

SQUEEZINS

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The Oklahoma Accordion Club Newsletter

Polka Kings on reelz.com



Polka Kings is an original, half-hour reality series, taking viewers on an incredible journey with *The Chardon Polka Band* in their foot-tapping quest to achieve mainstream status while bringing polka to the masses with a modern twist to the happiest music on earth. The group is always finding themselves in crazy situations ranging from private parties to nursing homes, Ukrainian summer camps to the *Duct Tape Festival* in Avon, Ohio. Each week *Polka Kings*

follows the dynamic group as they attempt to survive each other, and keep their personal and professional lives from derailing their quest for stardom. *Polka Kings* is produced by *High Noon Entertainment* with Jim Berger, Scott Feeley, Patrick Jager and Ross McCall serving as Executive Producers.

You can watch *Polka Kings* on-line at Reelz.com starting Saturday, April 11 at 8:30 pm CDT.

April Meeting

The April meeting will be held on Sunday, April 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.

After the individual and group performances, we will have a Jam Session.

Members are invited to bring snacks for everyone.

All are welcome to join in on the fun!



The Prez Sez

Barbara Duer

It's time to choose your music for the concert. Everyone has an opportunity to perform. My advice is to choose a piece you already know to some extent, maybe not perfected yet. I wouldn't choose a new piece at this late date. Start really practicing every day your piece (or pieces) of music. Break it into sections, especially the areas where you have problems, and just practice those areas. Start playing your music at every meeting so you get used to playing in front of an audience, and we're a nice friendly audience. Start this month, you'll have four opportunities and four months to get your selections ready. You can also consider having someone play a rhythm instrument to accompany you. It adds to the entertainment (and can also cover up mistakes).

See you all at the meeting.

• Barbara



Hijacked

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- Roland Lohmann and his twin brother Milo Shedeck, April 14
- Annette Zongker, April 18
- Beth Henson, April 25
- Ophelia Woody, April 27

The Club's treasury is on budget for another great year for the annual Pizza Party, *Septemberfest*, and Accordion Concert.

Respectively,
• Milo



Mark Your Calendars

Dick Albreski

OAC Annual Pizza Party will be held on April 12, 2015 at the *Messiah Lutheran Church*, located at Portland and Northwest Expressway, OKC. Reservations are required. Contact Karen West at 405/949-0394. Serving starts at 3:30 pm. Bring your appetite and your accordion.

Las Vegas INTERNATIONAL ACCORDION will hold it's 16th Annual Convention at the Gold Coast Hotel & Casino June 22-25, 2015. Enjoy this four nights and three days of accordion stars, workshops, and special events. For more information visit Vegas@AccordionStars.com.

American Accordion Association will host their *2015 National Convention* July

8-12, 2015 at the *Holiday Inn Hotel*, Alexandria, Virginia.

Accordion Teachers Guild will have their *75th Anniversary Festival* in Lisle (Chicago), Illinois at the *Hyatt Lisle* July 22-25, 2015.

OAC will hold their third annual An Accordion Affair on August 9, 2015 at the *Czech Hall* on Czech Hall Road in Yukon, OK. The concert will be from 2:30 to 4:30 pm. All OAC members are encouraged to perform, plus bring family and friends. Once again, Lucas Ross from *KFOR* will show his accordion talents and emcee the program.

Look for more accordion events in future issues of Squeezins.



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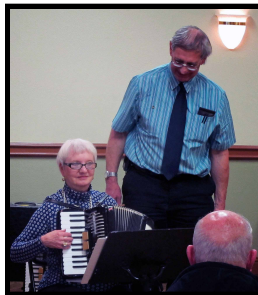
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NAA Convention

Diana Richard





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

- ☐ Primary Membership is \$16.00 per year per individual.
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☐ Lifetime Membership is a one-time fee of \$180.
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