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The Oklahoma Accordion Club Newsletter

We would like to gratefully
acknowledge our Lifetime OAC
Members:

Janet Haskin
Roland Lohmann
Phil Scibelli

August Meeting

The Oklahoma Accordion Club will perform a
free concert at the Norman Depot, 200 South
Jones Avenue, Norman, OK on Sunday, August
11, 2013 from 2:30 to 4:30 pm.



The Prez Sez

Dick Albreski

Just to make sure that you plan to attend, I would like to remind you that the Oklahoma Accordion Club will perform a free concert at the Norman Depot, 200 South Jones Avenue, Norman, OK on Sunday, August 11, 2013 from 2:30 to 4:30 pm. We will feature "Music from Around the World." All participants have worked very hard to make sure you will be pleased. Lest we forget, there will also be a reception following the concert given by OAC member Roland Lohmann, who is the proprietor of *Lohmann's Good Things*. A good time will be had by all.

The September meeting will also be a blast. We will have our annual **SEPTEMBERFEST**. Just think German food and German music. What could be better? The food menu will include brats, German potato salad, sauerkraut, and apple kuchen. The music menu will include "Beer Barrel Polka," "Liechtensteiner Polka," plus the "Schnee Valser," to name a few. All members are allowed to bring one guest, but reservations are required.

In October, we will have one of our favorite accordionists, Nick Bratkovich from Tulsa, come and serenade us. We truly enjoyed his performance last year, and look forward to this year. Please plan to attend -- the more the merrier.

I read an interesting article on adult education. It seems children have less preconceived perceptions about what is difficult and what is easy. Adults, however, have worldly experiences that tend to block their learning skills. We have a tendency to say, "I can't" when we should say, "I can." Many times, we look at a composition or exercise and, even without trying to play the piece, we make a decision on its future. Music is fun, so remember, to make it fun we say, "I can."



I will see you all at the August Accordion Concert. I will be the one with the accordion.

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Milo Shedeck

Remember August 4 is International Friendship Day, and August 13 is National Left-Handers Day! We are very happy to report a new lifetime membership awarded to Roland Lohmann. We appreciate his hard work and donations to support the Concert on August 11 at the *Norman Depot*. We also have two new members from Alva: Rodney and Carolyn Murrow. Welcome to the Club.

Best wishes for a Happy Birthday in August to:

John Buchanan on August 1, Maddie Smith on August 2, Carolyn Murrow on August 11, and Rod Murrow on August 12.

Hope the concert in Norman goes as well as the practice during the last meeting, because it was "Tony the Tiger Great"!!!!

• Milo



Mark Your Calendars

August 11, 2013: the Oklahoma Accordion Club will perform a free accordion concert at the Norman Depot, 200 South Jones, Norman Oklahoma, starting at 2:30 pm. Make plans to enjoy the best accordion music in this part of the country.

August 14-18, 2013: the American Accordion Association will hold its 75th Anniversary Celebration at the New Yorker Hotel, in New York City. There will be competitions for all ages, exhibits, and concerts by accordionists from all over the world. For more information, please go to the AAA website.

August 17-18, 2013: the Cotati Accordion Festival in Cotati, California. This will be their 23rd festival. For more information, visit their web site at www.Cotatifest.com

August 17-20, 2013: the Accordion Teachers Guild will hold their Accordion Festival at the

Hyatt Lisle in Lisle, Illinois. There will be concerts by some of the world's greatest accordionists, workshops, master classes, and performances by the ATG Festival Orchestra. For more information, please go to the ATG website.

August 17-25, 2013, the 66th Coupe Mondiale, will be held in Victoria, B.C., Canada. This will be the second time this prestigious accordion competition will be held in the Western hemisphere. The world's greatest accordionists will come together and compete for world accordion titles. For more information and education, visit their website at www.coupemondiale.org.

September 14-15, 2013: the San Antonio International Accordion Festival at La Villita in downtown San Antonio. Free Admission. There will be ongoing concerts on three different stages. For more information, visit their web site at www.internationalaccordionfestival.org

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July Meeting

Maggie Abel, Photos: Diana Richard

July 14, 2013

Minutes of OAC Monthly Meeting

Fifteen members attended. Pop and refreshments were available.

Bob Mansfield conducted the meeting in President Dick Albreski's absence. The meeting's purpose today was to rehearse for the free August 11 concert the Club will present at 2:30 p.m. in the *Norman Train Depot*.

Member Roland Lohmann's candy store, *Good Things*, will provide treats for the reception following the concert. TV personality Lucas Ross will play and emcee.

Those rehearsing included:

The Accordionaires (OAC's "show band") played "La Cumparsita," "The Liechtensteiner Polka," and "Lady of Spain." Members are Director Dan Orza, Lois Roth, Karen West, John Buchanan, and Maggie Abel.

Anne Lopez on accordion and Barbara Duer on banjo played a "Pizza Medley" such as might be played at *Shakey's Pizza Parlor* restaurants. The medley included:

- "Yessir, That's My Baby"
- "Has Anybody Seen My Gal"

- "I'm Looking Over a Four-Leaf Clover"
- "Chinatown"

Anne played "Tarantella Napoletana."

Barbara played "Chosjajka" and "The Cossack Dance" on accordion. She was accompanied by Steve Scott, Maggie Abel, Dan Orza, Janet Haskins, and John Buchanan on homemade wooden clackers.

Tom Phillips played "When The Saints Go Marching In."

John Buchanan played "Accordion Jump" and "The Swedish Polka." At the concert, Dick Albreski will accompany John.

Dan Orza played "El Cumbanchero" and "Glowworm."

Steve Scott and Maggie Abel played "Over The Waves" from Book 2.

Bob Mansfield played "Kale Mazel Tov," "Choson Kale Mazel Tov," and "Frailach."

Additional members who were not present today will also perform at the August concert.

Respectfully submitted,
Secretary Maggie Abel



July Meeting

Maggie Abel, Photos: Diana Richard



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