



Midwest Polka Association Newsletter
3069 Molina St Shakopee MN 55379

**March
April
2019**



President's Message by Danny Fabeck

Hi everyone - just returning from a fabulous polka brews cruise - leaving -25 degrees to be in 80 degrees for a week was heaven! I didn't wear long pants, shoes or socks for that whole week. Then came home to 5" of snow & 10 degrees - back to reality. 225 cruisers had the time of their lives. It could not have happened without MaryRose, Wally & the rest of the musicians from PCM, The Boys, & The Nutones. Thanks for the best vacation ever! Hi to new friends & it was so nice to catch up with those I know but seldom see. The Lukka Kaeri restaurant in Nassau will never be the same.

Moving right to the Valentine weekend held in Wausau WI at the Plaza Hotel. Russ & Theresa Napiwocki put on this dance every year - they feature 5 great bands & it's always a good time! The MPA will have it's own late Valentine's dance Saturday February 23 with Doctor Kielbasa playing, so let's pack the house!

Thanks to all who came to our January dance featuring Craig Ebel's DyVersaCo. We had a grand time even though we had another battle with the weather.

Planning for the future? Don't miss DyVersaCo again for our St Paddy's Dance Saturday March 23. Then on Saturday April 13 we once again welcome spring (I HOPE!) with the Cynor Classics from WI. The February, March & April dances are all at the Maplewood Moose. This wonderful event center for the MPA will be closing May 15. Hopefully we will be once again be using the new Moose Club next year. The fall of this year we will be at Murzyn Hall in Columbia Heights - more info to come! Never fear - we are planning more fun dances the rest of the year - so stay tuned!

Stay warm - this too shall pass!

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!

Celebrate With Us
"The Wearin' Of the Green"
at the MPA's
St Patrick's Day Dance



Saturday March 23 7-11pm

Featuring the Music of

CRAIG EBEL'S DYVERSACO

With A Cake To Celebrate The

Birthdays of Connie Duellman,

Patty Chmielewski,

Mary Lou Czerniak & Pat Eckman

Maplewood Moose Lodge

1946 English St

Corner of Frost & English Sts

Location Info - 651-776-2830

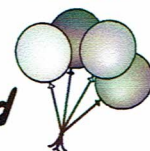
Admission \$10 Per Person

\$9 MPA Members



Come & Celebrate The
MPA's Anniversary

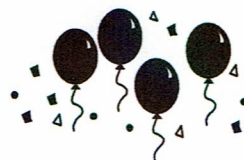
Have A Ball AGAIN With
The Cynor
Classics Band
7-11pm



SATURDAY APRIL 13

Maplewood Moose Lodge
1946 English St

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



More Info? 651-433-2173 or 612-788-4272 - Both dances open to the public

In case of inclement weather, please call the Moose Club at 651-776-2830 for dance cancellation info.

Membership Report *by Pat Eckman*

We will let the weather speak for itself! Spring is only 60 days away! So let's welcome our new members - Wally Stanczyk, Mary Lou Pfannenstiel, & Wendy Klein. Thanks to each & everyone 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. 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

Come Celebrate At The MPA Member Appreciation Dance!



Sunday Afternoon
May 5 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 FOR ALL YOUR WONDERFUL
& CONTINUED SUPPORT!!**



This Dance Is Open To The Public

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

MPA 2019 Tentative Schedule

More info? www.midwestpolkaassociation.com

****Saturday February 23 - Late Valentine's Dance****
DOCTOR KIELBASA - Maplewood Moose 7-11

****Saturday March 23 - St Paddies Dance 7-11****
DYVERSACO - Maplewood Moose

****Saturday April 13 - MPA Anniversary Dance****
CYNOR CLASSICS - Maplewood Moose 7-11

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

****Saturday June 8 - A Summer Dance 7-11****
THE MAIN SQUEEZE - Venue TBA

**** 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 Fridley

****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



MPA board members Rose & Larry Kopras surprised the board at our January meeting with a "guilt cake." They were not at the January dance nor will they be at the next newsletter folding meeting. So they felt guilty. Thanks Rose & Larry

Did you know the Sault Ste Marie locks between Lake Superior & Lake Huron were originally named the Poe locks? Orlando Poe was the engineer who designed the locks in 1896 & they were named after Mr. Poe to honor him. Shortly after this, the locks became known as the Soo locks.



