

# ***SQUEEZINS***

"Our squeezin'...is pleasin'!"

The Oklahoma Accordion Club Newsletter



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## ***April Hybrid Meeting***

**Our April meeting will be held on Sunday, April 9, at 3:30 pm. 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

What a fabulous meeting we had in March! Many attended to support and witness the *Youth* performances that Sunday, and to give a hearty sendoff to members carpooling south to the Richardson, TX (aka Dallas) *National Accordion Association* convention the following week.

Past President Dick Albreski directed the talented young folk, some seeming to approach virtuoso status! They performed not only their *Youth Band* songs, but also the songs that the (“non-Youth”) *Fun Band* would be performing at the *NAA*.

Several generous parties have donated to our Club, bringing accordion sheet music and song collections they no longer need. Many of these items were spread out last month on tables for us to peruse and to take home what we can personally use. An additional bag of donated music will be displayed at our upcoming meeting.

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I was one of the attendees at last year’s *NAA Convention* (March 16-17-18) and it was a lovely experience top to bottom! For the first time, instead of carpooling with others, I drove with only *Siri* as my companion, and we had a very pleasant trip to Richardson. The hotel room was lovely, and there were so many workshops and concerts to choose from for Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. Each evening, after 10:00, random accordionists who were too energized to sleep, gathered for jams in empty rooms or in the hallway itself, often not breaking up until after 1:00 am.

People drove out to dine for some meals, but I happily took all mine in the hotel dining room so I could mingle with other attendees, and even plop down at the table with interesting presenters.

The trip home on Sunday was equally lovely, as my memories and I hummed along with several accordion music CDs that were a gift to every attendee from convention founder Norman Seaton.

See many of you in person on Sunday, or copy (control-C) and paste (control-V) this link to attend by Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5236709799>

• Maggie Abel, OAC President



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# April 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!



## Mark Your Calendars

Dick Albreski

What are you doing for the **World Accordion Day (WAD)** on May 6th, 2023, to promote the accordion in your area? WAD is on May 6th, which is when the accordion was patented in 1829. No event is too big or too small. All accordion events celebrating World Accordion Day are encouraged. You can make a difference. Share your event with others so they may participate as well.

**ACCORDION EXTRAVAGANZA and Band Camp**; May 17-20, 2023, at the *Hughes American Family Theater* in Branson, Mo. Kim and Dan Christian will perform, conduct, and teach at this gala event. There will be a band camp with a concert. Music is available for those who register. *Lodge of the Ozarks* will give special rates for those attendees. Costs for the event is \$250.00. The motel charge is separate. For additional information go to [SqueezePlay.biz](http://SqueezePlay.biz).

Another source of accordion information is the [Accordionusa.com](http://Accordionusa.com) website. This website tells it all from the U.S. to the rest of the accordion world.

**American Accordionists Association Convention** from June 12-16, 2023, in Conshohocken, PA. This

will be their 85<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration with concerts, workshops, competitions, a *Festival Orchestra*, plus many great accordion performers. A renowned personality, composer, teacher, and performer, Antonio Spaccarotella and will give a separate presentation discussing his own style, repertoire, and teaching. More data to follow.

**Accordionists & Teachers Guild Festival (ATG)** from July 19-22, 2023, at the *Lisle Hyatt* in Lisle, IL. Among the honored guests will be *Polyphonia Orchestra* from Reunion Island and *Das Duo Kollektiv Duo* of flute and accordion from Austria. More data to follow as it becomes available.

**Free Accordion Music Websites.** If you want some new and free accordion music, look at: <https://www.todoacordeon.com/> (Spanish); <https://www.donquattrocchi.com/sheetmusic>; or <http://8notes.com/accordion>. Try it! You'll like it!

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

• Dick Albreski, *OAC* Co-Founder



# March Meeting Minutes

Lois Roth

## Oklahoma Accordion Club Meeting Minutes March 12, 2023

The *Oklahoma Accordion Club* held its third meeting of the year on Sunday, March 12, 2023, at the usual venue. There were sixteen members and thirteen guests present.

