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The Oklahoma Accordion Club Newsletter

Diana Bongiovanni



There is no distance between accordion clubs. OAC member Diana Bongiovanni is also a member of the Fairbanks Alaska Accordion Club, in the city where she currently resides. Although confined to a wheelchair, that has not stopped her from playing her favorite instrument, the accordion. OAC



member Frances Engle is Diana's mother, and she is very proud of Diana's accordion accomplishments. It's true, the accordion is one of the best ways to keep us young and active.

Thank you Diana and Frances for sharing these pictures with us.



August Meeting

2:00 pm	Orchestra Rehearsal
3:00 pm	Business Meeting
3:15 pm	Individual and Group Performances
5:00 pm	Jam Session

The August meeting will be held on Sunday, August 12, at 3:00 pm. As usual, the meeting will be held at the Messiah Lutheran Church, located on the southeast corner of Northwest Expressway and Portland in Oklahoma City.

Enter the parking lot from Portland and use the south church entrance.

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.

All are welcome to join in on the fun!



The Prez Sez

Dick Albreski

I think we've got it. Our Board has labored long and hard, trying to find a suitable picnic area where we could have a picnic. There are areas available, but they can be expensive. So the decision was made that rather than spend money on rent, we would spend the money on an event. That's where SEPTEMBERFEST came into being. This will be a prelude to the many other Oktoberfest parties that will be going on in October. We wanted to get you all in the mood. Remember the accordion rules during Oktoberfest.

The SEPTEMBERFEST will be held at the Messiah Lutheran Church, starting at 3:30 pm, on September 9. There will be German food and German music. German attire is encouraged. I would wear my lederhosen, but Evie says I have ugly legs. I will be wearing my accordion pin hat. The food will consist of brats, hot dogs, rolls, red cabbage, German potato salad, and -- of course -- apple strudel. Drinks will also be provided. Food will be served at 4:00 pm. This will be a "by reservation only" event. Why? Because, until we know who is coming, we can't order the correct amount of food. Each member can bring one guest.

Now the most important, the music. I will have German tunes available at the August meeting. They will be fun tunes to encourage all to play. Also, our newest Youth members, Isaac Elliott and Timothy Granger, will perform for the first time. You don't want to miss these talented accordionists. Our goal is to make this an annual event. Why not? The only way for this to be a success is to have your participation. You all now know in advance, so mark your calendars for the SEPTEMBERFEST, September 9, 2012. PROST!

Anyone that has a problem with their accordion(s) can bring them to the August meeting. I will be available to check the accordions and make sure they are ready to play at the SEPTEMBERFEST.



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The Treasurer Sez

Evie Albreski

This is one report I am very proud of -- we now have 64 members on our roster. This is great! Of the 64 members, eight are students. I would venture to say that we have one of the largest student enrollments of any accordion club in the area. As we all know, students are important to the continued growth of our Club, and our job is to make it a joy for them to play. The new roster will be available at the August meeting. For the record, our roster is only for the Club members and not to be used for anything else.

Dick will be talking about our SEPTEMBERFEST in his article, but I wanted to interject the fact that this event will be by

reservation only because of the food. Everyone is welcome, and we want to make sure there will be plenty of food and drink for all. Each member can bring one guest. I will be the only one taking reservations, so that we can monitor the list. You can reach me by phone, 405/721-0564 or e-mail, juaccord@hotmail.com. This will be a blast only if you attend. EIN PROSIT!

We are doing okay with our finances. All bills are paid, and we still have \$1,028.73 in the checkbook. Don't forget, our next meeting is on Sunday, August 12, starting at 3:30 pm. The Septemberfest will be on Sunday, September 9, starting at 3:30 pm.



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| ☐ Primary Membership is \$16 per year per individual | ☐ Lifetime Membership is a one-time fee of \$180 |
| ☐ 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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Septemberfest

On Sunday, September 9, 2012, the Oklahoma Accordion Club will host its first annual Septemberfest, as a prelude to Oktoberfest, for Club members and guests.

It will be held at the Messiah Lutheran Church, Portland and Northwest Expressway in Oklahoma City, from 3:30 to 5:30 pm.

German food and German music will be the second main attraction. The main attraction will be two new and exciting OAC members who will perform for your listening pleasure:



Isaac Elliott



Timothy Granger

This event will be by reservation only.

