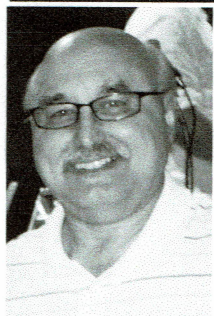




Midwest Polka Association Newsletter

1785 Arcadia St Shakopee MN 55379

July
August
2022



President's Message by Danny Fabeck

Summer has finally arrived! It's so great to see the green! That can only mean one thing - polka festivals are in full swing. Fun to get out to see everyone again. I just returned from Cleveland OH & the USPA Convention. Wonderful time - great music. Many thanks to Blender Bob & all the folks in the USPA for putting a lot of hard work into making that event such a great success! Lots of people I hadn't seen in at least 2 years.

Personally from me, I want to give a big shout out CONGRATULATIONS to Chris Ebel from MN. He is the 2021 New Horizon Award winner from the USPA. This is a big honor for him. He's in some very distinguished company. Tommy Bulanda, Brian Urbanczyk, Matt Rosinski, Nick Tiberi Jr, & Emily Bizon were all past winners. Chris plays multiple instruments & has been a part of many bands, including his dad Craig's band DyVersaCo. He has also been playing with Polka Family. This talented musician deserves all the accolades we can lay on him. Way to go, Chris!

I was not able to go to Patrick Henry's Dells fest this year, but I heard everyone there enjoyed the music. It was a grand time. The lineup of bands was still topnotch. I have heard nothing but good things about it. In April we had Aaron Socha & LIVEwire from WI play for us. It was the first time they played for the MPA. I was not there for the dance, but I heard everyone enjoyed their music. Then in May we had the Jolly Zuks band play for the MPA Anniversary Dance. They are always a lot of fun & provided the dancers with excellent music. The MPA provided cupcakes to celebrate. Thanks to everyone who come out & support our dances.

By the time you read this newsletter the Ocean Beach Park Polka Days in New London CT will have happened. Anybody who has gone to this knows what a fantastic venue it is. Right on the ocean. Music during the day outside in the new Pavilion & at night inside the ballroom. All the top polka bands are there. In July we have our MPA Annual Pot-Luck Picnic at Aquatore Park in Blaine. This is always a very fun time. Live music (jam session) - MPA supplies the weiners & polish - everyone brings a dish to share. So musicians, bring your instruments & jam with Craig & Chris Ebel all afternoon. And we can't forget the famous root beer floats!! Bring a lawn chair for your comfort. And later this summer, Sunday August 7, get ready for the fabulous DynaBrass from Ohio - live in MN again!!

Until next time.....

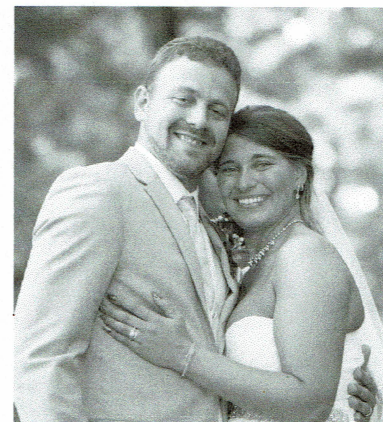
Thanks for all your support - with your help, we WILL keep polka music alive.

Hope to talk to you soon - Danny Fabeck

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



CHRIS EBEL - USPA New Horizon Winner for 2021



CONGRATS TO MPA MEMBERS ASHLEY (STYCZYNSKI) & KEVIN MACH OF GREEN BAY WI

MPA Summer Event

SO DANCE! DANCE! DANCE!

DynaBrass
from the Toledo Area is
coming back to MN!
Sunday August 7 1-5pm
So dance your socks off!!

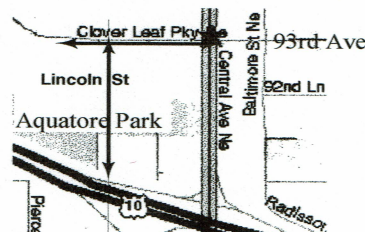
Just \$15 Per Person

Murzyn Hall
530 Mill St N
Columbia Heights MN

The MPA Presents The Pot-Luck Picnic Bash

Free to MPA Members & Guests
Sunday July 10 2022
Noon - ???

Musicians -
Bring Your Instruments
& Jam, Jam, Jam!!



Aquatore Park
Located at
Central Ave &
Clover Leaf Pkwy
in Blaine

Come join us for a free fun-filled afternoon for families, children & grandchildren. Bring a dish to share and the MPA will provide the polish sausage and, of course, the traditional root beer floats!

Don't forget your lawn chairs!

