



**President's Message by Danny Fabeck**

Hello all & happy summer! At least I think it's summer - sometimes I wonder. The date was Sunday May 22 - I was on the way to the iconic Star Club in Kettle River MN & I get a notice for a winter storm watch. Sure enough it started snowing & not just a little. This was like winter blast - strong north wind & snow sideways - only in MN! The snow did melt by the end of the dance - had a great crowd. Thanks to all who braved the snow.

Now some sad news - we had to cancel our Saturday June 8 dance with Main Squeeze. We simply could not find a venue for that Saturday after the Maplewood Moose Club closed in May. We are still trying to find venues for Fridays & Saturdays - it is becoming quite a challenge.

Our last dance at the Maplewood Moose was Saturday April 13. We had the Cynor Classic Band & we sent the place off with a bang! Lots of musicians sat in with the band - 2 cakes - one for the MPA's Anniversary & one for Jim & Kathie Carlson for their anniversary. So many great memories in that building we will not soon forget! Word is the new building will be finished by fall & hope to start new traditions there.

Several weeks ago I attended the 51st Annual USPA Convention in Cleveland OH. As in the past it did not disappoint. What a tremendous time! Thanks to everyone on the USPA board & all the volunteers for their work on a first class event.

Don't forget the Annual MPA Pot-Luck Picnic Bash Sunday July 14. Musicians - bring your instruments for the jam. Everyone bring something to share for the pot-luck. The MPA will provide the hot dogs, polish sausage, pop, water, & all the condiments & utensils. Aquatore Park in Blaine is the place to be - noon is the time to come. Then end the afternoon with the famous root beer floats. It's always a grand time!

With all your support we keep the polka music alive together!

**I WILL SEE YOU AT ALL THE DANCES!!**

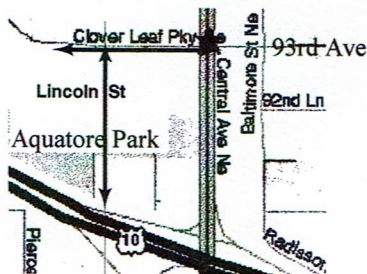
Hope to talk to you at a dance - Danny Fabeck

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 14, 2018  
Noon - ???

**Musicians -  
Bring Your Instruments  
& Jam, Jam, Jam!!**



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

Come join us for a free fun-filled afternoon for families. Bring a dish to share - everyone loves home cooking, so show off your skills in the kitchen! The MPA will provide the polish sausage, hot dogs &, of course, the traditional root beer floats!

Don't forget your lawn chairs!

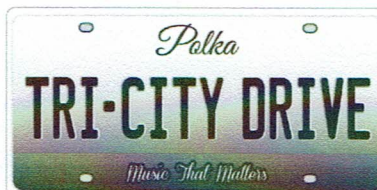


Thank you again to  
Patrick Henry for the  
awesome polka fest at  
Chula Vista Resort  
in Wis Dells!!!!

A huge thank you to  
**Barb Haselow & all the great  
volunteers that made the USPA polka  
fest so spectacular! The bands were  
once again fantastic!!**

"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.

**ANOTHER EXCITING  
APPEARANCE IN MN!!**



*Sunday  
September 22  
1-5pm*



Tri-City Drive is coming back to MN!!  
They were awesome last year - they  
will be awesome in September!

*So come to the beautiful Murzyn Hall  
530 Mill St NE Columbia Hts 55421*

*Welcome Craig back to MN!*

*Listen & dance to this great band!*

**Admission just \$12 per person**

**More info? 651-433-2173**



### Membership Report by Pat Eckman

Where did spring go?! Summer already?! So let's welcome our new members - Tom LaCasse, Dan Kowalski, Lawana & Dan Moroski, Katie & Mike Moroski, Dick Dols, Jared Schreifels, Allen Micklin, Gina Klear, Gene Maroszek, Carol Stasila, Daryl Hehl, Janet Hansen, Joan William, Corey Hilbe, Jackie Kwapick, Ken Yash, Leo Kalisz, Jarek Dombrowski, Tyler Gromko, & Sophie Sorenson. WOW!! Thanks to each & everyone of you!

