

# SQUEEZINS

"Our squeezin'...is pleasin'"



The Oklahoma Accordion Club Newsletter

## Welcome to the 2019 National Accordion Convention

Hyatt Regency Hotel in Richardson, Texas: March 7 - 9, 2019

2019 Call for Vendors

2019 Conventioneers in Leadership Roles!

New for 2019: Wear Your Cap or Hat!

2019 Preparation Assignment 1: Know your 2019 Presenters!

How many can you name? They are pictured in alphabetical order. (The answer is below the Conference Center layout form.)



Once you have identified the names, go to the *Workshop Description* page and read the personal information!

## March Meeting

The January meeting will be held on **Sunday, March 17 at 3:30 pm, NOT March 10.**

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 the fun!



# Prez Sez

Maggie Abel

Sharing a funny story from our last Club meeting: Delightful guest Jean Hill, a teacher of Irish step dancing, told of purchasing her first accordion. Having no teacher, she taught herself to play. A few months later, as she performed for friends, someone showed her an accordion record album (yes, vinyl). Looking at the cover photo, she deduced that, since day one, she had been playing her accordion upside down! Well, she rotated it, and has kept it sunny side up ever since!

Still looking to share a ride to or from the *NAA* convention? Member Ron Shearon is driving Wednesday morning March 6 to Dallas, and returning March 9 after the Saturday banquet. He offered to be contacted about sharing his ride at [rlshearon@gmail.com](mailto:rlshearon@gmail.com).

Newsflash: Remember, our usual second Sunday March 10 meeting has been CHANGED to March 17, as members will be driving home from the 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual *National Accordion Association* convention in Dallas. That will make the March 17 meeting quite an exciting one, with stories and reports to be shared.

March 17 meeting: Convention photos and video clips will be shown at the meeting with a projector. Members playing in the August concert will demonstrate their progress in polishing the numbers they have chosen.

April 14 meeting: It's one of our favorite meetings of the year -- the PIZZA PARTY! One guest is welcome per member, or for a donation, \*unlimited\* guests. You'll have a chance to select your preferred toppings, as the date gets closer.

Hats off to Wayne Turgeon, who resolves to play several numbers at each meeting, even bringing his own entourage to cheer him on. How do you motivate yourself to practice? "The family that plays together, stays together" is a favorite quote of Dick Albreski. If one of your family members could take up the accordion, or even play some other instrument along with you, wouldn't that be delightful? Some Club members find it inspiring to practice each week with others as a duet or trio. Someone you get to know at a monthly meeting may be the perfect candidate for a practice partner.

One thing that happens at the convention is that attendees have a chance to peruse a number of accordion vendors who come in from other states to display their wares. Right there on the spot, you could trade in the accordion you are currently playing for a different one -- new or used. Perhaps a red one, one with the musette sound, a lighter one to stroll with, or one of the digital models (supported by a rapidly growing number of convention workshops). Maybe you'd like some more-comfortable straps, or some with the alpine flower design. The accordion selection there is greater than you'll find in any showroom, even in our capital city.

"Better late than never" is the motto of our Treasurer Tom Phillips, as he checks his mail for dues from members who have overlooked settling up. His address is 3326 NS 367 Rd., Holdenville, OK 74844. The fee is \$20, or \$10 for additional family members.

To practice with the jammers, arrive early at the March 17 meeting (see Secretary report for times). If you don't have the simple, fun jam song sheet music, let jam master Barbara Duer or me know, and we will speedily e-mail them!

Have a dynamite month!

• Maggie Abel, OAC President



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- Bob Mansfield
- Tom Phillips
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# Mark Your Calendars

Dick Albreski

**Not Just Oom-PAH Accordion Workshop & Concert** will be held April 5-7, 2019, in Austin, Texas. A Free Concert will be held on April 5, from 6:00 to 9:00 pm at the *Central Market* located at 4001 North Lamar Blvd. in Austin, Texas. Jamie Maschler, Rachel Bell, and Karen Axelrod will perform an entertaining array of toe-tapping music. Workshops will be held on April 6 and 7 at the *Lamar Senior Activity Center*, 2874 Shoal Crest Ave., Austin, Texas. In addition, there will be folk dance session from 2:00 to 4:00 pm on April 7, followed by a jam session from 4:00 to 5:00 pm, at the *Lamar Senior Activity Center*. Total cost is \$175.00 for accordionists (includes lunch Saturday and Sunday, and all workshop materials), and \$60.00 for non-accordionist (includes lunch Saturday and Sunday). For more details, check on-line at [Vjeverica.com](http://Vjeverica.com), or call Shirley Johnson at 512/680-0422, or Laura Niland at 210/651-4359.