Membership Report by Pat Eckman

As you can see, we still have 6 dances left in 2022! Welcome to our new members - . Donald Heinn, Ania Antus, John Czichray, Zack Brzezczkowski, Randy Clementson, Nora Rosemore, Lynn Kaminski, Sally Ruzynski, Mike Fredrickson, Terri Theis, & Mike Topic. WOW!!

JULY-AUGUST RENEWALS

Members who need to renew for the months of JULY-AUGUST 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!

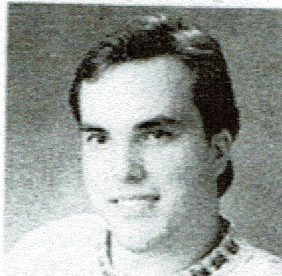
WE ARE DANCING & WE ARE HAVING FUN!!

Pat Eckman

**We are dancing at the fair!!
Monday August 29 (Senior Day)
at 10am 11am & noon.
More info at the picnic.
So be there or be square!!**

We send sympathy to friends & family of Steven Mrozinski, son of Tom & Jean Mrozinski. He was preceded in death by father

Tom, & both sets of grandparents, Edward & Theresa Klisch, & Pete & Harriet Mrozinski.



We send sympathy to friends & family of long time MPA member Tom Huth, who passed away at the end of April. Tom loved to dance, golf & bowl. He made many trips to visit Mexico.



We send sympathy to friends & family of long time MPA member John Walczynski of Duluth, MN, who passed away near the end of February at the age of 94.

