



**President's Message by Danny Fabeck**

A big hello to everyone! Well now we are in the thick of it all - USPA, now Milwaukee, then Conn, Pulaski, IPA & on & on with many more - the best time of the summer for all the polka fests. USPA was really a blast this year. It was the first time seeing The Project - all I can say is WOW!. It was fun being there for the live taping for PCM's new CD. Can't wait for the rest!

You know, I used to be excited to go to dances to listen & dance to the music - something that has part of my life as long as I can remember. Love to hear the new bands & enjoy the old ones - really believe it is part of my soul. Lately as I am getting older, I find myself enjoying the people just as

much - so many old friends & new friends to meet. I see people from all over the US - sometimes don't know names - I talk to them & find out they are the same & now new friends again. It would be great to find ways to get some young people involved in this great music. The awards show & Pro-Am jam at USPA help - so many young ones playing our music.

Our April MPA Anniversary dance at Withrow was a huge success with the Cynor Band - many dancers said, "Get them back!" So we did - they are playing next year. They played plenty of honky music & invited local musicians to sit in. And then the dance again at Withrow in May with The Main Squeeze - WOW! A large enthusiastic crowd that day to usher in their first MPA dance. Many thanks to all who came that day & loved the band! In June we had a jam band with up to 10 musicians who put out great music. We also had a pizza party. I want to personally thank all these fabulous local musicians who played.

It comes to our attention that several people are bringing their own beverages into some dances at the Maplewood Moose. This is a reminder - this is not allowed. Please do not bring your own - please purchase your beverages at the bar. This is the only income they get from our dances, so let's support the Maplewood Moose.

In July we have the Annual MPA Pot-Luk Picnic Bash! We provide the polish, hot dogs & root beer floats, you provide the pot-luck. We will have a jam session as always, so come out & enjoy a fun Sunday afternoon! **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 MPA Presents**

# **The Pot-Luck Picnic Bash**

**Free to MPA Members & Guests**

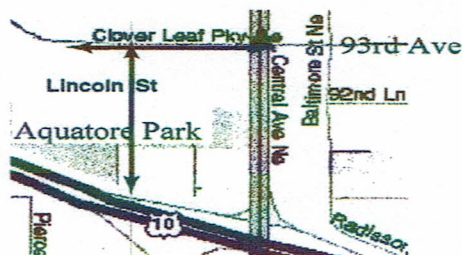
**Sunday July 9, 2017**

**Noon - ???**

**Musicians -**

**Bring Your Instruments**

**& Jam, Jam, Jam!!**



Aquatone Park  
Located at  
Central Ave &  
Clover Leaf Pkwy  
in Blaine

Come join us for a free fun-filled afternoon for families, children & grandchildren.

Bring a dish to share and the MPA will provide the Polish sausage and, of course, the traditional root beer floats!

**Don't forget your lawn chairs!**

A huge thank you to Patrick Henry for another fantastic weekend at "The Dells" in WI! WOW! Great bands, good floor, good friends & Chula Vista is a great venue! And the price was right!

All the dancers who came to the beautiful Withrow Ballroom to hear the great new band, "The Main Squeeze" agreed the band was great! Thank you to everyone who contributed when we "passed the hat!" The band played without pay, so they were happy with "the hat!"

Another gigantic thank you to USPA Pres Barb Haselow, her board & all the volunteers - what a fantastic Memorial weekend polka fest in Cleveland OH! Lots of people, lots of great music - marvelous time!!!