### JULY-AUGUST RENEWALS

Members who need to renew for the months of July & August 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

## MPA Halloween Dance

### **POLKA COUNTRY MUSICIANS FROM CONNECTICUT ARE RETURNING TO MINNESOTA!**

**Friday October 25  
7-11 pm**



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

**Admission  
\$15 Per Person**  
More Info?

Call 651-433-2173



### MPA 2019 Tentative Schedule

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

**\*\* Sunday July 14 - Annual Pot-Luck Picnic Bash! \*\*  
MUSICIANS JAM - Aquatore Park Noon -?**

**\*\* Sunday September 22 - A Late Summer Dance 1-5 \*\*  
TRI-CITY DRIVE - Murzyn Hall Columbia Hts**

**\*\* Friday October 25 - A Fall Dance 7-11 \*\*  
POLKA COUNTRY MUSICIANS - Murzyn Hall**

**\*\* Sunday November 17 - Another Fall Dance 1-5 \*\*  
THE MAIN SQUEEZE - Murzyn Hall**

**\*\* Sunday December 1 - Dec Birthdays Dance 1-5 \*\*  
DOCTOR KIELBASA - Murzyn Hall**

*Thank you again to Doris & Ray Bartos &  
their helpers, Sally & Dale Eppenberger, for  
their very kind help in folding the  
MPA newsletters!*



**Minneapolis, Minnesota  
Along the Mississippi  
River on Old Main Street  
Across from Riverplace  
and St. Anthony Main**

**Friday 5-10 pm  
Saturday 10 am-10 pm  
Sunday 11 am-5 pm**

**EVERYONE WELCOME!  
FREE ADMISSION**

**TWIN CITIES POLISH FESTIVAL  
AUGUST 9, 10 & 11, 2019**

- Experience "All Things Polish!"
- NEW -- Outdoor Catholic mass, Sunday at 9:00 am
- Polish food and beverages
- Cultural exhibits -- arts and crafts
- Folk dance exhibitions--dance groups from Regina, Chicago, Detroit & Minneapolis on the Cultural Stage
- Friday night dance--Emerson Avenue Band, MN
- Polka dancing Saturday and Sunday -- 5 bands  
Doctor Kielbasa, The Jolly Zuks, DyVersaCo &  
The Main Squeeze from MN, LIVEwire from WI
- Popular white Polish sheepdogs
- Children's activities and play area
- Rated as "Top 150 Fun Things To Do in the Twin Cities!"

For more information, please visit:  
[www.tcpolishfestival.org](http://www.tcpolishfestival.org)





### Doctor Kielbasa's Appointment Book

#### AUGUST

- 3 Saturday Brew Fest Pine City MN Fair Grounds Noon-4  
 10 Saturday Twin Cities Polish Fest Minneapolis MN 10-10  
 Alternating with Zuks, DyVersaCo & Live Wire  
[doctorkielbasal@aol.com](mailto:doctorkielbasal@aol.com) [www.doctorkielbasa.com](http://www.doctorkielbasa.com)

### Florian Chmielewski's Fun Time Band

#### JUNE

- 27 Thursday Cromwell MN Community Center 1-4

#### JULY

- 10 Wednesday Fish Lake Resort Mora MN 1-4  
 13 Saturday 2nd Brew Fest 320Brewing Pine City 3-6  
 15 Monday Town Green Park Maple Grove MN 7-9  
 17 Wednesday Cloquet MN VFW 1-4  
 28 Saturday Frank Rog Amphitheater Lexington Ave 6-8  
 Roseville MN

#### AUGUST

- 2 Friday Pie Days Braham MN 10-11  
 3 Saturday 2nd Musical Fest Vintage Park Askov MN 5-6  
 7 Wednesday Cloquet MN VFW 1-4  
 17 Saturday Blessed Sacrament Fall Fest St Paul MN 5-9  
 21 Wednesday Cloquet MN VFW 1-4  
 22 Thursday Cromwell MN Community Center 1-4  
[www.funband.com](http://www.funband.com)

