



President's Message by Danny Fabeck

I would have to say "Gray is the new Blah." With few exceptions, January was gray & cloudy (at least here in the frozen tundra.) It can be drab - but hang tight relief is just around the corner. It won't be long before we have Holy Toledo & WI Dells polka fests. Then we will be back into the swing of things. Thank goodness for Napiwocki's Valentine fest in Wausau WI & last month Art Ohotto' Concertina Bowl gives us a break from outside with a chance to visit with our friends. And in less than 3 weeks some of us leave on another Brews Cruise with Maryrose. It's always such a fantastic time - she creates new surprises on each

cruise. I am so excited - will be nice to get warm weather for a little bit.

Many people have been asking about the Maplewood Moose where we had so many great dances. They are still in the planning stages on building. It takes a lot of work & in the middle of winter, it's hard to begin construction. I have not heard a date to begin - so stay tuned.

Our January dance featured The Main Squeeze at Marino's in Fridley. The winter weather actually cooperated for once. We had a great crowd that Sunday afternoon - thanks for the support. Coming up Feb 23 we will have music from DyVersaCo at the wonderful Marino's. Then we move to Murzyn Hall in Columbia Heights for our March dance with Doctor Kielbasa. Don't miss these 2 great Sunday afternoon dances. Just a note - we had to drop the \$1 discount on local dances for MPA members. As with everything operating costs keep rising. This is what the MPA board considered a small move to help cover the expenses of the dances. Thanks for understanding!

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

Sunday March 22 2-6pm

Featuring the Music of
DOCTOR KIELBASA

Come say good-bye to
 Mike Pilaski as he retires.

With A Cake To Celebrate The
 Birthdays of Connie Duellman,
 Patty Chmielewski,
 Mary Lou Czerniak & Pat Eckman



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



Admission \$10 Per Person

If you need one more reason to go to the polka dance on Sunday March 22 at Murzyn Hall, come & see Mike Pilarski's final performance with Dr K. Mike will be on stage for part of the afternoon. After 24 years he is retiring. Mike is one of the original members of the band - entertained thousands of dancers!

**YOU DON'T WANT TO
 MISS THIS!**

The Withrow Ballroom has changed hands & the new event manager has indicated they do not want MPA dances on Sunday afternoons. So we will not be having dances at Withrow for awhile.

"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.

**MPA ANNIVERSARY
 DANCE**

**Come & Celebrate The MPA's
 Anniversary With Cake & Door Prizes
 SUNDAY APRIL 26**

Have A Ball With

CHAD

**& His Polka Rhythms
 1-5pm**

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

Only \$12 Per Person

Membership Report by Pat Eckman

Is it really winter? So let's welcome our new members - Pat Janey, & Sy Pfannenstien. WOW!! 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

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

These memories will be transcribed & put into booklet form & hopefully published with 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!**

Thank you all in advance!



Guess who?

If you find yourself
in a hole, the first thing to do
is to stop digging!!!

MPA 2020 Tentative Schedule

More info? www.midwestpolkaassociation.com

** Sunday February 23 - Late Valentine's Dance**
CRAIG EBEL'S DYVERSACO - Marino's 2-6

Sunday March 22 - St Paddies Dance
DOCTOR KIELBASA - Murzyn Hall 2-6

** Sunday April 26 - MPA Anniversary Dance**
CHAD! - Murzyn Hall 1-5

Sunday May 17 - Member Appreciation Dance
Band & Venue To Be Announced

Sunday June 28 - A Summer Dance
CRAIG EBEL'S DYVERSACO - Venue TBA 1-5

** Sunday July 12 - MPA Annual Potluck Picnic Bash!**
MUSICIAN'S JAM - Aquatore Park - Blaine MN
NOON - ?!

Sunday September 20 - Late Summer Dance
LIVE WIRE - Murzyn Hall 1-5

Friday October 23 - Fall Dance
POLKA COUNTRY MUSICIANS - Murzyn Hall 7-11

Sunday November 15 - Pre-Thanksgiving Dance
THE MAIN SQUEEZE - Murzyn Hall 2-6

Sunday December 6 - December Birthday Dance
DOCTOR KIELBASA - Murzyn Hall 2-6

MPA BOARD MEMBERS - 2020

President - Danny Fabeck - 763-244-0152

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Board Member - Maxine Nowacki - 763-424-6938

Board Member - Len Nowacki - 763-424-6938

Call a board member for info or to share info!

