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The Oklahoma Accordion Club Newsletter

The V. P. Sez

Phil Scibelli

Dear OAC Members:

It is my duty to inform you that our president, Oliver Delaney, recently submitted his resignation for personal reasons.

The month of December was tumultuous for the Club, with the cancellations of the Christmas Party and monthly meeting.

In accordance with our bylaws, the vice-president assumes the responsibilities of the office for the unexpired term. As many of you know, my work takes me out of town quite frequently, and has precluded my attending meetings and playing a greater role in the Club. Although I do not foresee my work situation changing, I will make every effort to provide the Club with the leadership it deserves.

On January 2, your elected board of officers will meet to discuss the state of the Club, and chart a course for success in 2012.

We will hold our regularly scheduled general membership meeting at Messiah Lutheran on **January 8 at 3:00 pm**. At that meeting, we will report to you the outcomes of the January board meeting. I hope to see you at the January 8 meeting.

I ask for your patience during this time, and for your continued support of the Club.

I also ask that you retain your membership by submitting your annual dues as soon as possible.

With sincere thanks,

Phil Scibelli



January Meeting

The November meeting will be held on **Sunday, January 8, at 3:00 pm**. As usual, the meeting will be held at the Messiah Lutheran Church, 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. 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.



Birthdays



Happy Birthday Wishes to the following OAC members:

Maxine Hunter

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Roberta Orza

Lois Wilson



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November Meeting Minutes

Lois Roth

OAC Minutes November 13, 2011 Meeting

- President Oliver Delaney called the meeting to order. There were fourteen members and three guests present.
- One guest, Lynda Moore, has an accordion for sale. She was referred to Dick Albreski for assistance.
- Oliver read a paragraph from the Oklahoman Parade: Yo-Yo Ma's new hobby is the accordion!
- Our Christmas meeting will be Sunday, December 4, at our usual place. It will start at 3:00 pm instead of 3:30 pm. The menu is still being planned -- if a full meal is decided upon, each member will be asked to bring a side dish.
- Donations of winter hats, scarves, gloves, and socks will be collected at the meeting and given to a charity. Items should be new or nearly new.
- Election of club officers for 2012 will take place soon.
- Sil Lopez led us in a round of applause to thank Oliver for the October 16 picnic.
- Members were asked to think about our 2012 agenda, and about what they want from the Club. Oliver would like to have a major function with the dual purpose of creating interest in the accordion and raising money. Members who have any new ideas for OAC are asked to contact Oliver Delaney or Phil Scibelli.

- Several members gave brief sketches of their accordion playing history:
 - Janet Haskin is a pianist, and started playing accordion when she received her mother's accordion.
 - Margaret Oldham began taking lessons when she was in fourth grade.
 - Phil Scibelli took lessons as a child, and started playing again two years ago.
 - Anne Lopez was inspired to learn accordion after seeing Dick Contino perform at a theater in Cleveland, Ohio.
 - Renato began taking lessons at age 65. He was inspired by the Lawrence Welk show.
 - Oliver gave Micaiah Elliott his beginner lessons.
- Members were reminded that jam books are available from Lois Roth or Diana Richard.
- Then we had music!
 - Anne Lopez played "Bewitched," "How Are Things in Glocca Morra," and "Lost Hope" (a Spanish waltz).
 - Janet Haskin performed "Carol of The Bells."
 - Karen West, Janet, and Lois played "Come Back To Sorrento" and "Mattinata."
- A lively jam session followed the meeting.

The theme for the December 4 meeting is Christmas!

Respectfully submitted,
Lois Roth



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Dave Mannan

Oliver Delaney

Goodbye, Oklahoma Hello, Texas

Dave Mannan, accordionist extraordinaire, has moved to Texas. Dave, a veteran musical fixture of Oklahoma City, had a fall in his yard this summer from which he did not recover completely. He is leaving Oklahoma to live with a cousin in Texas.

Dave was my musical inspiration. I wish I could share more with you of this private man who inspired the formation of the Oklahoma Accordion Club ten years ago. I can't. Our weekly visits were more like "Tuesdays with Morrie," where we tried to outstretch each other with stories of Oklahoma and Ireland, of fathers and mothers, of strangers and friends.

Dave lived a simple and humble life, without many encumbrances – a house, a car, some accordions, and a huge music library accumulated over forty years from his career at Oklahoma City University and the Oklahoma City Orchestra. It was that collection of musical literature that concerned me. What would happen to it? When his cousin held a sale of his few possessions on December 3 and we saw what remained, we wondered about its demise. Where would it go now?

That musical library is now the property of the Oklahoma Accordion Club. I appreciate the assistance of the Club's librarian, Diana Richard, for its current management.





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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.
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