### The Polish Connection Band

#### JULY

- 19 Friday Pulaski WI Polka Days Alternating  
 28 Sunday St Florian Church Picnic Hatley WI Noon-6  
 Alternating

#### AUGUST

- 11 Sunday St Bartholemew Church Picnic Mills Creek WI

### The Jolly Zuks Band

#### AUGUST

- 4 Sunday Pine Co MN Fair 2-6  
 10 Saturday Twin Cities Polish Fest Minneapolis MN 10-10  
 Alternating with Doctor Kielbasa, DyVersaCo & Live Wire  
[www.jollyzucs.com](http://www.jollyzucs.com)

### The Squires Band

#### JULY

- 13 Saturday Corn & Clover Days Hinckley MN 8-11  
 28 Sunday 9th Annual Antique Power Show Noon-4  
 Hastings MN

#### AUGUST

- 4 Sunday Concert in the Park LeDuc Mansion 6-9  
 Hastings MN  
[www.squiresband.com](http://www.squiresband.com)

### Withrow Event Center & Ballroom [www.thewithrow.com](http://www.thewithrow.com)

#### Thursday Afternoon Dances 1-4

#### JULY

- 11 Julie Lee  
 18 Barefoot Becky  
 25 Rod Cerar

#### AUGUST

- 1 Dains Dutchmen  
 8 Julie Lee  
 15 Barefoot Becky  
 22 Rod Cerar  
 29 Leon Olsen

### Craig Ebel & DyVersaCo



#### AUGUST

- 10 Saturday Twin Cities Polish Fest Minneapolis MN  
 Under the Stone Arch Bridge Alternating  
 11 Sunday Twin Cities Polish Fest Minneapolis MN  
 31 Saturday Booster Days Weyerhaeuser WI Comm Center 7-11

#### SEPTEMBER

- 1&2 Sunday & Monday West End Stage MN State Fair  
 Starting at 11:30, 12:30, 1:30  
[www.itspolkatime.com/dyversaco.html](http://www.itspolkatime.com/dyversaco.html)

### The Main Squeeze Band



#### JULY

- 7 Sunday Church Festival Bowlus MN 1-5  
 14 Sunday St Bronislava Parish Festival Plover WI  
 11:30-7pm - Alternating with Cynor Classics

#### AUGUST

- 11 Sunday Twin Cities Polish Fest Minneapolis MN 11-5  
 Alternating with DyVersaCo

### Box On

#### JUNE

- 30 Sunday St Stan's Polka Fest Flint MI

#### JULY

- 6 Saturday 7 Springs Polka Fest Champion PA Alternating  
 20-21 Sat-Sun Pulaski Polka Fest Pulaski WI Alternating

#### AUGUST

- 9-10 Fri-Sat Frankenmuth MI Polka Fest Alternating



#### JULY

- 10 Wednesday St John's Baptist Church Family Fest 7-9:30  
 Plum PA  
 12 Friday St Michael's Church Family Fun Night 6-9  
 Elizabeth PA  
 14 Sunday St Benedict's Church Parish Fest 4-7  
 Greensburg PA  
 28 Sunday Summer Polka Celebration 2-7  
 New Kensington PA Alternating with Polka Country  
 31 Wednesday Wheeling PA Waterfront Concert 7-9

### Tony Blazonczyk's New Phaze

#### JULY

- 4 Thurs Pool Party Seven Springs Polka Fest Champion PA

### Bobby Z & Polka Joy - Omaha NE

#### AUGUST

- 18 Sunday St Stan's Polish Fest 41st & J Omaha NE  
 Polka music starting at noon - Bobby Z 5-8. Polish food  
 will be sold. Free Admission!

