



# Midwest Polka Association Newsletter

1785 Arcadia St Shakopee MN 55379

January  
February  
2022



## President's Message by Danny Fabeck

Happy Holidays! Or as Paul McCartney would say, "Simply havin' a wonderful Christmastime." No snow yet in MN, but I know it's just around the corner. Who would have ever thought Ohio would beat MN for having the first measureable snow of the season? I was thinking that this year has been a better year than last for polka music. But still we have great challenges dealing with this pandemic. We have large dance venues where hardly anyone wears a mask. Yet it seems after each dance, someone comes away sick. So I am torn between wanting all to wear masks but relieved we don't have to.

In October we had our second dance of 2021. What a way to do it! Polka Country Musicians played & we had the largest crowd in years. Think people missed live polka music? Thanks to everyone who came to the dance. Such a wonderful time. A big thank you to all the guys in PCM for making that long trip to MN for us. The next day the dance in Weston WI was just as fantastic.

Last month we had Main Squeeze play for our dance & once again lots of people came to dance. I can't tell you how much I appreciate you all coming to our dances. It's all your support that keeps the MPA able to continue to have dances with all the great bands. Main Squeeze was fantastic - they seem to get better & better every time I hear them.

We will continue to have dances most every month in 2022. As of now, the dances will be at Murzyn Hall in Columbia Heights - a great location. And I want to take this opportunity to thank the Lions Club of Columbia Heights for providing the refreshments, plus it is a good fundraiser for them.

We are always looking for new people to join the MPA Board. We welcome the help in reaching our decisions. It's a chance to work with a great group of people & a rewarding experience promoting the music we love so much. If you are interested in helping, please let a board member know.

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!



**43RD CONCERTINA BOWL**  
**SATURDAY JANUARY 29 2022**  
**AT THE BLAINBROOK**  
**ENTERTAINMENT CENTER.**

**JUST THINK - 11 HOURS OF MUSIC**  
**NOON TO 11PM**

**DOOR PRIZES ALL DAY**  
**FOOD & SNACKS WITH a**  
**CASH BAR - BEER & MIXED**  
**DRINKS**

**ADULTS - \$15**  
**STUDENTS 12-18 - \$5**  
**KIDS UNDER 12 - FREE**

**7:15 TRIBUTE TO EDDIE CHESNEY**  
**FEATURING ART OHOTTO**  
**DAVE SOWADA & CRAIG EBEL**

**CONCERTINA DISPLAY**  
**BOB NOVAK & MIKE SMIEJA**  
**BUY, SELL & TRADE**  
**NEW & USED**  
**TUNING & REPAIR SERVICES**  
**BUTTON BOXES & ACCORDIANS**

**DALE DAHMEN & THE**  
**POLKA BEATS IN THE BACK ROOM**  
**STARTING AT 6PM**

**An Early Valentine's Dance -**  
**Celebrate Romance With The MPA!**

**Sunday Afternoon**  
**February 6 1-5**



**Come Enjoy & Dance To**  
**Craig Ebel's DyVersaCo**

**At The Beautiful Murzyn Hall**  
**530 Mill St NE**

**Columbia Hts MN 55421**



**Just \$10 Per Person**

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**FRIDAY MARCH 4**

**POLKA FAMILY**  
**IS COMING!!**  
**TO MURZYN HALL**

**A FEW MORE DATES**

**HOLY TOLEDO DAYS**  
**APRIL 7-10**

**WI DELLS POLKA FEST**  
**APRIL 29-MAY 1**



## Membership Report by Pat Eckman

As you can see, we have scheduled a whole year of dances for 2022! Welcome to our new members - Kris Dudziak, Kevin Neuman, Mary Jo Czaplewski, Beverly Stearns, Dee Harman, Scot Rolek, Suzanne Hendricks & Angelo Rulli.

### JANUARY-FEBRUARY RENEWALS

Members who need to renew for the months of JANUARY & FEBRUARY 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



We send sympathy to friends & family of Mary Ohotto, who passed away last September. She was a long time member of the MPA, as is her husband, Doug Ohotto. Mary was a chemical dependency counselor for the Hazelden Foundation.



We send sympathy to friends & family of Doris Napiwocki, who died last August. She met her husband, Frank, at a polka dance. They catered many parties with their famous pig roasts over the years. Doris will be remembered for her love of her family & cooking Polish foods for special events & holidays.

We send sympathy to friends & family of Terry Louie, who died in October. His wife, Linda Walczyski Louie, is a long time member of the MPA. Terry was a lawyer in litigation & military

## MPA 2022 Tentative Schedule

### More info?

[www.midwestpolkaassociation.com](http://www.midwestpolkaassociation.com)

