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A photograph of seven accordion players, four men and three women, standing in a row and holding their accordions. The man in the center is holding a trophy.

Winners of the 2022 Coupe Mondiale Competitions in Zofingen, Switzerland

June Hybrid Meeting

Our June meeting will be held on Sunday, June 11, 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

You might have guessed the pizza-themed party on Mother's Day was a great success. I offer special thanks to the great Welcoming Committee at the May meeting. They spared no expense toasting with sparkling grape juice the marriage (the night before) of member Frank Boyd and me. Three kinds of pizza were then consumed, as supervised by Karen West. Afterward, "Let them eat cake!" became the byword, as plenty of cupcakes and leftover wedding cake was to be had. :-D

Thanks to the wisdom of our *OAC* Board, we can look forward to two additional themed events at our next two meetings:

Coming up first is the Sunday, June 11 at 3:30 pm meeting, which does not quite land on Father's Day, but it came close! June will present a Western song, "Waltz Across Texas," as the meeting theme. It's a free country, so you don't necessarily have to play a cowboy song or wear a Stetson or chaps or spurs. You'll get lotsa brownie points just for showing up there at our "Okay Corral"! Our usual meeting room at *Messiah Lutheran Church* is not available, so we hombres and señoritas will amble instead down the left hallway to the Church's Music Room, which we've enjoyed using before. Come to the same Church entrance, and let the arrowed signs point your way, thanks to our excellent Signage Committee!

Close on the tail of that event will be a very special and joyous July 9 at 3:30 pm meeting, commemorating the 23 fabulous years that the *Oklahoma Accordion Club* has been in existence. Cofounder Dick Albreski is opening his pleasant home and fantastic swimming pool for a summer pool party to celebrate our history! You don't need to swim! Others will no doubt jump in so they can tell us the water's fine! But a goodly number of folks are attending to play, listen, get reacquainted with familiar faces, and just enjoy a well-deserved breather from routine!

No additional snacks need to be brought to this gala, as we shall consume special edibles to be described later! Plus, a Club birthday cake is promised. Dick requests, "Bring your swimsuit, a chair, and your accordion!" Additionally, he felt it necessary to caution, "No one is allowed to play their accordion in the pool!"

You realize this Official Club Function, aka musical pool party, means we will NOT be meeting at the church July 9. Instead, we will congregate at 7109 NW 102nd Street, OKC 73162, Dick's

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June 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>

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(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

SURPRISE! June is the anniversary month for the *Oklahoma Accordion Club*. It was founded on June 4, 2000, and first meetings held at 7109 NW 102 Street, Oklahoma City, OK. The *OAC Board* has agreed to celebrate this birthday event this year. It will be the 23rd birthday for the Club, and there will be **surprises!** June is the birthday month, but July will be a **birthday party**. You will hear about it today, you will hear about it at the June meeting, you will hear about it with e-mails and -- again -- prior to the July meeting. We want all members to attend the following: A pool party at the home of Dick Albreski, **7109 NW 102 Street, Oklahoma City, OK**. It will be from 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm, July 9, 2023. All members are to bring their accordions and allowed one guest. Also, bring a chair, and if you wish to swim, bring a towel. Barb and Dick will be available to greet you and your accordion. Food, soft drinks, and cake will be served. Bringing snacks will not be required at this meeting. **Reservations are a must!!!!** (Specific reservation procedure to follow) We need to know how many to plan for, and we may not be able to accommodate anyone who has not registered to attend the pool party. Let's make this event a big event. Your attendance will make that happen.

American Accordionists Association Convention, July 12-16, 2023, at the *Marriott Philadelphia West* in Conshohocken; PA. This will be their 85th anniversary celebration with concerts; workshops; competitions; the *Festival Orchestra*; plus many great accordion performers. Joan Cochran Summers will conduct the *Festival Orchestra*;

Grayson Masefield, world-renowned accordionist; will perform; plus one of my favorites is Joey Miskulin, with his "flyin' fingers," will also perform. There will be several orchestras at this event. The *Accordion Pops Orchestra*; the *Westmont Philharmonia Accordion Orchestra*; the *Busso Festival Orchestra*; and a *Youth Orchestra*. For more information, go to their website at www.AmerAccord.com.

Accordionists & Teachers Guild Festival (ATG), July 19-22, 2023, at the *Lisle Hyatt* in Lisle, IL. Among the honored guests will be the *Polyphonia Orchestra from Reunion Island*, and *Das Duo Kollektiv Duo* of flute and accordion from Austria. Grayson Masefield, Stas Venglevski, and Kevin Friedrich -- all world-renowned accordionists -- will perform, plus Helmi Harrington will give a workshop on a brief history of the accordion. This event will include workshops, concerts, competitions, exhibits, and a banquet, plus much more. For more information, visit their website at www.atgaccordions.com.

Free Accordion Music Websites. If you want some new and free accordion music; look at: <https://www.todoacordeon.com/> (Spanish), <https://www.donquattroccchi.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.



May Meeting Minutes

Lois Roth

Oklahoma Accordion Club Meeting Minutes May 14, 2023

The *Oklahoma Accordion Club* held their monthly meeting on Sunday, May 14, 2023, at 3:30 pm. Location was *Messiah Lutheran Church* in OKC. Sixteen members and six guests attended.

It was a triple celebration party: Mother's Day, the annual *OAC* Pizza Party, and the May 13 wedding of Maggie Abel and Frank Boyd.

