



Midwest Polka Association Newsletter
1785 Arcadia St Shakopee MN 55379

**November
December
2022**



President's Message by Danny Fabeck

Greetings everyone! Why does the time go so fast? Feels like the year is coming to a close & yet, I remember the beginning of summer like yesterday. When I look out the window & see the leaves changing color & see some white stuff on the ground, (yes, we've had snow already!) I know it won't be long before we need to hunker down inside for a few months. But that also gives me time to take a deep breath & do some introspection. I know we all have much to be thankful for whether it's family, health or something else. It is good to acknowledge that & reaffirm how lucky we are.

Music wise, we had the fabulous Cynor Classics from Sheldon WI for our September dance. We had a very good crowd, which we always appreciate. The band was great & we all had a fun afternoon. And now, coming up this month, we have one of the biggest treats of the year for all of you. On Friday October 28 we have Polka Country Musicians coming to MN as part of their annual fall swing through the midwest. They will be here on Friday at Murzyn Hall, at the Weston Lanes in Weston WI on Saturday, then in Chicago with Patrick Henry on Sunday. This is a chance for everyone in the upper midwest to hear them live. It will be another wild time, so mark your calendars so you don't miss this wonderful band.

Coming up November, Sunday 20, we have Main Squeeze playing for us at Murzyn Hall, which is always something to look forward to. Then in early December, Sunday the 4th, we have Doctor Kielbasa at Murzyn Hall for our MPA annual Christmas dance. There will be cupcakes to celebrate December birthdays. Maybe we can talk them into some Christmas polkas to celebrate the season.

Right now we are in the process of planning our dances for next year. We are trying our hardest to bring you the best possible bands we can find. Pat is also trying to update the MPA calendar with all the polka events we know about for next year. That info is in this newsletter as well as on our Facebook page & on the MPA website as always.

Hope you all have a joyful holiday season!

Until next time..... Introduce someone new to the music - keep the heritage alive!
Thanks for all your support - with your help, we WILL keep polka music alive.
Hope to talk to you soon - Danny Fabeck

As you can see, Polka Country Musicians are returning to MN to play for the MPA at Murzyn Hall on Friday October 28 at 7pm to 11pm.

They are playing at the Weston Lanes in Weston WI on Saturday October 29.

On Sunday October 30 the Polka Country Musicians will travel to Chicago & play there before heading east for home.

POLKA COUNTRY MUSICIANS

**FROM CONNECTICUT
ARE RETURNING
TO MINNESOTA!**

**Friday October 28
7-11 pm**

*The Beautiful Murzyn Hall
530 Mill St NE
Columbia Hts MN 55421*

Admission - \$15 Per Person

More Info? 651-433-2173 for both dances

**AN MPA BEFORE
THANKSGIVING DANCE**

**Sunday Afternoon
November 20 - 2022
From 1-5 pm**

Come Enjoy & Dance To

THE MAIN SQUEEZE

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

Just \$10 Per Person

Membership Report by Pat Eckman

As you can see, we still have just 3 dances left in 2022! Welcome to our new members - Sharon Wizik, Jeanette Lange, James Magdziarz, & Jerry Micholski.

THANK YOU EVERYONE!!

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 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 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

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 Dec 4 - 22 1-5 pm

At The Beautiful Murzyn Hall

530 Mill St NE

Columbia Hts MN 55421

Just \$10 Per Person

Home share a piece of cake with the December birthday dancers!

An Update on the Raymakers Children from Pulaski WI



Helaina was crowned Little Miss Pulaski at this year's Pulaski Polka Days Fest. This program has 3 age groups & 3 queens are crowned. Helaina won the queen title & is excited to show other girls you can do anything if you believe in yourself! Zander is a 10 year old concertina playing kid who started his own band "Zander's Music Raymakers" in 2021. & has played 5 gigs so far this year with 1 remaining.



MPA 2022 Schedule

More info?

www.midwestpolkaassociation.com

****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

MPA 2023 Very Tentative Schedule

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****Sunday February 12 or 19 - Valentines Dance****

