

THE OKLAHOMA SQUEEZINS

"Our squeezin'...is pleasin'"

The Oklahoma Accordion Club Newsletter



***St. Patrick says:
whether you
listen or play —
we'll have
the luck of the
Irish
this Sunday!!!***

Meetup Info for Sunday, Mar 8, 2026 — 3:30 PM

Oklahoma Accordion Club (founded in 2000) meets in person once again Sunday, March 8, 2025, at 3:30 PM at Messiah Lutheran Church, on the SE corner of Portland Ave. & NW Expressway in Oklahoma City. The south entrance to the church (there's a portico at that doorway in case of rain!) takes you to the foyer, where the sound of music (or the sight of signage) directs you to us and our accordions!

Snacks are welcome! Bring your accordion, or just come as you are and sit down with us to drink in the sweet sounds!

If you can't attend the 3:30 PM meetup in person, you can experience some of it via *Zoom* — using the same codes (see **red type** below) you may have used in previous years. **Zoom's musical sound quality has recently improved!** So feel free to tune us in! Here's how:

On computer, tablet, or smartphone, to join us with both audio and video, go to

**[https://
us02web.zoom.us/
j/5236709799](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5236709799)**



PREZ SEZ

Maggie Abel

**In Dublin's heart, when March arrives,
A joyful tune begins to rise.
With nimble hands and sparkling eyes,
We lift our squeezeboxes to the skies.**

**Accordions dance, lively and bright,
Spilling green melodies into the night.
Folks stomp their feet, laugh and sway,
To sweet shamrock songs on St. Patrick's Day.**

**Each note is a wish, each chord a cheer,
Bringing friends and family near—
For as long as our music fills the air,
The spirit of Ireland is always there!**



Couldn't help admiring the beautiful Castiglione that Lucy played last month!

**Our next Oklahoma Accordion Club meetup is Sunday,
March 8 at 3:30 PM @ Messiah Lutheran Church, OKC**

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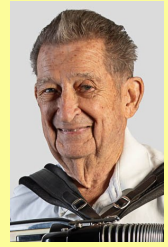
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Put YOUR name here!!

Mark Those Calendars!

by Dick Albreski



NATIONAL ACCORDION CONFERENCE (not convention) will be held in Forney, Texas (21 miles east of Dallas), from March 18th to the 21st, 2026. Registrations for the TownePlace Suites are now open. To register go to N.A.A. website. Fee with banquet for accordionists is \$200. Your non-accordionist partner tagging along is just \$50. Reservations won't require payment until March 2026. Reservations may be canceled, and refunds are available. This year's event will mark the 40th anniversary of the National Accordion Association.

The musical journey began in 1986 and has grown to be one of the most attended, respected, and anticipated events of the accordion world. The emphasis in 2026 will be "Accordion Fun Band and Orchestra." If this tempts you, make plans to attend. The Fun Band music for 2026 has been determined and it is currently available on the NAA 2026 website. I encourage all to download the music at this point in time. I will also be available to help with the music.

The Orchestra will encourage additional instruments to join in for a more diversified sound. We aim to please and have one of the best meetings ever in 2026. For more and current information go to accordions.com, the National Accordion Association website or the OAC Newsletter. See you in Forney, Texas, on March 18th, 2026!

HEADS UP! Great IDEAS Symposium 5.0 for Digital Accordions will be held on June 21-24, 2026. More information to follow. For now, go to gr8ideas.org

SQUEEZE PLAY is an invitation to join the SAN DIEGO Accordion Extravaganza & Band Camp from May 13th to the 16th, 2026, at the Wyndham Days Inn, San Diego, California. It is being presented by Kim and Dan Christian. There will be 3 days of intensive practice and an evening concert on Saturday, May 16th. Once registered you receive all the music plus a schedule of Zoom and video lessons even prior to the concert. Room reservations are \$119 with free parking. You can get more info by calling SqueezePlay.biz @ 719-459-2061 or go to the Squeeze Play website.

— Dick

Free Accordion Music

Check out the following sites for new and free accordion music:

- Donquattrocchi.com
- 8notes.com/accordion

Try em! You'll like em!



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Report of February Meeting

Secretary Lois Roth

The Oklahoma Accordion Club met on Sunday, February 8, for a Valentine celebration.

There were two guests and fourteen members present. Three attendees were on Zoom.

President Maggie Abel called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm and welcomed everyone.

We recited The Pledge of Allegiance and sang "America The Beautiful."

The accordion players who performed were

Ron Shearon, Maggie Abel, Shayla Chavis-Smith, Dick Albreski, Anne Lopez, and Lois Roth.

We also enjoyed a new duo — Milo Shedeck on clarinet and his wife Lucy Shedeck on accordion. Their songs included "Tinker Polka" and "Snow Waltz." Milo had a B-flat clarinet and was transposing the music as he played.

We also had a singalong of several love songs whose lyrics Frank Boyd projected on the wall.

