

THE OKLAHOMA SQUEEZINS

"Our squeezin'...is pleasin'"

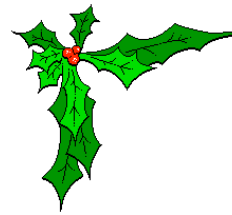


The Oklahoma Accordion Club Newsletter

Merry Christmas



To all of you from all of us,
A very joyous Holiday Season
and a very happy New Year



Meeting info

Our next meeting will be held on Sunday, January 11, at the Messiah Lutheran Church, which is located at the intersection of NW Expressway and Portland Ave., just west of I-44 and Baptist Hospital, and across the street from Deaconess Hospital on Portland Ave. Festivities begin at 2:30, when the

orchestra rehearsal starts. At 3:30 our meeting begins, followed by individual and group performances, and then a "jam session" follows until 5:00 or 5:30 pm. 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.



The Treasurer sez

Dick Albreski

Wow! As you read this note, we will be looking at 2009. I can't believe that 2008 is over. Will 2009 be as great as 2008? Evie and I have some fond memories, and we're going to share one with you. Last November, we traveled to Orlando, Florida to attend the Florida Accordion SMASH. There was a dual purpose for this event. Karen Adams, president of the Florida Accordion Association, and Walter Kasprzyk, a member of the world-renowned K-Trio, exchanged wedding vows, and I had the distinct honor of giving away the bride.

The wedding was a "SMASH," and so were the accordion performers. Our friend, Tony Lovello, was there, plus a new name that I have never heard before. Antonio Barberena from Mexico City is perhaps one of the best accordion players on this planet. Our good friend and OAC member John Gaunt also had an impressive display of accordions and accessories. There were many great performers, but I truly enjoyed the "jammers" who kept the party going.

How is this for a wedding cake?



Back to business. December is that special month when we renew our OAC memberships. I must admit I have not heard from many of you. Without your support our club cannot continue to promote the accordion. Please remember to send me your dues. It's still only \$16.00 per year, and \$8.00 for an additional family member. Our expenses for the month totaled \$382.16, but with the profit from Big Squeeze III, we have \$1,362.85 in the checkbook.



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Renew now!!!

Dick Albreski

As of last December 29, we only had a total of 26 members for 2009. Four of the 26 are new members. Only 22 of the current 63 members have renewed their memberships. Please take five minutes of

your time and fill out the membership renewal in this newsletter and send it, with your check, to me. The address is at the bottom of the form.

Thanks for your help.



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Christmas party

Dan Orza



Members and friends from Tulsa



We had lots of wonderful food



We shared friendship



Friendship, fellowship, smiles



Togetherness



Smooches across the table

Christmas party

Dan Orza



Common thoughts and togetherness



Family time together



Music time together



Elegance



Newly elected officers (left to right): Historian/Librarian Bob Mansfield, Treasurer Dick Albreski, President Bill Henson, Secretary Beth Henson, and Vice President Jim Wooley



The Prez Sez

Dan Orza

My family and I wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I hope that this past year was a good one for all of you, and the coming year brings Joy, Good Health and even more Happiness and Wealth.

Our Oklahoma Accordion Club has accomplished many wonderful things these past couple of years. You should be proud of yourselves -- proud of OAC and proud of what we do and the reason we meet and perform. You make me proud to be both a member and your leader. Thank you for letting me do that. But now it is time for me to "pass the baton." Your new president will also work hard to keep OAC an active and involved performing accordion group. My one concern and continuing goal is increasing attendance and participation at meetings. To that end I will do all I can to assist as past president.

Our December Big Squeeze was another outstanding success. We had a full house at the UCO Jazz Lab in Edmond. It was a long show, but everyone stayed until the end – they loved ALL the performers – they loved ALL the different types of music offered. Many thanks for Lou LeBurn and Sharon Fox for coming all the way from Missouri. They were so good. Our local fantastic pros Bob Mansfield, his group "Gypsy Wind," and Dick Albreski with his magic accordion were outstanding. And our two teenage guys Jarion Baquero and Micaiah Elliott were superb. The audience really loved the fact that we had such a variety of styles of music and different age groups performing. THEY WERE IMPRESSED. And I really

believe that the Jazz Lab is perfect for our venue. Best of all, we made a nice profit for our club.

Your new officers will take over in January. PLEASE COME TO THIS MEETING for the changing of the guard. Your newly elected officers are President Bill Henson, Vice President Jim Wooley, Secretary Beth Henson, Treasurer Dick Albreski, and Historian/Librarian Bob Mansfield.

I will be involved with reviewing and updating the by-laws, along with my committee: Jackie Mashore, Max Gunther, Bob Mansfield, and Bill Henson.

Our holiday Christmas party had to be moved from Messiah Lutheran Church to First Presbyterian Church. Everyone was notified, and we had quite a few people there. However, some who made reservations did not show. We had lots of really good food and plenty of wonderful side dishes and desserts brought by members. And we played Christmas carols till we dropped – what great fun.

We had a whole load of GLOVES, MITTENS, SCARVES, and HATS... even a COAT to give to the Jesus House. Thank you all for your donations. The club will donate these items on your behalf.

Musically yours,
DANO

OUR MUSIC, OUR ACCORDIONS, BRING US TOGETHER IN
FRIENDSHIP, IN HARMONY
IN LOVE, IN SHARED BLESSINGS, IN TOGETHERNESS
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TO BELONG TO
THE OKLAHOMA ACCORDION CLUB
MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL
DANO





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- 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.

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