



President's Message by Danny Fabeck

Happy holidays everyone! We come into a very busy time of the year. Everyone seems to be occupied with shopping or planning. It seems when the big day comes, it sneaks up fast & is over in a flash. No matter how busy we are, I think we should take a step back & think about things & people in our lives that are most important to us. Give thanks for all we have & realize there are many others not as fortunate as we are. I think one of the greatest gifts we are given is our music - dedicated musicians willing to sacrifice to bring us the best music in the world - wonderful organizations with countless volunteers working to plan & run the dances & festivals. And all of you willing to support & travel to all the dances so we are able to continue & enjoy this music. Thanks to everyone for working to keep this music alive.

It was a great time in October with Polka Country Musicians - lots of dancers & lots of smiles! We had another great time in November with DyVersaCo. In December we welcomed Doctor Kielbasa to our Annual Holiday & December Birthday dance. Lots of people for the dance with a yummy cake. We were also treated to some caroling by the strolling combo of Nathan Neuman & Dick Powell. Thanks to both for a grand unexpected surprise!

Our dances for 2018 are complete. We have a full schedule including a new band from Chicago that has never played for us. Thank you all for your membership in the MPA & attendance at our dances - couldn't do it without ALL OF YOU!!

I WILL SEE YOU AT ALL THE DANCES!!

Hope to talk to you at a dance - Danny Fabeck
Introduce someone new to the music - keep the heritage alive!

"The Andy Zurbey Tribute Band"
will continue to play on Thursday evenings
6-9pm with Craig Ebel & Bud Budzinski at
Marino's in the Fridley Legion. There are
meals available. Musicians, come join
the jam session!!

SAVE THE DATE!
Saturday Jan 27 - 2018
**40th ANNUAL CONCERTINA
BOWL - See page 4**

**Change the world
with your smile - don't let
the world change your smile!**

**An MPA Snow Dance-
Hopefully With
Just A Little Snow**



**Saturday January 20
7-11pm**



**Listen & Dance To
THE MAIN SQUEEZE**



**A Valentine's Dance -
Celebrate Romance With The MPA!
Open To The Public**



**Saturday February 24
7-11 pm**

**Come Dance To
DOCTOR KIELBASA**

**Maplewood Moose Lodge
1946 English St
Corner of Frost & English Sts
Location Info - 651-776-2830**



**ADMISSION - \$10
\$9 MPA MEMBERS**



**Maplewood Moose Lodge
1946 English St**



**Corner of Frost & English Sts
Location Info - 651-776-2830**

**Just \$10 Per Person
\$9 MPA Members**

THESE DANCES ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

In case of inclement weather, please call the Moose Club at 651-776-2830 for dance cancellation info.

Membership Report by Pat Eckman

I guess winter just may have arrived! Let's welcome our new members - Karen Trojack, Kevin Greene, Jess Thorne, Christine Bak, Diane Swarmer & Wayne Dudeck. Thank you!

JANUARY-FEBRUARY RENEWALS

Members who need to renew for the months of November & December will find their renewal sheets & envelopes in their newsletters.

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 all of you who write a note to me in your renewals -

I just love it!!!

Keep dancing & having fun! Pat Eckman

Celebrate With Us "The Wearin' Of the Green" at the MPA's St Patrick's Day Dance



Saturday March 17
7-11pm

Featuring the Music of
CRAIG EBEL'S DYVERSACO
& A Cake To Celebrate The
Birthdays of Connie Duellman,
Patty Chmielewski,
Mary Lou Czerniak & Pat Eckman

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More Info? 651-433-2173 or 612-788-4272

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MPA 2018 Event Schedule More info? www.midwestpolkaassoc

- **Saturday January 20 - A Snow Dance? 7-11**
THE MAIN SQUEEZE - Maplewood Moose
- **Saturday February 24 - Another Snow Dance? 7-11**
DOCTOR KIELBASA - Maplewood Moose
- **Saturday March 17- St Patrick's Day Dance 7-11**
CRAIG EBEL'S DYVERSACO - Maplewood Moose
- **Sunday April 22 - MPA Anniversary Dance**
CYNOR CLASSICS - TBA
- **Sunday May 6 - MPA Appreciation Dance**
THE JOLLY ZUK BAND - TBA
- **Saturday June 9 - A Summer Dance 7-11**
THE MAIN SQUEEZE - Maplewood Moose
- **Sunday July 15 - Annual Picnic Pot-Luck Bash!**
JAM SESSION - Aquatore Park - Blaine
- **Saturday September 22 - A Fun Dance 7-11**
TRI CITY DRIVE (from Chicago) - Maplewood Moose
- **Friday October 27 - Halloween Dance 7-11**
THE BOYS (From Baltimore) - Maplewood Moose**
- **Saturday November 10 - A Fall Dance 7-11**
POLISH CONNECTION - Maplewood Moose
- **Saturday December 1 - Holiday Dance 7-11**
DOCTOR KIELBASA - Maplewood Moose

