

SQUEEZINS

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The Oklahoma Accordion Club Newsletter



It's a true Easter Miracle!!!

In breaking news, Pope Francis absolves all accordion players. In a statement to the press, Pope Francis said, "It's time to forgive them for all the past suffering they have inflicted -- as long as they play something cool, like Zydeco or Tex-Mex." An official ceremony will be held at *Our Lady of Spain Catholic Church*.

April Meeting

The April meeting will be held on Sunday, April 10, 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.

April is the month for our annual Pizza Party. Call Karen West at 405/949-0394 to make reservations. Also, give Karen your pizza choice: cheese, pepperoni, supreme, or veggie.

Remember, we will be signing up for the August concert at the May meeting, so have your music selected by then. If you aren't at the meeting you can e-mail me at bduer@sbcglobal.net to reserve your spot. Last year, because of time constrictions, each player or group was limited to five minutes.

I am continuing to explore Charles Magnante, another Accordion Master in playing, transposing, and composing. You can explore the sites by holding down the control key and clicking in the following:

Charles Magnante started his professional career playing in Italian restaurants, and on the *Staten Island Ferry*. However, he wanted to break free from the "O Sole Mio image" of the stereotypical *Italian-American* accordionist, which his audiences expected to hear. In the 1940s, he was the leader of a successful trio with *guitarist Tony Mottola* and *organist George Wright*, and played regularly on *NBC* radio broadcasts. He worked also as a sought-after studio musician.^[1] At the peak of his career, he played 30 live radio broadcasts (including *The Jack Berch Show*^[3]) and eight studio sessions each week. He performed also as a solo concert musician, and once performed a solo concert at the *Civic Stadium* of *Buffalo, New York* for an audience of 40,000 (From *Wikipedia*).

From YouTube:

"Waltz Allegro" by Mario Pedone: <https://youtu.be/Dh8xKylSXLE>

"Accordion Boogie": <https://youtu.be/hrhqqfxvhnc>

Enjoy,

• Barbara



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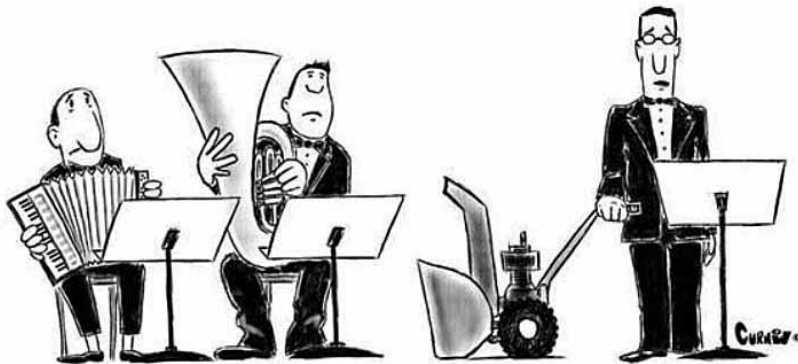
Dick Albreski

PIZZA PARTY! The *OAC* will hold its annual pizza party at the April meeting, to be held on April 10, 2016. Reservations are a must! Each member is entitled to bring one guest. Make plans to attend.

The Accordion Teachers Guild (ATG) will hold their 76th Anniversary Festival in Lisle (Chicago), Illinois, from July 22 to July 26. This year they will feature Grayson Masefield from New Zealand. He is a five-time world accordion champion.

The American Accordionists Association (AAA) will hold their annual 2016 Festival in Buffalo, New York at the *Adams Mark Hotel* from July 6 to July 10. This year's event will include an excursion to Niagara Falls, workshops, and hands-on-sessions, plus spectacular concerts.

Look for more accordion events in future issues of Squeezins.



"I'd like to dedicate my next composition to an I.R.S. agent who needs tangible evidence that a snowblower can be filed as a musical instrument deduction."

April Birthdays



**Happy Birthday Wishes to
the following OAC members:**

Tad Shadid, April 1

Janet Haskin, April 8

Bernie Adler, April 9

Becky Rickard, April 25

Dan Hanson, April 28

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.



March Meeting

Maggie Abel

Oklahoma Accordion Club Meeting Minutes March 20, 2016

Oklahoma Accordion Club President Barbara Duer opened the first meeting after the previous week's *National Accordion Association* convention in Dallas. Present were 23 members and 3 guests.

