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The Oklahoma Accordion Club Newsletter

2022

Happy New Year

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January Hybrid Meeting

Our January meeting will be held on Sunday, January 9, 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

We'll meet once again Sunday, January 9, at 3:30 pm, in our usual spot — *Messiah Lutheran Church's* "south pod" room, with the spacious kitchen on the side. Enter through the south entrance, under the portico. An online presence will still be offered. Details on page 3!

Hearing the *Youth* performing last month makes us eager to see them join the accordion-playing youth from other states. That's during the March convention in Dallas, when Dick Albreski directs them all into a pleasing unison.

The Christmas meeting was quite a blessing. For the first time in recent challenging years, we had what I'd call a "full house"!

Out-of-towners, such as Annette and Irene, joined out-of-town regulars such as Ron and Tom! We had a goodly youth presence! The play-along *Fun Band* had a quintet, and the sing-along with lyrics handouts was presented by Karen and Lois!

Our current officers have agreed to continue to serve as needed, but if anyone who's been a member for a minimum of one year wishes to volunteer, or if additional nominations are presented, we entertain the offers!

Let's start the New Year with a musical splash!

Join us!

• 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

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 and Omicron variants. 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. 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* and the *Youth Program*, plus a workshop on music composition. 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'.

• Dick Albreski, *OAC* Founder



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

Barbara Yuill, January 12

Tom Phillips, January 19



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.



December Meeting

Oklahoma Accordion Club Minutes December 12, 2021

The OAC Christmas party was held on Sunday, December 12, 2021, at *Messiah Lutheran Church* in OKC.

Before the meeting we enjoyed accordion solos by Dick Albreski and Laz Elliott.

President Maggie Abel called the meeting to order. Fourteen members and 18 guests were present. There were no *Zoom* attendees.

Maggie introduced all the attendees.

We stood and recited "The Pledge of Allegiance."

- The music program began with Dick leading four *Youth Group* members performing songs that they have prepared for the upcoming *NAA* Convention. Players were: Laz Elliott, 15; Asher Elliott, 13; Alex Rockwood, 17; and Luke Anderson, 15.
- The group played "This is Our Song For You." Alex soloed with "Silent Night." The group played "Melody of Love." Luke and Dick played "Golden Slippers." Asher soloed with "Celito Lindo." The group performed "Dark Eyes." Laz and Dick played "Batter Up."
- We all enjoyed having the *Youth Group* entertain us!
- Dick and his student, Lois Wyrick, played a duet: "Go Way."

- Dick had toes tapping with "The Merry Christmas Polka."
- The Play-Along *Fun Band* got us further into the Christmas mood with "Away in A Manger," "Silent Night," and "Silver Bells." Players were Annette Zongker, Irene Bookbinder, Karen West, Dick Albreski, Lois Roth, and a guest. The songs are Dick's arrangements, each with three-part harmony.
- Maggie announced that the present Club officers will serve for another year. However, if anyone would like to volunteer to run for an office, we will hold an election.
- Karen and Lois handed out song sheets, and accompanied us in a sing-along. We serenaded ourselves with "Silver Bells," "Jingle Bells" (with Maggie jingling the bells), "Silent Night," and "O Christmas Tree."
- Ron Shearon played "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear."
- Karen and Lois followed with a duet: "Frosty The Snowman."
- Karen performed "Happy Holidays."
- Maggie reminded us of the *National Accordion Association (NAA)* convention coming in March.
- During the meeting, we snacked on cookies and other delectables brought by members. Members also brought donations of gloves, hats, socks, etc., for charity.

The meeting was adjourned.

Our next meeting will be January 9, 2022. We'll celebrate the New Year with accordion music!

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.

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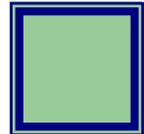
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