**HAVE YOU CONSIDERED GIVING
AN MPA MEMBERSHIP AS A GIFT FOR
AN ANNIVERSARY OR
FOR A BIRTHDAY?
WHAT A GREAT PRESENT FOR A
DANCER OR LOVER OF OLD TIME
POLKA MUSIC!**

MPA BOARD MEMBERS - 2018

- President - Danny Fabeck - 763-244-0152
- Vice President - Dorothy Jones - 612-788-4272
- Secretary - Rose Kopras - 651-491-6648
- Treasurer - Connie Duellmann - 612-804-0632
- Communications - Dorothy Jones - 612-788-4272
- Members & Contracts - Pat Eckman - 651-433-2173
- Paper Supplies - Carol Pevovar - 715-386-9645
- Paper Supplies - Fred Rgnonti - 612-850-2347
- Board Member - Ted Eckman - 651-433-2173
- Board Member - Julie Partyka - 612-781-1115
- Board Member - Kim Knickerbocker - 612-803-4453
- Board Member - Ken Duellmann - 612-743-0344
- Board Member - Larry Kopras - 715-354-9874
- Board Member - Maxine Nowacki - 763-424-6938
- Board Member - Len Nowacki - 763-424-6938
- Call a board member for info or to share info!



Doctor Kielbasa's Appointment Book

FEBRUARY

- 24 Saturday **MPA LATE VALENTINE'S DANCE or
ANOTHER SNOW DANCE 7-11**
Maplewood Moose - Corner of Frost & English Sts
doctorkielbasa1@aol.com www.doctorkielbasa.com

Florian Chmielewski's Fun Time Band

FEBRUARY

- 28 Wednesday Waukenabo MN 1-4
www.funtimeband.com

Nathan's Old Time Band

JANUARY

- 1 Monday Dean's Lakeside Ballroom 5:30-8:30
7 Sunday Waite Park MN Legion 6-9
27 Saturday 40th Annual Concertina Bowl
30 Tuesday St Otto's Care Center Little Falls MN 2-3

FEBRUARY

- 17 Saturday Napiwocki's Valentine Dance Wausau WI
Alternating with Music Connection
sites.google.com/site/nathansoldtimebandmn/

The Main Squeeze Band

JANUARY

- 20 Saturday **MPA SNOW DANCE 7-11**
Maplewood Moose Corner of Frost & English

FEBRUARY

- 16 Friday Napiwocki's Valentine Dance Wausau WI
Alternating with Lenny Gomulka
mainsqueezepolkas@gmail.com

Marie and the Boys

Please call Marie at 320-293-4323 for her schedule.

Bobby Z & Polka Joy Band - Omaha NE 402-203-7796

Craig Ebel & DyVersaCo



FEBRUARY

- 13 Tuesday Saurerkraut Supper Holy Cross Church 4-8
1621 University Ave NE Minneapolis MN
www.itspolkatime/dyversaco.html

Dave Sowada

JANUARY

- 27 Saturday Art Ohotto's 40th Annual Concertina Bowl
Dave Sowada with Todd Jurek - a 3pm Special

The Squires Band

Please check the The Squires website for any
public events that have come up.
www.squiresband.com

Squezy Wes Miller & Friends

Please e-mail Squezy at
squezywesmiller@gmail.com
for his schedule.

The Cynor Classics

JANUARY

- 7 Sunday Blue Top Bar & Grill 1-5
27 Saturday Art Ohotto's 40th Annual Concertina Bowl
In the back room at 6pm

The Barry Boyce Band - Omaha NE

Please visit Barry Boyce's website
www.barryboyce.com

Blue Top Bar & Grill 3425 Church St Stevens Point WI 715-340-3546

Sunday Afternoons 1-5

JANUARY

- 1 New Year's Day Polka Pac
7 The Cynor Classics
14 Hauser Hotshots
21 Polka Pak
28 Polish Connection

FEBRUARY

Please contact The Blue Top for February bands
at 715-340-3546.

