



President's Message by Danny Fabeck

Happy holidays to everyone! Hope you all have a safe & peaceful holiday season however you celebrate. I know we all get very busy this time of the year & it seems as if we put a lot of work into making wonderful times for our families, but in the end, it all passes very quickly. I know the day of thanksgiving & Boxing Day I always think - is this it? Is this what the fuss is about - is it over already? So much work in wrapping presents then ripped open in a minute. So this year let's take a deep breath & step back to give thanks to all the good in your life. Take a minute to think of everyone & everything around you. I would like to thank all of you for your support & your great promotion of our wonderful

music. I appreciate each & everyone of you.

HOLY COW! Our October dance was a huge deal for the MPA. It was the second dance we had at Murzyn Hall & Polka Country was there for us. You came out in droves to see the band & dance on that wonderful floor. It is a great venue. People from Floodwood, Wisconsin, from all over came to dance. It was a great time & Polka Country was fabulous! Some of us went to Stevens Point on Saturday to dance to Polka Country again. A great, great weekend - thanks to all of you. We have already booked Polka Country & Murzyn Hall for the October dance!

A great time in November at Marino's with Main Squeeze - a good crowd & everyone danced. The music was great & we all enjoyed the band. Now about December...we seem to have a problem with Dr Kielbasa & mother nature - for the second time we had to cancel this band due to blizzards. Some band members live north & got 24" of snow - needless to say they were snowed in. We will schedule another dance for Dr Kielbasa as this was to be the last dance for their great drummer, Mike Pilarski. Mike & I played together years ago with the Mrozinski Brothers. We need to give him a proper farewell. On Sunday January 12 we welcome Main Squeeze to Marino's. Don't miss this great time. And on Sunday February 23 Craig Ebel's DyVersaCo comes to play - once again at Marino's.

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!

Due to the MPA's rising costs, we have eliminated the member admission for local dances. The cost will now be \$10 for all.

More info on Art Ohotto's Concertina Bowl on page 4. See you there!!

FYI - Patrick Henry's Wis Dells Polka Fest in 2020 will be the first weekend in May (1-3) rather than the last weekend in April.

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

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



**Sunday Afternoon
January 12 - 2020
From 2-6 pm**

**Come Enjoy & Dance To
THE MAIN SQUEEZE**

**Marino's at the Fridley Legion
7365 Old Central Ave NE
Location Info - 763-786-0920**

Admission Only \$10!

A Late Valentine's Dance - Celebrate Romance With The MPA!



**Sunday Afternoon
February 23 - 2020
2-6pm**

**Come Enjoy & Dance To
Craig Ebel's DyVersaCo**

**Marino's at Fridley Legion
7368 Old Central Ave NE
Location Info - 763-786-0920**

ADMISSION - JUST \$10



In case of inclement weather, please call the Fridley Legion at 763-786-2150 for dance cancellation info.

Membership Report by Pat Eckman

Guess we have winter - ready or not!! So let's welcome our new members - Marcus Schmid, Jane & Mike Hattenberger, Susan Wendolek, Anita Davis & Tom Sletten, Dianne Schmitz, & Cheryl Hetzer. WOW!! Thanks to each & everyone of you!

JANUARY-FEBRUARY RENEWALS

Members who need to renew for the months of January & February will find their renewal sheets & envelopes in their newsletters. Those of you who are overdue, those sheets are also in your 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!

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" MPA's St Patrick's Day Dance

Sunday March 22 2-6pm



Featuring the Music of
DOCTOR KIELBASA

With A Cake To Celebrate The
Birthdays of Connie Duellman,
Patty Chmielewski,
Mary Lou Czerniak & Pat Eckman

The Beautiful Murzyn Hall
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Admission Just \$10