## **DANCE! DANCE! DANCE!**

### **DynaBrass**

**from the Detroit Area is  
Coming Back To MN!**

**Saturday Sept 23  
7-11pm**

**So Come Dance  
Your Socks Off!!**

**Maplewood Moose Lodge  
1946 English St**

**(Corner of English & Frost Sts  
in Maplewood)**

**Location Info - 651-776-2830**

**Just \$12 Per Person**



## Membership Report *by Pat Eckman*

Now Mother Nature says it is summer in a BIG way! Let's welcome our new members - John Hoeft, Ray Moeller, Clem Burak, Bernard Zuk, Jeff Maroszek, Joe Bertler, Tom Bulanda (Jeff, Joe & Tom play with New Generations), Liz Eddens, Mary Ohotto, John Hunkins, Charlotte Neuman, Joe Waszak, John Szalewski, Patrick Nowak (Joe John & Patrick play with Sheelytown Band from Omaha NE), Christy Krawisz, Joe Hegger, Andrea Reese, Bill Igras, Jackie Libera (plays with Dennis Polisky), John Zelasko (plays with The Project), Linda Malinowski, & Ellen & Alan Eigner. WOW!!

### JULY-AUGUST RENEWALS

Members who need to renew for the months of July & August 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 "ALL THINGS POLISH!"

The Twin Cities Polish Fest returns to Old Main St along the Mississippi River under the bridge in Minneapolis for 3 days this year - Fri-Sun Aug 11-13. There will be fun, food & entertainment - all this with free admission!

This is a wonderful family festival for all ages. Enjoy Polish food & beverages, cultural exhibits, arts & crafts & traditional folk dancing. The white Polish Tatra sheep dogs will be back again & there will also be a child's play area.

...And lots of dancing! The "White Sidewalls Rock & Roll Revue" Band will kick off the festival Friday night 5:30-9:30. Then dance to favorite Polish polka bands Saturday & Sunday. Saturday will feature local bands DyVersaCo & Doctor Kielbasa, & LIVEwire from WI & DynaBrass from MI. On Sunday the music & dancing continue with DyVersaCo & DynaBrass. So come to listen or dance, stroll through the exhibits, & sample food & beverages. You WILL have a wonderful time!

More info? [www.tcpolishfestival.org](http://www.tcpolishfestival.org)

**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 2017 Event Schedule

More info? [www.midwestpolkaassoc](http://www.midwestpolkaassoc)

**\*\*Sunday July 9 - Annual Pot-Luck Picnic Bash!\*\*  
MUSICIANS JAM - AquatorePark - Blaine  
Noon - ??**

**\*\*Saturday September 23 - Late Summer Dance 7-11\*\*  
DYNABRASS - Maplewood Moose**

**\*\*Friday October 20 - Halloween Dance 7-11\*\*  
POLKA COUNTRY MUSICIANS - Maplewood Moose**

**\*\*Saturday November 11 - A Fall Dance 7-11\*\*  
DYVERSACO - Maplewood Moose**

**\*\*Saturday December 2 - Holiday Dance 7-11\*\*  
DOCTOR KIELBASA - Maplewood Moose**

### **The Mission Statement of the MPA**

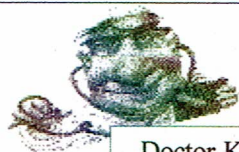
Polkas & waltzes have long been a big part of music in the ethnically rich midwest. Several organizations have fostered strong support for German, Czech & Slovak styles of music in the greater Twin Cities area. We, the Midwest Polka Association, recognized a need for greater support of the Polish style of polkas & waltzes. 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 strong following with a membership of over 850 located in 15 states & Canada.

### **MPA BOARD MEMBERS - 2017**

President - Danny Fabek - 763-244-0152  
Vice President - Dorothy Jones - 612-788-4272  
Secretary - Rose Kopras - 651-491-6648  
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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

#### AUGUST

- 12 Saturday Twin Cities Polish Fest Main St Minneapolis MN  
Starting at 11am  
26-27 Sat-Sun International Bazaar Stage MN State Fair  
10:45, Noon & 1:15  
doctorkielbasal@aol.com www.doctorkielbasa.com

### Florian Chmielewski's Fun Time Band

#### AUGUST

- 4 Friday Pie Days Barnum MN 10-11am  
6 Sunday Forest Lake MN VFW 1-4  
9 Wednesday Mystic Lake Casino 11am-1pm  
19 Saturday Pioneer Festival Perham MN 5-10  
www.funtimeband.com

