



**Midwest Polka Association Newsletter**  
**1785 Arcadia St Shakopee MN 55379**

**May**  
**June**  
**2022**



**President's Message** *by Danny Fabeck*

Hello to everyone! Seems like forever since the last time I wrote something for the newsletter. Spring is here! Snow is gone (I hope) so summer can't be far away. From what I've been seeing, it looks like most of the polka fests are going to happen this summer. Great news, since it's only been 2 years since most of them took place.

It all kicked off with a bang in Toledo OH earlier this month with Holy Toledo Days. What a blast that was! Joe Zalewski put on an unforgettable event. Thanks to him for all his hard work, plus everyone who worked with him to put this event on.

So great to see everyone - it has been so long. I must admit I'm not the best at remembering names, so there are times I know someone & when I see them, I say something like "Hey, how ya doin'?" Eventually I do remember, just not then. What a great way to start the season.

In March we had Polka Family here for a dance. What can I say? Largest crowd that I've seen for an MPA dance. The place was packed! It really goes to show just how much everyone missed live polka music. I cannot tell you how much I appreciate each of you who came. It was an unforgettable night. In February we had Craig Ebel & DyVersaCo play. Another great time! The band was super & we all had a really good time.

Coming up at the end of April we have Aaron Socha & LIVEwire from WI. We have not had them play for us before, so I'm excited to see how it goes. On May 22 we welcome the Jolly Zuks with a cake for the MPA anniversary. In July we have our picnic, in August DynaBrass is coming, in September the Cynor Classics will play, October brings Polka Country back, November is Main Squeeze with Doctor Kielbasa ending the year in December. All dances are at Murzyn Hall - a great venue!

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



THE MPA BOARD OF DIRECTORS WISHES TO THANK THE RAICHLER FAMILY FOR INVITING POLKA FAMILY TO PLAY FOR THE WEDDING DANCE OF LYNETTE RAICHLER & NICK HORNS WHICH LET US INVITE THE BAND TO PLAY FOR US THE NIGHT BEFORE!

**Come Listen & Dance To**  
**LIVEwire**  
**1st Time Playing For The MPA!**



**Sunday April 24 1-5 pm**  
**Murzyn Hall**  
**530 Mill St**  
**Columbia Hts MN 55421**  
**Just \$12 For A Wonderful**  
**Afternoon of Great Music**  
**See You All There!!**

**Come Celebrate Spring**  
**At The MPA May Dance**

**Sunday May 22**  
**From 1-5**



**Enjoy & Dance To The Music of**  
**THE JOLLY ZUK BAND**

**At The Beautiful**  
**Murzyn Hall 530 Mill St**  
**Columbia Heights MN**

**JUST \$10 PER PERSON**  
**FOR A VERY PLEASANT**  
**AFTERNOON WHICH**  
**INCLUDES CAKE TO**  
**CELEBRATE THE MPA**





**Membership Report** by Pat Eckman

As you can see, we have scheduled a whole year of dances for 2022! Welcome to our new members - Tom Moran, Larry Brunco, Joe Kieser, Mariam Slayhi, Richard David, Darbiene Sater, Barbara Johnson, Shirley Donahue, Lynette Horns, Nick Horns, Colin Raichle, Dan Kaiser, Basia Zebro, & Sam Coburn. WOW!!

MAY-JUNE RENEWALS

Members who need to renew for the months of MAY-JUNE 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

