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The Oklahoma Accordion Club Newsletter



February Meeting

2:00 pm	Orchestra Rehearsal
3:00 pm	Business Meeting
3:15 pm	Individual and Group Performances
5:00 pm	Jam Session

The February meeting will be held on Sunday, February 9, at 3:00 pm. As usual, the meeting will be held at the Messiah Lutheran Church, 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.

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

Hello everyone. It's time to be thinking about the National Accordion Convention in Dallas. This will be my third year to go. The first year, I was amazed at the talent there. It was wonderful, of course, and so was last year. Even though I like to listen to all the entertainers, my favorite parts are the workshops and finding new music. Then, I spend a lot of time playing the accordion in my room with the new music.

The first year I bought probably five of Mario Pedone's books of transcribed accordion songs. My favorites were the French and Italian songs.

Last year I went to Gordon Kohl's workshop on Klezmer music. I was blown away. This is music I love. I hear it occasionally, but never saw any music for it. Gordon gave us several pieces of music in the workshop and, since then, I've been collecting.

- **Klezmer**

Originally, the word "Klezmer," from the Yiddish language, meant simply "musician." However, it has come to characterize the style of secular music played by Ashkenazi Jews for joyful celebrations such as weddings.

- **What Does Klezmer Music Sound Like?**

Klezmer music is intended to replicate the human voice, including sounds of crying, wailing, and laughing. It is generally the violin's job to do this imitation. Often, a Klezmer band will include a fiddle, a bass or cello, a clarinet, and a drum. Secondary instruments include hammered dulcimers and accordion.

- **Non-traditional Influences on Klezmer Music**

Klezmer music, though drawing on centuries-old Jewish traditions, also incorporates various sounds of music from European and international traditions, including Roma (gypsy) music, Eastern European folk music (particularly Russian music), French Cafe music, and early jazz. In different regions of Eastern and Central Europe, Klezmer developed slightly differently, leading to an exciting range of sub-genres.

- **Dancing to Klezmer Music**

Klezmer music is made for dancing. Most dances that are intended to go along with Klezmer music are set dances (much like the Anglo square or contra dances). Klezmer music also has many traditional waltzes and polkas and, in later years, many musicians picked up some tangoes and polkas, which remain in the repertoire.

- **Klezmer and the Holocaust**

Like most aspects of European Jewish culture, the Holocaust nearly decimated the tradition of Klezmer music. Because Klezmer, like most folk music, is an aural tradition, when the older musicians died, the music died with them. A sparse few survivors, though, helped revitalize the music and musicologists have worked tirelessly to record their repertoires.

- Barbara



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The Treasurer Sez

Milo Shedeck

Greetings from your Treasurer:

We wish a Happy Birthday to these short month members:

Evelyn Albreski on the February 2, z okazji urodzin!!! And Bob Mansfield on the 24th. Happy Birthday!!!

If you do not see your birthday on the Club roster, please call or e-mail me so I can add your name to the list.

It is dues time again, and we have four lifetime members, seven students, and 30 paid-up members to date.

We have 63 total members listed, so you other 21 know who you are. Thanks for paying and playing.

Dick has been instrumental in helping collect the dues, and I appreciate his time spent keeping the Club on cue!

We collected \$308 from the auction for student grants for the National Accordion Convention in Dallas at the *Southfork Hotel*. <http://www.accordions.com/naa/>.

We also have some donations for the seven students going from our Club, and they will be directed by Dick Albreski. We could use another \$350 to complete the grant total needed for 2014.

That's it for this Treasurers report.
Respectfully,

• Milo



Mark Your Calendars

Dick Albreski

The 2014 National Accordion Convention is back in Plano, Texas, and will be held at the *Southfork Hotel and Convention Center* March 5-9.

This year will feature several outstanding Chinese accordionists who will represent *Shandong University at Weihai*, the *Accordion Association of Shandong Province, Tianjin Conservatory of Music*, the *Chinese Musicians Association*, and the *National Higher Education Accordion Society*. The Accordion is popular in China, and this will be a very rewarding opportunity to hear the Chinese accordionists.

Thursday will feature BAND CAMP. Jim Rommel will direct the BAND CAMP Concert Band, and Dick Albreski will direct the Adult

Recreational FUN Band. Both bands will perform Thursday evening. Friday evening will feature the *Royal Klobakeks Polka Band*.

There will be jazz workshops, group training sessions, and individual accordion workshops specializing in all aspects of the accordion world. Play-along sessions will be encouraged, so don't forget to bring your accordion.

A partial list of the performers includes: Tony Lovello, Mario Pedone, Eli Davidson, Nick Bratkovich, Gordon Kohl, and Jeff Crilley.

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January Minutes

Lois Roth

Minutes of OAC Meeting January 12, 2014

Past President Dick Albreski called the meeting to order. There were 23 members and 2 guests attending.