### The Jolly Zuks Band - Sturgeon Lake MN

#### JULY

- 22 Saturday Willow River Days Corral Bar 2-6  
Willow River MN

#### AUGUST

- 6 Sunday Pine Co Fair Pine City MN 2:30-6:30  
27 Sunday Stiftungfest Norwood Young America MN  
www.jollyzuks.com

### Nathan's Old Time Band

#### JULY

- 8 Saturday Holy Cross Polka Mass Pearl Lake MN 4pm  
9 Sunday St Benedict's Church Festival Avon MN  
16 Sunday Pig Roast Dance St Paul Legion 3-7  
30 St Wendelin Church Festival Luxemburg MN 12-3

#### AUGUST

- 17 Thursday Douglas County Fair Alexandria MN 1-4  
19 Saturday Watermelon Days Vining MN 10am-1pm  
19 Saturday Franciscan Brothers Peace Community BBQ  
St Paul MN 5:30-7:30  
24 Thursday Red Willow Arts Coalition Music at the  
Courthouse Alexandria MN 7-8:30  
27 Sunday St Francis Church Festival 10am Mass  
Entertainment til 2:30 5 miles north of Albany MN  
sites.google.com/site/nathansoldtimebandmn/

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

#### AUGUST

- 20 Sunday St Stan's Polish Festival 41st & J Omaha NE 5-8  
Polish Music Starting at Noon No Admission Charge!

### The Main Squeeze Band

Please contact Don Meger for info on the band schedule  
763-413-0417

### Craig Ebel & DyVersaCo



#### JULY

- 21 Friday Pulaski Polka Days - KC Building 5-6, 7-8, 9-10

#### AUGUST

- 6 Sunday St Paul's Church Festival Plainfield WI  
12-13 Saturday-Sunday Twin Cities Polish Fest Minneapolis MN  
www.itspolkatime/dyversaco.html

### Bergmann's Withrow Ballroom 651-439-5123

#### Thursday Afternoons 1-4

#### JULY

- 6 Julie Lee  
13 Leon Olsen  
20 Barefoot Becky  
27 Ray Sands

#### AUGUST

- 3 Dale Dahmen & Sons  
10 Leon Olsen  
17 Top Notchmen  
24 Julie Lee  
31 Rod Cerar

www.withrowballroom.com

### The Squires Band

#### JULY

- 26 Wednesday Music in the Park - Walton Park 7-8:30  
Oakdale MN Bring Your Lawn Chairs  
28 Friday Little Log House 27th Annual Antique Power Show  
Hastings MN Noon-4

#### AUGUST

- 9 Wednesday Music in the Park Savage MN Community Park  
Bring Your Lawn Chairs 7-8  
13 Sunday LeDuc Historical Estate Hastings MN 6:30-8:30  
www.squiresband.com

### Dave Sowada

Please call Dave at 763-786-9449 for his schedule.

### Marie and the Boys

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

### Squeezy Wes Miller & Friends

Please contact Wes Miller by phone 218-851-6000 or  
e-mail at squeazywesmiller@gmail.com

### The Berry Boyce Band - Omaha NE

#### JULY

- 1 Saturday Legion Ballroom Arcadia IA 4-8  
9 Sunday St Bernadettes Church Festival Omaha NE 1-3  
14 Friday Huber Haus German Bier Hall Omaha NE 8-12

#### AUGUST

- 4-5 Friday-Saturday 56th Annual Wilber-Czech Festival  
Wilber NE 8-Close  
12 Saturday Hessen Haus Des Moines IA 6-10  
13 Sunday Walcott IA Colliseum 1-5  
30 Wednesday Huber Haus German Bier Hall Omaha NE 6-9  
www.barryboyceband.com

### Blue Top Bar & Grill 3425 Church St Stevens Point WI

No Sunday Music During The Summer!  
See You in September



**FLORIAN CHMIELEWSKI IS 90!!**

What a wonderful tribute to Florian as he celebrated his 90th birthday during the International Polkafest in Hinkley MN. Florian's daughter, Patti, put together a tribute to her dad that was just great! Then we all had a piece of a VERY large birthday cake & sang happy birthday several times! The whole weekend was a tribute to Florian with many musicians & lots of family & friends honoring him.