Before the meeting, Dick Albreski and Laz Elliott entertained with songs that the *Fun Band* will perform at the 2023 *National Accordion Association* Convention in Dallas.

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

- We began with music from the *Youth Group*. They performed the five pieces that they will play at the convention: "This Is Our Song For You," "Medley of Polish Polkas," "Que Sera, Sera," "Nights of Splendor," and "Lawrence Welk Medley."

The players were Laz Elliott, Asher Elliott, Ladan Elliott, Alex Rockwood, and Jonathan Liszeski.

- Maggie welcomed everyone to the meeting, and asked guests to introduce themselves. She announced that there is a table full of donated sheet music at the back of the room, and we may take what we want.

- D.J. Liszeski, a guest, played two songs on his concertina: "What Do You Do with a Drunken Sailor?" and a lively jig.

- Karen West performed "Orange Colored Sky."

- Next, we had a singalong. The tunes were: "MacNamara's Band" for St. Patrick's Day, and "Jambalaya" for Mardi Gras. Anne Lopez and Lois Roth provided the music.

- Anne and Lois played two more Irish songs: "The Band Played On" and "The Kerry Dance." Anne followed with several solos: "Given's Waltz," "O'Malley's Song," "Tarantella," and a medley from "The Godfather."

- Dick put us in a romantic mood by performing "Spanish Eyes," "I Left My Heart in San Francisco," and "Amour, Amour, Amour." He concluded with "Beer Barrel Polka."

- Ron Shearon suggested that we put together a "mini concert" for *YouTube*. He welcomes any ideas or comments from players.

The meeting was adjourned.

Our next meeting will be Easter Sunday, April 9, at 3:30 pm. Please join us for an afternoon of accordion music.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lois Roth, OAC Secretary



## Happy Birthday Wishes to the following OAC members:

**Milo Shedeck, April 14**

**Ophelia Woody, April 27**

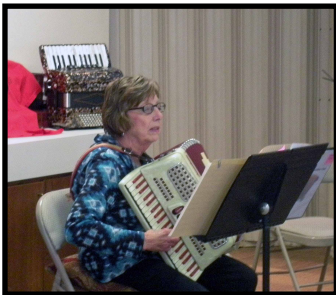
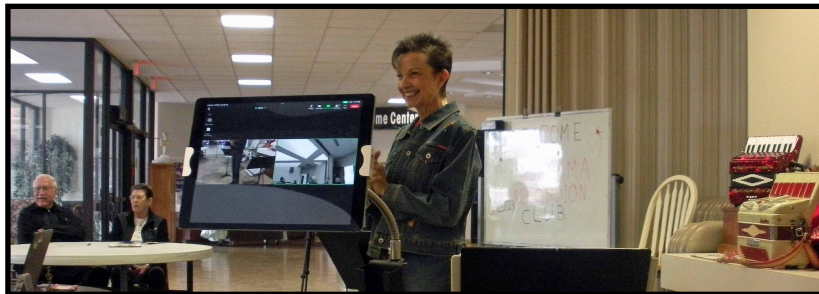


Your birthdate is collected from your OAC membership application, if you have chosen to include it. If your birthdate is not listed on our newsletter birthday page during the year, please contact Karen West at 405/949-0394, or at [accordion\\_karen@yahoo.com](mailto:accordion_karen@yahoo.com).



