

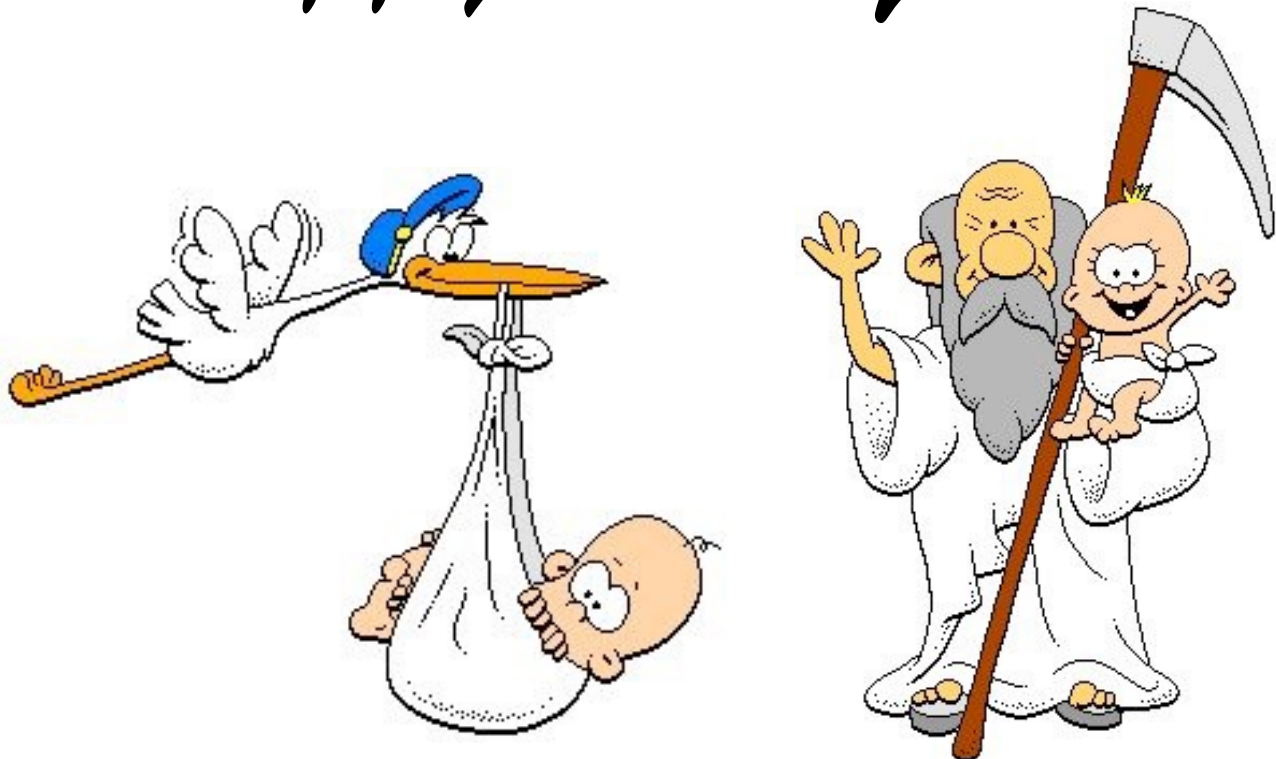
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The Oklahoma Accordion Club Newsletter

Happy New Year!



January Meeting

The January meeting will be held on Sunday, January 10, at 3:30 pm. As usual, the meeting will be held at the Messiah Lutheran Church. The church is located on the southeast corner of Northwest Expressway and Portland in Oklahoma City.

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.

Members are invited to bring snacks for everyone.

After the individual and group performances, we will have a jam session.

All are welcome to join in on the fun!



The Prez Sez

Barbara Duer

It's that time of year again. Yes, it's time to start going through your music and select a few pieces that might be appropriate for the concert in August. By May, everyone should have selected their music and be able to play it well. Then, we have the summer to polish and improve.

In February, Dick and I will play a couple Frosini pieces. We would like as many people as possible to play Frosini's "Autumn Breezes" with us, so I'll bring some copies to the January meeting. Several of you already have a copy. We'll have a quick practice before the February meeting. It's for the fun of playing together, not perfection, so please join us.

Pietro Frosini (1885-1951) was one of the first famous "stars of the accordion." He was born in Catania, Sicily in 1885, and began to play the chromatic at the age of six. In 1905, he immigrated to San Francisco, and was discovered by a talent scout for the Orpheum Vaudeville Circuit.

Frosini made one of the first accordion recordings on a cylinder record for Edison in 1907, and made his first Victor recording in 1908. He traveled extensively on the vaudeville circuit in America and abroad, and even performed for the king of England.

