



**President's Message by Danny Fabeck**

Hello all! Yep, I looked outside & it is STILL winter! Mama Nature just toys with us! We came back from "Holy Toledo Polka Fest" & Joe Zalewski did a wonderful job in bringing back that fest he started back in 1992 - gone for 15 years & he decided it was time for a return. There was a good turn out & it was loaded with top polka bands from all over the US. This was the first big fest of the year - great to get back into the swing of things! The best part is greeting old friends & making new ones. This was a tremendous event thanks to Joe & all his volunteers.

As I write this I am thinking of our April dance at the Maplewood Moose - this is our last dance there as they are closing May 15. Lots of great memories & looking forward to the new Moose.

A big thank you to Theresa & Russ Napiwocki for putting on their Valentine's Dance in Wausau WI in February. A great time & awesome bands! We tried to have our own Valentine's dance, but the weather DID NOT cooperate. We will try to have Doctor Kielbasa again this year.

The St Paddy's Day Dance with Craig Ebel was fun & well attended. Thanks to everyone who came out - a good time was had by all. Thanks also for the yummy cake from the 4 birthday divas, Patty Chmielewski, Mary Lou Czerniak, Connie Duellman & Pat Eckman.

The next dance is the Member Appreciation Dance with the Jolly Zuks at the beautiful Withrow Ballroom on Sunday May 5. The Main Squeeze Saturday June 8 somewhere (trying to find a venue). Then the Annual Pot-Luck Picnic Bash! Sunday July 14. The fall dances will be at Murzyn Hall in Columbia Heights.

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!



Another huge thank you to Russ & Theresa for a great Valentine's fest!!!

**A huge thank you to Doris & Ray Bartos, who sure helped the MPA board members fold 715 newsletters to stuff, seal & stamp envelopes at Marino's!**

"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.

The MPA thanks the family of Dick Blank for the donation of assorted recordings including CD's & albums.

## 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!!**

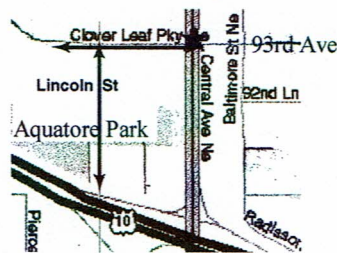


**More Info? 651-433-2173 or 612-788-4272**

## 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!!**



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

Come join us for a free fun-filled afternoon for families, children & grandchildren. Bring a dish to share and the MPA will provide the polish sausage and, of course, the traditional root beer floats!

Don't forget your lawn chairs!



## Membership Report by Pat Eckman

Do we dare say that spring has sprung & is really here?! Let's welcome our new members - Donna Kirn, Candy Bonnin, Fred Reins, Roy Stuewer, Florence Sipsas, Caldene Bonde, Brenda Neill, Susan Gabor, Linda Wendolek, Ed Skala, David Skala, Dennis Swieczkowski, Carlene Sorensen, Allan & Donna Warzecha, & Keith Hockert. WOW!!! Thanks to each & everyone of you!

### MAY-JUNE RENEWALS

Members who need to renew for the months of May & June 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

*Main Squeeze will play for the MPA on Saturday  
June 8 from 7-11 somewhere! We are still trying to  
find a venue for this dance - lots more info to follow!!*

*Pat & Ted Eckman will celebrate their  
56th wedding anniversary at this dance!*

Come join us for the Twin Cities' first ever

## Dyngus Day Bash!

The Easter Monday event that is celebrated by tens of thousands in Western New York is coming to the Twin Cities. Help us mark the end of Lent with polka music, dancing, Polish food and a whole lot of fun in "Northeast" Minneapolis. Red and white attire is encouraged.

Join  
**THE MAIN SQUEEZE**  
Monday April 22, 2019



**The 612 Brew Taproom**  
945 Broadway St. NE, Minneapolis

Polka music and dancing from 5:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.  
Admission: only \$7.00

Polish food provided by the iPierogi Food Truck!

For more information,  
call Don: (763) 413-0417  
or Larry: (612) 669-8190

Contact 612Brew at:  
(612) 930-4606  
info@612brew.com



The Main Squeeze

... and remember:  
**"Everybody's Polish on Dyngus Day!"**

## MPA 2019 Tentative Schedule

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

**\*\*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 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



**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 10, 11 & 12, 2018**

- Experience "All Things Polish!"
- Polish food and beverages
- Cultural exhibits -- arts and crafts
- Polish entertainers & presentations
- Folk dancing exhibitions
- Friday night concert/dance--Emerson Avenue Band from Minneapolis
- Polka dancing Saturday and Sunday -- 5 bands  
The Jolly Zuks, DyVersaCo & Main Squeeze from MN,  
Box On from MI and Chad Przybylski 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.tcpolishtfestival.org](http://www.tcpolishtfestival.org)

A huge thank you to MPA members Rose & Larry Kopras for their fantastic & highly successful efforts in spreading the word of our great MPA & signing up a number of new members!