- Dick said there was an 80-bass Pollina accordion for sale and anyone interested should try it out.
- He introduced the new club officers: President Barbara Duer, Vice President Tom Phillips, and Historian/Librarian Karen West.
- Officers in place for one more year are Secretary Maggie Abel and Treasurer Milo Shedeck.
- Then Dick turned the meeting over to Barbara Duer. She told us she loves the Club, and wants to keep it moving forward. She listed the plans for 2014 as discussed by the Board. Important events will be a pizza party in April, a concert in August, German Septemberfest, and a Christmas Cookie Party in December.
- Jim Whitten, a new club member, received his membership badge. We also greeted a guest, Floyd Thornton.
- The National Accordion Association Convention will be March 6, 7, 8, and 9 in Plano, Texas. The Southfork Hotel is the new location. Seven of our young students plan to attend the convention.
- The music began with performances by some of the youth group.
 - Job Elliott played "Florette" by P. Frosini
 - Tim Granger soloed with "Yesterday"

- Job and Dick performed "Bel Viso" by P. Frosini
- Isaac Elliott played "Barbara Polka"
- Laz Elliott played "This Is Our Song For You"

- We took time out from the music session to buy and distribute raffle tickets. There were many fine prizes ready to be taken home by the lucky winners.
- During the meeting, we all enjoyed the cookies and other refreshments brought by our members.
- On with the music!
 - Tom Phillips performed "All Through The Night"
 - Anne Lopez performed "Habañera," followed by "Cherry Pink and Apple Blossom White"
 - John Buchanan and Dick played "Route 66" and "Christmas Medley Polka"
 - Floyd Thornton played "The Salvation Medley"
 - Barbara Duer performed an Israeli version of "Jingle Bells" played in a minor key
 - Barbara and Dick played two duets: a Klezmer song and "Nobel Franz"
- The music continued while the winning raffle tickets were drawn:
 - The Accordionaires (Dan Orza, Karen West, John Buchanan, and Lois Roth) were joined by Janet Haskin, Barbara Mahar, and Annette Zongker. They performed "White Christmas," "Winter Wonderland," and "Merry Christmas Overture." They closed the meeting with the traditional "Auld Lang Syne."

Our next meeting will be Sunday, February 9. Let's get together and celebrate with some Valentine music!

Respectfully submitted,
Lois Roth (for Maggie Abel)



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The Bohemian Knights

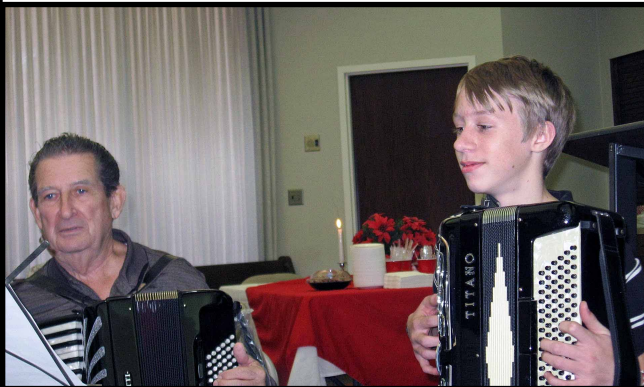
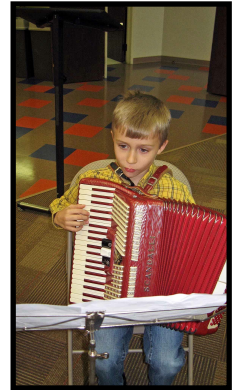
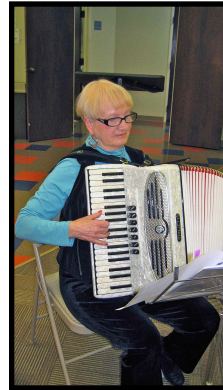
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I Love You Truly

Traditional Wedding dance

Arranged for the Bobemain Knights by Dick Albreski

Sheet music for the first system of "I Love You Truly". The music is in 3/4 time and features a melody line with lyrics and a bass line. The lyrics are: "M mi I M love you tru mi ly".

Sheet music for the second system of "I Love You Truly". The music is in 3/4 time and features a melody line with lyrics and a bass line. The lyrics are: "Tru mi ly 7 my dear M Life with its Sor mi rows 7".

Sheet music for the third system of "I Love You Truly". The music is in 3/4 time and features a melody line with lyrics and a bass line. The lyrics are: "Life mi with 7 its tears M Fades 7 in to dreams mi when I".

Sheet music for the fourth system of "I Love You Truly". The music is in 3/4 time and features a melody line with lyrics and a bass line. The lyrics are: "feel 7 you are near mi For M I Love you".

Sheet music for the fifth system of "I Love You Truly". The music is in 3/4 time and features a melody line with lyrics and a bass line. The lyrics are: "Tru - ly tru 7 - ly dear M fine".

OAC Members Note: Join in with the ACCORDIONAIERS with this song at the February meeting



The OAC at Work

Dick Albreski

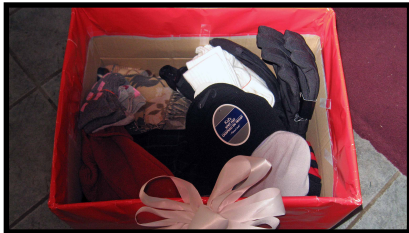
The OAC has one of the largest youth memberships in this area. We are proud to say that we have seven very talented young accordion players who are dedicated to the instrument. The OAC realizes the importance of supporting our Youth. They are the future for the accordion in our world. Each year, our members donate OAC funds and their personal donations to the young players so they can perform in various accordion functions.

One such function is the National Accordion Association Convention that meets each year in Dallas during the month of March. The OAC has supported our Youth by helping them financially to go and perform at this meeting since 2008.

In order to achieve funds for this endeavor, the OAC has in recent years held a raffle and silent

auction at our December meetings, with the intent of donating all proceeds to the Youth for their forthcoming Dallas trip. Last December's meeting was no exception. Thanks to the generosity of the OAC members and friends, there were many favorable items donated for raffle and auction. In addition, there were personal monetary donations from members and friends. At this moment in time, the OAC has raised \$360 for this program.

The OAC has another tradition that it supports at the December meetings: member donations of socks, gloves, hats, and scarves for the homeless. Again, their support filled one big box with items to keep the homeless warm, and it was donated to the *Oscar Romero Charities*.



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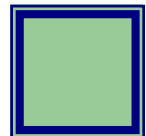
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