I will pass them on to you. Keep Squeezin'.



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

Karen West, October 8

Anne Lopez, October 22



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.



September Hybrid Meeting

Oklahoma Accordion Club Meeting Minutes September 12, 2021

The *Oklahoma Accordion Club* met on Sunday, September 12, 2021. It was a hybrid meeting, with attendees both in-person and on *Zoom*. Eight members and one guest attended in person. Seven members and two guests attended on *Zoom*. Total attendance was eighteen.

President Maggie Abel called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm.

• Dick Albreski told us that *The Bohemian Knights* had recently played for an Oktoberfest party.

• Dick began the music with samples of songs from various countries, ending with the “Chicken Dance,” which he said was for our Club. Then he played two polkas — “Pennsylvania” and “Clarinet” — and “Dark Eyes.”

• Laz Elliott, our talented youth player, performed “Hungarian Dance #5” and “Bel Viso.”

• Next, we enjoyed two musicians on *Zoom*. Lou Le Brun entertained us with “Operatic Rag” by Frosini, and “Ay Ay Ay.” She ended with “I Don’t Look Good Naked Any More,” complete with the amusing lyrics.

• Dick introduced a guest on-line, Dr. Ian Fries, who performed a French waltz, “Love and More Love,” and “Don’t Cry On My Shoulder.”

• Maggie complimented Frank Gesinski on the recent issue of our newsletter. Frank told us that his

old band, *The Polkatimers*, was playing at *Fassler Hall* this afternoon.

• On with the music! Maggie and Dick played a duet: “Polish Polka Medley.”

• Ron Shearon and Dick played “This Is My Song For You” — composed by Dick.

• Maggie announced that Tom Phillips was the member who had driven the farthest to attend today’s meeting.

• Karen West performed “My Little Girl.” She said it’s a Jewish song that sounds German.

• Karen, Dick, and Maggie played the two Fun Band songs that were available to all players on-line. First was “Beer Barrel Polka,” followed by “Yankovic Waltz Medley.”

• Dick concluded the music with a real German waltz: “Slovakia, You Are My Homeland,” and a lively arrangement of “Tico Tico.”

• Ron told us that he has a sing-along book containing “Ida,” “After the Ball,” and many other old favorites.

• Dick said that he is performing Saturday, September 18, at a brewery in Okarche.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 pm.

The *OAC* will meet again on Sunday, October 10. Join us if you can!

Respectfully submitted,
Lois Roth, *OAC* Secretary



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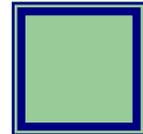
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