### The Barry Boyce Band - Omaha NE

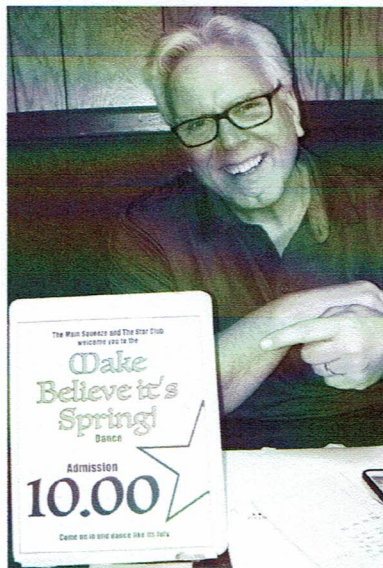
#### JULY

- 14 Sunday St Bernadettes Festival Omaha NE 1-4  
 27 Saturday Huber-Haus German Bier Hall 8-Midnight

#### AUGUST

- 2 Friday 58th Annual Wilber NE Czech Fest 8-Midnight  
 3 Saturday 58th Annual Wilber NE Czech Fest 8-Close  
 11 Sunday Joyful Dance Center Westminster CO 3-7  
 17 Saturday Huber-Haus German Bier Hall Omaha NE 8-12  
[www.barryboyce.co](http://www.barryboyce.co)





Yes - Main Squeeze did it again! They returned to the Star club in Kettle River Sunday May 19 & really rocked the place. It was a spring dance even though we had 3" snow on the ground! The Star club is a beautiful venue & the burgers are just fantastic!

### SAVE THE DATE - Saturday Sept 7

**HARVEST FESTIVAL 11-5pm**

*Celebrating the Agricultural Community*

*At Mariekee Gouda*

*200 W Liberty Dr - Thorp WI*

*Music By Rich Raclawski & Keepers of Honky*

*& The Maroszek Brothers*

*Food & Beer Tent!*

## 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](mailto:djonesmsp@aol.com)**

These memories will be transcribed & put into booklet form, along with as many pictures as we can find & hopefully publish 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!**

## **YES!**

The MPA is dancing at the fair again this year! The date is Monday Aug 26 on the outside stage at the Education Building which has been remodeled & is now called the Cosgrove Stage We will be dancing at 10am, 11am & noon.. **BE THERE OR BE SQUARE!!**

Save the Date!

# Oktoberfest

4th Annual

**Aspirus Riverview Foundation's Oktoberfest 2019**  
**Saturday, October 5, 2019**

**DON WAYERSKI - Y 106.5**  
**Saturday Morning Polka Party**  
**7am - 10am**  
**E-mail [polka@y1065.com](mailto:polka@y1065.com)**

Eddie Biegaj is the "Bad Boy" on  
The Polkajammer Network  
Thursdays 5-8 EST & Sundays  
Noon-1 EST.  
Visit [Polkajammernetwork.org](http://Polkajammernetwork.org)

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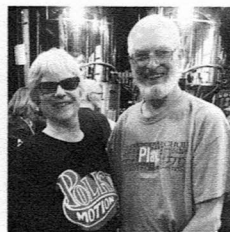
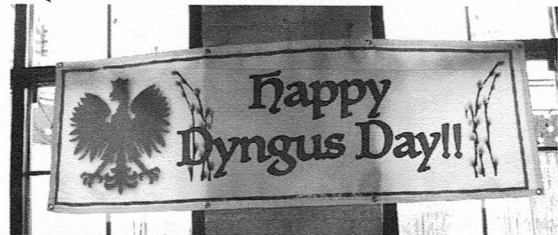


Keep this page handy to check on your favorite polka fest. The information here has come from the web sites in each of the boxes. Please use them to check out any changes in the bands!

Congratulations to 19 year old MPA member Joe Heger from West Bend WI the 2018 USPA New Horizon Award winner. He was born in a small Slovan village close to Poland. At age 2 Joe was adopted by Carol & John Heger. They soon recognized his musical talent. Joe now plays the accordian, trumpet, concertina & bass guitar. After seeing Polka Family in person, he became fascinated by the role of the trumpet in high-energy Polish-style music. Joe has joined the Chad Przybylski Polka Rhythms Band from Pulaski WI. Joe volunteers his time playing at many charitable fundraisers & continues his music studies focusing on theory, sound & recording. Again congratulations, Joe.



