

Midwest Polka Association Newsletter
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**March
April
2018**



President's Message by Danny Fabeck

Well, we survived! In the last newsletter we were on the verge of the holidays. They are now just a memory. Winter is hard - everyone needs to cope. In the polka world, we look to the local dances or go on a Polka Brews Cruise (yes, it was really fun!) or listen to our great DJs or IJs a little more. We can look forward to the upcoming festival season. It's not just the cold & gray that can get you down - it is also the lack of camaraderie & friendship with those far away & see only at the fests. The stories we can tell since the last time - the laughs we have missed. NOT TO WORRY - it will start soon & go again for another fun season. New bands, new songs, new albums, new

friends, new memories! Get ready to rock very soon! Napiwocki's Valentine Weekend started that great festival season Friday-Saturday February 16-17. Great time as usual!

We welcomed The Main Squeeze back for our winter dance in January at the Maplewood Moose - nice weather & a great crowd. On Saturday February 24 we will have our very own Valentine's Dance with Doctor Kielbasa at the Maplewood Moose. Then coming up we have a St Paddy's Day Dance with Craig Ebel's DyVersaCo - also a birthday party for Connie Duellman, Mary Lou Czerniak, Patty Chmielewski & Pat Eckman. And a nice treat for all on Sunday April 22, we host the great Cynor Brothers Band at the Withrow Event Center & Ballroom. Then on Sunday May 6 we return to the Withrow to showcase the Jolly Zuks Band.

Thank you for all your memberships & attendance at our dances - couldn't do it without every single one 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!

Celebrate With Us
"The Wearin' Of the Green"
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

Maplewood Moose Lodge
1946 English St

Admission \$10 Per Person
\$9 MPA Members



MPA ANNIVERSARY
DANCE

Come & Celebrate The MPA's
Anniversary With Door Prizes,
Cake & Coffee



Have A Ball AGAIN With
The Cynor Classics

Sunday Afternoon April 22

At The Beautiful Withrow Ballroom

1-5pm



Only \$12 Per Person
So Don't Miss All The Fun!

THESE DANCES ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Membership Report *by Pat Eckman*

WOW! Lots of cold weather - some snow - maybe be warmer now?! Let's welcome our new members - Kathy Voigt, Julie Knabe, Larry Lompa (Bobby Cynor's cousin), Dan Gryga (plays horn for the Cynor Classics), Todd Dobosenski, Gwenn & John Peterson, & Marie Arndt. And welcome back to Jose Curbelo & Bitsy Granda! Thanks to all of you!

MARCH-APRIL RENEWALS

Members who need to renew for the months of March & April 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

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Come Celebrate At The MPA Member Appreciation Dance!

Sunday Afternoon May 6
From 1-5



Enjoy & Dance To The Music
of THE JOLLY ZUK BAND

At The Beautiful
Withrow Ballroom
12169 Keystone Ave
Hugo MN



THE MPA WILL PROVIDE
cake & coffee TO SAY THANK
YOU TO OUR MEMBERS
FOR ALL YOUR WONDERFUL
& CONTINUED SUPPORT!!



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

MPA 2018 Event Schedule

More info? www.midwestpolkaassoc

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 - Withrow Ballroom 1-5

Sunday May 6 - MPA Appreciation Dance
THE JOLLY ZUK BAND - Withrow Ballroom 1-5

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 5 - An Added Dance 7-11
POLKA COUNTRY MUSICIANS - Maplewood Moose

Friday October 26 - 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



So, who is Zosia going to choose?
Frank Rgnonti or Dick Blank!

Meet Jose
Curbelo -
our first MPA
member from
the country
of Brazil!
Welcome back
Jose!





Doctor Kielbasa's Appointment Book

FEBRUARY

- 24 Saturday **MPA LATE VALENTINE'S 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

MARCH

- 16 Friday Forest Lake MN Legion 1-4
17 Saturday St Paddy's Celebration Mahtowa MN
www.funtimeband.com

Nathan's Old Time Band

MARCH

- 4 Sunday St Casimir Church St Paul MN 9am Mass
5 Monday Play with Dale Dahmen Kato Ballroom Mankato 6-9
6 Tuesday Play with Dale Dahmen Wadena MN VFW 1-4
14 Wednesday Play with Dale Dahmen Fish Lake Resort Mora MN

APRIL

- 15 Sunday Fort Snelling Chapel Service
21 Saturday Schiffers Bar St Anthony MN 4-8
22 Sunday Park Rapids MN Legion 1-4
sites.google.com/site/nathansoldtimebandmn/

Dave Sowada

Dave has no public events in March & April.