**PIZZA PARTY!** The *OAC* will hold its annual Pizza Party Meeting on April 14, 2019, at the *Messiah Lutheran Church* starting at 3:30 pm. Each member can bring one guest, BUT reservations are a must. Pizza relates to Italy -- Italy relates to the accordion -- need I say more? Plan on it!

The **AMERICAN ACCORDIONISTS ASSOCIATION (AAA)** presents *FESTIVAL 2019*, July 17-21, 2019, at the *Valley Forge Casino Resort*

(*Radisson Hotel*) in King of Prussia, Pennsylvania. Guests include Peter Maric, Michael Bridge, Guest Conductor Vesna Mihonovic, Joe Natoli, Rachel Quirbach, and Dr. Robert Young McMahan. Other activities include workshops, *Junior and Senior Festival Orchestras* Carrozza Scholarship, and Youth Jazz Ensembles. For more info, visit the website at: <http://www.ameraccord.com/festival.php>.

**ACCORDIONISTS & TEACHERS GUILD INTL. (ATG)** will present its 79<sup>th</sup> meeting in Denver, Colorado, July 24- 27, 2019. This Festival is the year of the DUOS. The *ATG* will feature some of the best accordion duos, plus workshops, competitions, and Festival orchestra. Featured artists include Jamie Maschler & Gabriel Rodrigues, Augustinas Ruakaukas & Greta Staponkute, Kim & Dan Christian, and John & Madalynn Neu with *The Voice of the Wood Chamber Players*. For further info, visit the website: <https://www.atgaccordions.com/2019-festival>.

**2019 Coupe Mondiale** will be held August 12-18, 2019, in Shenzhen, China. Here's your chance to see and hear the most talented accordionists. China isn't that far away. For further info, visit the website: [http://www.coupemondiale.org/2019/cn\\_coupemain.html](http://www.coupemondiale.org/2019/cn_coupemain.html).

Look for more accordion events in future issues of *Squeezins*.



Happy Birthday Wishes to  
the following OAC members:

**Ted Shadid, March 1**

**Ronald Shearon, March 1**

**Janet Haskin, March 8**

**Jim Whitten, March 13**

**Becky Rickard, March 25**

**Dan Hanson, March 28**

**Barbara Duer, March 30**

***My apologies to Evie for incorrect name spelling in February. Karen***

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](mailto:accordion_karen@yahoo.com).



# February Meeting

Anne Lopez

## OAC Meeting Minutes February 10, 2019

President Maggie Abel opened the meeting at 3:35 pm with 19 members and 4 guests in attendance. Questions about the upcoming *National Accordion Association* convention were directed to the website (<http://www.accordions.com/naa>) to obtain the best hotel rates, which include a great breakfast. Members who are going to attend were advised that music in three parts could be downloaded from the site for the various convention bands. Carpools and roommates were suggested. Members were asked to contact Barbara Pedersen, [pedersen.barbara@yahoo.com](mailto:pedersen.barbara@yahoo.com), as she would like to catch a ride and/or roommate to the convention. The excitement is mounting for those who will attend!

Jean Hill, a guest who teaches Irish step dancing, demonstrated an Irish jig. She brought her accordion and played a merry Irish jig. She also played:

- "March of St. Timothy," a contra dance, and
- "The Irish Washerwoman"

Come again soon, Jean!

Larry Gering suggested we create a monthly "gig" calendar, so Club members can attend the events of fellow members. Dick Albreski puts many such events in his newsletter calendar.

An Italian bandoneon will be playing at the Civic Center, Saturday, February 16, at 8:00 pm. The bandoneon is a type of button box.

Bob Mansfield brought up a great tip. *Pender's Music Store* sells music stand extensions. Sounds like a great idea. Who hasn't struggled with that third or fourth page of music?

Bob also explained that his *Weltmeister* accordion has a French sound on his reeds. He played the beautiful "Where is Your Heart." He is also working with a Tejano musician to write a Tejano polka. He played his own composition:

- "Hill Country Polka"

Dick Albreski serenaded us with his Valentine party songs:

- "I'm in the Mood for Love"
- "Lover"

Maggie reminded us that Club members help to set up the meeting room at 2:00 pm. The officers meet at 2:30 pm, and jamming officially starts at 3:00 pm. However, some early birds begin jamming a bit

sooner, while the officers are still meeting. Official Club meeting starts at 3:30 pm.