Minnesota polka dancers celebrated Dyngus Day Monday April 22 at The 612Brew Taproom in NE Minneapolis with Main Squeeze. Lots of dancers, excellent beer & a grand time was had by all!



Ted Eckman dancing for the first time after shoulder surgery January 31.



New MPA member Gina Klear shown here with her famous musician son, Eddie Biegaj. Eddie sang lots of old crowd favorites & everyone sang along at Patrick Henry's WI Dells Polka Fest at Chula Vista resort in WI Dells. Main Squeeze backed up Eddie with super music & singing. WOW!!



Good friends Ted Eckman, Zach Piatkowski & Pat Eckman. Zach is from NY & plays with Box ON.

#### Polkamotion by the Ocean

Rehoboth Beach DE  
Fri - Sun Sept 17-20  
The Boys The Beat EFO  
Jimmy Weber & The Sounds  
Polka Country Nutones  
DynaBrass The Knewz  
[www.bpolkamotion.com](http://www.bpolkamotion.com)

#### 7 Springs Polka Fest

Champion PA

Wed-Sat July 3-6

Jimmy Weber & The Sounds  
Lenny Gomulka Freeze Dried  
Box On Polka Family Old School  
The Boys The Beat The Knewz  
Eddie Forman Orchestra  
Polka Method DynaBrass  
Tony Blazonczyk's New Phaze  
Ray Jay & The Carousels  
[www.polkafireworks.com](http://www.polkafireworks.com)

#### Pulaski WI Polka Days

Thur-Sun July 18-21

Picnic Grounds - 2 Tents

New Generations CHAD  
Norm's Happy Notes The Beat  
Tekla Klebetnica (from Poland)  
Box On Polka Family  
DynaVersaStickToneAires  
Polish Connection Live Wire  
TNT Maroszezs Steve Meisner  
Polka Country Musicians  
KC Building on the Grounds  
Music Connection Jerry Voelker  
Stephanie/Polka Confetti  
Derrick Ziegenbein  
Gary's Ridgeland Dutchmen  
[www.pulaskipolka days.com](http://www.pulaskipolka days.com)

#### Frankenmuth MI Music Fest

Thursday-Saturday August 8-10

Polka Family Ampolaires  
Box On Stephanie The Boys  
Polka Country Musicians  
Lenny Gomulka The Knewz  
[www.frankenmuthfestivals.com](http://www.frankenmuthfestivals.com)

#### Twin City Polish Fest

Minneapolis MN

Fri-Sun August 9-11

Friday Night - Rock & Roll Band  
Sat-Sun Polka Bands Including  
DyVersaCo The Jolly Zuks  
Doctor Kielbasa Main Squeeze  
[www.tcpolishfest.org](http://www.tcpolishfest.org)

