

SQUEEZINS

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The Oklahoma Accordion Club Newsletter



Happy New Year!

January Meeting

The January meeting will be held on Sunday, January 8, 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

Winter is a nice time to review our music and see what we want to practice this year. I have pulled out the Frosini again. He is still one of my favorite composers. Even though his music is hard, it's worth the effort. Now is the time to pick out music for the concert next summer, too.

I thought this was an interesting article on the accordion, and how it spread around the world.

MIGRATION OF THE ACCORDION

Between 1750 and 1850, the population in Europe almost doubled to 255 million people. Consequently, people in the industrial regions became poorer. In Germany, for example, between 1841 and 1913, over six million Germans emigrated to avoid poverty. Many sought fortune in America, and some took their instruments with them -- mostly harmonikas that reminded them of their homeland.

Some accordion manufacturers also emigrated. Amongst them were brothers Carl and Wilhelm Zimmerman of Castlefidardo. They founded an accordion factory in Philadelphia. In a few years, Carl went to Latin America and went missing. In 1864, the firm in Castlefidardo was taken over by Ernst Louis Arnolds, and developed into a leading accordion manufacturer. They became large exporters. In those days, harmonikas were one of the few products sold worldwide. In 1860 Arnold's company produced 218,400 accordions, and export continued to grow.

Many Europeans migrated to Latin America, and consequently, accordions were distributed in Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Guatemala, Uruguay, Columbia, and Ecuador. Colonization by European powers was also responsible for the spread of the accordion, from Germany to America, Africa, China, the Pacific, and the Caribbean.

The accordion was originally a reminder for the migrants of their former homelands, but evolved into a very popular instrument in these countries, often with its own unique style. Whether the accordion became part of the Cajun or Zydeco music of the southern states of the USA or the Brazilian tangos, it started off as a reminder of what was once home.



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Mark Your Calendars

Dick Albreski

The Royal Bavarian Restaurant, located on Sooner Road in Norman, OK, will feature the *Bohemian Knights Band* under the direction of Milo Shedeck each Friday and Saturday in January 2017, as they celebrate their anniversary. Music will be from 6:00 to 9:30 pm. Reservations are encouraged.

FOR THE FUTURE

The National Accordion Association will hold its annual convention March 8-11, 2017, at the *Hyatt Regency Hotel* in Richardson, Texas. This is their 30th anniversary meeting. You must mark your calendars for this event. As accordionists, you cannot afford to miss

this one. More to follow on this great event. *OAC* member Dick Albreski will conduct the *NAA FUN Band* and the children's accordion ensemble.

SAVE THE DATES

American Accordion Association (AAA) Festival will be held at the *Westin Princeton Hotel* at Forrestal Village, New Jersey, July 12-16, 2017.

Accordion Teachers Guild (ATG) will hold its annual meeting in Lisle, Illinois, July 19-23, 2017.

Look for more accordion events in future issues of Squeezins.



Treasurer Sez

Milo Shedeck

From you past Treasurer:

Thanks to those who donated gifts and bid on items for the annual auction, we raised \$319. This money will be used to support our youth attending the National Accordion Convention in Texas.

Don't forget to pay you dues to your new 2017 treasurer, Sil Lopez. Dues are \$20 for individuals, and \$10 for each additional family member.

• Milo



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

Tom Phillips, January 19

Matthew Medley, January 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.



December Meeting

Maggie Abel

OAC Meeting Minutes December 11, 2016

Club President Barbara Duer called the meeting to order, welcoming 24 members and two guests, to the 2016 Christmas party meeting.

- The dues for the coming year will be \$20 per member, plus \$10 for additional family members.
- Voting for the new treasurer took place, and Sil Lopez will assume those duties in January, filling the shoes of outgoing Treasurer Milo Shedeck.
- The *Youth Band* played under the direction of past president Dick Albreski.
- "Silent Night" by Matthew Medley
- "Jolly Old Saint Nick" by Laz Elliott
- "Batter Up" by Asher Elliott
- "Miami Beach Rumba" by Job Elliott
- The entire ensemble concluded with Dick's "This is Our Song for You."
- An almost endless raffle, and an auction which featured a nice leather jacket,

took place using items donated by Club members, proceeds to go to support the youth members. Vice-president Tom Phillips ably conducted the proceedings.

- The *Oklahoma Accordion Club* band played a Christmas medley including "The Chipmunk Song" (Alvin!) and "Jingle Bell Rock." Participants included Annette Zongker, Toni Paulding, Lou Le Brun, Janet Haskin, Barbara Duer, T. Z. Wright, and Maggie Abel.
- T. Z. Wright played several pieces, including the Irish "Morrison's Jig" and the beautiful "The Star."
- Anne Lopez and Lois Roth played "White Christmas" and "Silent Night."
- Lou Le Brun played an historic and rarely heard version of "Stormy Weather."
- Janet Haskin closed the meeting with "Carol of the Bells."
- Maggie Abel



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Membership Dues

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

☐ Primary Membership is \$20.00 per year per individual.

☐ Family Membership is \$10.00 per year for each additional family member when accompanied by a Primary Membership.

☐ Lifetime Membership is a one-time fee of \$300.00.

☐ Youth Membership is complimentary for accordion-playing youth through age 18.

Your Status (please check all that apply):

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☐ Associate ☐ Hobby ☐ Teacher ☐ Repairman/Repairwoman

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