To be continued in February.

• Barbara



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Happy New Year to all! Dues are to be paid posthaste in 2016. I look forward to collecting from current members and greeting new members. Membership dues are \$16 for members, and \$8 for each additional family member.

See you at the next meeting with cash or checkbook in hand. Thanks to those members that have already paid in 2015.

• Milo



Mark Your Calendars

Dick Albreski

January 2016. It's time to review our NEW YEAR'S Resolutions. Have you accomplished all that you wanted to do in 2015? If yes, great! If no, you know what you must do. Suggestion: I will play my accordion everyday by myself or with another accordionist.

The **Bohemian Knights** will be performing at the *Royal Bavarian Restaurant* on Sooner Road every Friday and Saturday from 6:00 to 9:00 pm, starting on Friday, January 8 until Saturday, January 30, 2016. This is the *Royal Bavarian's* annual anniversary event, and your chance to enjoy some great German food, prizes, and on-site brewed beer. Caution: if you plan to attend, call for reservations in advance.

National Accordion Association Convention to be held at the *Hyatt Regency Hotel* in Richardson,

Texas March 10-12, 2016. This year's focus theme is "Lifelong Learning for the Accordionists." This year's activities are based on a new program described as "A Creative Learning Model for Accordionists" by Laura J. Niland. Training sessions will address the following ten categories: Know Your Accordion. Musicality, Musical Styles & Ethnic Genres, Music Theory Simplified, Effective Practice & Presentation, Strategies For Working Together w/Group Applications, Solo Performance Strategies, Effective Use of Technology, Personal Evaluations & Critiques as well as Performance. Check the website for more information.

Look for more accordion events in future issues of Squeezins.



January Birthdays



Happy Birthday Wishes to
the following OAC members:

Bert Orza (1/5)

Dan Orza (1/8)

Tom Phillips (1/19)

Maxine Gunter (1/30)



December Meeting/Party

Maggie Abel

Oklahoma Accordion Club December 13, 2015 Christmas Party Meeting

The last meeting of the year was attended by 30 Club members and 7 guests.

- When the meeting opened, items donated by members for the annual raffle and auction were displayed on tables. Christmas treats were available nearby.
- The first order of business was to distribute ballots for members to vote for the 2016 slate of officers.
- While ballots were being counted, Past President Dick Albreski directed the Youth Band, represented by Jobe Elliott, Isaac Elliot, Matthew Medley, Maddie Smith, Brianna Smith, and Becca Smith.
 - ⇒ They played "My Song For You."
 - ⇒ Isaac played "Autumn Breezes" by Frosini
 - ⇒ Jobe played "March of the Toys" by Herbert
 - ⇒ Dick and Matthew played "A Little Waltz"
 - ⇒ The full youth group closed with "Reginela Capanara."
- Dick and Mike Clark played "Viva L'Amour." Then, Dick and Toni Paulding (Matthew's grandmother) played "White Christmas."
- Dick and Chuck Vodicka played the "Julida Polka."
- The *Accordioneers* (Dan Orza directing Lois Roth, Karen West, and Maggie Abel) were joined by members of the Tulsa group (Annette Zongker, Irene Bookbinder, Janet Haskin, Barbara

Mahar), and Lou LeBron from Missouri. Together they played "Christmas Overture" (a medley including "Jingle Bells," "Come All Ye Faithful," and "Silent Night.") A video of this medley is posted on the *Oklahoma Accordion Club's* Facebook page.

- The group followed this overture with versions of "White Christmas," "Winter Wonderland," and "Blue Christmas."
- Vice President Tom Phillips and his helper, Isaac, drew winning tickets for raffle items periodically throughout the program.
- Lois, Anne Lopez, and Barbara Duer played sing-along tunes: "Jingle Bells," "Silver Bells," and "Joy to the World."
- Barbara and Lou then played "Alabammy Bound" and "Won't You Come Home, Bill Bailey," with Lou adding vocals.
- About this time Tom and Isaac conducted the auction. Proceeds of the raffle and auction benefit Youth Band members.
- Janet, Irene, Barbara Duer, and Annette performed "Let There Be Peace On Earth." Then, Janet soloed with a beautiful "Carol of the Bells."
- Treasurer Milo Shedeck announced that \$460 had been raised for the children.
- After the votes were tallied, it was announced that President Barbara Duer, Historian Karen West, Secretary Maggie Abel, and Treasurer Milo Shedeck would be carried over for the next year in their current offices. In addition, Dan Orza will serve as vice president for 2016.

• Maggie



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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.
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☐ Lifetime Membership is a one-time fee of \$180.
☐ Youth Membership is complimentary for accordion-playing youth through age 18.

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