Doctor Kielbasa's Appointment Book

APRIL

- 27 Saturday Chula Vista Resort WI Dells Polka Fest - Evening
Alternating
doctorkielbasal@aol.com www.doctorkielbasa.com

The Main Squeeze Band



MARCH

- 17 Sunday Marino's Fridley Legion 2-6

APRIL

- 15 Sunday Marino's Fridley Legion 2-6
27 Friday Chula Vista Resort WI Dells Polka Fest
Alternating

Florian Chmielewski's Fun Time Band

Save The Date! Fri-Sun May 15-17
Chmielewski's International Polka Fest
Grand Casino - Hinkley MN
www.funtimeband.com

The Polish Connection Band

MARCH

- 30 Saturday Polka Meets Country (Branded) 6:30-1am
Rothschild Event Center

APRIL

- 14 Sunday IPA Dance Rib Mountain Ballroom 1-5
25 Friday Chula Vista Resort WI Dells Polka Fest

Nathan's Old Time Band

MARCH

- 4 Mon Kato Ballroom with Dale Dahmen 6:30-9:30
17 Sun Marino's Fridley Legion with Main Squeeze
31 Sun Blue Top with Main Squeeze

APRIL

- 28 Sun Park Rapids MN Legion 1-4

The Jolly Zuks Band

Check The Jolly Zuks website for info on their events
www.jollyzuks.com

The Squires Band

Please visit "The Squires Band" at their web
site for Jan & Feb events.
www.squiresband.com

Withrow Event Center & Ballroom

www.thewithrow.com

Thursday Afternoon Dances 1-4

MARCH

- 7 Dain Dutchmen
14 Ray Sands
21 Leon Olsen
28 Barefoot Becky

APRIL

- 6 Top Notchmen
11 Ryan Herman
18 Leon Olsen
25 Dain Dutchmen

Craig Ebel & DyVersaCo



MARCH

- 5 Tuesday Saurerkraut Supper Holy Cross Church 4-8
1621 University Ave NE Minneapolis MN
23 Saturday **A Late MPA St Paddy's Dance** 7-11
Maplewood Moose English & Frost Sts
www.itspolkatime/dyversaco.htm

Tony Blazonczyk's New Phaze

APRIL

- 21 Sunday Easter 2:30-5:30 Polonia Banquets
Chicago IL
22 Monday Dyngus Day - Crumstown Conversation Club
North Liberty IN 9am-1pm

Sheelytown - Omaha NE

MARCH

- 17 Sunday Sheelytown Boys Irish Band 3-7
Scriptown Brewery 40th & Farnum Omaha NE
19 Tuesday Sheelytown Full Force Donohue's Pub 6-9
33rd & L St Joseph's Day Celebration Omaha NE

APRIL

- 27 Saturday Sheelytown Full Force Mai Fest Noon-5
German-American Society Omaha NE

Bobby Z & Polka Joy Band - Omaha NE

MARCH

- 19 Tuesday St Joseph's Day Dance MarleyBone Bar 6-9:30
37th & Leavenworth Omaha NE
23 Saturday Free Dance - Polish Home 201 S First St
Papillion NE Return of the Polish Sausage 5 1/2 Celebrate
Bobby Z's 65 birthday! Polish Food For Sale
24 Sunday St Stan's Parish Centennial Dance 1-5
KC Hall 43rd & Washington Omaha NE

