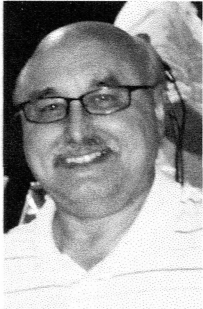


Midwest Polka Association Newsletter
1785 Arcadia St Shakopee MN 55379

**September
October
2022**



President's Message by Danny Fabeck

Greetings everyone! Halfway through summer already - it's flying by fast. It's been a couple of years, but it feels great to see most of the summer festivals returning. I've been to quite a few places this summer & I'll say the "polka vibe" is coming back. It is slowly retuning after being totally shut down by COVID for a few years. I won't say it is totally back like before the pandemic, but it is improving. I think the economy & the price of fuel these days also contributes to it all. Who would have ever thought \$5 a gallon for gas? Although it is coming down. I think it is very brave of the promoters to take the chance & continue to put on the greatest shows in the world knowing there is no predictor of what kind of crowd will attend. They take the shot & put in the work & people have been showing up. I know they appreciate all of you that continue to support them. Seems to me that's a message of assurance that we are not going to let anything happen to our celebrations of our favorite music.

Ocean Beach Park Polka Days was fabulous again this year. What a wonderful venue. Thank you Wally, Richie & all the people there who put in the hard work to make it happen. Could not have asked for a better time. I did not get to 7 Springs Polka Fireworks this year but I heard it was a marvelous time. People said the music rocked! I saw videos & it looked like good crowds. And then there's Pulaski. What can I say?? Harold Otto continued another year of bouncin', 1-2-3-in, toe tappin', foot stompin' fuuuunnn! The weather was hot - the beer was cold - the music the best. Now HE knows how to have a good time. Harold & all those who work with him & sponsor the event put in a lot of sweat equity (for sure!) to make it all happen. They have all the best polka bands all there for one glorious weekend. One side note - Kathy & Paul Futa make the greatest BBQ ribs. Thanks guys.

In mid July we had the Annual MPA Pot Luck Picnic Bash.. We had a very good turnout in spite of a little rain. We all fit under the pavillion so no one got wet. Crag & Christopher Ebel led the way for another fantastic jam session. Many musicians joined in. Tons of delicious food that everyone brought. Thanks to everybody that came. We just had our August dance with the outstanding DynaBrass from Ohio. This was a real treat, as they have not been to MN for several years. Music was topnotch & all had a grand time! In September we welcome the Cynor Classics Chicago Stlye Honky Polka Band back to our stage. Should be a great afternoon - hope you all can make it.

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

CYNOR CLASSICS LED BY BOBBY CYNOR RETURN TO MN

On Sunday September 25 we will again have the Cynor Classics Chicago Stlye Honky Polka Band back with us. Honky stlye polka music had its origins in Chicago. The typical honky band will have a clarinet, a trumpet, concertina, drums & bass (& just 1 music stand, sorry I couldn't resist). You have all heard & seen Wanda & Stephanie over the years performing authentic honky stlye polkas. Up here in our area we have a very notable & talented honky stlye polka band in the Cynor Classics. They hail from Sheldon WI. This band is actually the 3rd generation of the Cynor Family Polka Band. Bobby's grandfather had the first band playing in the 60s & 70s. Then Bobby's father took over playing from the 60s to the 80s. The current Cynor Classics band started by Bobby & his brother, Bernie, was originally a 2-piece band began in 1993, then grew to the current 6-piece band. They have been playing polkas for 30 years! They love their polkas - they believe polka music is happy music - the fans make the bands or as Lil Wally would say, "Live it up, shoot the moon!"

Bobby started playing when he was 7 BUT not concertina! He was a drummer. His favorite band growing up was Lil Wally & when Bobby was 5 he would drum along with Lil Wally with 2 butter knives on top of the long stereo cabinet. His mother said to his dad, "We have to get him some drums - he's ruining our furniture!" It wasn't til later he learned concertina that he plays today. Over the years Bobby has played with some well-known bands & in 2017 he was elected to the World Concertina Congress Hall of Fame. So please take this opportunity to join us in September to welcome the Cynor Classics back to MN & let's have a honkin' good time!

MPA Mission Statement

Polkas & waltzes have long been a big part of music in the ethnically rich midwest. Several organizations have fostered strong support for German, Czech & Slovak styles of music in the greater Twin Cities MN area. We, the Midwest Polka Association, recognized a need for greater support of the Polish style. For this reason, the MPA was established in 2003.

The MPA sponsors a number of activities such as dances, bus trips, picnics & boat cruises supporting the Polish style of music. The MPA also publishes a bi-monthly newsletter, covering dances, polka fests, band schedules & articles highlighting contributions to the Polish polka world.

The MPA has generated a very strong following with a membership of at least 800 located in fifteen states & Canada.

**ANOTHER EXCITING
APPEARANCE IN MN!!**

Let's welcome the great
Cynor Classics Band
from WI back to MN!!

Sunday Sept 25 1-5pm

So come to Murzyn Hall
530 Mill St NE
Columbia Hts 55421
& listen & dance to this
great band again!!

Admission just \$12 per person

Membership Report by Pat Eckman

As you can see, we still have just 4 dances left in 2022! Welcome to our new members - Greg Chwojdak, Donna Ferris, Dan Harp, Judith Doze, Lois & Merrill Olson, Kevin Grygelko, Mike Costa (The Beat), Pat Maroszek, Shelley & Marshall Kranz, & Jen & Brian More. WOW!! THANK YOU EVERYONE!

SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER RENEWALS

Members who need to renew for the months of SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 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, 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

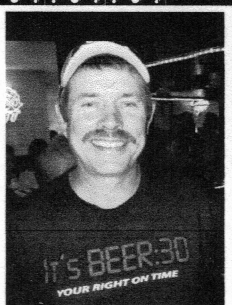
POLKA RICHIE PASSES AWAY IN FLORIDA

We send love & sympathy to the friends & family of Polka Richie who died in June 2022 in Florida.

Do you remember the bus trips to Sobieski MN for the Polish dinner dances featuring Polka Richie? The MPA made that trip in October from 2007 to 2011 & did we ever have a blast! The main movers behind the dinner were Janet, Michael & Gene Retka & boy, did they do a fantastic job. They had many different Polish dishes with the names in Polish & English over each of the dishes. We were all saddened when this wonderful evening of wonderful food & grand music with Polka Richie came to an end.



We send sympathy to friends & family of MPA member John Gronska, who passed away in July. John came from a polka family. His wife Rita is a member. He has 3 sisters in the MPA - Mary Hom, Laurie Linder & Rose Kopras. His brother-in-law Larry Kopras is also a member.

**MPA 2022 Tentative Schedule**

More info?

www.midwestpolkaassociation.com

****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

We are dancing at the fair!!
Monday August 29 (Senior Day)-10, 11 & 12
So be there or be square!

Craig Ebel & DyVersaCo
www.itspolkatime.com

AUGUST

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

SEPTEMBER

4 Sunday Weyerhaeuser WI Booster Days 6-10

Doctor Kielbasa
www.doctorkielbasa.com

SEPTEMBER

4 Sunday Weyerhaeuser WI Booster Days 2-5:30

OCTOBER

1 Sat Geilfest Travail Amusements Robbinsdale MN 4:30-8:30

7 Fri Twin Cities MN Oktoberfest State Fair 5:30-10:30

The Main Squeeze
See Us On Facebook

The Squires

SEPTEMBER

23 Friday Blackboard Restaurant Verges MN

24 Saturday Hankinson ND Oktoberfest 1-7 Alternating

OCTOBER

1 Saturday Valkyrie Brewing Co Dallas WI 1-5

15 Thur Afton MN Cruiseline Oktoberfest 6:30-9:30

The Jolly Zuks Band
www.jollyzuks.com

SEPTEMBER

17 Sat 2nd Annual Oktoberfest Sawyer Co Fairgrounds Hayward WI 5-8

Chmielewski's Fun Time Band
www.funtimeband.com

AUGUST

25 Thur Cromwell MN Pavillion 1-4

31 Wed Cloquet MN VFW 1-4

SEPTEMBER

7 Wed Cloquet MN VFW 1-4

14 Wed Cloquet MN 1-4

24 Sat Beaver Island Brewery Oktoberfest St Cloud MN 5-9

OCTOBER

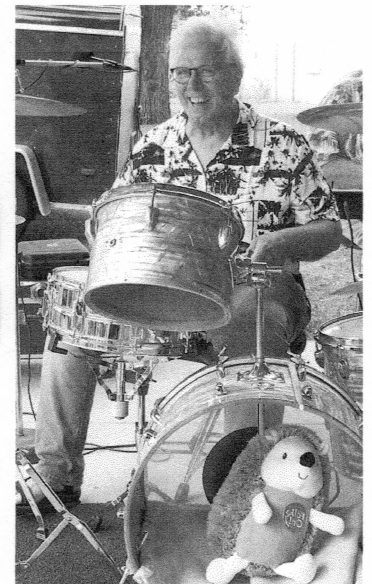
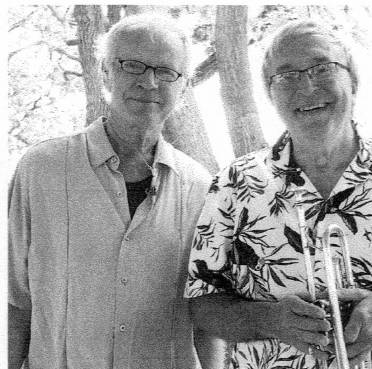
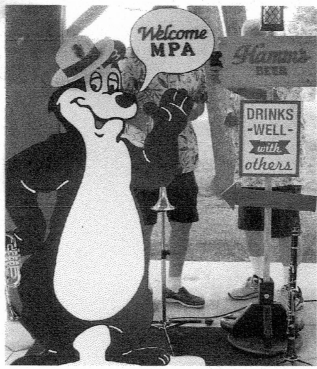
1 Sat North Folk Winery Harris MN 1-3

5 Wed Cloquet MN VFW 1-4

18 Tue GoShow DECC Duluth MN

19 Wed Cloquet MN VFW 1-4

We had a blast at the picnic! Lots of people, lots of yummy food, lots of musicians for the jam! And all under a brand new pavillion. Plus those super polish & weiners from Sentyrz & root beer floats! WOW! What a day!



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

JIMMY K POLKAS
POLKA COS / 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

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

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

If you missed the DynaBrass dance Sunday August 7, you missed a terrific afternoon of music! DynaBrass played their hearts out for the MPA & those of us, who are the lucky ones, shout out a big thank you to Joe Zalewski!

