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The Oklahoma Accordion Club Newsletter

SUNDAY APRIL 14 @3:30 PM

IS OUR OAC

PIZZA PARTY

April showers may bring May flowers--
and it also brings Oklahoma Accordion Club's
fabulous **Annual Pizza Party!**



Nothing could be finer than to bite into a piece of **supreme, pepperoni, cheese, or veggie pizza** -- accompanied by spirit-lifting accordion music provided by our Club members.

So that the pizza may be plentiful, **RESERVATIONS BY NOON, SATURDAY, APRIL 13**, are requested for this April 14 event. Each member is **free to invite one guest**. (But for a **donation, you may invite additional guests.**) Our reservations mistress, Vice-President Karen West, would like to be emailed at accordion_karen@yahoo.com. If email is not convenient, leave a **voice message on 405-949-0394**, Karen's home phone. Or a **text-only message on 405-830-1058**, her cell phone. In your message, state the number of attendees and your preference among the four types of pizza mentioned above!

April Meeting

The April meeting will be held on Sunday, April 14, 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.

Before the meeting — from 2:30 to 3:30 — The *OAC Band*, directed by Barbara Duer, practices and plays easily played tunes. **All members are encouraged to participate in the fun!**



Prez Sez

Maggie Abel

The Sunday, April 14 PIZZA PARTY meeting — one of our favorite meetings of the year — combines three senses: the TASTE of good pizza, the HEARING of memorable accordion songs, and the SIGHT of familiar friends enjoying these things with you! It's a must to notify our Principal of Pizza, Vice-President Karen West, of your pizza preferences, and the attendance of additional guests **by noon, Saturday, April 13**. One guest is welcome per member, or for a donation, "unlimited" guests. See the pizza party flyer on the front page of this newsletter for pizza topping choices, and Karen's contact info!

Last month's Club attendees enjoyed watching our members as seen in the Dallas *National Accordion Association* convention photos and video clips, shown using a projector. We'll repeat that feature this Sunday with more clips you haven't seen. Maybe you're in them! If you have any *NAA* images or videos on your smartphone or tablet, bring the device with you, and we'll project them, too!

Members intending to play in our August 11, 2019 concert at *Yukon Czech Hall* are invited to practice at *OAC* meetings to demonstrate their progress in polishing the numbers they have chosen. Let the May meeting be your final deadline for joining with other members to "practice presenting" your special piece(s)!

Surprisingly, one or two members are still searching in vain for returnable pop bottles to accumulate funds to pay their Club dues. The fee is \$20, or \$10 for additional family members. Direct your loot to *OAC* Treasurer Tom Phillips, 3326 NS 367 Rd., Holdenville, OK 74844, to stay in good standing!

Have you resolved to practice with the *OAC* (AKA "simple tunes") *Band*? If so, arrive early before the April 14 meeting (2:30 through 3:30 p.m.). If you don't already have the three simple, fun jam sheet music songs for the month of April, send word to Jam-Master Barbara Duer, or to me, and they shall be e-mailed forthwith!

SAVING THE BEST NEWS FOR LAST! Here's something great to look forward to! Nick Ballarini from Dallas has offered to come to *OAC*'s June meeting to demonstrate the new digital accordion -- *Bugari-Evo* -- plus other accordion electronic advancements. I am so very eager to get this information firsthand. Nick is a charming performer who presents popular workshops at the *National Accordion Association* conventions each year.



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Mark Your Calendars

Dick Albreski

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!

OAC Meeting June 9, 2019. Nick Ballarini, *accordionist extraordinaire* from Dallas, will demonstrate the latest in digital accordions, plus the new electronics for acoustic accordions. Make this meeting a must for the exciting new advancements in the accordion world.

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 79th 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, Augustnas 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.

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



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

Milo Shedeck, April 14

Annette Zongker, April 18

Beth Henson, April 25

Ophelia Woody, April 27



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

Anne Lopez

OAC Meeting Minutes March 17, 2019

Our March meeting commenced with the officers meeting at 2:35 pm. Jamming started at 3:00 pm, with Maggie Abel, Lois Roth, Karen West, Barb Mahar, Toni Paulding, and Barbara Duer. President Maggie opened the members' meeting at 3:35 pm, with 16 members and one guest present.

The Jammers played:

- * "That's an Irish Lullaby"
- * "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling"
- * "The Wearing of the Green"

Maggie shared four short videos from the 32nd Annual *National Accordion Association* Convention that was held last week in Dallas. The videos, which we all thoroughly enjoyed, were projected onto the meeting room wall. We were able to see a great performance of Barbara Duer and Lou LeBrun playing:

- * "Ilta Budabatessa"

Dick Albreski and Greg Klugiewicz outdid themselves playing:

- * "Beer Barrel Polka"

The *Fun Band*, led by Dick Albreski, did a great job playing:

- * "That's Amoré"

Lastly, we got to see Job Elliot doing a professional job on his rendition of:

- * "The Star Spangled Banner"

We so enjoyed the video that we asked Maggie to do more video presentations at future meetings. Anne Lopez suggested we see presentations of famous accordion players like Dick Contino, Charles Magnante, etc.

Anne and Lois had everyone singing as they played:

- * "The Band Played On"
- * "When the Saints Go Marching In"

Anne then soloed with the tango:

- * "La Rosita"

Ron Shearon brought guest Barbara Yuill, who surprised everyone by bringing her accordion and playing:

- * "I Love To Dance"

Thanks, Barbara!

Karen, Lois, and Barbara Duer entertained us with all things Irish. Great job, girls!

- * "O'Malley's Song"
- * "JBOA Polka"
- * "Danny Boy"
- * "I'm Looking Over a Four-Leaf Clover"

Maggie read much-appreciated thank you cards mailed to the Club by *Youth Band* members Lazarus Elliot, Asher Elliot, and Anna and Alex Rockwood. The *Oklahoma Accordion Club* sponsors an auction every Christmas, and the proceeds are given to students to encourage them to go to the *NAA* in Dallas.

Bob Mansfield brought his Titano accordion, a converter bass accordion, and sang along as he played the beautiful:

- * "Ash Grove"

He also performed:

- * "Cherokee Shuffle"
- * "Higgins Hornpipe"
- * "Dansa Farfalla"
- * "Blue Panther," a takeoff on the "Pink Panther"

Maggie closed the meeting by reminding everyone they should be picking out and playing their August concert pieces for the Club by May. This will help be good practice for playing in front of a group.

• Anne Lopez, OAC Secretary



Jean Hill, a guest jig at our February meeting, teaches Irish step dancing, and demonstrated an Irish jig.

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Maggie Abel



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NAA Convention

Diana Richard



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Dick and Milo playing with the Bohemian Knights on the Mollie B Polka Party TV Show in Ennis, Texas. Check them out on YouTube under "Bohemian Knights Polka Band (2013)."



And the music went round and round at the Round Barn in Arcadia, OK, on March 24, when our own OAC member, T. Z. Wright, and his friend, Joe Baxter, played for a grateful crowd. It was Sunday brunch time, and the duo filled the barn with tunes and lyrics that only they can perform. Truly, a great event.



Oklahoma Accordion Club Membership & Renewal Form

Make checks payable to: **Oklahoma Accordion Club**
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c/o 7109 NW 102nd Street, Oklahoma City, OK 73162

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Birthday (MM/DD) ____ / ____ (optional)

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):

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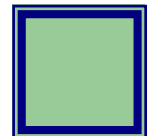


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