Ron Shearon drives 85 miles to attend, all the way from Bison, Oklahoma. Last month he showed us his *Giulietti* accordion. This time he brought his "aluminum" *Hohner* accordion to demonstrate the musette reed sound when he played:

- "This Song Is for You"

Wayne Turgeon brought three guests with him. Thanks, Wayne! He played:

- "Over the Waves"
- "Emperor Waltz"

Anne Lopez and Lois Roth romanced us with:

- "Harbor Lights"
- "You Can't Be True Dear"
- "Only You"

The *Fun Band* (Lois Roth, Karen West, Toni Paulding, and Barb Duer on her banjo), led by Dick, entertained us with many songs:

- "Melodie D'Amour"
- "That's Amore"
- "Liechtensteiner Polka"
- "Are You Lonesome Tonight" waltz medley
- "Salute to George M. Cohan"

The *Band* will be rehearsing to play at the Convention.

Karen ended our meeting with a golden oldie:

- "Breaking Up Is Hard to Do"

### REMINDERS:

Members were reminded that the usual second Sunday Club meeting in March will be moved to the THIRD SUNDAY, March 17, due to the May 6-10 accordion convention.

If you plan to play in our annual August concert, you should already be preparing. Members are requested to perform their numbers for the Club beginning in May, in order to get used to playing before a group, and give Maggie the name of their pieces.

If you haven't paid your dues, please send your renewal to Treasurer Tom Phillips, 3326 NS 367 Rd., Holdenville, OK 74844, or in person at the meeting. Thanks!

- Anne Lopez, Secretary



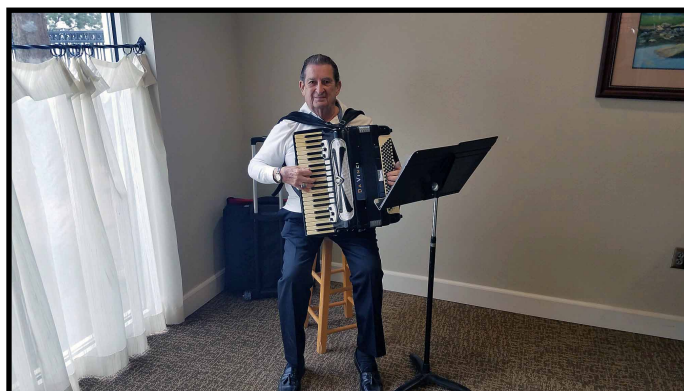
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Diana Richard



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# Bio Sign

This month, the subject of our OAC biography is Past President Barbara Duer, who is not a native Okie, like many of us, but was born and raised in Oil City, Pennsylvania. She has had two sons, five grandchildren, and three great grandchildren, and has been a widow for several years.

Barbara comes from a musically talented family — her grandfather played the concertina, and she had two aunts who played the piano accordion. She started playing with a 12-bass accordion when she was 10 years old, and had to wait until she was 16 to get a 120-bass.

Besides playing the accordion, she also plays the guitar, banjo, mandolin, and piano, and we are lucky that she contributes these many talents to our Club meetings and other Club functions. In addition, Barbara sings in a girls' trio at the Senior



Cabaret, the Accordion Trio, plays at the annual NAA convention, and plays with a Ladies Accordion Trio at local retirement and nursing homes.

On top of all that, Barbara also finds the time (when?) to do flower gardening, quilting, knitting, cooking, visiting and cooking for friends, and playing and singing country music with friends.

In addition to all these activities, Barbara has been an OAC member for nine years. During these years, she has also found the time to serve as our president. Her tenure was very successful, and contributed greatly to the continued success of our Club. Her President's columns in the Squeezins are fondly remembered for the many things we learned from them, both accordion- and music-related.



## Oklahoma Accordion Club Membership & Renewal Form

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I prefer to receive the monthly newsletter, the Oklahoma Squeezins', by: ☐ E-mail ☐ Conventional mail

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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Primary Membership is \$20 per year per individual                                                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Lifetime Membership is a one-time fee of \$300                               |
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Your status (please check all that apply):

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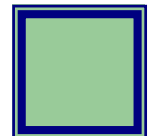


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