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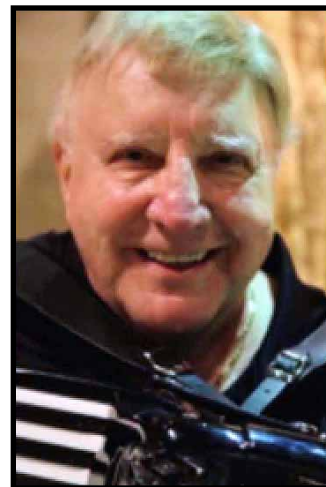


The Oklahoma Accordion Club Newsletter

Anthony Tony Lovello

December 17, 1932 –September 3, 2017

Tony Lovello, 84, died Sept.3, 2017, at St. Joseph Hospital. Born in Buffalo, New York, he moved to Los Angeles, California at the age of 12. There he became a Master of the Accordion and consummate showman. Tony played with "The Three Suns," and such stars as Eddie Cantor, Debbie Reynolds, Frank Sinatra, Jimmy Durante, and many others. He was a Korean War Veteran, and spent his time entertaining the troops. In later years, he managed the Campbell House Inn, a hotel and restaurant in Eugene Oregon, for 31 years. He continued performing and teaching throughout his life. He taught students all over the world via Skype.



Editor's Note: It was with great sadness that we learned of Tony Lovello's death. He was a great friend of the OAC and all its members. In fact, he was the soloist who played at the OAC's very first dinner-dance in 2002.



Septemberfest Meeting

The annual *Septemberfest* meeting will be held on Sunday, September 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.

German food will be provided for members and guests.

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!

Wow!! Our concert was awesome -- the best one so far. Thank you, Bryan Roth (Lois' grandson), for the sound system. It made all the difference. I was amazed the microphones did not have to be so near the accordions to pick up the sound. With these microphones, each instrument in the band was heard. Thank you so much.

We celebrate *Septemberfest* at our next meeting. We will have German food available for members and their guests. Please call Karen at 405/949-0394 to make your reservations. We will also have lots of German music.

And...Lou LeBrun will be at the meeting to entertain us.

Oktoberfest traditionally starts in the third weekend in September, and ends the first Sunday of October. It began with the Royal Wedding on 12 October **1810**, when Crown Prince Ludwig — later to become King Ludwig I — was married to Princess Therese of Saxony-Hildburghausen.

Facts you didn't know about Oktoberfest:

1. It starts in September

The name is misleading, because most of the festival happens in September!

2. Munich beer only

Oktoberfest is, above all, a celebration of Bavarian traditions, so the only beer you'll find during the festival is brewed within the city limits of Munich. Only beers that fit this criterion are considered Oktoberfest Beers.

3. It is a 204-year-old tradition that wasn't originally a beer festival

The first Oktoberfest was held to honor the marriage of Prince Ludwig and Therese of Saxony-Hildburghausen, in 1810. Now that's what we call a wedding party!

4. They've cancelled it 24 times

You can't stop beer pouring! In 200 years, Oktoberfest has only been cancelled 24 times. The causes were mostly due to the war and cholera epidemics. On its 100th birthday, 120,000 liters of beer were poured — that's about 1,500 bathtubs worth of beer!

Oktoberfest beer is only for the STRONG

Oktoberfest beers have from 0.6 to 1.1% more alcohol and sugar than the average German beer, making it even easier for people to forget all their worries, their hats, their names...

5. Beer prices start at £7 / \$11

Not for those looking for a low budget festival.

6. The beer is specially brewed for Oktoberfest, and it's extra strong

One mug of beer here is equivalent to 8 shots of Schnapps. They're specially brewed for the festival, and they have at least 6% alcohol.

7. As a result, it could be dangerous for some

Around 600 to 800 people suffer from alcohol poisoning every year.

Come join us!

Oktoberfest Live:

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Septemberfest

Dick Albreski

On September 10, 2017, the *OAC* will once again have their traditional *Septemberfest* at the *Messiah Lutheran Church*, located at the southeast corner of Northwest Expressway and Portland in Oklahoma City. This annual event preludes the spirit of the German *Oktoberfest* celebrations that are held all over the world. Accordionists are a very important part of the *Oktoberfest* parties, so it is only natural that the *OAC* celebrates as well.

We start the festivities with German music and German food in a Bavarian setting. On the plate for German music, you will enjoy the "Beer Barrel Polka," the "Liechtensteiner Polka," and the "Schnee Valzer," plus many more traditional German tunes.

On the culinary plate, you will enjoy brats or hotdogs, German potato salad, sauerkraut, red

cabbage salad, rolls, and apple kucken. Soft drinks will also be provided. This German feast will be served at 4:00 pm.

All *OAC* members are encouraged to attend, and each member can bring one guest. This event is not open to the public. This is our only **CLOSED MEETING** of the year.

Reservations are a must for each member and guest. WHY? We must know who will attend, so we can prepare the required amount of food.

Now the rest is up to you. The only way we can make this event a success is to have you participate. That means you will start to practice your German music, and you will make the necessary reservation. Please contact Karen West at 405/949-0394 by 10:00 pm on Friday, September 8, 2017.

DAS IST GUD!



Oklahoma Accordion Club Membership & Renewal Form

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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.

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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 |

Your status (please check all that apply):

☐ Professional	☐ Teacher	☐ Repairman	☐ Student	
☐ Semi-Professional	☐ Associate	☐ Hobby	☐ Amateur	☐ Other

Septemberfest

Maggie Abel



Germanfest! 2017



DATE: Sun Sept 10
MEETING: 3:30 pm
DINING: 4:00 pm
Reserve by 10 pm Fri Sept 8
Karen West (405) 949-0394

Get ready for Oktoberfest music and fine German cuisine
in a Bavarian setting!! Enjoy brats, hotdogs, German potato salad,
sauerkraut, red cabbage salad, rolls, and apple kucken.