More Info? Call 651-433-2173

MPA 2020 Tentative Schedule

More info? www.midwestpolkaassociation.com

****Sunday January 12 - Winter Dance****
THE MAIN SQUEEZE - Marino's Fridley Legion

**** Sunday February 23 - Late Valentine's Dance****
CRAIG EBEL'S DYVERSACO - Marino's

****Sunday March 22 - St Paddies Dance****
DOCTOR KIELBASA - Murzyn Hall

**** Sunday April 26 - MPA Anniversary Dance****
CHAD! - To Be Announced

****Sunday May 17 - Member Appreciation Dance****
Band & Venue To Be Announced

****Sunday June 28 - A Summer Dance****
CRAIG EBEL'S DYVERSACO - Murzyn Hall

**** Sunday July 12 - MPA Annual Potluck Picnic Bash!****
MUSICIAN'S JAM - Aquatore Park - Blaine MN

****Sunday September 20 - Late Summer Dance****
LIVE WIRE - To Be Announced

****Friday October 23 - Fall Dance****
POLKA COUNTRY MUSICIANS - Murzyn Hall

****Sunday November 15 - Pre-Thanksgiving Dance****
THE MAIN SQUEEZE - Murzyn Hall

****Sunday December 6 - December Birthday Dance****
DOCTOR KIELBASA - Murzyn Hall



Wally Dombrowski of Polka Country Musicians & Craig Ebel of DyVersaCo were both inducted into the IPA Polka Hall Of Fame in the living category in 2012. Paul Wendinger of the Wendinger Band from New Ulm MN was also inducted in 2012 in the deceased category.



Doctor Kielbasa's Appointment Book

Be sure to check Doctor Kielbasa's web site for info on January & February dance dates.
doctorkielbasal@aol.com www.doctorkielbasa.com

Florian Chmielewski's Fun Time Band

Be sure to check the Chmielewski's web site for info on January & February dance dates.
www.funtimeband.com

Nathan's Old Time Band

JANUARY

- 9 Thur St Benedict's Care Center St Cloud MN 2:30-3:30
19 Sun Pine City Legion Dance 1-4

FEBRUARY

- 29 Sat Leap Year Fest (German Theme) 7-11
Brainerd MN Eagles
sites.google.com/sites/nathansoldtimebandmn/

Sheelytown - Omaha NE

JANUARY

- 26 Sun National Polka Month Polish Home

The Jolly Zuks Band

Check the Zuks web site for events for January-February
www.jollyzuks.com

Dave Sowada

Come & hear Dave play at the Concertina Bowl!

The Squires Band

Check The Squires Website for info on public dances for January & February.
www.squiresband.com

Withrow Event Center & Ballroom www.thewithrow.com

The Withrow will be closed for Thursday afternoon dances during the months of January & February of 2020.

ANOTHER KOLENDY!

Sunday December 29 2019
St Isadores Catholic Church
Sturgeon lake MN

The Main Squeeze Band



JANUARY

12 Sunday MPA Dance 2-6

Marino's at the Fridley Legion
7365 Old Central Ave NE Fridley MN

Craig Ebel & DyVersaCo



FEBRUARY

23 Sunday MPA Valentine's Dance 2-6

Marino's at the Fridley Legion
7365 Old Central Ave NE Fridley MN
25 Tuesday Sauerkraut Supper 4-8
Holy Cross Church 1621 University Ave NE
www.itspolkatime.com/dyversaco.html

Tony Blazonczyk's New Phaze

JANUARY

- 1 Wed Annual New Years Day "Hair of the Dog" Party 1:30-6
Along with Windy City Brass with Gennie O &
The D Street Band
Glendora House in Chicago

The Barry Boyce Band - Omaha

JANUARY

- 29 Wed Huber Haus German Bier Hall "Mug Party" 6-9
Omaha NE

FEBRUARY

- 1 Sat German American Society Marti Gras 8-11
Omaha NE
28 Fri Huber Haus Bier Hall Omaha NE 8-12
www.barryboyce.co

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

Sunday Afternoons 1-5

Call The Blue Top for January-February schedule.

DECEMBER

- 22 Gary's Ridgeland Dutchmen
29 Maroszezs

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THE LAST SATURDAY IN JANUARY

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SAVE THE DATE - APRIL 17 & 18

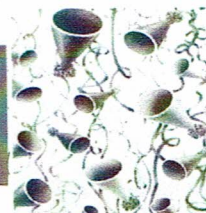
Friday & Saturday

HOLY TOLEDO Polka Days

Renaissance Toledo Downtown Hotel

444 N Summit St - Toledo OH

Lenny Gomulka, The Knewz, DynaBrass,
 Michael Costa & The Beat, Polish Connection,
 John Gora & Gorale
 & Polka Country Musicians
www.holytoledopolkadays.com



New Year's Eve Dinner 5-8 PM

8 oz Prime Rib, 5 oz Colossal Grilled Shrimp, Baked
 Potato, Salad, Homemade Bread Pudding and
 coffee.....\$19.95

Andy Zurbey Tribute
 Orchestra w/ Craig Ebel
 & Ed Budzinski

Fridley Legion 303, 7365 Central Ave N.E

Reservations Required call now

763-786-0920 or email info@eatmarinos.com

SAVE THE DATE!

