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The Oklahoma Accordion Club Newsletter

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WORLD ACCORDION DAY

What Are You Doing For World Accordion Day?

by [Harley Jones](#)

What are you doing for [World Accordion Day](#) to promote the accordion in your country? World Accordion day is on May 6, which is the day the accordion was patented in 1829.

[World Accordion Day](#) was started in 2009 by the [CIA](#), and has been very successful, generating a lot of positive publicity for the accordion. A key part of this event is the [World Accordion Day](#) website.

Every association, group, orchestra, performer, and teacher is asked to actively support this event by encouraging national and local accordion activities to happen in their country on this day or the weekend either side of Accordion Day, if that should be more convenient.

Everyone can register their [World Accordion Day](#) activity on the website, and send a report of their event afterwards, for that website.

No event is too big or too small. ALL accordion events celebrating [World Accordion Day](#) are welcome. This is a [CIA](#) promotion for the accordion, in which every accordion enthusiast can participate and help bring our accordion world together, as well as strongly promote the accordion.



February Meeting

The February meeting will be held on Sunday, February 12, 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

Hello, everyone. Hope you all come to the February meeting, we have lots of good music planned. The *OAC Band* will be playing, and the *Lois-Barbara-Karen Trio* for starters.

March 8-12 is the National Accordion Convention. I'm going again, and this will be my sixth year. Of course, the Convention is about the accordion, but for me it's about seeing the friends I've made over the last few years. I do play the accordion, but get to play my banjo too, as the rhythm instrument for the *Fun Band*.

I found this 2015 advertisement and other music from previous Conventions on *YouTube*. You'll see several people from our Club:

- <https://youtu.be/LYJOWcts-cs>

Fun Band:

- <https://youtu.be/yTKTn8kuoZo>

The Advanced Orchestra:

- <https://youtu.be/crmb5mmpHK0>

Tony Lovello:

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Wonderful Memories, Enjoy!

- Barbara



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Mark Your Calendars

Dick Albreski

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**. As accordionists, you cannot afford to miss this one. Tony Lovello will be one of the many headliners, plus the amazing Gary Blair from Scotland. Mark your calendars for this must-go event. You can view this event plus register on-line at www.nationalaccordion.org, and link into the Convention Information Center. *OAC* member Dick Albreski will conduct the *NAA Fun Band*, and the children's accordion ensemble.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: The *Oklahoma Accordion Club* will reschedule the March meeting to the third Sunday (March 19, 2017) instead of the traditional second Sunday. **This is for the March meeting only.** The reason is that most members will be at the *NAA*. Are you one of the members going to Dallas?

PIZZA PARTY! The *OAC* will hold its annual pizza party meeting on April 9, 2017, at the

Messiah Lutheran Church starting at 3:30 pm. Each member can bring one guest. **Reservations are a must.** Pizza relates to Italian music being played on your accordion. Sounds good to me.

FOR THE FUTURE

American Accordion Association (AAA) Festival will be held at the *Westin Princeton Hotel* at Forrestal Village, New Jersey, July 12-16, 2017. Accordion star performers, exhibits, banquets, competitions, plus workshops are planned. Mark your calendars.

Accordion Teachers Guild (ATG) will hold its annual meeting in Lisle, Illinois, July 19-23, 2017. Concerts, banquets, exhibits, workshops, and competitions will be featured. Mark your calendars.

Look for more accordion events in future issues of Squeezins.



Happy Birthday Wishes to the following OAC members:



Evelyn Albreski, February 2

T. Z. Wright, February 21

Bob Mansfield, February 24



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.



January Meeting

Maggie Abel

President Barbara Duer welcomed 20 Club members and two guests to the January 8, 2017, meeting. Visitors were Anne Lopez's mother, Cassi Radicelli, from Ohio, and new member Gabriel Kovacs' mother, Susan.

- Member Jimmie Woolley announced that today was the birthday of Elvis Presley.
- Barbara reminded the group to choose and practice their songs now to play in the August Club concert.
- It is also time to register for the upcoming National Accordion Convention taking place the second weekend in March in Richardson, Texas.
- The *Oklahoma Accordion Band* and the Club's *Youth Band* will play at the convention, both led by former Club President Dick Albreski.
- Member Bob Mansfield played a French tune, "Lom de Poet," which he followed with "Chattanooga Choo Choo," accompanied by his vocals.
- Dick led Lois Roth, Karen West, Toni Paulding, Maggie Abel, Barbara Duer, Gabriel Kovacs, and

Beth Henson in the playing of "Marie," "Cielito Lindo," "I Love You Truly," and "Auld Lang Syne."

- Karen played "Winter Wonderland" and "On the Road Again," after which Barbara played "Calliope Rag."
- Dick played three of the *Fun Band* songs to be performed at the 2017 convention next month: "Polkatime in Texas," "Play a Simple Melody," and "Give Me My Heart Back" (a Yankovic tune). At the convention, additional songs to be played by the *Fun Band* are "Blue Skies Medley" and "Eviva España."
- Crowd favorite Wayne Turgeon played "Liebestraum" and "Danube Waves" (aka, "Oh How We Danced").

As the second Sunday slot in March is taken up by the Texas convention, our local *OAC* March meeting will occur one week later than usual -- that is, on the third Sunday, March 19.

- Club Secretary Maggie Abel



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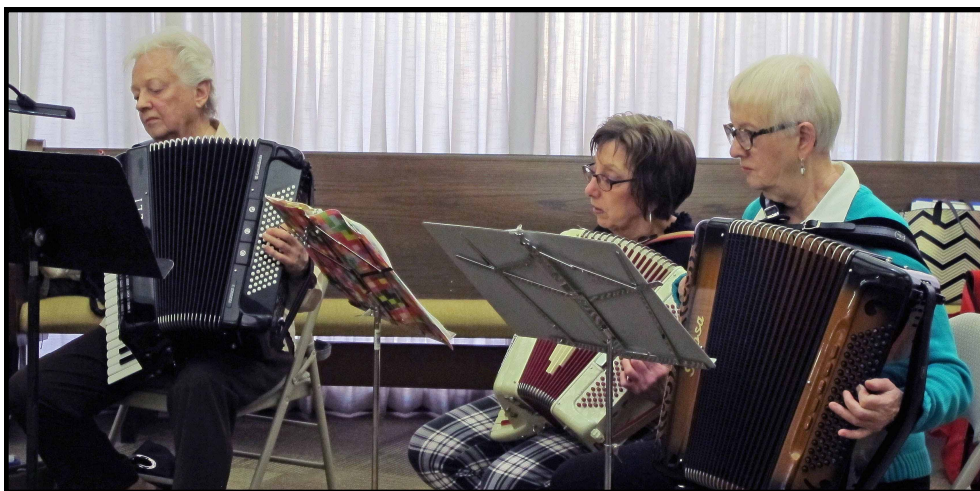
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☐ Family Membership is \$10.00 per year for each additional family member when accompanied by a Primary Membership.

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

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

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