

Midwest Polka Association Newsletter 1118 Rosemary Lane Chaska MN 55318

July August 2021



Welcome to summer - it has come in with a huge bang - make that a hot sticky mess! As of today - 9 days over 90. I thank my lucky stars for "air." In our neck of the woods, in about 2 months, all restrictions will be lifted for everything COVID related. That means large indoor gatherings will be allowed with no masks. So we are starting to plan dances again.

Several weeks ago I attended Patrick Henry's WI Dells polka fest at Chula Vista Resort. Man, it was so wonderful to be able to hear super live music again with a large group of people. It was a fantastic time - the music & venue was top-

notch & I got to see a whole lot of people not seen for a long time

I see 7 Springs is having a 2-day fest this year - GREAT news! IPA is still planning their Labor Day event - can't wait for that. New venue - new state - very exciting! And USPA is planning a November event. I appreciate all the work the boards put into running these events & sure hope they are successful. The IPA & USPA announced their award winners for this year. Congratulations to all!

Since all the changes happening around here, we have planned a few events for this fall. We will have our Annual Pot Luck Picnic Bash! at Aquatore Park in Blaine Sunday July 11 at noon. Bring a dish to share - bring your instruments to jam. WE GOT THE MEATS! Craig Ebel & Bud Budzinski will provide the music, but everyone is invited to sit in. Then Sunday September 26 we have a dance at Murzyn Hall with DyVersaCo. On Friday October 22 we will have a dance again at Murzyn Hall & are hoping Polka Country will be playing for us. We are planning a dance Sunday November 21 & another Sunday December 5 with Doctor Kielbasa. Slowly but surely things are getting back to what we previously had. Hope it continues & we keep moving forward.

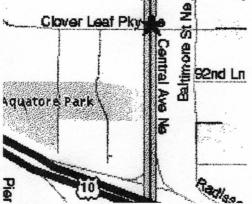
Thanks for all your support - with your help, we WILL keep polka music alive. Hope to talk to you soon - Danny Fabeck

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 11 2021 Noon - ???

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



Aquatore Park in Blaine is located off Central Ave at Clover Leaf Parkway, then left at Lincoln Ave. Come join us for a free fun-filled afternoon for families, children & grandchildren. Bring a dish to share - every one 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!

FALL DINNER/DANCE
(October Majowka?)

Saturday October 2
Featuring the Music of
Doctor Kielbasa
Holy Family
Catholic Church
2430 W 3rd St - Duluth
Social Hour 5-6 Dinner 6
Dance 7-11

ADVANCE TICKETS ONLY
\$30 In Advance
Contact Mark Dobosenski
620 N 22nd Ave W
Duluth MN 55806
218-260-0778

THE ONLY TROUBLE WITH DAWN IS THAT IT COMES SO EARLY!

A DIAMOND IS MERELY A CHUNK OF COAL THAT MADE GOOD UNDER PRESSURE!

Happiness Does NOT COME FROM WHAT YOU HAVE BUT FROM WHAT YOU ARE!



Here's a hard one for you.



None other than our MPA Pres Danny Fabeck

MPA 2021 Tentative Schedule More info?

www.midwestpolkaassociation.com

Sunday July 11 - MPA Pot-Luck Picnic Bash!

Aquatore Park Blaine

Sunday September - Fall Dance

** Friday October 22 - Early Halloween Dance**

POLKA COUNTRY - Murzvn Hall

Sunday November - Pre-Thanksgiving Dance

Murzyn Hall

DOCTOR KIELBASA - Murzyn Hall

CRAIG EBEL'S DYVERSACO - Murzvn Hall

Membership Report by Pat Eckman

What happy news - we are planning some dances for the fall as well as having The MPA Pot-Luck Picnic Bash!

