

SQUEEZINS

"Our squeezin'...is pleasin'"



The Oklahoma Accordion Club Newsletter



This time of year brings family and friends together to celebrate Thanksgiving, Hanukkah, Christmas, and New Year's. On behalf of all the officers, we wish each and every one of you a very blessed and happy Holiday Season.

*Merry
Christmas*



*Happy
New Year*

December Hybrid Meeting

Our December meeting will be held on Sunday, December 12, at 3:30 pm.

It will be a "hybrid meeting," and will combine both an "in-person" meeting and a *Zoom* meeting.

We will be meeting in the south pod, as usual, and the door code remains the same as last month.

If you need instructions for using *Zoom*, please call Maggie Abel, and ask her for a trial session on using the *Zoom* meeting features.

For meeting details and instructions, see page 3.

Don't forget to bring your "Sing-Along Music" that we recently e-mailed you!



Prez Sez

Maggie Abel

Our Christmas meeting will be held on Sunday, December 12, at 3:30 pm.

To echo Lois's sentiment, please join us for music (including a singalong), refreshments, and a holly jolly good time!

Well, the highlight of our year (at least, of *this* year, since we had no summer concert in 2021) will arrive Sunday, December 12, 2021, at 3:30 p.m. That's our long-awaited Christmas party — taking place in the multipurpose room at *Messiah Lutheran Church*. In November, we saw some familiar faces we hadn't seen in a while. We hope to see many more of them at our holiday meetup.

The eager players among Dick Albreski's youth performers will shine like stars, as always! Oh, there will be delightful snacks, and certainly some Christmas songs among the musical offerings. The big question is, will we see Billy wearing his big green flickering elf hat?

When Dick is not directing the young ones, he is masterminding the collection of woolly hats, socks, gloves, and scarves to deliver to those in need. If you bring your spares for our collection box, Dick will transport them to a deserving group.

I attended a get-together recently, where I was introduced to eight new friends. One of them happened to mention — out of the blue — that his sister used to play the accordion. It's always amazing, the interest and curiosity that is aroused when the squeezebox subject comes up!

Every member should have received Newsletter Editor Frank Gesinski's e-mailing of sheet music for three Christmas songs. We'll try out these songs together this Sunday. Dick has provided several parts for each song, so you can print it out, and select the version for your skill level. Camaraderie comes from working on a song with a small compatible group! Warm up at home if possible, and on Sunday, we'll try out our synchronizing muscles!

Note for your calendar: March 2022 is the *National Accordion Association* convention in Dallas. Caravan there with us! See Dick's "Mark Your Calendar" column for details.

Dues are payable for the coming year. Treasurer Ron Shearon will receive yours! Individual: \$20 covers the year; additional family members: \$10; Lifetime members: \$300.

We're so fortunate to live in a world where our standard of living exceeds even that of the great kings and queens of the past.

Continued on page 4



Advertisement

**JUST ACCORDIONS**
Sales • Repairs • Instruction
Dick Albreski
(405) 721-0564
7109 N.W. 102nd St., OKC, OK 73162
juaccord@hotmail.com
7-07

Board of Directors

PRESIDENT

Maggie Abel

Oklahoma City, OK 73107

405/201-7867

magster@aol.com

VICE-PRESIDENT

Ron Shearon

209 South 2nd

Bison, OK. 73720

580/603-0078

rlshearon@gmail.com

TREASURER

Ron Shearon

209 South 2nd

Bison, OK. 73720

580/603-0078

rlshearon@gmail.com

SECRETARY

Lois Roth

Edmond, OK 73013

405/340-6454

roth6454@gmail.com

HISTORIAN/LIBRARIAN

Open

PAST PRESIDENT

Barbara Duer

NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Frank Gesinski

Tulsa, OK 74136

918/492-1715

OKAccordionClub@sbcglobal.net

WEBMASTER

Diana Richard

Diana.I.richard@gmail.com

WEBSITE

<http://www.okaccordion.club/>

Lifetime Members

- Maggie Abel
- Jim & June Butricks
- William "Rusty" Dolton
- Janet Haskin
- Roland Lohmann
- Frankie Martinez
- Bob Mansfield
- Tom Phillips
- Phil Scibelli
- Ophelia Woody

December Hybrid Meeting

Out-of-town members, or anyone who cannot attend the live meeting in person, may still wish to experience it in *Zoom* (the same way they did in previous months).