Squeezy Wes Miller & Friends

FEBRUARY

- 25 Sunday Maplewood Moose 1:30-4:30

MARCH

- 13 Tuesday Roseville Seniors Dance 1:30-4
1910 Co Rd B

- 18 Sunday Maplewood Moose 1:30-4:30

APRIL

- 24 Tuesday Roseville Seniors Dance 1:30-4
squeezywesmiller@gmail.com

Withrow Event Center & Ballroom 651-439-5123

Thursday Afternoons 1-4

The Withrow Event Center & Ballroom will reopen in March.
Please check the website www.thewithrow.com or call 651-439-5123
for info on the Thursday afternoon dances.

APRIL 22 Sunday MPA Dance - Cynor Classics Band 1-5

MPA ANNIVERSARY DANCE

MAY 6 Sunday MPA Dance - Jolly Zuks Band 1-5

MPA MEMBER APPRECIATION DANCE

www.thewithrow.com

Craig Ebel & DyVersaCo



MARCH

- 17 Saturday **MPA ST PADDY'S DAY DANCE 7-11**
Maplewood Moose - Celebrate Birthdays - Connie
Duellman - Mary Lou Czerniak - Patty Chmielewski
& Pat Eckman With A Nummy Cake
www.itspolkatime/dyversaco.html

The Main Squeeze Band

APRIL

- 27 Friday Patrick Henry's Wi Dells Polka Fest
Alternating With Freeze Dried & Polka Country Musicians
mainsqueezepolkas@gmail.com

The Jolly Zuks Band Sturgeon Lake MN

APRIL

- 28 Saturday Afternoon Patrick Henry's WI Dells Polka Fest
Check out info on a bus to the Dells Polka Fest!
www.jollyzuks.com

The Cynor Classics

MARCH

- 12 Sunday Blue Top Stevens Point
24 Saturday Fireman's Ball Thorp WI 1-6

APRIL

- 14 Saturday Jump River WI Polka Fest/Polka Pak 1-9
22 Sunday **MPA ANNIVERSARY DANCE 1-5**
Withrow Event Center & Ballroom
29 Sunday Patrick Henry's Wi Dells Polka Fest Noon-4
Alternating with The Boys

The Barry Boyce Band - Omaha NE

MARCH

- 17 Saturday Sinnott's Sand Bar - St Paddy's Dance
Papillion NE
24 Saturday Crescent Moon Huber Haus - Borkfest
Celebrate the coming of spring Omaha NE
31 Saturday Westside Tavern German Bierfest
Harlan IA

APRIL

- 25 Wednesday Huber-Haus Bier Hall "Mug Club Party
Omaha NE
29 Sunday Starlite Ballroom Spring Polka Fest Wahoo NE
www.barryboyce.com

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

Sunday Afternoons 1-5

FEBRUARY

- 25 TNT

MARCH

- 4 Keepers of Honky
11 Cynor Classic Band
18 Hauser's Hotshots
25 CHAD

APRIL

- 1 Polka Pak
8
15 Maroszek's
22 Polish Connection
29 Keepers of Honky

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



Chmielewski **Int'l Polkafest** **May 18-20, 2018**

GRAND CASINO HINCKLEY, MN



Patty Chmielewski & Michael Bell

FUNTIME **POLKA** **PARTY**

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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| 1. Over-the-air Antenna | 6. iPad or Tablet |
| 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

WEEK LONG
EVENT
MARCH 4 - 11,
2018

FRIDAY - MARCH 9
Jam Session
Wicks - 2 - 6 PM

FRIDAY - MARCH 9
TNT (The Natural Talent)
Polka Band from Pulaski
Cocktails - 7 - 11 PM - Admission \$5

SATURDAY - MARCH 10
Tri City Drive
Polka Band from Chicago
Zielinski's Ballroom - 7 - 11 PM
Admission \$10

SUNDAY - MARCH 11
POLKA MASS
Music By The Maroszek Brothers
Assumption evm catholic church - 10-30 AM

CASIMIR **PULASKI** **DAYS**

MUSIC EVENTS

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POLKA LESSONS,
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long celebration at:
casimirpulaskidays.com or
pulaskiwihistory.com

JUMP RIVER WI 1-DAY POLKA FEST

Saturday April 14 1-9pm

Come dance to 2 great bands -

The Cynor Classic Band & Polka Pak

MAJOWA CELEBRATION DINNER/DANCE

Saturday May 5 - 2018

Featuring the Music of The Main Squeeze

Holy Family Catholic Church - 2430 W 3rd St - Duluth

Social Hour 5:30 Dinner 6:30 Dance 8-12

ADVANCE TICKETS ONLY

Contact Mark Dobosenski 218-727-2697

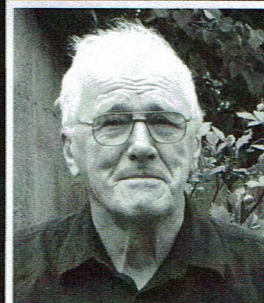
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The Polkajammer Network

Thursdays 5-8 EST & Sundays Noon-1 EST.