- The meeting began with Ron Shearon leading us in "The Pledge of Allegiance."
 - Then Ron made a short speech (a toast to the newlyweds), and we drank to their health and happiness with sparkling grape juice provided by Ron.
 - Maggie and Frank waltzed to "Let Me Call You Sweetheart," with music provided by Anne Lopez and Lois Roth.
 - The pizza was delivered, and we all enjoyed three varieties of pizza, with wedding cake for dessert.
- While we ate, Anne played a medley of Italian songs, including "Tarantella" and "Domani."
- Then the music program began. Ron played three songs on his new *Hohner 5-reed* accordion: "Drink To Me Only With Thine Eyes," "I Don't Know How This Song Ends," and "Nights of Splendor" ("Neapolitan Nights").
 - Irene Bookbinder, a guest from Tulsa, played and sang a song in honor of her Mother — "My Yiddish Mama." Irene is a member of the *Tulsa Accordion Band*.

• John Warren played his *Cordovox* accordion for us. We enjoyed hearing "Too Fat Polka," "Star Dust," "By The Beautiful Sea," and several other selections.

• Laz Elliott performed "Galaminen Waltz" and "Alpine Festival" by Frosini.

• Asher Elliott performed "That's Amore" and "Moon River."

Laz and Asher are two of our talented Youth members.

• Winston Sok played "Country Gardens" and "The William Tell Overture" with bass solo.

• Next came a singalong. Anne and Lois provided song sheets and music accompaniment for "I Want A Girl," "M-O-T-H-E-R," and "When You Wore A Tulip."

• Anne and Lois performed "Neapolitan Nights," "Marie" and "Ciribiribin" (medley), and "That's Amore."

• Dick Albreski stopped by for a short time. He borrowed Ron's *Hohner* and played "L-O-V-E" and "Beer Barrel Polka."

The meeting was adjourned.

While the cleanup crew worked, John, Anne, and Lois had a jam session that included "Peg of My Heart," "Home on the Range," "Harbor Lights," and more.

The next meeting will be Sunday, June 11, at 3:30 p.m. at *Messiah Lutheran Church*. Bring yourself, your accordion, and a guest or two, and join in the fun!

Respectfully submitted,
Lois Roth, *OAC* Secretary



Happy Birthday Wishes to the following OAC members:

Sharon Bish, May 16 (belated, sorry)

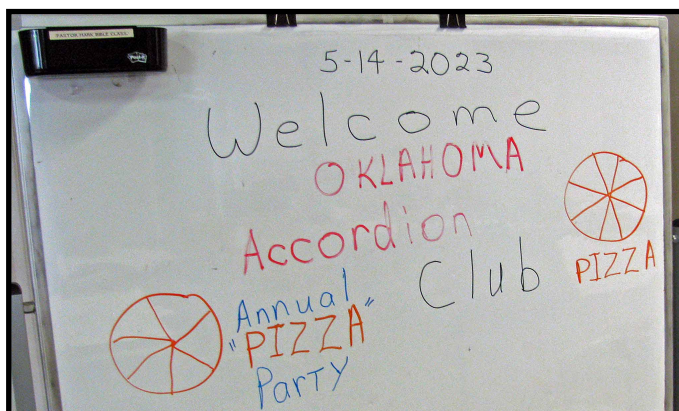
John Warren Sir., June 29

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.



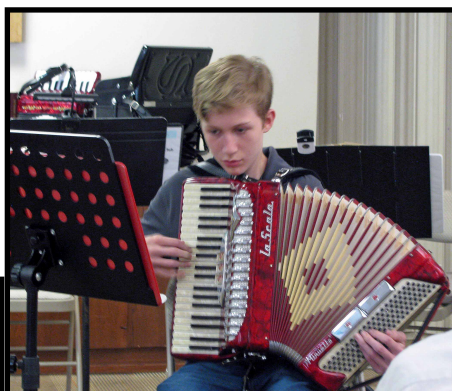
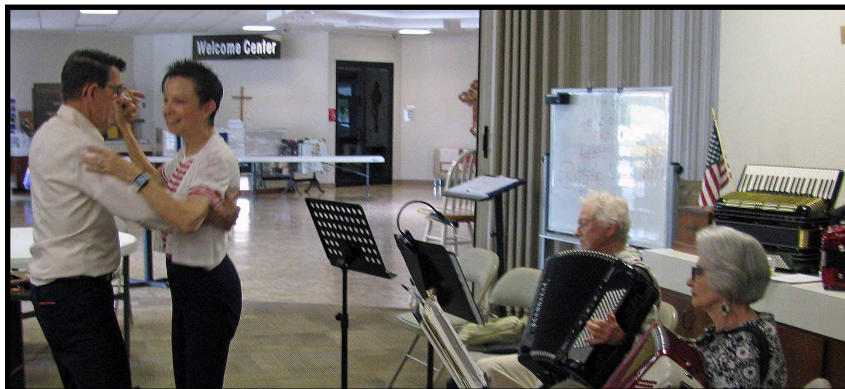
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will congregate at 7109 NW 102nd Street, OKC 73162, Dick's home, located just three houses west of North Rockwell.

Old-timers who haven't dropped in lately are urged to attend these music-based events to meet our newer members, as well as exchange hugs and share tales of what water has gone under our bridges!

If the creek don't rise, I reckon we'll meander out to see you Sunday June 11, pardners!

Maggie Abel, *OAC President*



Ran into Roland Lohmann in Norman a few weeks ago! Great to see him!





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