**MAJOWKA CELEBRATION DINNER/DANCE**

*Saturday May 7 - 2022*

*Featuring the Music of Doctor Kielbasa*

*Holy Family Catholic Church - 2430 W 3rd St - Duluth*

*Social Hour 5:30 Dinner 6:30 Dance 7-11*

*ADVANCE TICKETS ONLY - \$30*

*Contact Mark Dobosenski 218-727-2697*



Doctor Kielbasa

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

APRIL

30 Saturday WI Dells Polka Fest

MAY

7 Saturday Majowka Celebration - Duluth MN

The Main Squeeze  
See Us On Facebook

APRIL

30 Saturday WI Dells Polka Fest

MAY

8 Sunday Star Club Kettle River MN 2-6

JUNE

12 Sun St Peter's Parish Picnic Stevens Point WI Alternating

26 Sun St Stanislaus Parish Picnic Little Falls MN Noon-3:30

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

MAY

22 Sun MPA Anniversary Dance Murzyn Hall 1-5  
With An MPA Anniversary Cake!

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

MAY

4 Wednesday VFW Cloquet MN 1-4

10 Tuesday Scandia MN Community Center 6-8:30

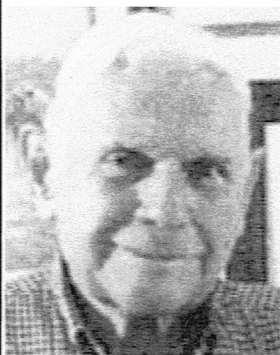
18 Wednesday VFW Cloquet MN 1-4

JUNE

1 Wednesday VFW Cloquet MN 1-4

15 Wednesday VFW Cloquet MN 1-4

29 Wednesday VFW Cloquet MN 1-4



We send sympathy to friends & family of MPA member Steve "Cubby" Romanek who died early New Year's Day.

He & his wife, Floss, managed their daughter Renata's all girl polka band, Girls, Girls, Girls for eight & one half years & drove them to all their events.



We send sympathy to friends & family of MPA member Frank Shusta who died in March. He married Shirley Parks & celebrated their wedding at the Star Club in Kettle River. Frank loved to restore & drive antique cars & displaying them at car shows.

**Wi Dells Polka Fest**

Chula Vista Resort  
Fri-Sun Apr 29- May 1

Polka Country Musician  
Polka Family Energy  
Main Squeeze Doctor Kielbasa  
Steve Burclaws New Polish Sounds  
The Maroszek Brothers  
The Music Connection  
Copper Box

more info? [www.polkadj.com](http://www.polkadj.com)

**Milwaukee WI Polish Fest**

Summerfest Grounds  
Fri-Sun June 10-12

Steve Meisner Squeeze Box  
Polish Connection Energy  
Polka Country Musicians  
The Boys DynaBrass  
John Gora & Gorale  
Polka Confetti  
Lenny Gomulka & Chicago Push  
Jeff Winard

[www.polishfest.org](http://www.polishfest.org)

**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](http://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](http://www.ipapolkas.com)

**USPA Festival & Convention**

Independence OH  
Thurs-Sun May 26-29

Jimmy K & The All-Stars  
DynaVersaStickToneAires  
Polka Country Musicians  
The Beat New Generation  
Polski Chix The Boys  
Dennis Poliski Maestro's Men  
Polish Connection DynaBrass  
New Brass Express  
Tri-City Drive Polka Family  
John Gora & Gorale

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

**Willard 45th Polka Fest**

Willard WI Comm. Center  
Fri-Sun June 17-19

Scott Koen & The Spotlight Band  
Richie Yurkovich & Polkarioty  
The Cynor Classics  
Brian's Mississippi Dutchmen  
Neil Zunker's Music Connection  
Zweifel Brothers

More Info? 715-267-6639

**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](http://www.pulaskipolka days.com)

**Hankinson ND Polka Fest**

Historic Downtown Hankinson  
Fri-Sat June 10-11

Matt Hodek's Dakota Dutchmen  
Julie Lee's White Roses Band  
Leon Olsen

[www.hankinsonnd.com/musicfest.html](http://www.hankinsonnd.com/musicfest.html)

**Ocean Beach Park Polka Days**

New London Connecticut  
Thurs-Sun June 22-25

Polka Country The Boys Energy  
Eddie Forman Orchestra  
Matt's All Star Band The Beat  
DynaBrass Nu-Tones  
Dennis Polisky & Maestro's Men  
Polka Family John Gora  
Lenny Gomulka & Chicago Push

[oceanbeachpolkas@yahoo.com](mailto:oceanbeachpolkas@yahoo.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](http://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](http://wwwbpolkamotion.com)

WOW! Sure hope you came to the MPA Polka Family dance Friday March 4. We had a very large, fantastic & enthusiastic group that stayed to the very end of the dance. Many mentioned they had never heard the band before & were so glad they came!

