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The Oklahoma Accordion Club Newsletter

They Need a Home

Dick Albreski

The Oklahoma Accordion Club has received two accordions that need a home. They were donated to the OAC. This is a "heads-up" so the OAC members can have a chance to bid on these accordions. They will be sold in a

silent auction at the November meeting.

Included below are pictures of the accordions. Should you have any questions prior to the auction, contact Dick Albreski.



October Meeting

The October meeting will be held on Sunday, October 11, 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.

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

It's been a very busy last few months. The summer was devoted to the concert, then our *Septemberfest* celebration that also was a great success. Thank you to everyone who helped with it. I'm ready for a rest. I'm still practicing the banjo and accordion.



Karen West Played at the Daily Living Center on 9/17/15



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Mark Your Calendars

Dick Albreski

Wurstfest, Oktoberfest, Texas-Style. This year will mark the 55th year for this annual event held in New Braunfels, Texas (just north of San Antonio). Opening on Friday, November 6 and lasting until November 15. German-style accordion music with multiple bands on different stages, both indoors and outside. Plenty of food, German beer, and music! Check out the *Wurstfest*, New Braunfels, Texas website for more information, <http://wurstfest.com>.

The *Callithumpian Squeeze* presented by Roland Lohmann and *The Good Things Confectionary* on October 18, 2015, from 2:00 to 4:00 pm at the *Norman Train Station*. Guest artist will be Nick Ballarini from Dallas, and George Secor. Also, you will hear the *Prime Squeeze Trio*, consisting of Bob Mansfield, Roland Lohmann, and Rod Murrow, plus many additional OAC members who will perform. For more information contact Roland Lohmann at 405/819-3521 or visit Rolandshimr@aol.com.

The *Linde Oktoberfest* in Tulsa will celebrate its 37th year from October 22 to October 25, celebrating an authentic Bavarian culture that closely aligns with Munchen Oktoberfest, presenting nationally known German bands, European foods, arts and crafts, and fun activities for the entire family. This Oklahoma tradition is in its 37th year along the Arkansas River, with große (huge) quantities of bratwurst, German

beers, Bavarian cheesecake, great music, and thousands of your friends, all together at one place. *River West Festival Park* has been completely renovated, with new tents, stages, and more. Willkommen bei Oktoberfest in Tulsa! See their website: <http://tulsaoktoberfest.org>.

OAC Accordion Silent Auction will be held at the November 8 meeting. There are two accordions that were donated to the OAC in the hope that they could continue to be played. Here's a chance to obtain an accordion at an affordable price. See the first page of this newsletter for photos.

The *OAC Christmas Party* is currently scheduled for December 13, 2015, at the *Messiah Lutheran Church* located at the corner of Portland and Northwest Expressway in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, from 3:30 to 5:30 pm. This annual event will have a silent auction, with the proceeds going to the *Youth Band*, and the collection of hats, scarves, socks, and gloves for the homeless. It is our time for giving, but also receiving. There will be a cookie and candy exchange that will tempt the appetites of all. Imagine eating all the treats as you listen to Christmas music played on the accordion.

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



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September Meeting

Maggie Abel

Oklahoma Accordion Club Septemberfest Meeting September 13, 2015

Club president Barbara Duer opened the Oktoberfest-themed meeting.

- A new member from Hawaii, Larry Gering, was introduced.
- Clifford Weems is a photographer who discovered the Club through a news article. He shot pictures at the Club's August 9 *Czech Hall* concert, and set up a tripod to document today's event.
- Past president Dick Albreski announced a new Lifetime Member, Ophelia Woody.
- Historian Karen West reported on the successful advertising campaign that netted a full house with standing room only for the August concert. Notices were posted through a number of newspapers, radio and TV stations, and billboards -- thanks to Karen, Dan, Barbara, and many others.
- The *Accordioneers* (director Dan Orza, Lois Roth, Barbara Duer, Karen West, and Maggie Abel) played "Café Mozart" ("Stammcafé"), "Wooden Heart," and "Schutzenliesel."
- While members ate German fare (hot dogs, brats, sauerkraut, German potatoes, red cabbage, pie, and more) prepared by Barbara, Dan, and other volunteers, Dick played a medley of tunes, including Czech

dances, "El Soyka Polka," "Señorita Polka," and "Twilight Time."