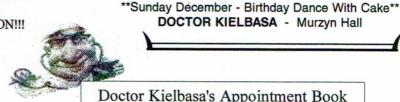
JULY AUGUST RENEWALS

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, (they will start up soon,) 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 WILL DANCE SOON & WE WILL HAVE FUN SOON!!! Pat Eckman



Doctor Kielbasa's Appointment Book

AUGUST

- 7 Saturday Pine Co Fair Event Center Pine City MN Noon-4pm **SEPTEMBER**
- 5 Sunday Booster Day Weyerhaeuser WI 2-5:30

Craig Ebel & DyVersaCo



- 16 Pulaski Polka Days Pulaski WI 5-6, 7-8, 9-10 **SEPTEMBER**
- 5 Sunday Booster Day Weyerhaeuser WI 6:30-10:30

The Jolly Zuks Band

JULY

- 9 Friday Art in the Park Pine City MN 6:30-8
- 15 Thursday Music in the Park Mora MN 6:30-8 AUGUST
- 8 Sunday Pine Co Fair in the Beer Garden Pine City MN 2-6

Florian Chmielewski's Fun Time Band

- 8 Thursday Coon Rapids MN Regional Dam Performance Pavillion 7-8:30 9750 Egret Blvd
- 12 Monday Maple Grove MN Town Center 7991 Main St 7-8:30
- 22 Thursday Sweet Summer Sounds Hinkley MN 6:30-8:30
- 29 Thursday Summer Shell Series Rush City MN 6-9
- 31 Saturday 320 Music Fest Pine City MN 1-4
- 6 Friday Pie Days Braham MN 10-10:45





MPA member Donna Warzecha passed awy in March of this year. She was the wife of MPA member Allan and mother of MPA member Kathy. She

was a life-long polka enthusiast, enjoying all styles of polka music.

Donna enjoyed attending the MPA dances she was always looking forward to the next dance. She will be missed by her family and at all the dances.



Don Kirn of Willard WI was a long time member of the MPA. He passed away in

December of 2020. Don was instrumental in organizing the Willard Polka Fest. He & his wife Donna ran it successfully for many, many years.



DANCE! DANCE! DANCE!

Sunday September 26 1-5pm Craig Ebel's DyVersaCo

At The Beautiful Murzyn Hall 530 Mill St NE Columbia Hts 55421

Just \$10 Per Person

POLKA COUNTRY MUSICIANS FROM CONNECTICUT ARE RETURNING TO MINNESOTA!

Friday October 22 7-11 pm

At Murzyn Hall Again! 530 Mill St NE Columbia Hts MN 55421

> Admission Just \$15 Per Person

More Info? 651-433-2173 or 612-788-4272 For Both Dances

53rd IPA Festival & Convention

Double Tree Hotel

910 Sheraton Dr

Pulaski WI Polka Days Thur-Sun July 15-18 Picnic Grounds - 2 Tents **New Generations** CHAD Aaron Socha's Livewire Polka Dynamics The Beat The Boys Polka Family Polish Connection **Nutymes** TNT Maroszeks Main Squeeze Polka Country Musicians DynaBrass Cynor Classics KC Building on the Grounds Music Connection Steve Meisner Good Time Dutchmen Mark Jirikovac Ryan Kautzer Band DvVersaCo

www.pulaskipolka days.com

Pittsburgh - Cranberry PA Fri-Sun September 3-5 Polka Family Steve Meisner Klanchik & Friends Energy Kosmix **IPA Tribute Band**

Polka Country Musicians The Boys

The Beat Ray J & The Carousels Mon Valley Push John Gora & Gorale

Lenny Gomulka & Chicago Push www.ipapolkas.com

St Therese August Fest

113 W Kort St Schofield WI Saturday Aug 14 Maroszek Bros 6-8 Hyde 8-11:30 Sunday 15 Old Time Brass 11-4:30 Chicken/Smoked Ham/Sausage

& Kraut Dinner 11-1:30

Events Both Days - Bucket Raffles-Cherry Tree-Beer Tent-Food Stand-Flea Market-Pierogi. Ice Cream & Frozen Polish Sausage Stand-Children's Games- Bakery Spin

Frankenmuth MI Music Fest Thursday-Saturday August 10-14

Polka Family New Brass Express Box On Stephanie The Boys Polka Country Musicians Lenny Gomulka E-Z Tones

Check website for more info www.frankenmuthfestivals.com Polkamotion by the Ocean Rehoboth Beach DE Dear Polkamotion By the Ocean fans-

As of this writing, the Rehoboth Beach DE municipality complex including the convention center, is still closed due to COVID. Management has no plans to reopen & all planned events have been canceled through early September. So we think it best to postpone Polkamotion until next year. Hopefully, the 2022 festival dates will be September 14-17.

> Best regards to you all, Mike Matousek

Yup - here are some more pictures of more of all of you! And I have more!





