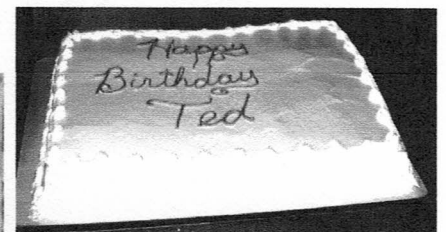
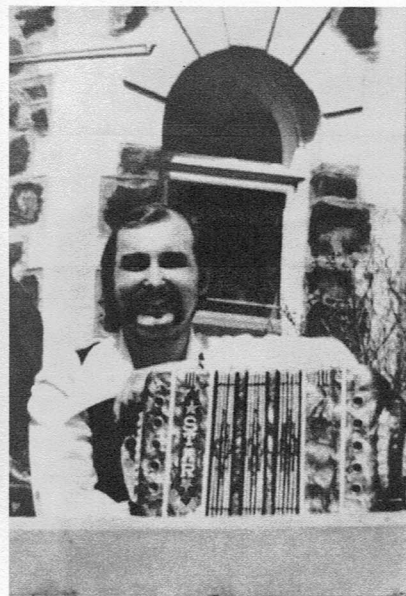
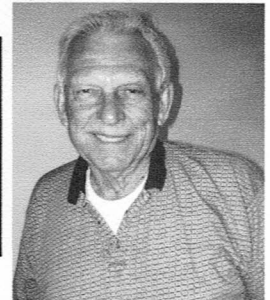
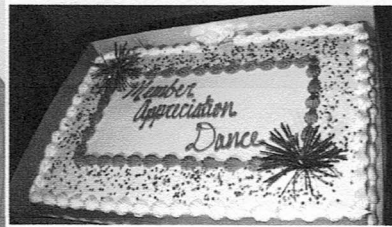
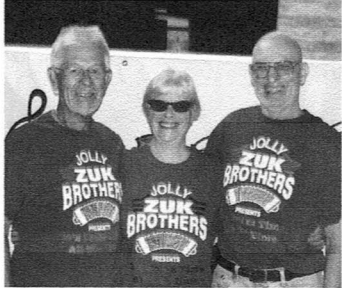
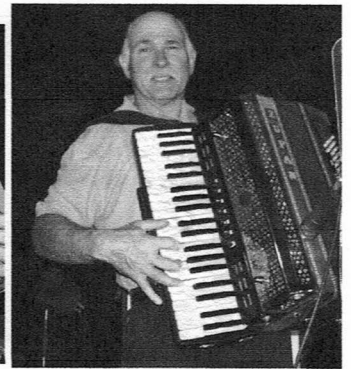
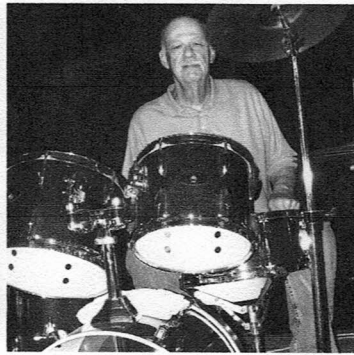
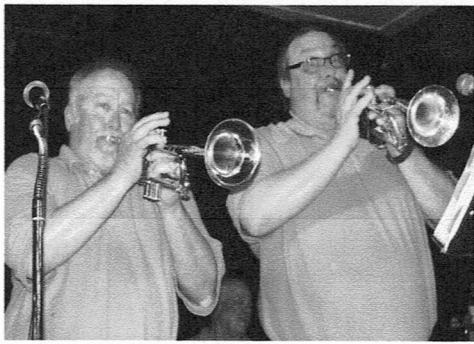
#### IPA Festival & Convention

Millennium Hotel Buffalo NY

Fri-Sun Aug 30 - Sept 1

The Beat The Boys The Kosmix  
Buffalo Concertina All-Stars  
Buffalo Touch Freeze Dried  
John Gora Lenny Gomulka  
IPA Tribute Band Polka Country  
Dennis Polisky & Maestro's Men  
Ray-Jay & The Carousels  
[www.ipapolkas.com](http://www.ipapolkas.com)

Once again we had a fantastic time at the Withrow on Sunday May 5 to celebrate the MPA's Membership Appreciation Dance. The Jolly Zuks entertained us with a great afternoon of super polka music! Ted Tomczak celebrated his 80th birthday with a second cake. Lots of cake & coffee for everyone!



Wally Staniec, Mark Dombrowski, Bud Budzinski & an unidentified exchange student from Poland singing the Polish National Anthem at Majowka in Duluth Saturday May 4.

**GUESS WHO?**



Super friends Dan McNamara, Tyler Wysomski, Pat Eckman, Zach Piatkowski, Ted Eckman & Matt Martin at the USPA polka fest.



Congratulations to Alexis & Rick Gaboda on their April wedding! Rick plays horn in the Cynor Classic Band from Sheldon WI.