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The Oklahoma Accordion Club Newsletter

The Gift of Giving

Dick Albreski

The December OAC meeting is a special traditional meeting. We not only give, but we receive. At the OAC December meeting, all members are asked to bring cookies and candies that can be exchanged and enjoyed. The OAC will provide the drinks.

In addition, we encourage all members to bring hats, gloves, scarves, and socks that can be donated to the homeless. In the past, the OAC members have been most generous in this program, and we anticipate they will support it this year as well.



We will also have our auction to provide funds for our Youth who will travel to the *National Accordion Association* Convention in Dallas in March 2016. As a club, we have always supported our Youth, knowing that they will continue our goals in the accordion world. The OAC has one of the largest groups of young accordionists that perform at the N.A.A. Please be generous and donate items that can be auctioned off. If we don't support the accordion Youth, who will?



December Meeting

The December meeting will be held on Sunday, December 13, 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.

The church is having a Christmas program at 4:00 pm on Sunday, so we will be in room 45E for our meeting and Christmas program.

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

We're going to have a wonderful Christmas party for the December meeting. The Youth are playing, Lou Le Brun is playing, the Band is playing, there's a sing-a-long, and there will be much more.

And we'll be having a final vote for board members for the next two years.

I think it's been a very successful year.

I'm including "Ragtime Jingle Bells," a song I transposed years ago for the *Banjo Band*. I think you'll have fun with it. You can find it on page 6 of this *Squeezins*.

• Barbara



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Mark Your Calendars

Dick Albreski

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.

January 2016. It's time to review our NEW YEAR'S Resolutions. Have you accomplished all that you wanted to do in 2015? If yes, great! If no, you know what you must do.

National Accordion Association Convention to be held at the *Hyatt Regency Hotel* in Richardson, Texas March 10-12, 2016. Check the website for more information.

Look for more accordion events in future issues of Squeezins.



November/December Birthdays



Happy Birthday Wishes to the following OAC members:

Donna Dove (11/16)

Alberta Bliss (11/19)

Bria Smith (11/27)

Ellen Jonsson (12/01)

Lucy Shedeck (12/13)

Maggie Abel (12/21)

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November Meeting

Lois Roth

Minutes of OAC Meeting November 8, 2015

President Barbara Duer called the meeting to order. There were nineteen members and three guests attending.

- Barbara made the following announcements:

⇒ The next meeting will be our Christmas party. There will be special performances by the Youth group and by Lou Le Brun.

⇒ Club members are asked to bring new or gently used winter clothing accessories (hats, gloves, socks, etc.) to be donated to the needy.

⇒ Members are also asked to bring items for our traditional raffle/auction. Proceeds will be used to help pay for the Youth Group's convention expenses next March.

⇒ All members are encouraged to bring cookies or other Christmas treats for refreshments to share.

- Nominations were held for four officer positions. Nominated were Barbara Duer for president, Dan Orza for vice president, Maggie Abel for secretary, and Karen West for historian. Elections will be held at the December meeting.

- Barbara said she would like to plan performances a month ahead so that each meeting will have plenty of music.

- Karen is creating a book of the Club's 2015 events.

- Dick Albreski suggested that we need new people to be officers.

- Barbara Duer praised the officers for the work they have done and are doing.

- Tom Phillips auctioned off two used accordions. Bob Mansfield and Jim Woolly purchased them.

- Sil Lopez introduced two guests, Kathy and Shelby Matherly. They live in Edmond.

- Then it was time for music!

Barbara Duer told us about Guido Deiro. She has a book of his compositions and will make copies of any songs that we may want to try. She and Dick opened the program with three selections from the book: "Deiro's Rag," "Jewel Waltz," and "March." "Deiro's Rag" is the original "Sharpshooters March."

- Dick played "Minnie's Borcht" by Louise Goldberg.

- Dan Orza performed "Sharpshooters March."

- Anne Lopez played "Lost Hope Waltz," followed by a fine arrangement of "Blue Moon" (her theme song).

- Bob Mansfield treated us to "P. H. Rumba" by Palmer-Hughes, and "Blue Panther" --- a "takeoff" on the Pink Panther theme --- composed by Bob and *The Sisters At Play*.

- The program concluded with *The Accordionaires* performing a medley of patriotic songs that included "God Bless America," "The Battle Hymn of the Republic," and "You're A Grand Old Flag." The players were Dan Orza, Karen West, Barbara Duer, and Lois Roth.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, December 13. Come and enjoy the party! There will be food, fun, and Christmas music.

Respectfully submitted,
Lois Roth (acting for Secretary Maggie Abel)



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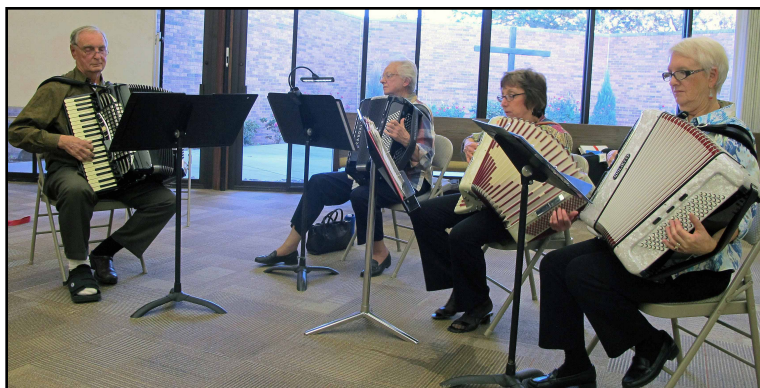
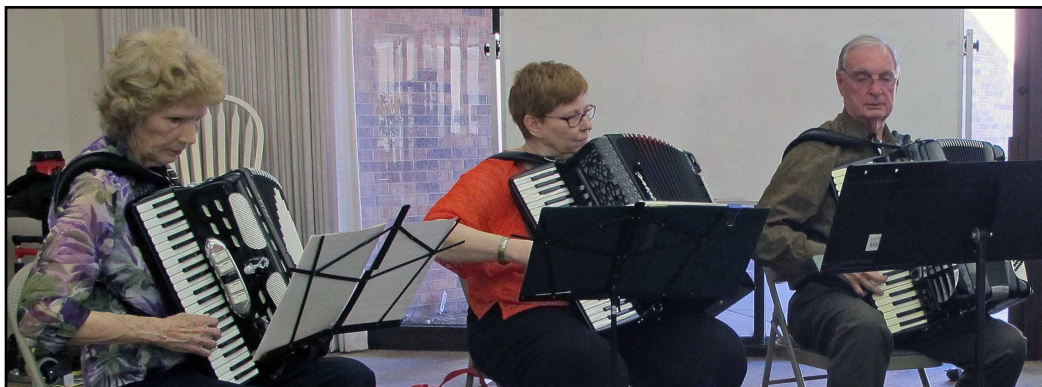
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November Meeting

Diana Richard



Ragtime Jingle Bells

RAGTIME JINGLE BELLS



At the beginning of November, Lu Le Brun played her accordion at the *Oklahoma Seniors' Cabaret* in Moore.



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