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The Oklahoma Accordion Club Newsletter



The *2016 National Accordion Convention* is being rated among one of the best in the last 29 years. In attendance, Texas came in first, followed by Oklahoma. Arkansas ranked third in attendance.

In the *Evening Activity Review*, the FUN BAND ranked among the highest in popularity. As the director/conductor, my thanks go out to all the FUN BAND

members for their support and hard work. You all are truly the reason for the Band's success.

Next year will be the 30th Anniversary of the *National Accordion Association* convention. Mark your calendars for **March 8 to the 11, 2017** at the *Hyatt Regency Hotel* in Richardson, Texas. See you there.

• Dick Albreski

June Meeting

The June meeting will be held on Sunday, June 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.

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. We have lots to do this summer. At the June meeting, we will vote on increasing the dues to \$20.00 a year for individual members, \$8.00 a year for family members, and \$300 for a lifetime member.

We are also in the planning stages of the concert in August at *Czech Hall*. If you haven't signed up, you can do so at the June meeting, then practice playing for us when you are ready. It's good to use the meetings for practicing with an audience.

Lou Le Brun and I played at the *Scott Joplin Ragtime Festival* in Sedalia, Missouri a few days ago. I believe members of the audience had never before heard ragtime played on accordion, accompanied by the banjo. We had a good turnout, and the people really seemed to enjoy the sound. The banjo really adds to the ragtime sound. I had a great time.

A little more about Magnante

During the peak of his career, he reached the point where he was doing as many as 31 radio broadcasts, and an average of eight recording dates in a single week. His audiences ranged from small intimate groups to packed auditoriums of 3,000. One of his greatest thrills was at the *Civic Stadium* in Buffalo, New York, when he played for an audience of over 40,000 people.

One of Magnante's best-known compositions is the novelty solo "Accordiana" that he composed in exactly 20 minutes. His textbooks, arrangements, and original compositions are numbered by the hundreds, and include popular, classical, jazz, and boogie-woogie.

<https://youtu.be/wXd3INYBX24> "Dark Eyes" played by Charles Magnante

<https://youtu.be/oJfrUGmqxGc> "Two Guitars" played by Charles Magnante

Enjoy,
• Barbara



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Mark Your Calendars

Dick Albreski

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

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. Check the website for more information.

Annual OAC Free Concert will be held on August 14, 2016, at the *Czech Hall* on Czech Hall Road in Yukon, Oklahoma from 2:30 to 4:30 pm. The talented *OAC* members will perform for your listening pleasure.

Look for more accordion events in future issues of Squeezins.



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May Meeting

Maggie Abel

Oklahoma Accordion Club May 8, 2016 Meeting

President Barbara Duer called the Mother's Day meeting to order with eight members and nine guests.

- Barbara reminded the group that the Board has been discussing raising the OAC membership dues to \$20 per member annually, with \$10 for an additional family member. A vote will be taken on the proposed dues hike at the June Club meeting.
- Before the meeting, a visitor asked about using a professional accordionist from the Club to play music from "Fiddler on the Roof" in an orchestral setting.
- Historian Karen West reported that the *Daily Oklahoman* has indicated it will again write a story about the Club's annual concert this August.
- Karen has created a spreadsheet of available duty slots to be filled by volunteers in publicizing and preparing for the concert. Help needed includes: delivering concert flyers, helping in the parking lot, setting up chairs inside,

greeting at the door, and stage manager. We are considering having the concert videotaped. Diana Richard volunteered to assist with group emails for the concert. Several members signed up for specific duties on the list.

- Karen said member Larry Gering reports he is organizing a musical flash mob.
- Barbara presented Phyllis Scott her new member badge. Phyllis is the mother of member Steven Scott.
- Barbara played the "Expectation Waltz," a Russian waltz in E minor; the "Tennessee Waltz" in C; the "Boum Musette Waltz;" "Hans Spielt Musette," and "Junivalsen" (the June Waltz).
- Toni Spaulding played "In the Garden," "Fascination," and "Santa Lucia." Toni also plays the vibraharp, aka vibraphone.
- *The Accordionaires* (Lois Roth, Karen West, and Maggie Abel) along with Barbara and Steven, played "I Want a Girl," "Tiptoe through the Tulips," and "While Strolling Through the Park."
- Maggie Abel
OAC Secretary



Please keep Dick Albreski in your thoughts and prayers. He is in the hospital for a short time so he can become the first bionic accordionist.

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Diana Richard



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I prefer to receive the monthly newsletter, the Oklahoma Squeezins, by:

- ☐ E-mail at address (above) or at _____
☐ Conventional post (snail mail)

Membership Dues

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.
☐ Family Membership is \$8.00 per year for each additional family member when accompanied by a Primary Membership.
☐ Lifetime Membership is a one-time fee of \$180.
☐ Youth Membership is complimentary for accordion-playing youth through age 18.

Your Status (please check all that apply):

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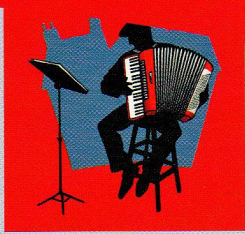
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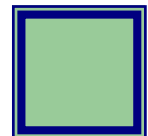
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