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The Oklahoma Accordion Club Newsletter



Happy New Year!

The Prez Sez

Bill Henson

When you receive this we will have begun a new decade.

What will 2010 through 2019 bring? I don't I have a crystal accordion, but I hope that more people will discover the accordion for the value it brings to the world of music. In the previous decade, I discovered the accordion, and I'm very glad I did. It is a wonderful, challenging instrument, and it can be used for all occasions.

Our meeting will be the second Sunday of this month, so please plan on attending.

Our website has had a lot of photos uploaded, so take a few minutes and go look it over.

During these long winter months, it is a good time to play and practice. So look at music that makes you feel good, and bring a tune to the meeting and play it for us. Since January is a cold month, maybe we should look at songs that warm the heart.

See you at the meeting.

Bill



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February Meeting

Our next meeting will be held on Sunday, February 14, at the Messiah Lutheran Church, which is located at the intersection of NW Expressway and Portland Ave., just west of I-44 and Baptist Hospital, and across the street from Deaconess Hospital on Portland Ave. Festivities begin at 2:30, when the orchestra rehearsal starts. At 3:30 our meeting begins, followed by individual and group performances, and then a "jam session" follows until 5:00 or 5:30 pm. Everyone is encouraged to come, and everyone is encouraged to perform. If you are shy about playing alone, some of us will play with you.



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First: HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!!!!

I played the New Year in at the Czech Hall with the Bohemian Knights. A good friend, Byron Burline, a living fiddle legend, sat in with our group. What a way to start the New Year! The Good Lord put both a tremendous musician and talented violin maker all in one body. If you haven't heard of Byron or heard him play, you owe it to yourself to stop at his Guthrie Oklahoma fiddle shop. You won't be disappointed.

Can you believe this weather? Evie and I can now say to folks when they ask about Pennsylvania winters: "Remember the winter of 2009 in Oklahoma City." Back in PA, the snow never left the ground because of the cold weather. Guess what, the same thing happened here in OKC. Can anyone explain global warming to me? It feels like global freezing.

We sure missed our friends who couldn't make the Christmas party this year. Whatever you do, please plan to attend next year's. Let's start early to plan a date that most everyone can make. Many thanks to all that chipped in at the Czech Hall to make it a great party. I also have to thank my girl

Evie for all the work she did in planning, ordering, and preparing what I call a feast meant for kings. The OAC also thanks the many folks that brought gloves, scarves, and socks for the homeless. We had quite a bundle that was given to those in need.

This is the time that I have to convince all those who have not renewed their membership to the OAC to please, please do so. To date, only 25 members have renewed, and we have 35 who have not. Remember, it's you and your membership that we want to keep.

This year our club is one decade old! We started in the year 2000. I think there should be a special celebration for this achievement. Let's see if the board gets the hint. Also, without your support we would never have made it this far. Please get your renewals in ASAP, and I promise the money you spend in dues will more than triple in accordion rewards. Year-end expenses totaled \$363.60. We have added more revenue to the bottom line with the 25 renewals. Our current checkbook balance is \$1,649.97.

See you at the next meeting!

Dick



Q. How do you make two accordionists play in time?

A. Shoot one of them.

Q. What's the difference between an accordion and a macaw?

A. One is loud, obnoxious and noisy; the other is a bird.

Q. Why did the chicken cross the road?

A. To get away from the accordion recital.

Q. What is the best thing to play on an accordion?

A. A flame thrower.

Q. What's the difference between an accordion and a trampoline?

A. You should take your shoes off before jumping on a trampoline.

Q. What's the difference between an accordion and an onion?

A. People cry when you chop up an onion.

Christmas Party

Beth Henson

The Oklahoma Accordion Club celebrated Christmas with a party at the Czech Hall in Yukon on Saturday afternoon, December 5. A number of members and their guests were in attendance for the event. Dick and Evie Albreski graciously purchased fried chicken and side dishes for the meal; members provided delicious desserts.

Attendees were entertained with wonderful musical numbers by other members of the club. The afternoon began with excellent performances of the Smith Sisters playing tunes on their accordions on stage. Bob Mansfield sang several songs, accompanying himself with his accordion. Milo Shedeck and Dick Albreski performed as a duo, with Milo switching off between his saxophone and clarinet and Dick playing the accordion. Then Lucy Shedeck joined Dick on

stage, and they played an accordion duet. Closing out the afternoon was a great performance from Frankie and Eleanor Martinez and their band.

Members were given gifts of OAC tote bags.

Dan Orza, Lois Roth, Max Gunter, and Diana Richard left the party a few minutes early to represent the OAC orchestra at the Scandinavian Festival.

Members brought gloves, scarves, socks, etc., for those in need.

The party was a time of fun and fellowship. What better way is there to celebrate the Christmas season than with music and people you enjoy?

Beth



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The OAC membership year runs from January through December. Membership cost is prorated quarterly for new members.

- ☐ Primary Membership is \$16.00 per year per individual.
- ☐ Family Membership is \$8.00 per year for each additional family member when accompanied by a Primary Membership.
- ☐ Lifetime Membership is a one-time fee of \$180.
- ☐ Youth Membership is complimentary for accordion-playing youth through age 18.

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