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The Oklahoma Accordion Club Newsletter



February Hybrid Meeting

Our February meeting will be held on Sunday, February 13, at 3:30 pm.

It will be a "hybrid meeting," and will combine both an "in-person" meeting and a *Zoom* meeting.

We will be meeting in the Multi-Purpose Room via the East Side Entrance. 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.

Don't forget to bring your "Sing-Along Music" that we recently e-mailed you!



Prez Sez

Maggie Abel

Since spring is around the corner, there is no better time to celebrate your valentine than at our February 13 meeting! For a moment, you might consider your accordion as your valentine! This special valentine sits on your lap and croons sweet music in your skillful arms; helps you serenade your loved ones; brings to mind the dearest songs that move the heart of all; rewards your practice time with a useful social skill; triggers beautiful memories of experiences past; and its sweet strains draw other hearts toward you, and demonstrate your affection for your family and friends.

It's important to note that the Club now has two accordionists by the name of Lois! Lois #1 (Lois Roth) often serenades us at the beginning and end of our meetings, while we set up or tear down. And Lois #2 (Lois Leck Wyrick), although a newbie to the accordion, has a running start since she is already experienced on the piano. She has become a student of Dick Albreski, and has performed for us each meeting since her recent start.

The *National Accordion Association* convention is coming up March 16 through 20 in Dallas. Peeps are arranging rides with each other, and finding roommates, if needed. In the daytime, there is a wide variety of workshops and band practices. Sheet music for these bands are downloadable on-line. The Friday night dance, Saturday banquet, and a number of concerts are a mainstay. Not-quite-random accordion jams at the end of each evening are a top thrill! After two years absence, we can hardly wait to resume our annual pilgrimage to Dallas to renew acquaintances with our accordion teammates from other states.

Modest *Oklahoma Accordion Club* dues for the year 2022 are \$20 annually, with \$10 for additional family members. Give dues to our treasurer Ron Shearon at the meeting, or send to his address elsewhere in this newsletter.

If attending our monthly OKC meeting online, *Zoom* instructions are on page 3 of this newsletter. If you want to test out your *Zoom* connection, I'll do that with you — just give me a call! Of course, in-person is an ideal way to experience all the *Oklahoma Accordion Club* has to offer: Support for your musical goals, friendship for your venture out of isolation, and Valentine snacks for your tummy — all can be found Sunday, February 13, at 3:30 pm at *Messiah Lutheran Church!*

• Maggie Abel, *OAC* President



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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

HEADS UP! Yes, there will be a *National Accordion Association* convention in March 2022. The dates are March 16-19, 2021. 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, the *Youth Program*, plus a workshop on music composition. The music is now available on the *NAA* website. 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 hotel stay, and will continue as in the past

The 80th (ATG) Accordions Teachers Guild Anniversary Convention will be held in the Chicago area (Lisle, Illinois) July 20-24, 2022. The *ATG* is also promoting a Band Workshop. At this

Festival, they hope to have an 80-piece accordion band to commemorate their 80th anniversary. The fee to hold your seat is \$25.00, and will be applied towards your festival registration. More information will follow.

The 2022 AAA (American Accordion Association) Festival has been postponed until 2023. Due to the *AAA's* commitment to the health and safety of its members, attendees, and guest artists, they have elected to postpone this year's event. You can visit their website: www.ameraccord.com for more information.

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'.



Here's Frankie

Dick Albreski

If you remember "Here's Johnnie," let me give you a better one. HERE'S FRANKIE!

Several weeks ago, I received a call, and the voice at the other end was our friend and fellow *OAC* member, Frankie Martinez. We all thought Frankie was nowhere to be found. He kind of disappeared and was even removed from the roster.

Frankie did assure me that he is doing well, still working at the *Dental Lab*, but not playing as much as he used to. His main concern was, "Where is my newsletter?" I was able to retrieve his current location information, and assured him that he would once again be on the roster.

And yes, he will again receive the *OAC* Newsletter. Welcome home, Frankie!



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

T. G. Wright, February 21

Bob Mansfield, February 24



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.



January Hybrid Meeting

Oklahoma Accordion Club Minutes January 9, 2022

The first *OAC* meeting of the new year was held on Sunday, January 9, 2022. Location was the multipurpose room at *Messiah Lutheran Church*, OKC. The meeting was delayed because the room was locked, and we had to wait for someone to bring a key.

President Maggie Abel called the meeting to order at 3:45 pm. Eleven members attended: seven in person and four on *Zoom*.

- The music began with the *Play Along Band* rehearsing three *NAA* Convention pieces: "The Best Things in Life Are Free" "Dear Hearts and Gentle People," and "Tzena, Tzena"
Accordionists were Karen West, Maggie Abel, Lois Wyrick, and Lois Roth.
- Lois Wyrick has been taking lessons from Dick Albreski for only a few months. She also plays piano and French horn, and belongs to a clog dancing group.

- Karen West and Lois Roth performed "May You Always". Karen read the lyrics to us, and we agreed that it's a great song for the new year.
- They followed with the traditional "Auld Lang Syne."
- Maggie reminded us that Dick and *The Bohemian Knights* are playing at *Royal Bavaria* every Friday and Saturday night in January.
- Lois R. entertained the group by playing some old-time favorites, including requests from the audience. Songs included "Moonlight Bay," "Tennessee Waltz," "You Are My Sunshine," and "Beer Barrel Polka."

The meeting concluded with Ron Shearon leading us in "The Pledge of Allegiance."

We adjourned at 4:40 pm.

Our next meeting will be Sunday, February 13, at 3:30 pm. Dig out a Valentine love song — or any other song — and join us for an hour or two of music and fun!

Respectfully submitted,
Lois Roth, *OAC* Secretary



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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

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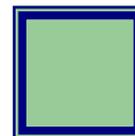
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