Art Ohotto's
40th ANNUAL CONCERTINA BOWL

Saturday January 27 - 2018
NOON - 11pm



1pm Master Concertinist Josh Eidsor
3pm Special - Todd Jurek & Dave Sowada

Featured Band at 6pm
Cynor Classics from Sheldon WI

Adults - \$12 - Students 18 & Under \$5
Kids Under 12 - FREE

PATRICK HENRY'S WI DELLS
POLKA FEST

Chula Vista Resort - WI Dells WI
Fri-Sun April 27-29

Fri - Polka Country Musicians, The Main Squeeze, & Freeze Dried

Sat - Polski Chix, Jolly Zuks (they are bringing a bus - will pick up in Cloquet & the Twin Cities), Polka Country Musicians, The Boys, & Polka Pak

Sun - The Boys & The Cynor Classics

Check out dellspolkafest.com for more info

NEW YEAR'S EVE DINNER/DANCE

Held at Marino's 5-8
Fridley Legion 7365 Old Central Ave NE

Menu Consists of: 8 oz Prime Rib
5 oz Colossal Grilled Shrimp
Baked Potato, Salad
Homemade Bread & Pudding
All For \$24.95/Person or \$39.95/Couple

Live Entertainment -
"The Andy Zurbey Tribute Band"

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED
Call 763-786-0920
Email - info@eatmarinos.com

VALENTINES DANCE
Hosted By Russ & Theresa Napiwocki
Friday Feb 16 & Saturday Feb 17
Admission - \$12 Fri & \$15 Sat
Friday - 6pm - Midnight
Lenny Gomulka & Chicago Push
The Main Squeeze
Saturday - Noon - 6pm
Music Connection
Nathan's Old Time Band
Saturday - 6pm - Midnight
Lenny Gomulka & Chicago Push
Dynaversasticktoneaires

The Plaza Hotel & Suites
201 N17th Ave - Wausau WI
Call 800-754-9728 or 715-845-4341
"Code 3415" for \$85/night Hotel Pricing



Chmielewski
Int'l
Polkafest
May 18-20, 2018
GRAND CASINO HINCKLEY, MN

FUNTIME POLKA PARTY

Patty Chmielewski & Michael Bell

Premiere begins October 7th, 2017!
Saturdays 5 & 5:30pm, Sundays 5 & 5:30pm & Mondays 2:00pm

10 WAYS TO VIEW PIONEER

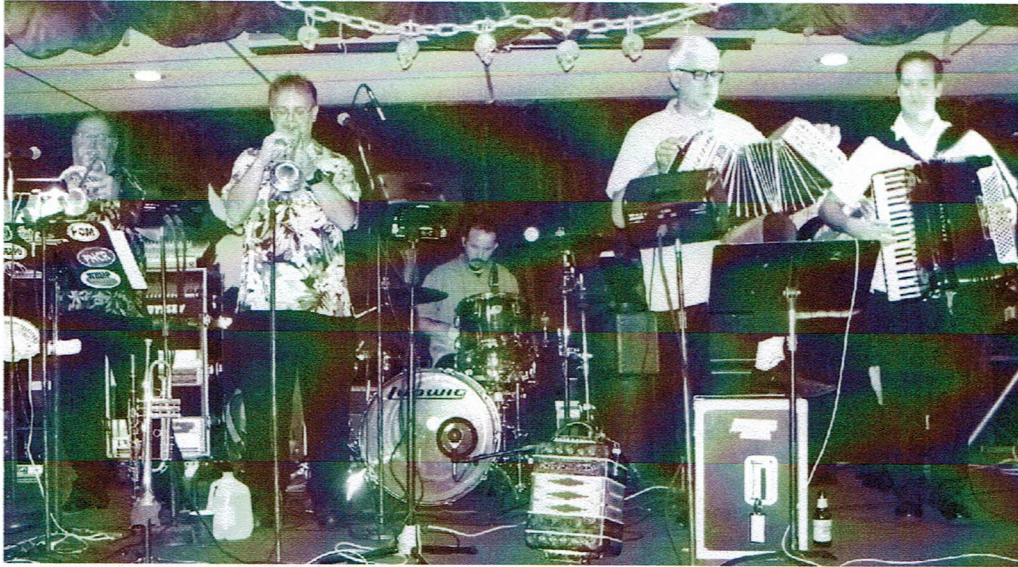
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2. Online (www.Pioneer.org)	7. Apple TV
3. Cable TV	8. Roku
4. Satellite TV	9. Xbox
5. Smart Phone	10. Chromecast