(1) On computer, tablet, or smartphone, to join us with audio and video, go to:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5236709799>

OR

(2) On your landline or non-smart telephone, to join us by audio only, call this number:

346/248-7799. When you are asked for a meeting ID, type in 523-670-9799.

If you want to try out the system before that date, just call me at 405/201-7867, and we'll give it a test to make sure all systems are go.

Grab your Ma and bring your Pa, as we broad-jump into that *OAC* squeezebox spirit, anticipating our upcoming meeting!



Outside Group Policy Messiah Lutheran Church Open Up and Recover Safely Plan:



- We ask that everyone who is entering the building wears a mask. The rule of thumb is:

IF YOU'RE MOVING, YOU'RE MASKING

- Once you are in place and safely distanced, you may remove your mask if you desire
- Groups are responsible for providing masks for their group members if they do not have their own
- Groups are responsible for providing their own hand sanitizer, gloves and disinfecting wipes to do the wipe down of touch points on the doors, bathrooms and surfaces used by their group during their activities.

Sanitation & Disinfecting of touch points: Wipe down all touchpoints used by group including but not limited to:

- Inside and outside door handles on all doors touched by group members
- Restroom touchpoints including faucet handles and stall door touchpoints
- Any chairs and or tables used by the group

Maintain Social Distancing

- Groups are asked to abstain from shaking hands and we encourage doing non-contact greetings.
- Seating should be set up to maintain proper spacing (family members from same household may sit together)
- If distancing cannot be assured, then masks should be worn
- It is recommended that group members use hand sanitizer before your group activity begins and again before leaving

Mark Your Calendars

Dick Albreski

IDEAS Virtual Symposium 4.0 Update! The *International Digital Electronic Accordion Society (IDEAS)* is announcing its 2022 *Symposium* that will be completely virtual, once again, because of the ever-advancing COVID Delta and Omicron variants. The new dates are now January 21-30, 2022. The quality and scope of next year's *Symposium* promises to be every bit as engaging and educational as the past *Symposiums*, with a line-up of world-renowned digital, accordion players. Read more at gr8ideas.org.

Annual OAC Christmas Party. Yes, we will have our traditional party, with hopes that a lot of members will attend. We must get back to normal. We encourage those attending members to bring socks, scarves, gloves, and hats for the homeless. This tradition should not be lost. If you want to donate and can't attend the party, contact me, Dick Albreski. We will not (this year) have our silent auction to raise money for the *Youth*. We do suggest however, if you have an extra 50 cents, that you might consider donating it to our *Youth*. They will perform at the *National Accordion Association* Convention in March 2022. **Bring a friend, bring**

your accordion and, OH YES, bring a treat that you can share with others. Mark your calendars that you will attend our Christmas Party on December 12, 2021. You know the time. SEE YOU THERE!

HEADS UP! Yes, there will be a *National Accordion Association* convention in March 2022. The dates are March 16-19, 2021. Plans are now being completed with special emphasis on new talent, new workshops, and new performances. Start marking your calendar for this one, because it will be a great one. Yours truly will once again direct the *FUN BAND* and the *Youth Program*, plus a workshop on music composition. Keep in touch, a lot more will follow. Incidentally, the *Hyatt Regency Hotel*, which housed the previous *NAA* conventions is now the *Hilton Hotel*. I'm told there are no changes to the program from that we attended in the past. See you there.

There seems to be a lot more happening this year in spite of the Pandemic. As I hear or learn about upcoming events, I will pass them on to you. Keep Squeezin'.



Prez Sez

Continued from front page

May the holiday fill our tummies with yummys, and our hearts with gratitude for friends and family. Our traditional December party at *Messiah Lutheran* -- with its snacks and live accordion music -- always delivers Christmas spirit. May it again spread joy to us and to anyone we bring along!