Dick reminded us about the

Accordion Conference in March. The hotel rooms have kitchenettes this year, and two bands will perform at the Saturday night banquet.

The meeting was adjourned. As typical, there was jamming before and after the meeting.

We'll meet again Sunday March 8 at 3:30 pm. Join us for a wee bit of Irish music!

Daylight Saving begins that day so don't be late!

*Respectfully submitted,
Lois Roth, OAC Secretary*

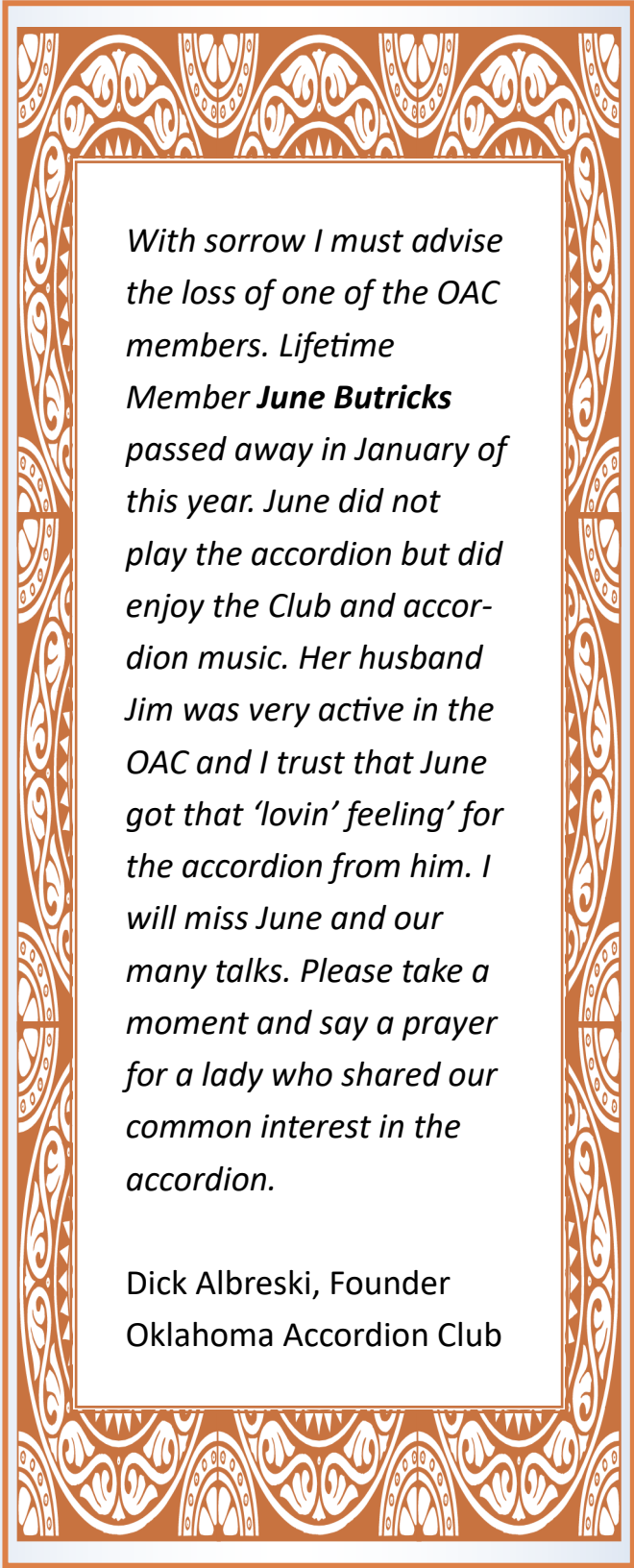
Birthday Greetings!



Ron Shearon & Tad Shadid	March 1
Janet Haskin	March 8
Earl Folk	March 16
Becky Rickard	March 25
Dan Hanson	March 28



*Your birthdate is collected from your OAC membership application, if you've chosen to include it.
If your birthdate isn't listed on our newsletter birthday page during the year,
please contact Karen West at 405-949-0394, or at accordion_karen@yahoo.com*



*With sorrow I must advise the loss of one of the OAC members. Lifetime Member **June Butricks** passed away in January of this year. June did not play the accordion but did enjoy the Club and accordion music. Her husband Jim was very active in the OAC and I trust that June got that 'lovin' feeling' for the accordion from him. I will miss June and our many talks. Please take a moment and say a prayer for a lady who shared our common interest in the accordion.*

Dick Albreski, Founder
Oklahoma Accordion Club



**OAC Meetup
Feb. 8, 2026**

Pix: Diana L. Richard





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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.

- ☐ Primary Membership is \$20 per year per individual ☐ Lifetime Membership is a one-time fee of \$300
☐ Family Membership is \$10 per year for each additional family member, when accompanied by a Primary Membership ☐ Youth Membership is complimentary for accordion-playing youth through age 18

Your status (please check all that apply): ☐ Professional ☐ Teacher ☐ Repairman ☐ Student
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