**MPA 2022 Tentative Schedule****More info?**

www.midwestpolkaassociation.com

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

MPA ANNUAL PICNIC - Jam Session

****Sunday August 7 - A Summer Dance****

DYNABRASS - Murzyn Hall 1-5

****Sunday September 25 - A Fall Dance****

CYNOR CLASSICS - Murzyn Hall

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

POLKA COUNTRY MUSICIANS - Murzyn Hall

****Sunday November 20 - Before Thanksgiving****

MAIN SQUEEZE - Murzyn Hall 1-5

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

DOCTOR KIELBASA - Murzyn Hall 1-5

Sacred Heart Polka Fest - Sat July 16 - 1-5

With Concertina Power - Art Ohotto & Dave Sowada

On the Corner of 22nd Ave & 5 St NE Minneapolis

Craig Ebel & DyVersaCo
www.itspolkatime.com

AUGUST

20 Sat Slavic Experience Boom Island NE Minneapolis

29-30 Mon-Tue MN State Fair Bazaar Stage 10:45, Noon, 1:15

Doctor Kielbasa
www.doctorkielbasa.com

AUGUST

20 Saturday Kramaczuk's Kielbasa Fest Uteplis Brewing Mpls

The Main Squeeze
See Us On Facebook

JULY

31 Sunday St Florian Church Picnic Hatley WI 12-6:30

The Squires

JULY

13 Wed Music in the Park Walton Park Oakdale MN 7-8:30

29&31 Fri & Sun Little Log House Power Show Hastings Noon-4

AUGUST

7 Sun Music in the Park LeDuc Mansion Hastings MN 6:30-8:30

The Jolly Zuks Band
www.jollyzucs.com

JULY

10 Sunday K of C 100th Anniversary Party Am Legion Pine City 2-6

16 Saturday Kala's Birthday Party City Hall Sturgeon Lake MN 2-5

21 Thur Sweet Summer Sounds in the Park Hinkley MN 6:30-8

AUGUST

7 Sunday Pine Co Fair Beer Garden Pine City MN 2-6

25 Thurs Music in the Park 210 Maple Ave Mora MN 6:30-8

Chmielewski's Fun Time Band
www.funtimeband.com

JULY

9 Saturday Polka Co Fair Fertile MN 7:30

17 Sunday Superior WI Tavern 1224 Tower Ave 1-4

28 Thurs Coon Rapids MN Dam 7-8:30

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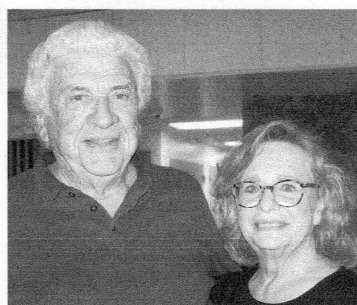
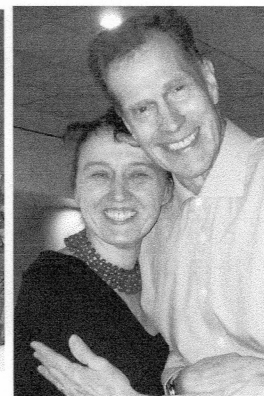
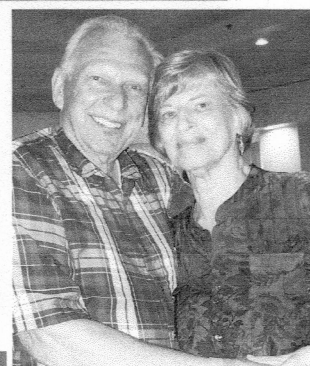
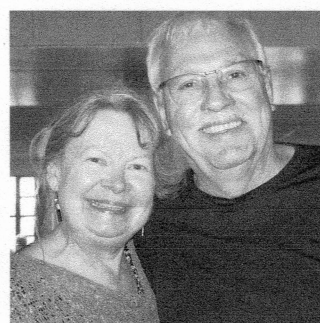
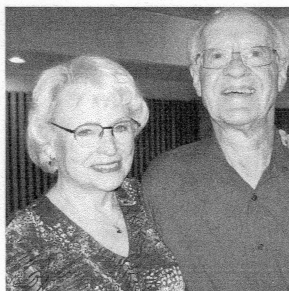
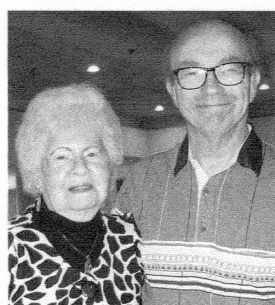
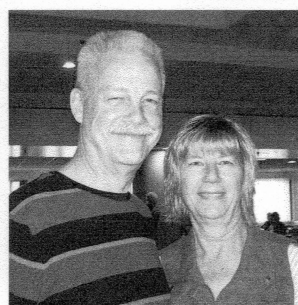
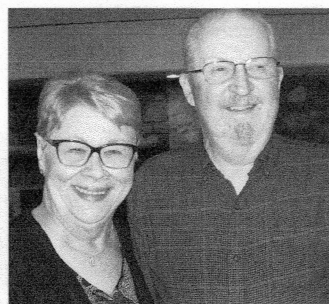
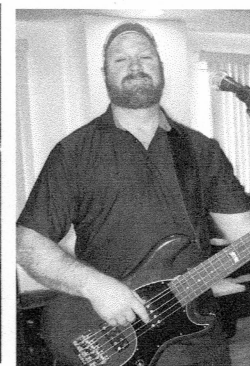
5 Friday Braham MN Pie Days 10-10:45

13 Saturday Minong WI Summer Days 2-5

18 Thurs Biwabik MN Park Pavillion 6:30-8:30

19 Friday Carlton Co Fair 11-2

Sure hope you got to Murzyn Hall Sunday April 24. LIVEwire put on a great show to the delight on all the dancers!



Frankenmuth MI Music Fest

Tuesday-Saturday August 9-13

Squeeze Box Stephanie

Polka Family The Boys

Polka Country Musicians

New Brass Express The Beat

DynaBrass John Gora

Lenny Gomulka & Chicago Push

www.frankenmuthfestivals.com

IPA Festival & Convention

Cranberry PA

Fri--Sun Sept 2-4

Lenny Gomulka & Chicago Push

DynaBrass IPA Tribute Band

Polka Country Musicians

The Beat John Gora NuTones

The Boys New Generation

Buffalo Concertina All-Stars

Kosmix Jack Tady Band

Klancnik & Friends

www.ipapolkas.com

Pulaski WI Polka Days

Thur-Sun July 21-24

Picnic Grounds - 2 Tents

DynaVersaStickToneAires

New Generations

Chad's Polka Rhythms

Aaron Socha's LIVEwire

The Beat Polka Family TNT

Maroszek Brothers Lenny Gomulka

Polka Country Musicians

Steve Burclaw's New Polish Sounds

DynaBrass Cynor Classics

KC Building on the Grounds

Music Connection Steve Meisner

Good Time Dutchmen

Jerry Voelker Zweifel Brothers

www.pulaskipolka.days.com

Seven Springs Polka Fireworks

Champion PA

Fri-Sun July 1-3

Lenny Gomulka & Chicago Push

John Gora & Gorale

Polka Family The Boys

DynaBrass Eddie Foreman

Ray Jay & The Carousels

Energy Old School

Buffalo Concertina All-Stars

www.polkafireworks.com

Polkamotion by the Ocean

Rehoboth Beach DE

It is with a heavy, we announce

The Polkamotion polka fest for

2022 has been canceled due

to a mask mandate.

Sincerely,

Annemarie & Michael Matousek

wwwbpolkamotion.com

WOW! Did the Jolly Zuks ever put on a show for the MPA Anniversary dance Sunday May at Murzyn Hall!
Hope you all enjoyed the cupcakes!