- John Buchanan and Dick entertained with "Annie in the Cabbage Patch," "The Flying Dutchman," a schottische, the "Hopscotch Polka," "Seven-Step Polka," and "Cruising Down the River."
- Janet Haskin and Bob Mansfield played a Brahms waltz and "Etude No. 1" (by Bob's student). Janet then performed "Die Fliedermaus" by Strauss.
- While Bob played a German song, he accompanied himself with his beautiful voice!
- Colleen Rettman offered "Beer Barrel Polka" and "Kate Martin's Waltz."
- The Lois Roth/Anne Lopez duo presented the "Isabella Waltz" and "Du Kannst Nicht Treu Sein" ("You Can't Be True, Dear").
- New member Larry was a crowd-pleaser with his musical/humorous medley, including "Julida/Zulidy Polka" and "Lady of Spain."
- The freebase Moschino accordion of Bob Mansfield brought forth a lively Polish dance, "Oberek."

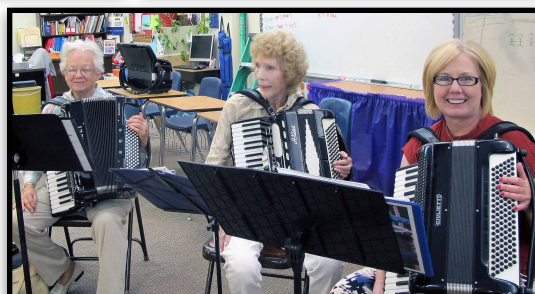
At meeting's end, the exit of empty crockpots, food warmers, and storage containers witnessed the end of a beautiful feast and celebration.

- Maggie Abel, secretary



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Barbara Duer, Chester Weems



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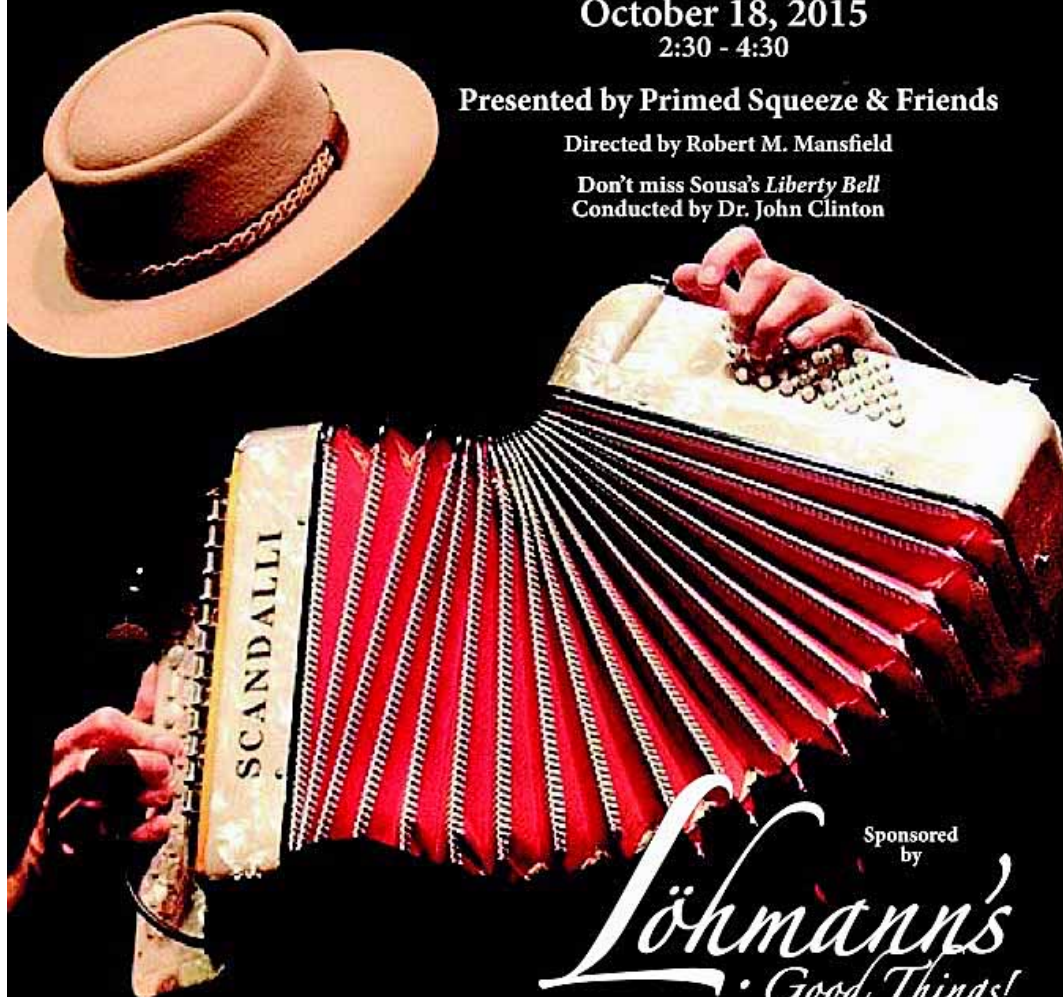
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