****Sunday March 12 or 19 - St Paddy's Day Dance****

****Sunday April 16 or 23 - Early Spring Dance****

****Sunday May 14 or 21 - Spring Dance****

****June - Maybe a June Dance****

****Sunday July 9 or 16 - Pot-Luck Picnic Bash****

****Sun September 10 or 17 - Late summer Dance****

**** October - Halloween Dance****

**** Sunday November 12 or 19 - Before Thanksgiving****

****Sunday December 3 - Birthday Dance****
DOCTOR KIELBASA

Doctor Kielbasa
www.doctorkielbasa.com

DECEMBER

4 Sunday MPA December Birthday Dance
Murzyn Hall 1-5

The Main Squeeze
See Us On Facebook

OCTOBER

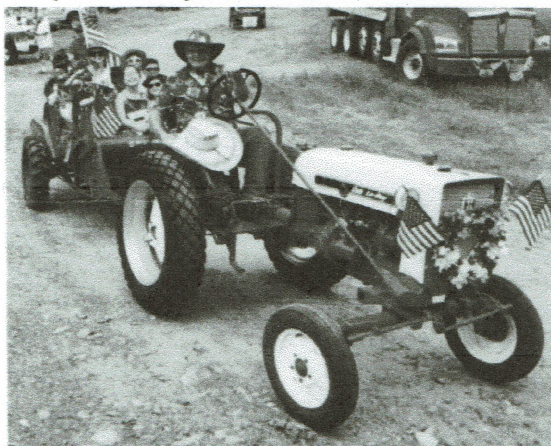
30 Sunday Star Club Kettle River MN 1-5

NOVEMBER

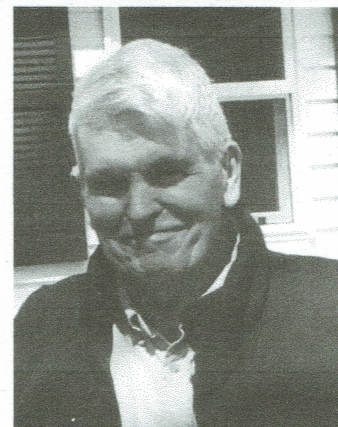
20 Sunday MPA Before Thanksgiving Dance

Murzyn Hall 1-5

We send sympathy to friends & family of Richard "Dick" Higgins who passed away in early January of this year. He lived a full life. Dick enjoyed repairing & restoring old IH tractors, snowmobiling, gardening & last but not least, polka dancing. Anyone who danced in WI sure knew Dick & his wife, Irene. They were always on the dance floor.



We send sympathy to friends & family of Bruce Libby who passed away in September of this year. A big part of Bruce's adult life was his involvement in polka music. He taught himself to play the concertina in his early 20s. Bruce & his wife, Joanne, met at a dance at Schlieff's Little City in 1961. They married the following year.



Bruce & Joanne were avid old-time dancers, attending numerous dances & polka festivals. He started his own three-piece band, Buttons & Bellows, in 1975. Bruce was inducted into the World Concertina Congress Hall of Fame in 2017. He was also active in the North Star Concertina Club & publishing newsletters for the members. Bruce & Joanne were well known in polka circles.

We send sympathy to friends & family of long time MPA member Richard Shupien who was 90 at his passing. Richard served his country in the Navy & was a Korean War vet. He enjoyed traveling & meeting new people. One of his daughters, Laurie Carroll of Duluth MN, has taken over his membership.



We send sympathy to long time MPA member Stan Siironen. Stan passed away this fall. He lived part of the year in Saginaw MN & part of the year near Phoenix AZ. Stan loved to dance & dance he did.

Eddie Biegaj is The "Bad Boy" on
The Polkajammer Network
Thursdays 6-8 EST & Sundays Noon
to 1 EST.
Visit Polkajammernetwork.org

Dear MPA Members:

Got a drum set collecting dust
in your house?

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

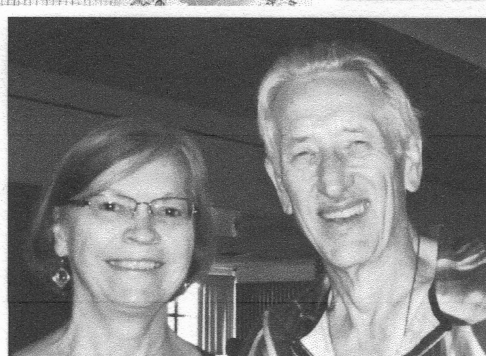
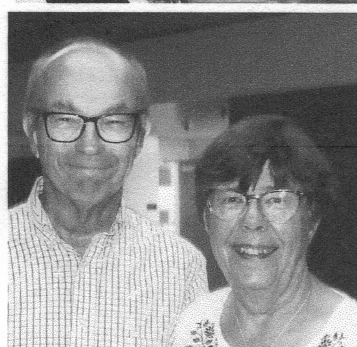
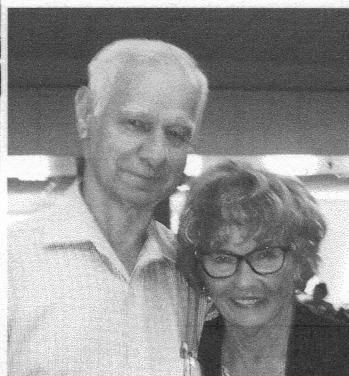
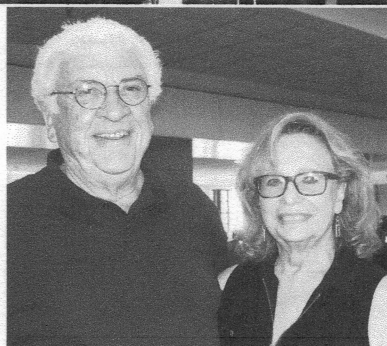
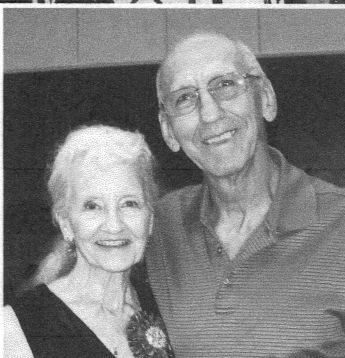
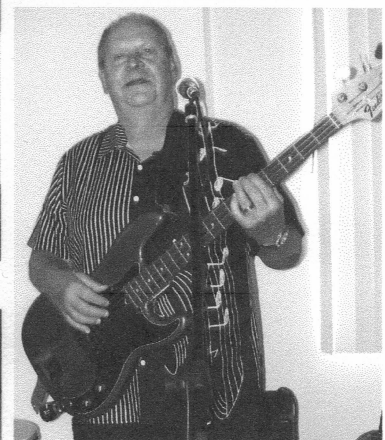
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DON WAYERSKI - Y 106.5
Saturday Morning Polka Party
7am - 10am
E-mail polka@y1065.com



What a fantastic time we all had Sunday September 25 at Murzyn Hall! The Cynor Classics band put on a wonderful show. Their music was so peppy you just had to dance! Then to put the icing on the cake, Bobby Cynor invited guest musicians to join in for a marvelous jam. Again what a memorable afternoon!!