• Maggie Abel, *OAC* President



**Happy Birthday Wishes to
the following OAC members:**
Lucy Shedeck, December 13
Maggie Abel, December 21
Larry Gering, December 29



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.



November Hybrid Meeting

Oklahoma Accordion Club

November 14, 2021

Meeting Minutes

The OAC met on Sunday, November 14, 2021, at 3:30 pm. Eight members and three guests attended in person. Four members attended on *Zoom*.

President Maggie Abel called the meeting to order. We stood and recited The *Pledge of Allegiance*.

- We recognized and applauded our Club members who are veterans: Tom Phillips, Navy; Ron Shearon, Navy; and Billy Henson, Air Force.
- Maggie introduced three guests: Asuman Akkus, Mehmet Akkus, and Frank Boyd.
- Ron began the music with "Silent Night."
- We discussed plans for the upcoming Christmas party. Members are asked to bring winter accessories (hats, scarves, socks, gloves, etc.) for charity.
 - They are also encouraged to bring Christmas cookies or other treats to share.
 - Treasurer Ron Shearon will collect annual Club dues, and donations for our *Youth Group*.
 - Dues are \$20 for individuals and \$30 for couples. A lifetime membership is \$300.
- Ron continued the music with "Neapolitan Nights."
- Lou Le Brun joined us on *Zoom*. She performed "Cha Cha Doll" and "Ambiance Waltz." She said that she won't attend the December meeting in person because of the long drive from her home in Springfield, Missouri.

- Barbara Yuill and Dick Albreski also joined the meeting on *Zoom*. They played a duet: "Meditation" (aka "I Will Wait For You").
- Dick followed with two solos: "White Christmas" and "Becca's Request," a song he composed for his granddaughter.
- Dick shared some March 2022 convention plans with us. He will teach a workshop called "Albreski Plays Albreski." The *Fun Band* will play six songs, including "Evaline" (a tribute to Dick's late wife Evie), and a song in memory of Shelia Lee.
- He said there will be some *Youth Group* members performing at our Christmas meeting.
- Next Mehmet, Maggie's beginning accordion student, played some exercises to show us what he is learning.
- The *Junior Fun Band* played "Cruising Down The River" and "Music, Music, Music." The players were Maggie, Ron, Karen West, and Lois Roth.
- Maggie and Ron performed a duet titled, "This Is Our Song for You."
- Karen and Lois concluded the music with "JBAO Polka" and "America the Beautiful."

The meeting was adjourned.

Our Christmas meeting will be Sunday, December 12, at 3:30 pm. Please join us for music (including a singalong), refreshments, and a holly jolly good time!

Respectfully submitted,
Lois Roth, OAC Secretary



Advertisement



The Bohemian Knights

Featuring Master Accordionist Dick Albreski

Music for your Party or Special Occasion
Polkas, Waltzes, Pop Tunes & Folk Dances

Contact: MILO SHEDECK
405-748-5376
miloshedek@cox.net
Playing at the Czech Hall in Yukon, Ok.
www.czechhall.com for dates

November Hybrid Meeting



November Hybrid Meeting





Oklahoma Accordion Club Membership & Renewal Form

Make checks payable to: **Oklahoma Accordion Club**
Mail your membership dues to: **Oklahoma Accordion Club**
c/o 3326 NS 367 Road, Holdenville, OK 74844

Name _____ Date _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-mail _____ Phone (____) _____

Birthday (MM/DD) ____ / ____ (optional)

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.

- | | |
|--|---|
| ☐ Primary Membership is \$20 per year per individual | ☐ Lifetime Membership is a one-time fee of \$300 |
| ☐ Family Membership is \$10 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

Advertisement



JUST ACCORDIONS

Sales • Repairs • Instruction

Dick Albreski

(405) 721-0564

7109 N.W. 102nd St., OKC, OK 73162

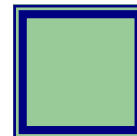
juaccord@hotmail.com

7-07

Oklahoma Accordion Club

7109 NW 102 Street

Oklahoma City, OK 73162



FIRST CLASS MAIL