Soft drinks provided.

Members, call in your reservation now for you and one guest!



OKLAHOMA ACCORDION CLUB
Messiah Lutheran Church
NW Expressway at Portland
Oklahoma City, OK



Mark Your Calendars

Dick Albreski

Septemberfest is here. Time to celebrate the *Oktoberfest* season with good food, good friends, and good accordion music. The *OAC* will hold it's annual *Septemberfest* on Sunday, September 10, 2017, from 3:30 to 5:30 pm, at the *Messiah Lutheran Church*, located at the corner of Portland and Northwest Expressway in Oklahoma City. You must make reservations, and each member can bring a guest. This is a closed meeting, and only members and friends can attend.

September 26, 2017, Tribute Concert to Tony Rozance. Accordionist Mike Middleton will perform a tribute concert for this renowned teacher, who taught in the San Antonio, Texas area from the 40s through the 70s. The event will start at 5:30 pm at *Chester's Restaurant*, located at Nacogdoches Road and Broadway in San Antonio, Texas. For more information, contact Laura Niland at 210/651-4539.

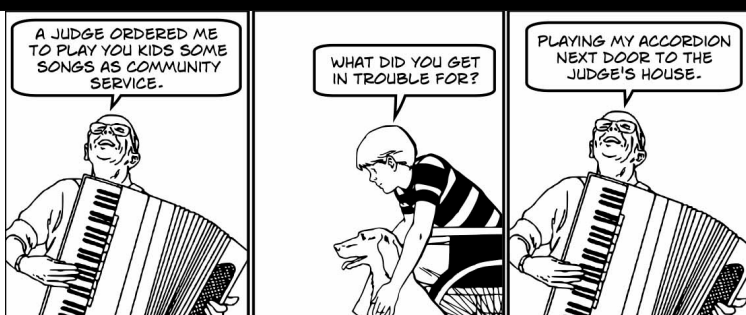
Swiss Cultural Tour 2017, the *Aesch Accordion Orchestra* and *Schlossbrunneli Yodeling Club* will perform an evening concert at the *German-American Society of Tulsa* on September 29, 2017. *GAST* is located at 15 Terrace Drive, Tulsa, Oklahoma. All *OAC* members and friends are

invited to this event. Donations will be accepted. Their varied repertoire includes Swiss folk, classical accordion music, and even pop and rock, aiming to demonstrate the accordion as a very versatile instrument. All accordion enthusiasts are urged to attend.

Yukon Czech Days will be held on October 7, 2017, in downtown Yukon, Oklahoma. Festivities start at 11:00 am with a massive parade, followed by traditional Czech music and dancing throughout the day. *OAC* member Milo Shedeck will direct the *Bohemian Knights Band* in performing familiar polkas, waltzes, and schottisches. In the evening, there will also be a grand ball at the *Czech Hall* located on Czech Hall Road. This is one event you should mark on your calendar.

International Accordion Convention, Las Vegas, Nevada will be held from October 23 to 26, 2017, at the *Gold Coast Hotel*. Some of the many stars who will perform are Cory Pesaturo, Stas Venglevski, and Mary Tokarski. Joan Sommers will direct the *Las Vegas International Orchestra*.

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



Happy Birthday Wishes to
the following *OAC* members:

Sil Lopez, September 15

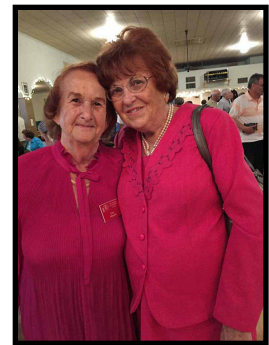
Barbara Pederson, September 22

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.



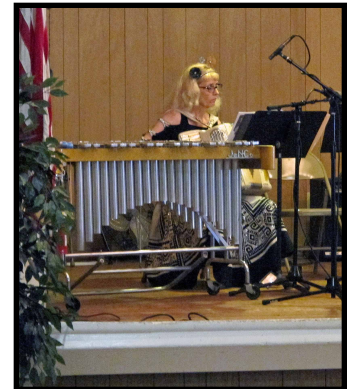
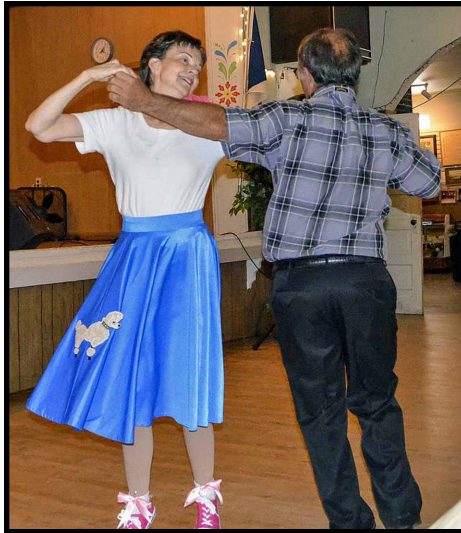
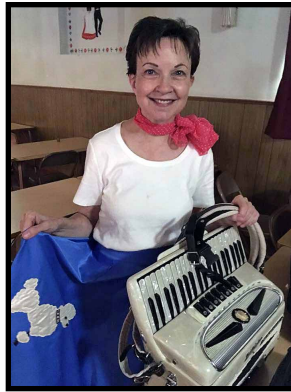
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