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The Oklahoma Accordion Club Newsletter

Congratulations, Job

Job Elliott is a student of Dick Albreski. He began his accordion lessons at Dick's studio, *Just Accordions*, in November of 2009. Job has faithfully attended classes, and always dedicated himself to playing his very best. He recently celebrated a milestone by completing all 10 of the *Palmer-Hughes* accordion course books.



We are very proud of this young man, and trust he will continue to share his talent with the accordion world. Job is 17 years old, loves playing Frosini, and just bought his first midi-accordion. Congratulations, Job, and we look forward to hearing more from you in the future.

• Courtesy of the
Accordion Teachers Guild,
International



October Meeting

The July meeting will be held on Sunday, October 9, 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.

Members are invited to bring snacks for everyone.

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. The Club has been busy for several months with the August Concert and *Septemberfest*, and both events were very successful. In October we will celebrate *Oktoberfest* with polkas and ethnic music, or any other music you would like to play. Our next special event will be the annual Christmas Party.

I'm covering Frankie Yankovic this month and next. He was an important figure in advancing interest in the accordion, especially Slovenian style polkas.

Frankie Yankovic was born July 28, 1915, in Davis, West Virginia, and died October 14, 1998, in New Port Richey, Florida. He was a Grammy Award-winning polka musician. Known as "America's Polka King," Yankovic was considered the premier artist to play in the Slovenian style during his long career.

Born to Slovenian immigrant parents, Yankovic was raised in South Euclid, Ohio. He released over 200 recordings in his career. In 1986 he was awarded the first ever Grammy in the "Best Polka Recording" category. He rarely strayed from the Slovenian-style polka, but did record with country guitarist Chet Atkins and pop singer Don Everly. He also recorded a version of the "Too Fat Polka" with comedian Drew Carey.

Yankovic's father, a blacksmith, and his mother, a cook, met in a lumber camp in West Virginia where they both worked. When Yankovic was young, his father moved to Cleveland to escape authorities who learned of his bootlegging, and the rest of the family followed shortly thereafter. While living in Cleveland, he became enthralled by the brass bands that played at Slovenian social functions. His mother took on boarders to help with the family finances, including a man named Max Zelodec who performed Slovenian tunes on a button box. Yankovic acquired an accordion at age 9, and received a few lessons from Zelodec. By the late 1920s, in his early teenage years, he was a working musician, playing for community events. In the 1930s, he formed a business relationship with Joe Trolli, and began making radio appearances on stations such as WJAY and WGAR. As his reputation spread, he sought opportunities to make phonograph records, but the major labels turned him down. His first records were made for the Yankee and Joliet labels, operated by Fred Wolf, and the expenses were paid for by Yankovic himself.

Videos of Frankie and his band

https://youtu.be/_9xyJlOouo "Who Stole the Kishka"

https://youtu.be/uA6S1KNfW_o "Just Because"

• Barbara



Q. What's the difference between an accordion and a trampoline?

A. You should take your shoes off before jumping on a trampoline.

Q. What's the difference between an accordion and an onion?

A. People cry when you chop up an onion.

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Mark Your Calendars

Dick Albreski

October Oklahoma Accordion Club meeting will be held on October 9, 2016, from 3:30 to 5:30 pm at the *Messiah Lutheran Church*. Without your attendance, there can be no meeting.

November Oklahoma Accordion Club meeting will be held on November 13, 2016, from 3:30 to 5:30 pm at the *Messiah Lutheran Church*. You could be the main attraction, so be there.

December Oklahoma Accordion Club meeting will hold its annual "The Gift of Giving" meeting. We not only give, but also receive. All members are urged to bring hats, gloves, scarves, and socks that can be donated to the homeless. In addition, we will have an auction, and all funds received from the auction are given to the Youth Program in our Club. Last and perhaps the best, A COOKIE AND

CANDY EXCHANGE. Here's your chance to receive. All members are urged to bring sweets that can be exchanged and enjoyed by members and guests. This has proven to be one of the best meetings of the year. No, I didn't forget. There will be lots and lots of accordion music. See you there.

For the Future: The National Accordion Association will hold its annual convention March 8 to 11, 2017, at the *Hyatt Regency Hotel* in Richardson, Texas. This is their 30th anniversary meeting. You must mark your calendars for this event. As accordionists, you cannot afford to miss this one. More to follow on this great event.

