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The Oklahoma Accordion Club Newsletter



March Hybrid Meeting

Our March meeting will be held on Sunday, March 13, 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

So great to have our accordion family to meet with once a month, to share our musical joys, trials, and tribulations — and accomplishments!

This month's meeting, this Sunday, March 13, at 3:30 p.m., at *Messiah Lutheran Church*, will be the last one before a number of us attend the *National Accordion Association* convention in Dallas (March 16-20). So consider it a "send-off" meeting! Those going will appreciate your hearty "Bon Voyage!"

A few surprises at our last meeting included a delightful singalong. We all got into the spirit with that! And Oooh-La-La, I loved Anne Lopez's playing being accompanied by her husband Sil's vocals! Very romantic!

A few people who are not able to attend in person might enjoy **experiencing the meeting on their computer using Zoom**. I'd love to make a **house call** to set up your computer to receive future Zoom meetings. You will hear all the good music and see everything that goes on in the meeting from the comfort of home! (If you have a computer, but no webcam, although we won't be able to see YOU, you can feel free to watch us while you're still in your pajamas!) To arrange your house, call me: dial 405/201-7867!

Looking forward to *OAC's* annual pizza party at the April 10 meeting! You'll be receiving a menu to choose from in a couple of weeks!

Look carefully at the accordions that show up March 13, as they may not be the same after the Convention. That's because accordion vendors from around the nation will display their wares in Dallas, and some of us might be tempted to "trade up"!

Bring snacks this Sunday, if you wish, and brandish your instrument in case you decide to play a few tunes with us or for us! We'll see you there!

• 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, 2022. Plans are now being completed with special emphasis on new talent, new workshops, and new performances. Mark your calendar for this event, because it will be a great one. The convention schedule includes 42 workshops, 16 presenters, and 3 orchestras (Dick Albreski, conductor, *Fun Band*; Lorenzo Parker, conductor, *Shelia Lee Memorial*; Dick Albreski conductor, *Youth Orchestra*). In addition, there are pass outs for Gordon Kohl's *Workshop on Austrian Music*; Gene Neyer's *Workshop on Modulation*; Paul Betken's workshop on *Professional Performance*; Richard Noel's *Workshop on the Digital Accordion*; and Sharon Seaton's *Workshop on Confidence and Ear Training*. 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.

Albuquerque Accordion Extravaganza and Band Camp, May 12-16, 2022, Conducted by Dan & Kim Christianson. Come and be part of this three-day fun event, where you will be working with accordionists from all over the US. There will be 7 band arrangements available with your registration. Fee for this event is \$135.00. For more information, go to: <https://squeezeplay.samcart.com/products/squeeze-play-concert-of-the-month-club/>, or e-mail Kim at kdcstudios@gmail.com, or call direct: 719/459-2061.

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.

Gordon Koh Presents On-Line Workshops on Sundays, that cover a variety of music. For more information, you can contact Gordon at gkohl5890@gmail.com. The fee is \$20.00, and will include handouts in PDF form.

Keep checking this section for more accordion events and news!

• Dick Albreski, *OAC* Founder



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

Ron Shearon, March 1
Janet Haskin, March 8
Becky Rickard, March 25
Dan Hanson, March 28



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.



February Hybrid Meeting

Oklahoma Accordion Club

Minutes

February 13, 2022

The *Oklahoma Accordion Club* met Sunday, February 13, at the *Messiah Lutheran Church*. Ten members attended: Nine in person and one on *Zoom*.

- Lou LeBrun and Frank Gesinski couldn't attend the meeting, but they sent greetings to all.
- President Maggie Abel called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm. Ron Shearon led us in reciting "The Pledge of Allegiance."
- Maggie said that she will be glad to set up *Zoom* on the home computer for anyone who asks.
- Ron demonstrated the versatility of his *Roland FRX4* instrument. He said it came with a set of demonstration songs. It has accordion registers, orchestral (violin, trumpet, trombone, etc.) registers, and organ registers that can be blended into many different combinations. It also has a recorder so he can play along with a background track or himself.
- Ron played "I Don't Know How This Song Ends" and "This Is Our Song for You."
- Maggie reminded us that it is time to complete arrangements for the *NAA* Convention — transportation, rooms, etc. The Convention is also an opportunity to try out new and used accordions that are for sale there.
- Music continued with songs to celebrate Valentine's Day: Anne Lopez and Lois Roth

performed "You Made Me Love You,"

followed by "Only You," with vocal inserts by Sil Lopez.

- Then Sil sang the beautiful "Besame Mucho" in Spanish, while Anne accompanied him on her accordion.
- Next we all got into the act with a singalong. Anne, Lois, and Karen West played as we sang "Love Makes the World Go Round" and "Have I Told You Lately that I Love You?"
- Karen and Lois performed "The Sweetheart Tree" and "The Song From Moulin Rouge."
- Dick Albreski, Karen West, and Lois Roth played three 2022 Convention *Fun Band* pieces. They were "Eveline," a waltz composed by Dick in memory of his wife Evelyn; "Il Mio Primo Musette," and "Waltz No. 2 from Suite No. 2" by Dmitri Shostakovich.
- Dick concluded the music by treating the group to some familiar love songs: "L-O-V-E Love," "I Don't Know Why, I Just Do," "Once In A While," and "I'm In The Mood For Love."

Maggie thanked everybody who set up the meeting venue and cleaned up afterward.

Meeting adjourned at 4:50 pm.

We'll meet again Sunday, March 13. It's a time for Irish music or any other music. Join us if you can — to play or just to listen.

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

☐ 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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