Florian being escorted into his tribute..



Florian & Patti after her stirring tribute to her father.

**HENRY "HENNY" JASIEWICZ**

We lose another giant in the Polish polka world in the passing of Henry "Henny" Jasiewicz at the end of April. Henny started performing professionally at the age of 9 with Leo Gibala & The Bell Hops. In 1979, Henny started his own band known as Henny & The Versa Js. This band has performed locally, nationally, & in Poland. Henny was 71 & died April 25.



***It has come to our attention several people are bringing their own liquor and/or beer into some MPA dances held at the Maplewood Moose. This is a serious offense, which could result in the Moose Lodge losing their liquor license. It could also result in the MPA losing this special hall to hold our dances. So please patronize the bar at the Maplewood Moose Lodge. Thank You.***

**POLKA BANDS AT THE MN STATE FAIR**

Leinie Lodge Bandshell

Wed-Thur Aug 30-31 Alpensterne

International Bazaar Stage

Sat-Sun Aug 26-27 Doctor Kielbasa

Mon-Tue Aug 28-29 Adam Sandhurst &

The Jolly Jammers

Wed-Thur Aug 30-31 Bavarian Musikmeisters

Ramberg Senior Center

Sat-Sun Aug 26-27 Brass Barn Polka Band

Fri-Sat Sept 1-2 Joey Johnson

Sun-Mon Sept 4-5 Joey Johnson

**YES!**

The MPA is dancing at the fair again this year! The date is Monday Aug 28 on the outside stage at the Education Building which has been remodeled & is now called the Cosgrove Stage.

We will be dancing at 4pm & 6pm.

**Be there or be square!!**

Eddie Biegaj is the "Bad Boy" on the Polkajammer network - Thursdays 6-8 EST & Sundays 1-2 EST.  
Visit [Polkajammernetwork.org](http://Polkajammernetwork.org)

The MPA sends sympathy to the family & friends of MPA member Marilyn Schwartzhoff of Eau Claire WI. She & her husband, Jim, have been members of the MPA for many years.



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

The MPA sends sympathy to the family & friends of MPA member "Corny" Cornelius Warzeka. Patti, his wife, says Corny enjoyed the MPA music & parties.





Four MPA members having fun at the USPA Polka Fest - Dan McNamara, Pat & Ted Eckman, & Tyler Wysomski. Dan & Tyler are from the great state of New York.



The MPA Board having a toast in Cleveland at the fantastic USPA Polka Fest over Memorial weekend!

www.polkabrewscruise.com

2018 Polka Brews Cruise

Polka Country Musicians

The Boys The Knewz

7 - Day Eastern Caribbean Polka Cruise -  
NORWEGIAN CRUISE LINE on "Norwegian Escape"  
February 3-10, 2018

### St Therese Fest August 12 & 13 Schofield WI

Saturday Aug 12 - Maroszek Brothers  
Alternating with Led West - 6pm  
Sunday Aug 13 - Polish Connection  
Alternating with TNT - Noon  
Chicken & BBQ Meatball Dinner  
11am-1:30  
Lots of Games, Food & Beer Both Days

#### Pulaski WI Polka Days

Thur-Sun July 20-23  
Picnic Grounds - 2 Tents  
Chad Przybylski - New Generation  
Maroszek Brothers - Aaron Socha &  
Livewire - DynaBrass  
Polka Dynamics - The Boys  
Polish Connection - TNT  
Polka Country Musicians  
Polka Family - Box On  
Craig Ebel & DyVersaCo  
Eddie Blazonczyk's Reunion Tour  
IPA Tribute Band  
Keith Straus & Polka Confetti  
[www.pulaskipolka days.com](http://www.pulaskipolka days.com)

