



Midwest Polka Association Newsletter
1785 Arcadia St Shakopee MN 55379

**November
 December
 2021**



President's Message *by Danny Fabeck*

Greetings everyone! What has happened to summer? It seemed to go by in a flash & way different than a year ago. So many good times this summer - the Dells, Pulaski, IPA in Pittsburgh. And those are just some I went to. There were many more fests & I heard good things about all of them. Many thanks to all the hard working people who put on these events. Boy, it was good to see so many familiar faces & talk to people I had not seen in 2 years. I know we are all so grateful for being able to do at least some things this past summer. Let's hope the good times will continue.

In September we had our first dance in 18 months! Craig Ebel's DyVersaCo played for us & it was a great time. I wasn't sure what kind of a crowd we'd have, but I was not disappointed. We had a lot of people & we all had a grand time. So nice to hop around again to the great music.

We just had Polka Country Musicians on Friday October 22 on their annual midwest tour with a wonderful crowd. Lots of dancers followed the band to Weston WI on Saturday October 23.

We have 2 more dances in 2021. Sunday November 21 we have Main Squeeze scheduled, then Doctor Kielbasa will play on Sunday December 6 for the December birthday people. Both of these dances will be held at Murzyn Hall in Columbia Hts.

The MPA board is in the process of planning dances for next year. I think we will have a tentative schedule very soon. Dates for the dances will be in the newsletter as soon as we make those decisions. All of the dances will be held at Murzyn with that beautiful wooden floor! Not a whole lot more news from around here right now, but I know everyone is anxious to get back into our monthly dances.

I want to give a shout out & a big thank you to Dan Lamatsch for doing all the work to support our social media accounts. He manages our web site as well as Facebook, Twitter & Instagram. We all appreciate all he does.

Thanks for all your support - with your help, we WILL keep polka music alive.

Hope to talk to you soon - Danny Fabeck

Introduce someone new to the music - keep the heritage alive!

**AN MPA BEFORE
 THANKSGIVING DANCE**

**Come dance & listen to
 THE MAIN SQUEEZE**

**Sunday Afternoon
 November 21
 From 1-5 pm**

**AT MURZYN HALL
 530 MILL ST NE
 COLUMBIA HTS MN**

Just \$10 Per Person

More Info? Call 651-433-2173



**SAVE THE DATE!
 STRAIGHT FROM
 ART OHOTTO!
 THE CONCERTINA
 BOWL IS ON FOR
 SATURDAY JANUARY 29 2022
 AT THE BLAINBROOK
 ENTERTAINMENT CENTER. MORE
 INFO IN THE
 NEXT NEWSLETTER.**

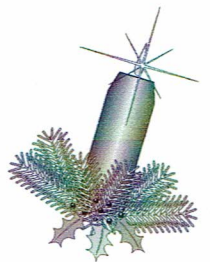
A huge thank you to
 Annette Meyers for the
 loan of her mother's
 scrapbooks to the MPA.
 Martha Czerniak was
 amazing in her ability
 & her tenacity
 in putting all those
 wonderful scrapbooks
 together!
 Thank you again

**Get Ready For The
 Holidays With The MPA!**

**Start the holidays with a fun time!
 Come dance & listen to the music of
 Doctor Kielbasa**

**Sunday Afternoon
 December 5 1-5 pm**

**At Murzyn Hall
 530 Mill St NE
 Columbia Hts MN 55421**



**Come share a piece of
 cake with the December
 birthday dancers!**

Admission \$10 per person

Membership Report by Pat Eckman

What happy news - we are planning some dances for the fall! Welcome to our new members - Linda Gilson, Kevin Austin, Ed Stroyny, Marlene Anglin, Michelle Thompson, & Kathy Futa.

NOVEMBER-DECEMBER RENEWALS

Members who need to renew for the months of NOVEMBER & DECEMBER will find their renewal sheets & envelopes in their newsletters. Those of you who are overdue, those sheets are also in your newsletter envelopes.

Please consider renewing for 2 years by paying \$12 every other year, which is ONLY \$.50 a month. I will be at all the dances & they have started up so find me with your dues or send your check in the envelope provided.

A huge thank you to all who have paid for 2 years and in a timely fashion! Thanks also to the MPA members who when they renew, they also enroll their significant others in the MPA! Thank you also to those who send a little more than their dues. We are so very grateful to all of you!

So many of you have written a note to me in your renewals - I just love it!!! Thank you so much! Seeing your names on renewals makes me miss all of you even more!

WE ARE DANCING & WE ARE HAVING FUN!!

Pat Eckman



Doctor Kielbasa
www.doctorkielbasa.com

DECEMBER

5 Sunday MPA Dance December Birthday Celebration!
Murzyn Hall Columbia Hts 1-5

Craig Ebel & DyVersaCo
www.itspolkatime.com



Happy Holidays To All!

The Main Squeeze
See Us On Facebook

NOVEMBER

21 Sunday MPA Dance Before Thanksgiving Dance
Murzyn Hall Columbia Hts 1-5

The Jolly Zuks Band
www.jollyzuks.com

Happy Holidays! See you in 2022

The Squires Band
www.squiresband.com

Have a great holiday season!