Each member can bring one guest. Check the September newsletter for more details.



OAC Notes



- Welcome Isaac Elliott to the Youth Group. He is the son of Steffany and Gary Elliott, and began his accordion career last month thanks to the generosity of OAC member Barbara Duer, who has donated her

accordion for his learning pleasure. I know we will see great things from this talented lad. We welcome Isaac aboard the OAC, and thank you, Barbara, for being a true OAC member.

- Good news!!! OAC member Janet Haskin may have been misdiagnosed with liver cancer in her kidneys. Janet still has a problem, but the cause is still not determined. Janet does need prayers. If

you care to send a card, her address is:

Janet Haskin
1629 Riverside Drive, #15
Tulsa, OK 74119

- OAC member John Buchanan has been diagnosed as having a tumor in his right kidney. John would appreciate your prayers and good wishes. His address is:

John Buchanan
904 David Road
Moore, OK 73160

- OAC member Lucy Shedeck lost her Mother recently. Her Mom was buried in Perry, Oklahoma. Prayers and good wishes will mean a lot to her at this time. Lucy's address is:

Lucy Shedeck
12805 Castlerock Court
Oklahoma City, OK 73142.



August Birthdays



Happy Birthday Wishes to
the following OAC members:

Billy Henson (7/31)

John Buchanan (8/1)

Maddie Smith (8/2)



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July Meeting

Lois Roth

OAC Meeting July 8, 2012

President Dick Albreski called the meeting to order. There were 20 members and four guests present.

- Several members were wearing patriotic costumes for the contest. Judges for this event were Frances Engle, Bob Mansfield, and Dan Orza.
- The meeting began with MUSIC!
 - Rebecca Smith played two solos: “The Mickey Mouse Club Song” and “Bluebird Waltz.”
 - Maddie Smith performed “Bella Notte” and “Hooray For Love.”
 - Dick introduced guests Carlotta and Jerry Alustad. They brought an accordion that's for sale. Club members were invited to try it out.
 - The music continued with Job Elliott performing “Trattoria el Centro.”
 - Job and Dick played “Happy Oberek.”
 - Then Job treated us to a patriotic medley.
 - Maggie Abel was next. She dedicated her first song to her husband Steve Scott: “Drink to Me Only with Thine Eyes.” Her patriotic contribution was “The Marines’ Hymn.”
 - Dick performed “Ambiance Musettienne.” He

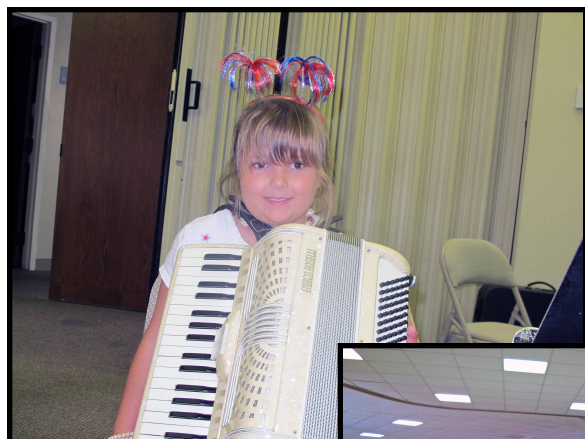
reminded us that this beautiful piece is the one that a soldier in Afghanistan requested and that the Club found and sent to him.

- Bob played and sang “God Bless America.” He also performed “Hora and Bulgar.”
- Then Dick handed out song sheets for a patriotic sing-along. We all enjoyed singing these great songs: “The Star-Spangled Banner,” “You're a Grand Old Flag,” and many others. Bob accompanied us on his accordion. Thank you, Bob!
- The judges announced that Magdalena Brantley was the winner of the costume contest. Her prize was a gift certificate to a restaurant.
- Dan Orza and Lois Roth concluded the meeting with “The Battle Hymn of the Republic,” “America” (“My Country Tis of Thee”), and “America the Beautiful.”

- A fun jam session followed the meeting.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, August 12. There's no special theme – hot-weather songs might be appropriate! Please bring your jam books and we'll play together after the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Lois Roth, Secretary



July Meeting Photos

Diana Richard



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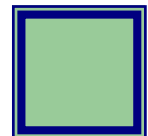
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