Look for more accordion events in future issues of Squeezins.



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**Happy Birthday Wishes to
the following OAC members:**

Karen West, October 8

Jocelyn Pedersen, October 25

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.



Septemberfest Meeting

Maggie Abel

Septemberfest Meeting Oklahoma Accordion Club September 11, 2016

The aroma of tasty German dishes greeted 22 members and two guests at the OAC's Oktoberfest meeting. Some of the treats were bratwurst, Nathan's hot dogs, German potato salad, red cabbage, sauerkraut, strudel, and apple pies with beautiful latticework crusts.

- Club President Barbara Duer presented a membership badge to Toni Paulding and a lifetime membership badge to Ophelia Woody.
- Barbara said the August concert was a great success, and she initiated a discussion of tweaks for future concerts.
- The concert went 45 minutes longer than the expected time of two hours. Ideas included efficient movement of microphones and stands as players enter and leave the stage, each player sticking to a five-minute limit, and refraining from introducing *Flashmob* members first to maintain the element of surprise. Proposed was a comment folder that anyone can contribute to.
- Historian Karen West had arranged poster board displays of news and magazine articles published before and after the 2016 concert.
- As people ate, members entertained:
- Bob Mansfield played:
 - "In muchem stet ein hofbrauhaus" and "Du Du" ("You Can't Be True"), both with German vocals

- "Karlstad Ball," a schottische, a Rhinelander that was more like a polka
- "Edelweiss" played as a song-along
- "S ist alles dunkel, 's ist alles trübe," with German vocals.

- Chuck Vodicka and Dick Albreski played "Let's Polka."
- Wayne Turgeon played "County Fair."
- Past President Dick Albreski played a patriotic medley in remembrance of the 9/11 event whose anniversary is today. Included were "The Star Spangled Banner" and "Columbia the Gem of the Ocean."
- Bob offered a practice and performance tip: Place the music stand with your sheet music over to the side where you can occasionally glance at it, but you will not always be tempted to rely on it while playing.
- The *Flashmob* (director Larry Gering, Tony Paulding, Karen West, Lois Roth, Barbara Duer, Maggie Abel, accompanied by Janet Haskin, Annette Zongker, Mary Hojem, and Ophelia Woody) played "Hofbrauhaus," "Schutzenliesel," and "Das Kufsteiner Lied Walzer," along with three songs made famous by Elvis Presley: "Don't Be Cruel," "Are You Lonesome Tonight?" and "Hound Dog."

Members are reminded to be accumulating items for the Christmas meeting raffle and auction.

- Maggie



Q. What do you get when you toss an accordion off a tall building?
A. Applause.

Q. Why do some people have an instant aversion to accordion players?
A. It saves time in the long run.

Q. When does an accordion player sound the best?
A. When the tune is over.

Q. What's the definition of a gentleman?
A. Someone who knows how to play the accordion and doesn't.

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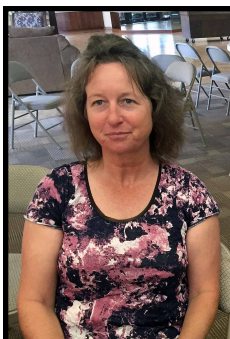
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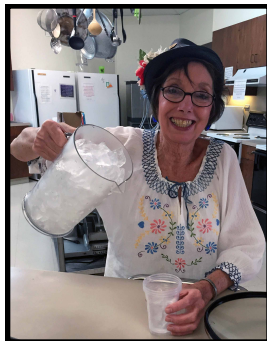
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Maggie Abel, Diana Richard



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I prefer to receive the monthly newsletter, the Oklahoma Squeezins, by:

- ☐ E-mail at address (above) or at _____
- ☐ Conventional post (snail mail)

Membership Dues

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

- ☐ Primary Membership is \$16.00 per year per individual.
- ☐ Family Membership is \$8.00 per year for each additional family member when accompanied by a Primary Membership.
- ☐ Lifetime Membership is a one-time fee of \$180.
- ☐ Youth Membership is complimentary for accordion-playing youth through age 18.

Your Status (please check all that apply):

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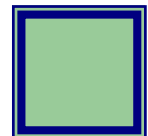
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