

SQUEEZINS

"Our squeezin'...is pleasin'"



The Oklahoma Accordion Club Newsletter



This time of year brings family and friends together to celebrate Thanksgiving, Hanukkah, Christmas, and New Year's. On behalf of all the officers, we wish each and every one of you a very blessed and happy Holiday Season.

*Merry
Christmas*



*Happy
New Year*

December Hybrid Meeting

Our December meeting will be held on Sunday, December 11, at 3:30 pm (see page 5). It will be a "hybrid meeting," and will combine both an "in-person" meeting and a Zoom meeting. Please follow the signs.

If you need instructions for using Zoom, please call Maggie Abel, and ask her for a trial session on using the Zoom meeting features.

For meeting details and instructions, see page 3.



Prez Sez

Maggie Abel

You are invited to a family reunion!!! You know how satisfying those can be. When you get there, you see familiar faces of people who you haven't enjoyed seeing for a long time. People who, once a year at least, want to make contact again -- these are who will show up. And what will they bring with them? Well, tasty and attractive holiday snacks, and often bringing children or g-kids in tow. Our Christmas meeting typically proceeds in this manner.

That's a good time because the *OAC Youth Band* performs, especially in December! Directed by Club Founder Dick Albreski, these youngsters show what can happen when video games and TV have been set aside to practice and develop musical masterpieces, all overseen by Dick's guidance. It's just inspiring to us non-youngsters!!!

Our monthly sing-alongs have proved extremely popular. Song sheets are passed out, and voices are raised! And some favorites even bring a tear to the eye, or cause dancing to break out! 😊

There should also be a slew of Christmas carols -- if we don't play your favorite once, it might be because we are playing it twice!!

The subject of Club dues [\$20/year, or \$10 per family member] comes up. What is this money used for? (1) Paying rent to the church where we meet. We're glad to have such a consistent and easy-to-find meeting spot for several years now, usually providing the use of the adjacent kitchen and other amenities. (2) Permitting us to offer a financial helping hand for those children who travel to Dallas along with their families each March to represent the Club in its excellent annual *Youth Band* performance. (3) Zoom license for "hybrid" meetings conducted with this aid during the past several years [see Zoom link on page 3]. (4) Other stuff!

Our illustrious and largely *unrewarded* volunteers provide the planning, elbow grease, and other preparations for maintaining our regular meetings. Besides the officers, we have Tulsa's Frank Gesinski, who masterminds the newsletters and emailings from his home office afar; Dick Albreski who prints and postal mails newsletters for non-email members; Diana Richard, who photographs our meetings and maintains our website, <http://www.okaccordion.club/>, categorizing images from meetings going way far back! Some members transport other members who may be without a ride. In summary, it's an active and giving group!

Reminder: Consider visiting and giving a "like" to our *Oklahoma Accordion Club* Facebook page, if you are so inclined.

Bring your wackiest Christmas hat (the more flashing lights on it the better) and drag your accordion, kids, and delicious snacks, to our December 11 Christmas meeting at 3:30 pm. Throw in your warmest woolly gloves, caps, socks, and scarves for the box which Dick transports to the needy each cold season!

• Maggie Abel, *OAC* President



Board of Directors

PRESIDENT

Maggie Abel

Oklahoma City, OK 73107

405/201-7867

magster@aol.com

VICE-PRESIDENT

Ron Shearon

209 South 2nd

Bison, OK. 73720

580/603-0078

rlshearon@gmail.com

TREASURER

Ron Shearon

209 South 2nd

Bison, OK. 73720

580/603-0078

rlshearon@gmail.com

SECRETARY

Lois Roth

Edmond, OK 73013

405/340-6454

roth6454@gmail.com

HISTORIAN/LIBRARIAN

Open

PAST PRESIDENT

Barbara Duer

NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Frank Gesinski

Tulsa, OK 74136

918/492-1715

OKAccordionClub@sbcglobal.net

WEBMASTER

Diana Richard

Diana.L.richard@gmail.com

WEBSITE

<http://www.okaccordion.club/>

Lifetime Members

- Maggie Abel
- Jim & June Butricks
- William "Rusty" Dolton
- Janet Haskin
- Roland Lohmann
- Frankie Martinez
- Bob Mansfield
- Tom Phillips
- Phil Scibelli
- Ophelia Woody

December Hybrid Meeting Information

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!



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

Lucy Shedeck, December 13

Maggie Abel, December 21

Larry Gering, December 29

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.



Mark Your Calendars

FUN BAND at the National Accordion

Association Convention. Once again, I will conduct the *FUN Band* at next year's convention. Mark your calendars for March 15-19, 2023. Currently, I am working on the tunes that I feel will be appropriate. If you have any suggestions concerning the music, please let me know. Thank you, Dick Albreski

Annual OAC Christmas Party. Yes, we will have our traditional Christmas Party this year, with hopes that you, you, and you will attend. There will be no party without you. We encourage those members who plan to attend to bring socks, scarves, gloves, and hats for the homeless. This is a tradition we established many years ago and should not be forgotten. If you wish to donate and cannot attend the party, please contact the Board members for their assistance. We will not have a *Silent Auction*, as in the past, due to an expected limited attendance. We hope the *Silent Auction* will start up again in future years. The intent of this *Auction* is to raise money for our *Youth*. No *Silent Auction*, no money for the *Youth*, unless you have an extra 50 cents that you could donate. Our treasurer, Ron Shearon, will be more than happy to take all donations. The donated money is for the *Youth* who attend the *National Accordion Association* meeting in March 2023. Incidentally, the *Youth* will perform

at this Christmas party. Last, bring a friend, and bring a treat that you can share with others. Remember, without you there can be no party, so please make sure you come. See you there!