### Doctor Kielbasa's Appointment Book

#### APRIL

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

#### Florian Chmielewski's Fun Time Band

There will be NO Chmielewski Fest in 2019!  
But save the date for May 15-17 in 2020!  
Chmielewski's International Polka Fest  
Grand Casino - Hinkley MN

#### APRIL

- 25 Thur Cromwell MN Senior Center 1-4

#### MAY

- 18 Sat Beaver Island Brewery St Cloud MN 6-9  
21 Tue Scandinavian Fest Scandia MN 6-8  
www.funtimeband.com

#### The Polish Connection Band

#### APRIL

- 26 Friday Chula Vista Resort WI Dells Polka Fest

#### JUNE

- 9 Sun Man of Honor Wausau WI noon-5  
15 Sat Milwaukee WI Polish Fest Alternating  
21-25 Ocean Beach Park Polka Days New London CT

#### Nathan's Old Time Band

#### APRIL

- 28 Sun Park Rapids MN Legion 1-4

#### MAY

- 18 Sat Beaver Island Brewery St Cloud 12-3

#### JUNE

- 6 Thur RWAC Music at the Courthouse Alex MN 7-8  
16 Sun Music on Main (Heritage Park) Albany MN 6-8  
28 Fri St Wendelin Church Fest Luxem MN 12-3  
28 Fri Music in the Park Staples MN 7-9  
sites.google.com/sites/nathansoldtimebandmn/

#### The Jolly Zuks Band

#### MAY

- 5 Sunday MPA MEMBER APPRECIATION DANCE  
at the Beautiful Withrow Ballroom 1-5  
www.jollyzuks.com

#### The Squires Band

#### JUNE

- 8 Sat Polka Spotlight Taping NW Community TV 1-4  
www.squiresband.com

#### Withrow Event Center & Ballroom www.thewithrow.com

#### Thursday Afternoon Dances 1-4

#### MAY

- 2 Julie Lee  
9 Barefoot Becky  
16 Rod Cerar  
23 Leon Olsen  
30 Top Notchmen

#### JUNE

- 6 Ray Sands  
13 Julie Lee  
20 Rod Cerar  
27 Barefoot Becky

#### Craig Ebel & DyVersaCo

#### MAY

- 18 Sat WI State Poka Fest Anniversary Four Points Hotel  
Milwaukee WI 3-4, 5-6, 7-8  
www.itspolkatime.com/dyversaco.html

#### The Main Squeeze Band



#### APRIL

- 22 Monday Dungus Day Dance 612Brew Taproom 5-10  
945 Broadway St NE Minneapolis MN  
26 Friday Chula Vista Resort WI Dells Polka Fest Alternating

#### MAY

- 4 Sat Majowka Holy Family Catholic Church 8-12  
2430 W 3rd St Duluth MN - Info Page 4  
19 Sun Star Club Kettle River MN 2-6

#### JUNE

- 8 Sat MPA SUMMER DANCE Venue TBA 7-11  
9 Sun St Peters Church Fest Steven Point WI 1-5

#### The Cynor Classics

#### APRIL

- 27 Sat Jump River WI Polka Fest/ Polka Pac Noon-8

#### MAY

- 5 Sun Quansit Hut Thorpe WI 1-5  
11 Sat Time Flies Bar & Grill Curtis WI 3-7  
12 Sun Blue Top Stevens Point WI 1-5

#### JUNE

- 16 Sun Willard WI Polka Fest Alternating Noon-5  
21&22 Fri-Sat Cedar Polka Fest Travers City MI Alternating 5-12  
29 Sat St Ladislaus Church Picnic Bevent WI 5-8

#### Tony Blazonczyk's New Phaze

#### MAY

- 4 Sat Zielinski Ballroom Pulaski WI/Maroszek 6-11

#### JUNE

- 15 Sat Milwaukee WI Polish Fest Alternating  
30 Sun St Ladislaus Polka Fest Bevent WI 2-7

#### Sheelytown - Omaha NE

#### MAY

- 4 Sat KC Polski Day St Joseph Church 11-2 tent 3-6 inside  
Kansas City KS  
5 Sun Polish Constitution Day Omaha NE Polish Home

#### Bobby Z & Polka Joy - Omaha NE

#### APRIL

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

#### MAY

- 19 Sun American GI Forum 2002 N St Omaha NE 4-7

#### JUNE

- 2 Sun Holy Ghost Church Fest 52nd & Q Omaha NE 1-4  
14 Fri Dance Under The Stars Polish Home Papillion NE 7-11  
22 Sat Polish Fest Huber Haus 7-11 Barry Boyce 2-6

