

# THE OKLAHOMA SQUEEZINS

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The Oklahoma Accordion Club Newsletter



## October Meeting

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

The October meeting will be held on Sunday, October 14, 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

How would you like a little trivia? To begin, the Tulsa Oktoberfest is one of the largest in the USA. This year, it will be held from Thursday, October 18 until Sunday, October 21. It's a very short drive from OKC, and well worth the trip. There will be live music every hour, and nothing could be happier then Oktoberfest music. There will also be unique foods and beverages available. Our own OAC member Frank Gesinski will be performing with *The Polkatimers* in the *Bier Stube* tent from noon to 2:30 pm on Friday, October 19, and in the *Bier Keller* tent from 11:30 am to 2:00 pm on Saturday, October 20. They will play from 5:30 to 7:00pm on Friday, October 19 and Saturday, October 20 in the *Jugendzelt* tent.

Now the trivia. A Swiss musician composed the "Chicken Dance" or, as he called it, the "Duck Dance." The melody and dance traveled around Europe and -- can I say -- "miraculously" came to the Tulsa Oktoberfest in 1981 with the German band *Heilbronn*. The band knew there was a dance to go with the melody, and they wanted to do it right -- with costumes. Unfortunately, there were no duck costumes available. A local TV station donated a chicken costume. And now you know the rest of the story. Did you also know that the chicken dance is known as...ready..."POULTRY IN MOTION"?

October is a very busy month for me. The *Bohemian Knights* are booked pretty solid for Oktoberfest events, plus the big *Czech Days* festival held in Yukon, Oklahoma on October 6. A morning parade starts the event, and yours truly will be part of the *Bohemian Knights* band under the direction of OAC member Milo Shedeck. There will be two bands playing at the *Czech Days*, but if you want to hear an accordionist, we will be playing from 11:00 am until 1:00 pm. We play again at the *Czech Hall* starting at 5:30 pm. This is a fun day. Don't miss it.

I am so proud of our members who supported the *Septemberfest* event. I believe we have a strong beginning for the same event next year. See you all at the *Czech Days* or the regular OAC meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup>. Job Elliott will perform some very interesting solos, and Barbara Duer will amaze you with her accordion performance. Don't miss the meeting.

• Dick



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# The Treasurer Sez

Evie Albreski

I just realized that it's getting close to the end of the year. That means that we will be working on OAC membership renewals. OAC memberships are our only income that pays for the newsletter, rent, plus any other expenses incurred in continuing the OAC. This year we have a record enrollment and hopefully, with your support, we can continue that record number in 2013.

We have several OAC members who will celebrate a birthday in October. Lets send out a *really big HAPPY BIRTHDAY* to Karen West (10/8), Anne Lopez (10/22), and Diana Bongiovanni (10/24). If we missed your birthday, we do apologize. However, we don't have your birth date. Please let us know what it is.

I feel the *Septemberfest* was a big success and, so far, the comments on the food have been good. The comments on the music are always great. The best part of the *Septemberfest* was a room full of members and guests. Thanks to each of you who supported the event. I have to offer a *special thanks*, as well. I needed to know in advance who was coming, so I could estimate the amount of food required. Everyone who made a reservation in advance attended the event. That's teamwork.

Well, we still are not in the red. Our checkbook says we still have \$657.31, and all current expenses are paid. See you all on October 14.

• Evie



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The OAC membership year runs from January through December. Membership cost is prorated quarterly for new members.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Primary Membership is \$16 per year per individual                                                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Lifetime Membership is a one-time fee of \$180                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family Membership is \$8 per year for each additional family member when accompanied by a Primary Membership | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Membership is complimentary for accordion-playing youth through age 18 |

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# September Meeting

Lois Roth

## OAC Meeting September 9, 2012

President Dick Albreski called the *Septemberfest* to order. There were 23 members and 11 guests present.

- Because this was a special event, there was no business meeting.
- The tables were brightly set in red, yellow, and blue -- very festive! Barbara Duer and Magdalena Brantley did the decorating.
- The menu was brats, hot dogs, rolls, sauerkraut, German potato salad, soda, and iced tea, with apple pie and chocolate cupcakes for dessert. Our thanks to Dick and Evie for the fine German food. While we ate, Frankie and Eleanor Martinez entertained with button box and guitar selections.
- After dinner the Club members introduced their guests.
- Dick introduced our two new youth members, Isaac Elliott and Tim Granger, and presented them with their club badges.
- Tim played two solos: "There's No Place Like Home" and "Love Me Tender."
- Isaac followed with "Hi-Lili, Hi-Lo" and "Injun Song."

- Both the boys have been taking accordion lessons for only a few months. Great job Isaac and Tim!
- OAC now has six youth accordionists.
- Dick suggested that the Club make *Septemberfest* an annual event. From the sound of the applause, everybody agreed.
- The music continued with Bob Mansfield performing "Dark Eyes" with vocal, and "Mischievous Swing."
- Frank Gesinski played "Vienna, City of My Dreams" and "In Heaven There Is No Beer Polka" with vocal.
- Karen West and Bob performed "My Yiddish Little Girl" ("Mein Yiddishe Meidele").
- For the finale, The Trio (Dan Orza, Karen West, and Lois Roth) was joined by several jammers for a medley of German music, including "Fraulein," "Lilli Marlene," and "Westphalia Waltz."

It was a grand accordion party! I know we'll all look forward to next year's Septemberfest!

Respectfully submitted,  
Lois Roth, Secretary



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