FUTURE EVENTS

National Accordion Convention, March 15-19, 2023, at the *Hilton Hotel* in Richardson, Texas. The *NAA Planning Committee* is currently involved in research projects that are designed to best serve the accordion community at the 2023 Convention. The *Hilton Hotel* reservation system is now open. The Convention registration system will officially open January 1, 2023. More data to follow as released.

Accordion Extravaganza, on May 17-20, 2023, at the *Hughes Theater* in Branson, Missouri. *Lodge of the Ozarks* will give special rates for those attendees. Costs for the accordionists is \$250.00. The motel costs are separate. For total and complete data on this event, go to <https://www.squeezeplay.biz/branson-band-camp>. More to follow.

As future events happen, hopefully we will see them in advance to make plans. Keep checkin' this column.

• Dick Albreski, OAC Co-Founder



November Meeting Minutes

Oklahoma Accordion Club Meeting Minutes November 13, 2022

The *Oklahoma Accordion Club* held a meeting on Sunday, November 13, 2022. We gathered at the usual venue -- *Messiah Lutheran Church* in OKC.

Before convening the meeting, we had an informal Board meeting of all the members who were present. We discussed ideas for enlarging and improving the Club.

President Maggie Abel called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

- There were eight members and one guest attending in person. There were no *Zoom* attendees. The guest was Cassi Radicelli, Anne Lopez's mother, visiting from Cleveland, Ohio. We were all happy to see her again! Maggie told us that Janet Haskin can't be with us because she's at home recovering from a hip fracture. Get well soon, Janet!
- Ron Shearon played "We Three Kings of Orient Are" to get us in a holiday mood.
- Frank Boyd led us in "The Pledge of Allegiance."
- Ron is still working on the complicated job of tuning his Crucianelli accordion. He explained that combining two reeds makes another: e.g., oboe and piccolo together form the clarinet

reed. He played "Bavarian Nights Waltz." He said it is an arrangement that Dick Albreski made for the 2015 *Fun Band*, which Dick directs at the annual *National Accordion Convention* we attend in Dallas.

- Then it was time for a singalong. Players Anne Lopez and Lois Roth accompanied the group as they sang "The Happy Wanderer," "Red River Valley," and "Battle Hymn of The Republic."
- Anne and Lois performed three Spanish pieces: "Maria Elena," "La Golondrina," and "La Paloma." "La Golondrina" was played as a duet with harmonizing parts.
- They continued with a jam session, playing a variety of songs, including "Sentimental Journey," "Jambalaya," "Just A Closer Walk with Thee," and "Goodnight Irene."
- Anne soloed with "Cana Dulce." The duo's finale was "Besame Mucho," sung by Sil Lopez, with Anne accompanying him on accordion.

The meeting was adjourned.

The Club's Christmas party will be Sunday, December 11 at 3:30 pm. A special email invitation will be sent to all members regarding the party. Guests are most welcome! Join us that afternoon for some Holly Jolly fun and music!

Respectfully submitted,
Lois Roth, OAC Secretary




OKLAHOMA ACCORDION CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY!!!

Abundance of
Christmas music!
Christmas carols!

Youth
accordionists!!

Christmas treats
to share!!!!



BRING
Christmas
treats!

Hats, scarves,
gloves, and
socks for the needy!

Your children!

Your 2023 dues!

**Your readiness
to see old & new
accordion friends!**

**SUNDAY
DEC 11
3:30 P.M.**

Messiah Lutheran Church, Portland Ave. & NW Expressway
South entrance. Our usual room to the right of the church lobby.
Info: call or text Maggie @ 405-201-7867

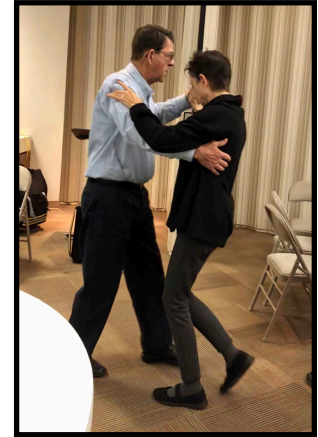
November Hybrid Meeting

Maggie Abel



November Hybrid Meeting

Maggie Abel





Oklahoma Accordion Club Membership & Renewal Form

Make checks payable to: **Oklahoma Accordion Club**
Mail your membership dues to: **Oklahoma Accordion Club**
c/o 209 South 2nd; Bison, OK 7370

Name _____ Date _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-mail _____ Phone (____) _____

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

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

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

☐ Primary Membership is \$20 per year per individual ☐ Lifetime Membership is a one-time fee of \$300

☐ Family Membership is \$10 per year for each additional family member, when accompanied by a Primary Membership ☐ Youth Membership is complimentary for accordion-playing youth through age 18

Your status (please check all that apply):

☐ Professional ☐ Teacher ☐ Repairman ☐ Student
☐ Semi-Professional ☐ Associate ☐ Hobby ☐ Amateur ☐ Other

The Bohemian Knights

Featuring Master Accordionist Dick Albreski



Music for your Party or Special Occasion
Polkas, Waltzes, Pop Tunes & Folk Dances

Contact: MILO SHEDECK
405-748-5376

miloshedek@cox.net

Playing at the Czech Hall in Yukon, Ok.
www.czechhall.com for dates

Oklahoma Accordion Club

7109 NW 102 Street

Oklahoma City, OK 73162



FIRST CLASS MAIL