APRIL

- 22 Monday Dyngus Day Donohues Bar 33rd & L St Omaha 4-8
Free Admission

The Barry Boyce Band - Omaha NE

MARCH

- 16 Sat Barchen Bier Garden Bock Party Omaha 1-5
17 Sun Sinnott's Sand Bar St Paddy's Celebration Papillion NE
23 Sat Westside Tavern German Bier Fest Harlan IA 7-11
30 Sat Crescent Moon Huber Haus Bock Fest Omaha 11am-Close

APRIL

- 27 Sat Huber Haus German Bier Hall Omaha 8-Midnight
www.barryboyce.co

Blue Top Bar & Grill

3425 Church St Stevens Point WI
715-340-3546

Sunday Afternoons 1-5

Feb 24 Confetti

- March 3 Cynor Classics
31 Main Squeeze

MAJOWKA CELEBRATION DINNER/DANCE

Saturday May 4 - 2019

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

WI Dells WI Polka Fest

Fri-Sun April 26-28 - Chula Vista Resort

Friday - 6pm-1am

"D" Street Band - Polish Connection -

The Main Squeeze

Saturday - Noon-1am

Goodtime Dutchmen - Gary's Ridgeland -

Box On - IPA Tribute Band - Doctor Kielbasa

Sunday - Noon-5pm

Box On - Maroszek Brothers

SPECIAL GUEST ARTIST - Eddie Biegaj

Admission - Fri \$20 - Sat \$20 - Sun \$15

Weekend Package Available

877-624-0685 Promo Code G52789

More info? - www.polkadj.com**Chmielewski
Int'l
Polkafest****May 15 - 17, 2019****Grand Casino Hinkley MN**

The MPA sends sympathy to the friends & family of MPA member Beverly Michalski of Sturgeon Lake MN. Bev passed away in late January. She is the sister of Dave Mach.

DON WAYERSKI
Y 106.5

Saturday Morning Polka Party

7am - 10am

E-mail polka@y1065.com**CASIMIR
PULASKI
DAYS****MUSIC EVENTS**

PULASKI, WI

FRIDAY • MARCH 8, 2019 • WICKA'S
JAM SESSION • 2-6 PM
FRIDAY • MARCH 8, 2019 • COCKTALES
AARON SOCHA LIVEWIRE • 7-11 PM
SATURDAY • MARCH 9, 2019
ZIELINSKI'S BALLROOM • 6-11 PM
MAROSZEK BROS **THE IPA BENEFIT BAND**
Celebrating over 45 years playing polka music! Polka Band from Chicago!
SAVE THE DATE APRIL 5-7 2018

The Revival Of

HOLY TOLEDO Polka Days

Renaissance Toledo Downtown Hotel

444 N Summit St - Toledo OH

The Boys, The Beat, DynaBrass Polish Connection,

John Gora, Freeze Dried, Polka Country,

The Knewz, & Squeezebox

www.holytoledopolkadays.com

The MPA sends sympathy to the friends & family of MPA member Mary Ann Genadek. She passed away in early February. She is the mother of drummer Dale Genadek.

Eddie Biegaj is The "Bad Boy" on
 The Polkajammer Network
 Thursdays 5-8 EST & Sundays Noon-1 EST.
 Right After Jimmy Sturr

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

Just a few pictures from the MPA Christmas pot-luck & newsletter folding party! We sure had lots of help! If you would like to join us, just contact any MPA board member.



Kolenda in Sturgeon Lake Sunday Dec 30 - what a fantastic time! So many great musicians & Polish singers! They hope to do it again next year!



And then Craig Ebel's DyVersaCo played at the Maplewood Moose Jan 19 - lots of dancers came out on a cold, cold night!



What a fun time at Art Ohotto's 41st Concertina Bowl Saturday January 26! So many MPA members helping Art, lots of musicians showing off their wonderful talent! Once again the dueling concertinas of Todd Jurek & Dave Sowada were fantastic in their "Tribute To Billy Czerniak." Encore, encore!!