Bobby Z & Polka Joy Band
bobzagozda@gmail.com

NOVEMBER

21 Sunday Holiday Kickoff Donahues Bar 4-7
33rd & L Street Omaha NE

DECEMBER

26 Sunday Kolendy Dance Polish Home Belvedere Hall 1-5
201 E First St Papillion NE
Polish Food Available For Purchase

MPA 2021 Tentative Schedule

More info?

www.midwestpolkaassociation.com

****Sunday November 21 - Pre-Thanksgiving Dance****
MAIN SQUEEZE - Murzyn Hall 1-5

****Sunday December 5 - Birthday Dance With Cake****
DOCTOR KIELBASA - Murzyn Hall 1-5

Stay tuned for info on 2022 dances!

Chmielewski's Fun Time Band
www.funband.com

NOVEMBER

3 Wednesday VFW Cloquet MN 1-4
17 Wednesday VFW Cloquet MN 1-4
19 Friday Am Legion Forest Lake MN 1-4

DECEMBER

1 Wednesday VFW Cloquet MN 1-4
15 Wednesday VFW Cloquet MN 1-4
29 Wednesday VFW Cloquet MN 1-4

Rookies Sports Bar

3425 Church St Stevens Point WI
715-340-3546

OCTOBER

29 Friday Spooky Polka Weekend 7pm - ?
Steve Burclaw & New Polish Sounds
31 Sunday Halloween Dance Cynor Classics 1-5

JIMMY K POLKAS

POLKA CDS / FREE CATALOG

PO BOX 10

UNION LAKE MI 48387

1-866-454-6695

DON WAYERSKI - Y 106.5

Saturday Morning Polka Party

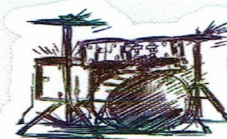
7am - 10am

E-mail polka@y1065.com

Dear MPA Members:

Got a drum set collecting dust in your house?

I like to buy, restore and play vintage American drums & cymbals.



Paul Creager

#651-226-5046

creagz@gmail.com

Please give me a call. Thanks!



Star Club Hall Celebrates 100 Years 1921-2021



Star Club celebrated its 100th anniversary with an afternoon & evening music extravaganza featuring a country western band at 2pm & the Main Squeeze band for the evening dancing on Saturday October 9. Few institutions in central MN have had the staying power of Star Club on Highway 27 west of Kettle River MN. Incorporated in 1921, it was formed as a "gentlemen's club" for the area Polish settlers in Split Rock MN. Star Club has been & continues to be a busy place, hosting regular dances, wedding dances & community gatherings.

The Split Rock area, known to most as the Polish settlement, was homesteaded starting in 1887. The neighborhood prospered from timber harvesting & farming. In 1921 a group was formed to build a community hall. When it was incorporated Star Club was to exist for 30 years, but a decision was made to make the organization perpetual. In the early days members paid 50 cents to join & 25 cents a month for dues. The first officers were Tony Shusta - pres, ZJ Michalski - vp, Frank Pasek - sec, & directors Andrew Kwapick, Stan Pevon, George Kolodge & Bruno Kaspacak. Even with active community support, the new hall was built in stages & there were setbacks. The basic structure went up in 1921, but a heavy snow load during the winter of 1926-27 collapsed the roof. Men had to work during construction & at the hall events for their wives to be members. 1939 saw major work on the hall with insulation, wiring, lights & extensive interior work.

Star Club was in its heyday! Dances were held regularly with such performers as Whoopee John, Frankie Yankovic, The Jolly Brothers, Viola Turpeinen, The Polka Dots, The Rhythm Kings, The Granda Band, The Jolly Zuks, The Chmielewski Funtime Band & other bands. The late 1940s saw a basement dug & a bar room set-up downstairs. A kitchen was added & the membership women set up a guild to handle the kitchen operation & dinners. A new floor was installed in the 1950s.

Star Club continues to be an important part of the local social life in the area. Many of the families, whether members of Star Club or not, have had grandparents court there, parents court there, the current generation dance & court there. Star Club continues to change with the times & to provide a positive place for neighbors & families to gather. Many descendants of the original members are now members of the MPA.

The yearly dues to be a member of Star Club is \$1. What a nice way to help this wonderful hall stay in business! The committee that put the 100th anniversary party on put a DVD together about past gatherings at Star Club. The cost of this DVD is \$20. For more information please contact the President of Star Club Ken Halverson 7210 Hwy 27 Sturgeon Lake MN 53783 or call 218-380-1867.

*Eddie Biegaj's Crusade
is back on tour. So far -
December 4 2021
Potts Banquets Buffalo NY
Alternating with The Touch
December 5 2021
Ludlow MA PACC
More dates will
be announced!*

*Eddie Biegaj's Bad Boy Show
is now Thursdays 4-6 EST &
Sundays at noon after Jimmy
Sturt. Soon he will start another
new Bad Boy Show on regular
radio in Pittsburg OH.
More info to come. It will
also be available on the internet.*

*Come on a tour to central Europe
& Southern Poland with
John Gora & Eddie Biegaj
August 17-28 2022
419-480-7050*

USPA MINI FEST
Holiday Inn
6001 Rockside Rd
Independence OH

DynaVersaStickToneAires
Energy - Polka Family
Polka Country Musicians
Lenny Gomulka
& Chicago Push

Rooms - 216-524-8050
Info - 440-886-6157

What a wonderful feeling to have a dance again! We returned to the beautiful Murzyn Hall on Sunday September 26 to dance to & enjoy the music of Craig Ebel's DyVersaCo.