#### 7 Springs Polka Fest

Champion PA  
Fri-Mon June 30-July 3  
Eddie Blazonczyk's Versatones  
Reunion - Polka Family  
Lenny Gomulka - Nu-Tones  
Ray-Jay - Box On  
Henny & The Versa J's  
DynaBrass - Ampol-Aires  
Buffalo Concertina All Stars  
The Boys - Eddie Forman Orchestra  
Tony Blazonczyk's New Phaze  
Kosmix - Polka Method  
[www.polkafireworks.com](http://www.polkafireworks.com)

#### Frankenmuth MI Music Fest

Fri-Sun August 10-12  
Polka Family  
Box On  
Stephanie  
Lenny Gomulka  
The Knewz  
Ampol-Aires  
Polka Country Musicians  
New Brass Express  
Eddie Blazonczyk's Versatones  
Reunion Band  
[www.frankenmuthfestivals](http://www.frankenmuthfestivals)

#### Twin City Polish Fest

Minneapolis MN  
Fri-Sun August 11-13  
Fri -  
Sat - DyVersaCo - Doctor Kielbasa  
Live Wire - DynaBrass  
Sun - DyVersaCo - DynaBrass  
[www.tcpolishfest.org](http://www.tcpolishfest.org)

Polkamotion by the Ocean  
Polkamotion has been cancelled  
for this year, 2017.. The remodeling  
of the Rehoboth Convention Center  
has not been completed. No  
contracts for the convention center  
will be signed until the remodeling  
has been finished.  
Watch for info for 2018!!  
[www.rbpolka.com](http://www.rbpolka.com)

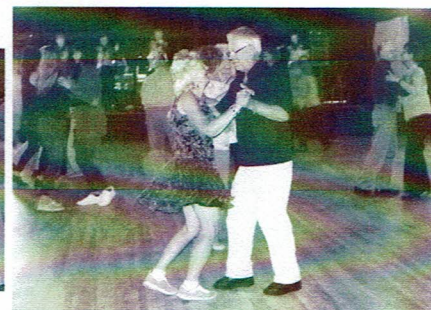
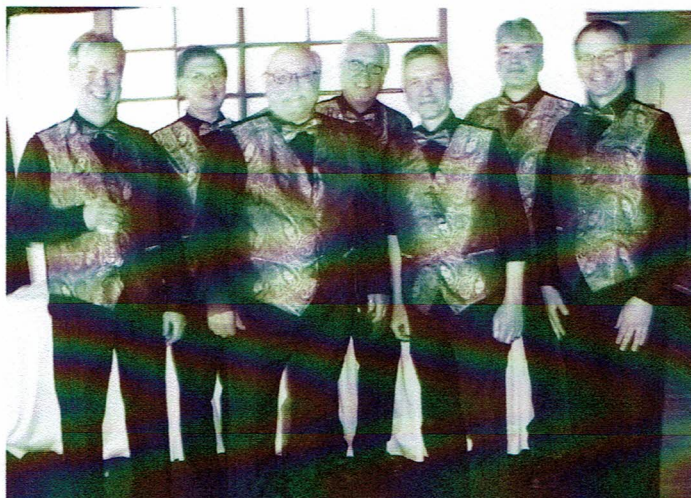
IPA Festival & Convention  
Millennium Hotel Buffalo NY  
Fri-Sun September 1-3  
John Gora & Gorale  
Freeze Dried - Polka Method  
Stephanie - The Project  
IPA Tribute Band  
Lenny Gomulka & Chicago Push  
The Boys - The Knewz  
The Music Company  
Polka Country Musicians  
[www.ipapolkas.com](http://www.ipapolkas.com)



WOW! Did we ever have fun with the Cynor Classics at the Withrow Ballroom on Sunday April 23 for the MPA Anniversary Dance. Kathie & Jim Carlson also celebrated their anniversary at the dance, so we had 2 delicious cakes!



Talk about spiffy! The Main Squeeze played for the MPA Member Appreciation Dance in May at the beautiful Withrow Ballroom in Hugo. What a band - excellent music & a cake to celebrate!!



Then we had a jam session & pizza party Friday June 9 at the Maplewood Moose Lodge. Great music & delicious pizza!!