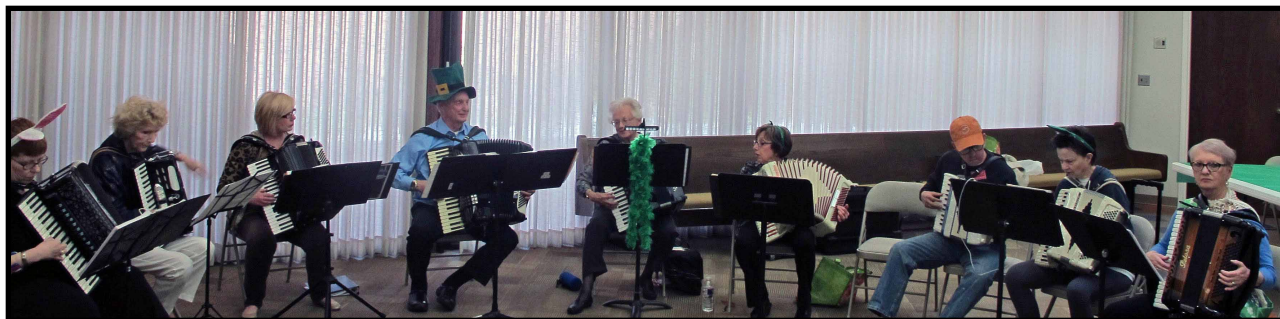
- Barbara made several announcements. The Club newsletter may be spiced up by the addition of more photos, plus links to videos of members' accordion performances in future editions. Club by-laws are anticipated to change as dues are proposed to increase to \$20 per year for members and \$10 for additional family members. Members will vote on this on-line.
- The Club is studying the music of Charles Magnante this month.
- At the May meeting, members will be asked to register their anticipated choice of "recital" pieces to be played in the August *Czech Hall* concert. "Bring fans to the concert," said Karen. Dan will put the concert poster in the *Harley-Davidson* shop in Yukon, and Chuck Vodicka will put flyers in customers' bags. Last year, Karen did the publicity, and Maggie created the printed program. Karen said volunteers will be needed for publicity, setup, and cleanup after the concert.
- Members who gave a brief testimony about attending the Dallas convention the week before included Bob Mansfield, Steven Scott, Maggie Abel, Barbara, and Past President Dick Albreski.
 - Fifty-one accordionists participating the adult *Fun Band*, which Dick directed.
 - Seven young people populated the *Youth Band*.
 - Bob and George Secor gave a freebase concert.
 - The *Accordionaires*, including Tulsa participants, played at the "15 Minutes of Fame Event."
 - Steven Scott praised the final evening's live concert that had three young accordionists onstage presenting a nontraditional program.
- Treasurer Milo Shedeck reported that checks from the Club's December auction were sent to families

whose youth participated in the *Youth Band* at the convention. He passed around thank-you cards received from the families.

- The *Accordionaires* (director Dan Orza, Lois Roth, Karen West, and Maggie Abel) were joined by Bob Mansfield, Steven Scott, John Buchanan, Barbara Duer, T. Z. Wright, and Tulsa's, Annette Zongker, Mary Hojem, Janet Haskin, and Vicky Mansur. They played "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling," "My Wild Irish Rose," "McNamara's Band," "Peg O' My Heart," "I'm Lookin' Over a Four Leaf Clover," "Sweet Rosie O'Grady," "Danny Boy," "The Band Played On," and "Easter Parade."
- T. Z. Wright, who received his gold Lifetime Member badge, then played, "A Walk in the Irish Rain," "The Star of the County Down," and "No Nay Never No More."
- Bob Mansfield played "Groove Doctor," a waltz written by *Ladies at Play*, and transcribed for accordion by Bob. He also played "Free Again" by Armand Comlin and Josh Passelli. Barbara Streisand has sung it. Finally, he played "The Unreal Reel," which he arranged.
- Dick and Barbara played a fiddle tune, "Harvest Home," followed by "Ashokan Farewell."
- Barbara then presented "The Galway Hornpipe."
- Anne Lopez won the "Chia Pet iMuppet" in a drawing conducted by Karen.
- Colleen Rettman played and sang "Fiddlers Green," which is often played by her brother Kevin.
- Steven Scott played a waltz entitled "Melody Moments" from the Sedlon method book.
- Anne and Dick played "Tarantella Napoletano," a famous Irish/Sicilian tune. They followed that with "Speak Softly Love," the theme from "The Godfather." And finally, a medley combining "Easter Parade" with the "Pennsylvania Polka."

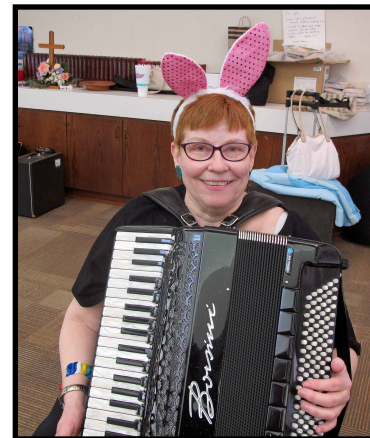
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Maggie Abel
Secretary



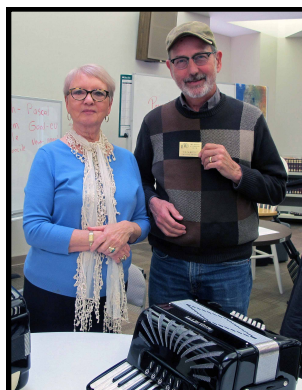
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| ☐ Family Membership is \$8 per year for each additional family member when accompanied by a Primary Membership | ☐ Youth Membership is complimentary for accordion-playing youth through age 18 |

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