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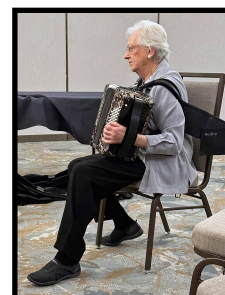
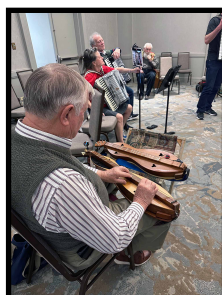
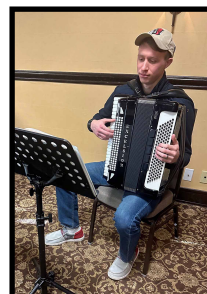
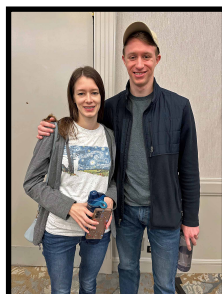
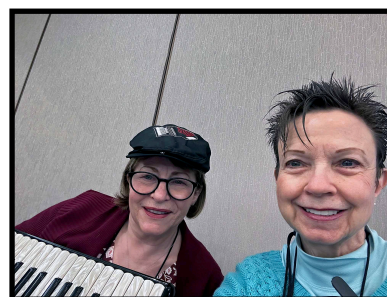
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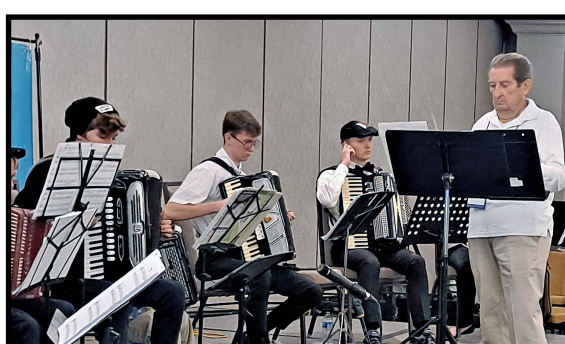
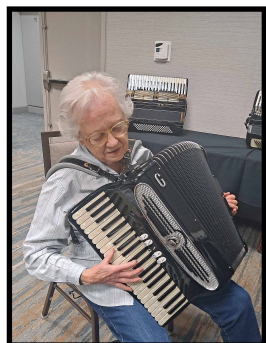
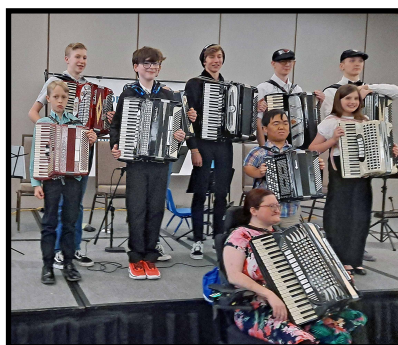
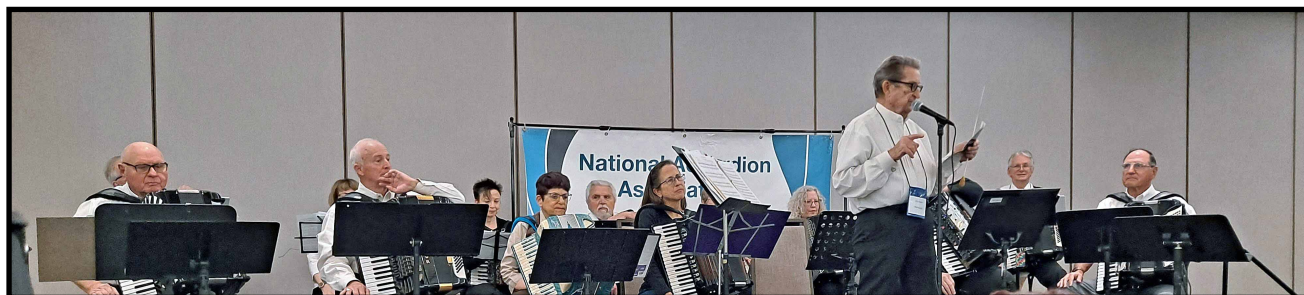
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☐ Primary Membership is \$20 per year per individual ☐ Lifetime Membership is a one-time fee of \$300

☐ 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

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