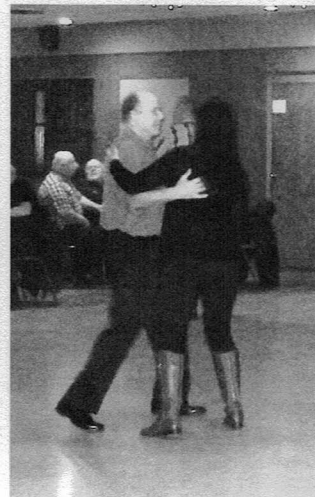
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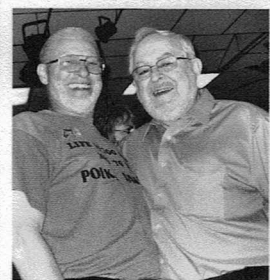
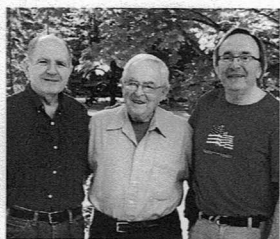
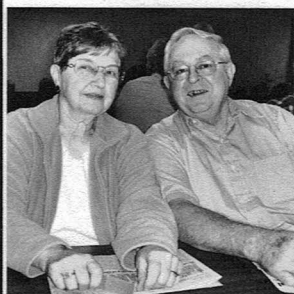
The MPA sends sympathy to the family & friends of Donald Warzecha, St Wendel MN, who died January 18 at age 86. According to his daughter Cynthia, Don encouraged his other daughter, Jean, to play the concertina. Cynthia said their parents were avid polka dancers. They belonged to the "Heartland Polka Swingers" & yes, they actually wore those green & white outfits!

What a treat to hear "The Main Squeeze" again. They played Saturday January 24 at the Maplewood Moose to a happy & enthusiastic crowd! They will be playing at Napiwocki's Valentine Fest in Wausau & for the WI Dells polka fest in April. See you all there!



REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF EDWARD L WELINSKI

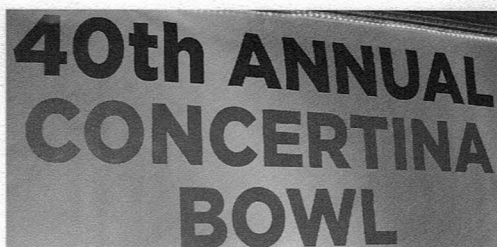
Ed Weliski, Little Falls MN, was born in Sep of 1931 to Joseph & Bridget Welinski of Upsala MN. He was the second oldest of six & graduated from Upsala High School in 1948. Ed learned to play the saxophone & played in the school band. It was at that time he was asked to try out for Pete Kollodge's Band. Soon after, Ed was playing the sax with this band. Pete had 2 daughters who played in the band. It was then Ed met his future wife Renee, who played accordion. Ed & Renee were married in 1951. From that point forward, Renee & Ed started their love for playing polka music & played for over 64 years. Throughout these years, they both played with other local bands. Renee & Ed had 4 children - Marvin, Benet, Sharon & LeaAnn. All 4 learned to play instruments. Marv & Ben took up the trumpet & guitar & the girls played clarinet. Not long after that, Renee & Ed started their own band - The Eddie & Renee Band. Marv & Ben played with them. As time went on, the name of the band changed to Country Pride. Ed worked for Crestliner boats for 27 years in the development department, retiring in the mid 80's. Ed enjoyed his family, loved to go fishing, & playing polka music. He also loved to talk to people - most of all telling jokes & making people laugh. God gave Ed a wonderful long life of 86 years. Before God called Ed to join the big polka band in heaven, Ed got to see all his grandchildren & great grandchildren in his lifetime. Ed will be missed by everyone who knew him!



This photo was taken upstairs at the Fun Center in Holdingford MN in 1950.
Leonard Czeck on drums
Ed Welinski on sax
Pete Kollodge on concertina
Renee Kollodge on accordion
Cleomae Kollodge on piano

THANK YOU, ART!

What a fantastic time we all had at the 40th Annual Concertina Bowl! Lots of musicians in the MPA participated! Some MPA members helped Art at the door..



Dave Sowada & Todd Jurek put on a fantastic concertina show at 3!

Master concertinist Josh Eisdorwowed us at 1pm!



The Cynor Classic Band entertained a large crowd in the back room at 6pm! They will be at the Withrow Ballroom Sunday April 22. Be there or be square!