**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!**



Doctor Kielbasa's Appointment Book

MARCH

- 22 Sunday **MPA St Paddy's Dance** Murzyn Hall 2-6
531 Mill St Columbia Heights

APRIL

- 5 Sunday Doc's Sports Bar Sturgeon Lake MN 2-6
18 Saturday Aprilfest Polka Party Crystal MN VFW 7-11
5222 Bass Lake Road Crystal

MAY

- 2 Saturday Majowka Dinner/Dance Holy Family Church 4-11
Duluth MN Advance Tickets Only
Contact Mark Dobosenski at 218-727-2697
doctorkielbasal@aol.com www.doctorkielbasa.com

The Main Squeeze Band

APRIL

- 13 Monday Dyngus Day
Call Don Meger for more info

Florian Chmielewski's Fun Time Band

March

- 14 Saturday Winter Polka Party Salem's 4-7
Mahtowa MN Hall - Admission Includes Dinner
www.funband.com

Nathan's Old Time Band

FEBRUARY

- 29 Sat Leap Year Fest Brainerd MN Eagles 7-11

MARCH

- 5 Thursday Shepard of Grace Becker MN 2-3
6 Friday Shepard Court Sauk Rapids MN 2-3
12 Thursday Good Shepard Sauk Rapids 3-4

APRIL

- 18 Saturday Big Lake MN Winter Market 10-1
21 Tuesday Country Manor Villa 2-3:30
30 Thursday Good Shepard Sauk Rapids MN 3-4
sites.google.com/sites/nathansoldtimebandmn/

The Jolly Zuks Band

FEBRUARY

- 23 Sunday Mardi Gras Polka Dance 1-4
Rich's Event Center Floodwood MN
Cajun & Polish Menu - Cash Bar
218-591-4333
www.jollyzucs.com

The Squires Band

Check The Squires Website for info on public
dances for March & April.
www.squiresband.com

Withrow Event Center & Ballroom
www.thewithrow.com

Please check on line for the Thursday polka dances.

Craig Ebel & DyVersaCo



FEBRUARY

23 Sunday MPA Valentine's Dance 2-6

Marino's at the Fridley Legion
7365 Old Central Ave NE Fridley MN

- 25 Tuesday Sauerkraut Supper 4-8
Holy Cross Church 1621 University Ave NE

APRIL

- 26 Sunday Holdingford MN Legion 1-4
www.itspolkatime.com/dyversaco.html

Tony Blazonczyk's New Phaze

APRIL

- 12 Sunday Easter Sunday Polonia Banquets Noon-6
Chicago IL
13 Monday Dyngus Day Crumstown Conversation Club
North Liberty IN 9am-1pm

Box On

MARCH

- 7 Sat Holiday Club Holiday FL 4-7
8 Sun Polish Club Vero Beach FL 1-4
9 Mon The Villages FL 5-8
15 Sun Port St Lucie FL 1-4

APRIL

- 12 Sun Pre Dyngus Day Dance Cheektowaga NY
13 Mon Dyngus Day Dance Buffalo NY
25 Sat Wyandotte MI 6-12

Sheelytown - Omaha NE

MARCH

- 19 Thursday St Joseph Day Dance 6-9
Donahues Pub Omaha NE

The Barry Boyce Band - Omaha

FEBRUARY

- 28 Fri Huber Haus Bier Hall Omaha NE 8-12

MARCH

- 1 Sun Nebraska Brewing Co Taproom LaVista NE 2-6
14 Sat German-American Society Bockfest 2-6
South Hall Omaha NE
17 Tue St Paddy's Dance Sinnotts Sand Bar TBA
Papillion NE
19 Thur St Joseph Day Dance Infusion Beer Hall 3-6
Omaha NE
21 Saturday HuberHaus Beer Hall 8-12
28 Sat Westside Tavern German Bier Fest 7-11
Harlan IA

APRIL

- 4 Sat Crescent Moon Huber Haus Bockfest 11am-Close
Omaha NE
13 Mon Dyngus Day Infusion Beer Hall 3-6
Omaha NE
www.barryboyce.co

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

Sunday Afternoons 1-5
Call The Blue Top for March-April schedule.