Visit our website for more information & merchandise!
www.FuntimePolkaParty.com

Eddie Biegaj is The "Bad Boy" on
The Polkajammer Network
Thursdays 5-8 EST & Sundays Noon-1 EST.
Right After Jimmy Sturr
Visit Polkajammernetwork.org

JIMMY K POLKAS
POLKA COS / FREE CATALOG
PO BOX 10
UNION LAKE MI 48387
1-866-454-6695

We all sure had a blast when Polka Country Musicians came to town! They played at the Maplewood Moose on Friday October 20 & brought their wonderful brand of polka music! We celebrated Carol Pevovar's 1/2 birthday & Fred Rgnonti's birthday with a yummy cake. We even had 3 dancers who came in costumes for halloween!



The pumpkin lady is Marlys Mullins, the flapper is Florence Bye & our pirate is Gene Schultz. Thank you - the costumes were terrific!



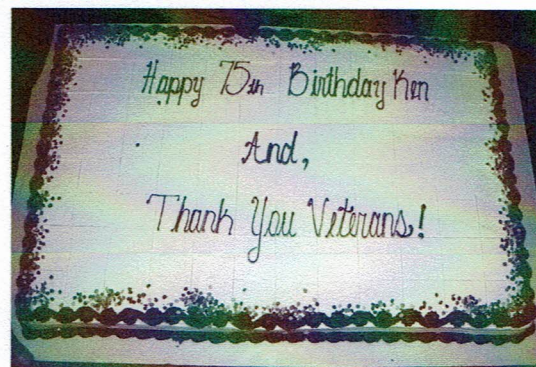
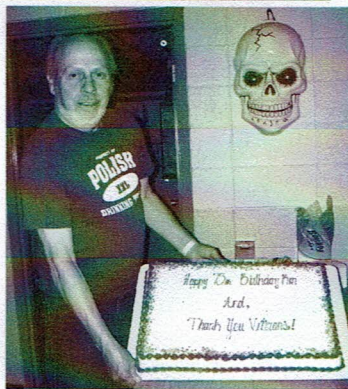
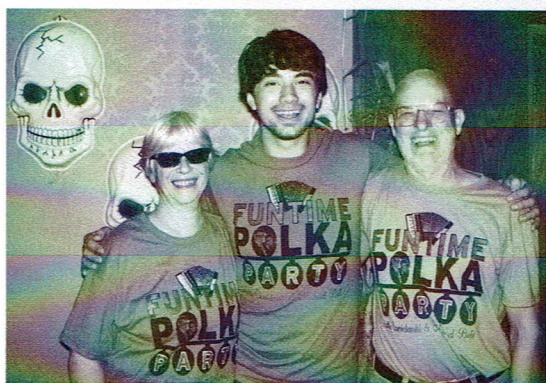
Dorothy Jones celebrated her birthday by sharing some brownies with the MPA board at our October board meeting. They were sure delicious! If anyone would like to be part of the fun being on the MPA board, please let one of the board member know. The motto of our board seems to be - the more the merrier!!



The MPA is seeking information on the Zahler Ballroom in Hugo MN. There were many Polish polka dances over the years at Zahler's. We would like your memories & pictures to put together an article for a future newsletter. We need names of bands & who to contact for the early times of the ballroom.. Many dancers attended every weekend, so put your thinking caps on - contact any MPA board member.

The MPA sends sympathy to the family & friends of Ed Welinski. He died in early December. He is the father of Marv & Ben, two very talented horn players. His wife is Renee. There will be pictures and more information on the life of Ed in the next newsletter.

Craig Ebel's DyVersaCo played Saturday November 11 at the Maplewood Moose. Ken Duellmann celebrated his 75th birthday with a cake that also honored all the veterans.



And then Doctor Kielbasa played Sturday December 2 at the Maplewood Moose to start the holiday season! They helped the December birthday people celebrate - Ted Eckman, Jimmy Granda, NancyArbeiter, Eloise Kimball & Tom Gagnon.