#### The Barry Boyce Band - Omaha NE

#### APRIL

- 27 Sat Huber Haus German Bier Hall Omaha NE 8-Midnight

#### MAY

- 4 Sat Millstream Brewery Maifest Amana Colonies IA 1-5  
5 Sun Turner Hall Monroe WI Noon-6 Alternating  
25 Sat Larry Olsen's 25th Annual Music Fest Lake Benton 4-5 & 6-8  
29 Wed Huber Haus Mug Club Party Omaha NE 6-9

#### JUNE

- 22 Sat Polishfest Huber Haus 2-6 Bobby Z & Polka Joy 7-11  
www.barryboyce.co





The field house in Columbia Heights held the city offices in 1939. This building was later named Murzyn Hall for John Murzyn Sr who served as Columbia Heights Park Supervisor from 1947-1979. Murzyn Hall is the center of the parks & recreation activities. It is located in the northeast corner of Huset Park.

The MPA has held several dances at Murzyn Hall in the past & we love the whole set up. The floor is wonderful & there is ample parking across the street. We hope to see many of you there at our fall dances!

### 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

### JUMP RIVER WI 1-DAY POLKA FEST

Saturday April 27 12-8pm

Come dance to 2 great bands -  
The Cynor Classic Band & Polka Pak

### 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

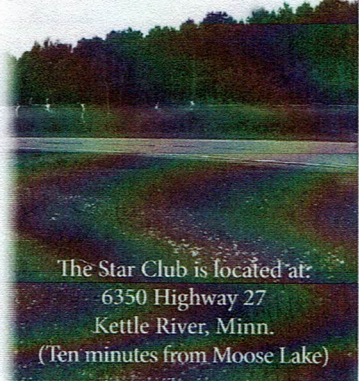
Box On - Maroszek Brothers

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](http://www.polkadj.com)



The Star Club is located at:  
6350 Highway 27  
Kettle River, Minn.  
(Ten minutes from Moose Lake)

## We're Doing it Again!

If you had a blast in October,

**THE MAIN SQUEEZE**

invite you back for more polka fun  
at the legendary Star Club in Kettle River.

**SUNDAY MAY 19TH**  
**FROM 2:00 - 6:00**

**TICKETS: ONLY \$10**



[CASIMIRPULASKIDAYS.COM](http://CASIMIRPULASKIDAYS.COM)

**RESCHEDULED  
NEW DATE**

# CASIMIR DANCE

ZIELINSKI'S BALLROOM | PULASKI, WI | 6 PM - 11 PM

**MAY 4, 2019**

FEATURING BANDS

**TONY BLAZONCZYK'S NEW PHASE**  
POLKA BAND FROM CHICAGO

**MAROSZEK BROS**

CELEBRATING OVER 45 YEARS OF PLAYING POLKA MUSIC

**ENTRY: \$12 ADULTS / UNDER 18 FREE**



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!

### USPA Festival & Convention

Independence OH  
Thurs-Sun May 23-26  
Jimmy K & The All Stars  
Lenny Gomulka Freeze Dried  
Dynaversasticktoneaires  
Dennis Polisky & Maestro's Men  
The Boys Box On Kosmix  
The Music Company Nutones  
The Project John Gora  
Polka Country Polka Family  
Gerry Kaminski's Polka Network

[www.uspapolkas.com](http://www.uspapolkas.com)

### Chmielewski's International Polkafest

Grand Casino Hinkley MN

There will be NO Chmielewski Polka Fest  
at Grand Casino in Hinkley in 2019.

Be sure to watch for info on this  
polka fest in 2020.

Thank You!!

[www.funtimeband.com](http://www.funtimeband.com)

Hankinson ND Polka Fest  
Historic Downtown Hankinson  
Fri-Sat June 7-8

Larry Rysavy Larry Olsen  
Matt Hodek Barefoot Becky  
Malek Fishermen Julie Lee

More Info? 701-899-3087

[www.hankinsonnd.com/polkafest.html](http://www.hankinsonnd.com/polkafest.html)

### 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)

### Milwaukee WI Polish Fest

Summerfest Grounds

Fri-Sat June 14-16

The Happy Notes Cynor Classics  
IPA Tribute Band The Knewz  
Polka Country Musicians  
John Gora & Gorale  
The Larry Lynne Band  
Polish Connection Main Squeeze  
Box On Freeze Dried DynaBrass  
Squeeze Box Steve Meisner

[www.polishfest.org](http://www.polishfest.org)

