

THE OKLAHOMA SQUEEZINS

“Our squeezin’...is pleasin’”

The Oklahoma Accordion Club Newsletter



**Celebrate
musically
Hawaii
flavor on
Sunday!!!**

Meetup Info for Sunday, Jan 11, 2026 — 3:30 PM

Oklahoma Accordion Club (founded in 2000) meets in person once again Sunday, January 11, 2025, at 3:30 PM at Messiah Lutheran Church, on the SE corner of Portland Ave. & NW Expressway in Oklahoma City. The south entrance to the church (there's a portico at that doorway in case of rain!) takes you to the foyer, where the sound of music (or the sight of signage) directs you to us and our accordions!

Snacks are welcome! Bring your accordion, or just come as you are and sit down with us to drink in the sweet sounds!

If you can't attend the 3:30 PM meetup in person, you can experience some of it via *Zoom* — using the same codes (see **red type** below) you may have used in previous years. **Zoom's musical sound quality has recently improved!** So feel free to tune us in! Here's how:

On computer, tablet, or smartphone, to join us with both audio and video, go to

[https://](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5236709799)
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PREZ SEZ

Maggie Abel

Greetings to my favorite musical personalities! When a Facebook friend saw my connection to accordion, she told me the following story: "When my grandma Ethel Tiffany Olorenshaw was very young, about 10, someone came to her house, gathering people who might be interested in taking accordion lessons. And my grandma fell in love with the accordion! Her family was having a hard time, and asked if she'd work to pay for the lessons, and



she agreed. This really young girl had to carry this heavy accordion several blocks to get it on the bus to downtown Salt Lake City, where she would then carry it a few more blocks to reach the studio. She kept a record of every payment until she had paid it off. My grandma became an accordion teacher and said some of her students pictured here appeared on the Lawrence Welk show!"



So let's get to it, shall we? See you Sunday! Aloha! ~ Maggie

Our next Oklahoma Accordion Club meetup is Sunday, January 11 at 3:30 PM @ Messiah Lutheran Church, OKC

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Put YOUR name here!!

Mark Those Calendars!

by Dick Albreski



JANUARY'S Oklahoma Accordion Club meeting! This month we will have our theme as Hawaiian! Wear your island attire, straw hat, flip-flops, grass skirt, a lei, and bring a hula hoop if you have one! If you don't have those, come in your regular street clothes and pretend you're a tourist!

The OAC meeting will be this Sunday, January 11th, 2025, at Messiah Lutheran Church at Portland and Northwest Expressway starting at 3:30 PM. The OAC was started in 2000 and has remained a respected Club because of the members. No organization can exist without support and your support is what we need! Bring your accordion and a friend.

We also ask that you consider your **this year's membership dues** starting in January 2026. They still are at a moderate \$20 for an individual and an additional \$10 for a family membership. An OAC membership would be an ideal Christmas gift for a friend. **Lifetime memberships are also available.** Your continued support and contributions will enable the accordion to grow in Oklahoma. Thank you for your support.

National Accordion Conference (not convention) will be held in Forney, Texas (21 miles east of Dallas) from March 18th to the 21st, 2026. Registrations for the TownePlace Suites are now open. Incidentally if you register now, breakfast will be included. To register go to N.A.A. website. Fee with banquet for accordionists is \$200. Your non-accordionist partner tagging along is

just \$50. Reservations will not require payment until March 2026. Reservations may be canceled, and refunds are available. This year's event will mark the 40th anniversary of the National Accordion Association.

The musical journey began in 1986 and has grown to be one of the most attended, respected, and anticipated events of the accordion world. The emphasis in 2026 will be "Accordion Fun Band and Orchestra." If this tempts you, make plans to attend. Music for the Fun Band 2026 will be determined by the attendees. You pick the tunes.

The Orchestra will encourage additional instruments to join in for a more diversified sound. We aim to please and have one of the best meetings ever in 2026. For more and current information go to accordions.com, the National Accordion Association website or the OAC Newsletter. See you in Forney, Texas on March 18th, 2026. —Dick



Free Accordion Music Websites

Check out the following sites for new and free accordion music:

- Donquattrocchi.com
- 8notes.com/accordion

Try em! You'll like em!



Report of December Meeting

Secretary Lois Roth

The Oklahoma Accordion Club held its annual Christmas party on Sunday, December 14, starting at 3:30 pm. There were nineteen people there - sixteen members (one on Zoom) and three guests (one on Zoom). There was Christmas music starting at 3:15.

President Maggie Abel called the meeting to order at 3:35 pm. Ron Shearon (Treasurer and VP) led the Pledge of Allegiance. Maggie told us where to put our warm clothing gifts for charity. She said the raffle is set up and each ticket is one dollar.

Shayla, a guest from Yukon, is just learning to play the accordion. She and Maggie played a duet - "Camptown Races." Shayla is also a tuba player!

Guest Judi Denney brought her mother's accordion to sell.

John Warren played several songs, including "White Christmas," "Too Fat Polka," and "Stardust."

Dick Albreski gave a lovely rendition of "Silent Night" using sustained basses. Then he performed a 2026 Fun Band song - "Eviva Espana," and ended with "Let it Snow."

Accordionists were invited to try the two accordions that were for sale.

Music continued with Ron playing "It Came Upon A Midnight Clear" with two-finger harmony.

Karen West told us that she is in the process of moving to her new senior living apartment on North Penn.

The music continued with Anne Lopez and Lois Roth performing three Christmas favorites: "Winter Wonderland," "White Christmas," and "Jingle Bell Rock."

The traditional raffle was held with Ron calling the ticket numbers. Some happy people won some very nice gifts!

The afternoon ended with a sing-along, with music by Anne Lopez and Lois Roth. Songs were "Silver Bells," "Jingle Bells" with member Cassi Radicelli playing bells, "Silent Night," and "O Christmas Tree."

The meeting was adjourned, and as expected, there was jamming afterward.

A big Thank You to the people who brought snacks, and to Karen for setting up the table.

Our next meeting will be Sunday, January 11, 2026. Come and celebrate the New Year with music and fun!

Respectfully submitted,
Lois Roth, OAC Secretary

Birthday Greetings!



Happy Birthday to:
Barbara Yuill Jan 12 Tom Phillips Jan 19



Your birthdate is collected from your OAC membership application, if you have chosen to include it. If your birthdate isn't listed on our newsletter birthday page during the year, please contact Karen West at 405-949-0394, or at accordion_karen@yahoo.com



During Lois and Anne's sing-along, Frank shines their lyrics onto the wall for all to join in.



OAC Meetup
Dec. 14, 2025
 Pix: Diana L. Richard





Member Cassi, age 100, and her daughter and son-in-law welcome in the new year!



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Pix: Maggie Abel





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E-mail _____ Phone (____) _____
Birthday (MM/DD) ____ / ____ (optional)

I prefer to receive the monthly newsletter, the *Oklahoma Squeezins*, by: E-mail Conventional Mail

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

Your status (please check all that apply): Professional Teacher Repairman Student
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