**\*\*Sunday February 6 - Valentines Dance\*\***

**DYVERSACO** - Murzyn Hall 1-5

**\*\*Friday March 4 - A Special Dance\*\***

**POLKA FAMILY** - Murzyn Hall 7-11

**\*\*Sunday April 24 - A Spring Dance\*\***

**LIVEWIRE** - Murzyn Hall 1-5

**\*\*Sunday May 22 - Another Spring Dance\*\***

**JOLLY ZUKS** - Murzyn Hall 1-5

**\*\*Sunday July 10 - Noon - ?\*\***

**MPA ANNUAL PICNIC** - Jam Session

**\*\*Sunday August 10 - A Summer Dance\*\***

**CHAD** - Murzyn Hall 1-5

**\*\*Sunday September 18 - A Fall Dance\*\***

**Tri City Drive** - Murzyn Hall

**\*\*Friday October 28 - Halloween Dance 7-11\*\***

**POLKA COUNTRY MUSICIANS** - Murzyn Hall

**\*\*Sunday November 13 - Before Thanksgiving\*\***

**MAIN SQUEEZE** - Murzyn Hall 1-5

**\*\*Sunday December 4 - Birthday Dance\*\***

**DOCTOR KIELBASA** - Murzyn Hall 1-5

Craig Ebel & DyVersaCo  
[www.itspolkatime.com](http://www.itspolkatime.com)



### FEBRUARY

**6 Sunday MPA Valentines Dance 1-5**

Murzyn Hall Columbia Hts

### MARCH

**1 Tues Sauerkraut Supper Holy Cross Church**  
17th St & University Ave NE 5-9

Chmielewski's Fun Time Band  
[www.funtimeband.com](http://www.funtimeband.com)

### FEBRUARY

**12 Saturday Lindstrom City Hall 6-9pm**  
Free Admission



Doctor Kielbasa  
[www.doctorkielbasa.com](http://www.doctorkielbasa.com)

On winter vacation for Jan-Feb

The Main Squeeze  
See Us On Facebook

No dances scheduled for Jan-Feb

The Jolly Zuks Band  
[www.jollyzuks.com](http://www.jollyzuks.com)

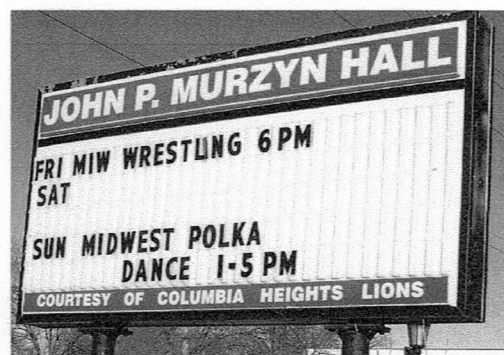
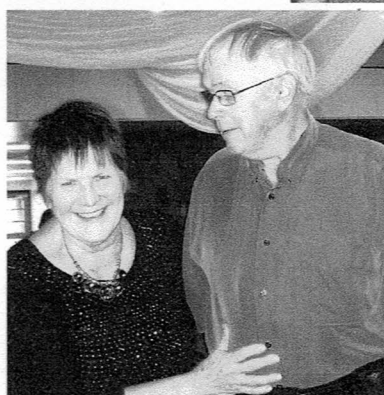
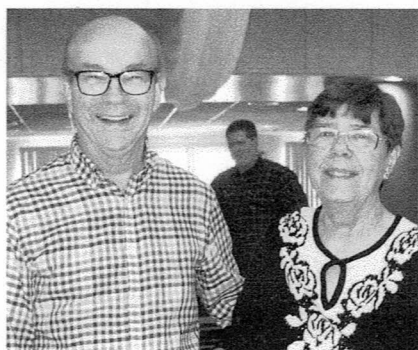
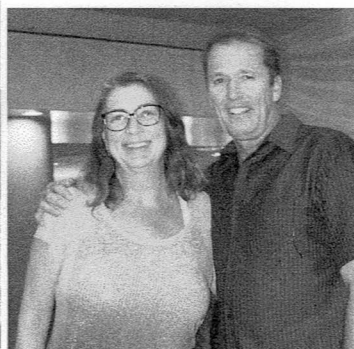
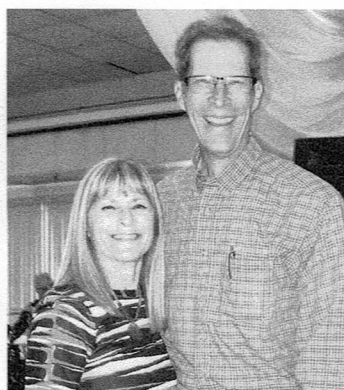
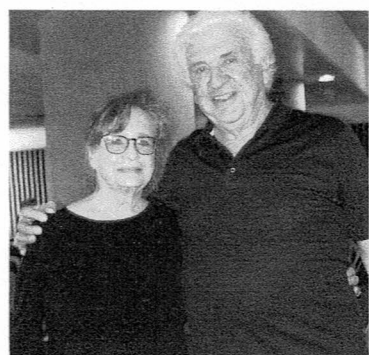
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The Squires Band  
[www.squiresband.com](http://www.squiresband.com)

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We were at Murzyn Hall on Sunday November 21 with the great music of Main Squeeze. Lots of dancers enjoying the afternoon & celebrating the Vikings win over the Packers! Go Vikes!



**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](mailto:polka@y1065.com)

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

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.

Sure hope you were at Murzyn Hall on Friday evening October 22 when Polka Country Musicians really rocked the place! WOW! What an awesome time - a huge crowd, wonderful music & that wonderful dance floor!