Napiwocki's Valentines Dance
Friday & Saturday
February 14 & 15
at The Plaza Hotel & Suites
Wausa WI

715-845-4341

"Valentines Dance" for Dance
Rate

Friday Feb 14 \$15 6-12

The Knewz

Steve Burclaw's New Polish
Sounds

Saturday Feb 15 \$18 12-12

The Knewz, Freeze Dried
Gary's Ridgeland Dutchmen

The memory is the
 first to go - I don't remember
 what goes next!

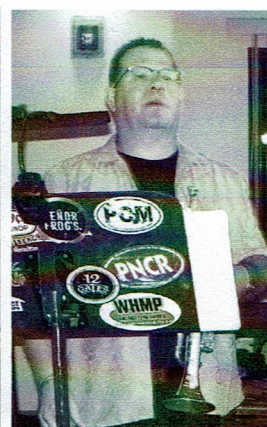
DON WAYERSKI - Y 106.5
Saturday Morning Polka Party
7am - 10am
E-mail polka@y1065.com

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 The Polkajammer Network
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Sure hope you were at the MPA's October dance. Wow!! Fantastic band! Fantastic crowd! And Murzyn Hall in Columbia Heights was equally fantastic! We had a PARTY!! Plus there were a number of fabulous halloween costumes - maybe more next year.

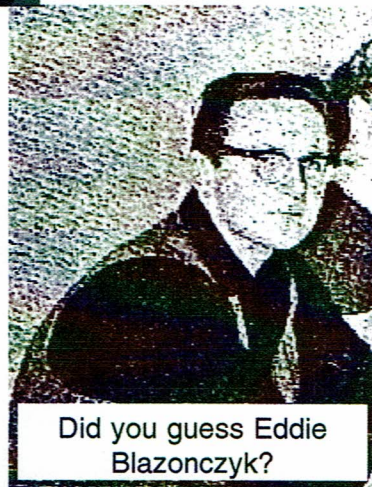
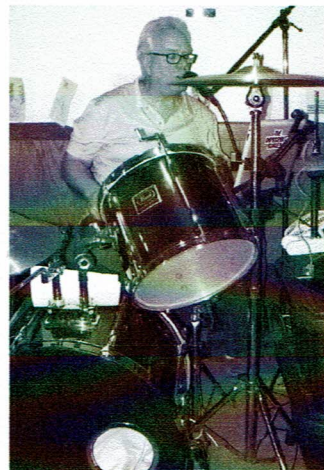
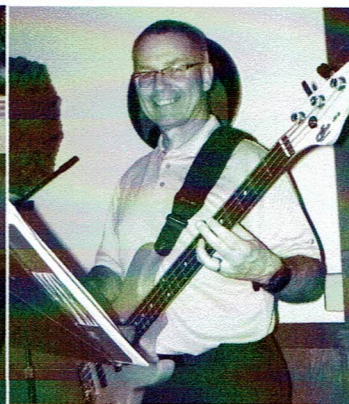
We made the announcement at the dance - same band - same place - Friday October 23 2020!! Hope to see you all there!!!



And all the fantastic, creative halloween costumes! We sure all had a fantastic time at this dance! Thanks to everyone who made this dance so very wonderful!



The Main Squeeze band entertained us on Sunday November 17 at Marino's at the Fridley Legion.
All the dancers were very happy with the music - with room for everyone to dance!



Did you guess Eddie
Blazonczyk?



MPA board member Dorothy Jones brought pumpkin cupcakes to celebrate her birthday at the MPA's newsletter stuffing in October at Marino's. Happy birthday, Dorothy!!!

This is why we had to cancel the Dr Kielbasa dance on Sunday December 1 - right from Jim Dobosenski's driveway!!!



WE NEED YOUR MEMORIES

The MPA is going into the memory business & we need you!! Every one of you has memories of polka dances, polka trips, polka ballrooms - fun times, funny times, fun dancers. Please take a few minutes to write these memories down & send them to **Pat Eckman 16321 199th St N Scandia MN 55073** or e-mail them to **Dorothy Jones at djonesmsp@aol.com**

These memories will be transcribed & put into booklet form & hopefully published with all the wonderful times we have all had over the many years we have all loved the Polish polka music!! Please spread the word - **WE NEED YOU!**

Thank you all in advance!