CASIMIR PULASKI DAYS MUSIC EVENTS MARCH 1 - 8, 2020



FRIDAY • MARCH 6, 2020 • ANOTHER ROUND
LUNCH & CONCERTINAS • 11-2 PM

FRIDAY • MARCH 6, 2020 • WICKA'S BAR • FREE
POLISH JAM SESSION • 2-6 PM

FRIDAY • MARCH 6, 2020 • COCKTAILS • \$8.00
NEW GENERATION • 7-11 PM • FOOD

SATURDAY • MARCH 7, 2020 • MOUNTAIN BAY BAR & GRILL • FREE
NEW POLISH SOUNDS • 7-11 PM • FOOD

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FOR MORE EVENTS & UPDATES: www.casimirpulaskidays.com

SAVE THE DATE - APRIL 17 & 18

Friday & Saturday

HOLY TOLEDO Polka Days

Renaissance Toledo Downtown Hotel

444 N Summit St - Toledo OH

Lenny Gomulka, The Knewz, DynaBrass,
Michael Costa & The Beat, Polish Connection,
John Gora & Gorale
& Polka Country Musicians
www.holytoledopolkadays.com

MAJOWKA CELEBRATION DINNER/DANCE

Saturday May 2 - 2020

Featuring the Music of Doctor Kielbasa

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

The Chmielewski International Polka Fest that was cancelled last May, has been cancelled again for this May. There will be no Chmielewski polka fest in the Hinkley Casino in 2020. Thank you for your interest!! We may be back in 2021.

Wisconsin Dells Polka Fest

Hosted by: Patrick Henry Presents:

May 1-3, 2020, 9th Annual!



Friday, May 1, 2020 - Riverview Ballroom **\$20**

Doors open at 6:00pm Music: 7:00pm-1:00am

Polka Country Musicians

Freeze Dried

The New Generation

Saturday, May 2, 2020 - Riverview Ballroom **\$20**

Doors open at 11:30am Music: Noon-5:00

Steve Meisner

Craig Ebel & DyVersaCo

5:00 Polka Dancing Lesson - Free!

5:00: Dinner Break, Doors re-open at 6:00pm

Music: 6:15pm-1:00am

John Gora & Gorale

Polka County Musicians

Polka Family Band

Sunday, May 3, 2020 - Riverview Ballroom **\$15**

11:00 Catholic Mass (Polish & English)

Doors Open at 10:30am, Music: Noon-5:00pm

John Gora and Gorale

Polka Pak

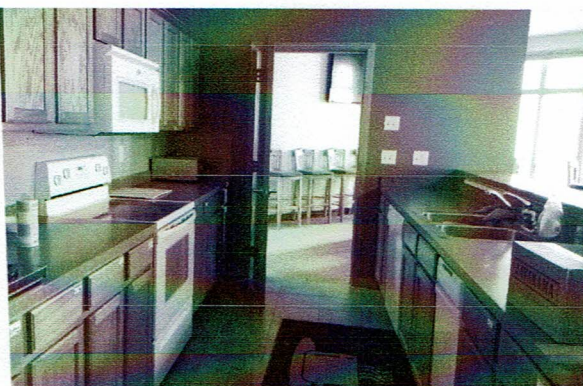
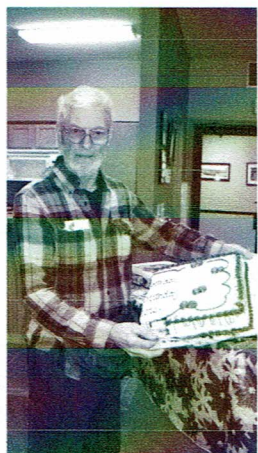
Weekend Pass: Still Only \$45!

DON WAYERSKI - Y 106.5
Saturday Morning Polka Party
7am - 10am
E-mail polka@y1065.com

Eddie Biegaj is The "Bad Boy" on
The Polkajammer Network
Thursdays 6-8 EST & Sundays Noon- 1 EST.
Visit Polkajammernetwork.org

JIMMY K POLKAS
POLKA COS / FREE
CATALOG
PO BOX 10
UNION LAKE MI 48387

The MPA Board of Directors held their annual "Folding of the Newsletters Pot Luck Christmas Party" at a new beautiful venue - The St Croix Marina in Hudson WI thanks to Carol Peovar & Fred Rgnonti Wednesday Dec 18.
And a good time was had by all!!



The 2nd Kolendy was held Sunday Dec 30 at St Isadores Church in Sturgeon Lake MN.
Lots of wonderful musicians & lots of dancers!



The Main Squeeze band entertained us on Sunday January 12 at Marino's at the Fridley Legion. A special dance for Mike Cielicki as he celebrated his 60th birthday with a delicious cake!
All the dancers were very happy with the music - with room for everyone to dance!



A few pictures from the
42nd Concertina Bowl.
Thank you, Art Ohotto!

Mary Lou Czerniak sang a
few songs with the band.