### Ocean Beach Park Polka Days

New London Connecticut

Thurs-Sun June 20-23

Polka Country Musicians  
The Boys Polka Method  
Lenny Gomulka & Chicago Push  
Eddie Forman Orchestra  
Matt's All Star Band Kosmix  
Dennis Polisky & Maestro's Men  
Polish Connection  
The Natural Tribute The Knewz  
Ocean BeachAll StarsLouieTributeBand

[www.polkacountry.com](http://www.polkacountry.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 Maroszek's 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)

### Willard 45th Polka Fest

Willard WI Comm. Center

Fri-Sun June 14-16

Scott Koen & The Spotlight Band  
Richie Yurkovich & Polkarioty  
The Cynor Classics  
Brian's Mississippi Dutchmen  
Neil Zunker's Music Connection  
Zweifel Brothers

Don Kirn - 715-267-6639

### 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  
More Info Next Newsletter

[www.tcpolishfest.org](http://www.tcpolishfest.org)

### IPA Festival & Convention

Millennium Hotel Buffalo NY

Thur-Sun Aug 29 - Sept 2

Info on the bands in  
the next newsletter

[www.ipapolkas.com](http://www.ipapolkas.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  
Check website for more info

[www.frankenmuthfestivals.com](http://www.frankenmuthfestivals.com)

### Polkamotion by the Ocean

Rehoboth Beach DE

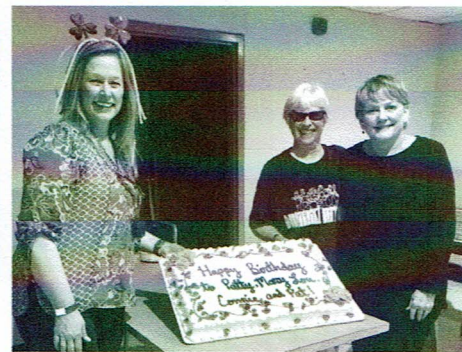
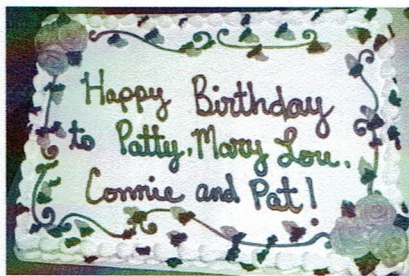
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The Boys The Beat EFO  
Jimmy Weber & The Sounds  
Polka Country Nutones  
DynaBrass The Knewz

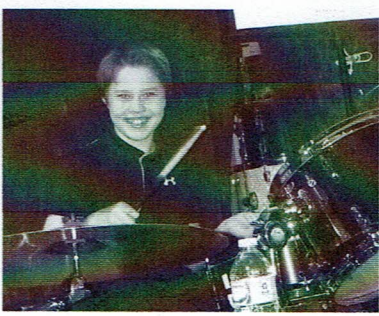
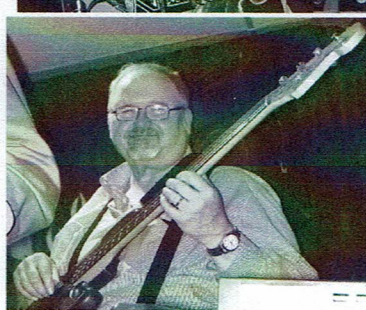
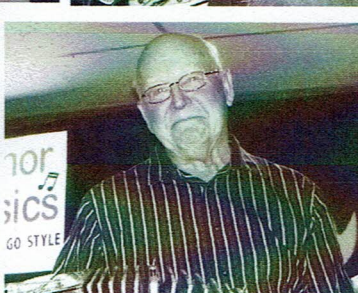
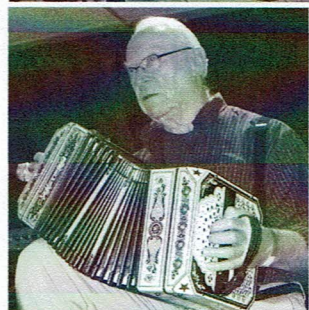
[www.bpolkamotion.com](http://www.bpolkamotion.com)



We had a blast on Saturday March 23 again at the Maplewood Moose. Craig Ebel's DyVersaCo played & they were the same fabulous sound as always! Three polka divas celebrated their birthdays with a delicious cake! Happy birthday to Patty Chmielewski, Connie Duellman & Pat Eckman & the under the weather 4th diva, Mary Lou Czerniak!!



What a grand time we all had at the MPA's last dance at the Maplewood Moose on Frost St!! The Cynor Classics played their usual marvelous way - a fantastic sound. The MPA celebrated our anniversary with a delightful cake & Jim & Kathie Carlson also had a delicious cake to celebrate their 45th anniversary. The band invited many local musicians to sit in for a few songs - what a great bunch of guys in this band!!



Our go-to guys from the Moose - Jim & Kevin. A million thanks to all of you for treating us like royalty!

The wonderful bartenders who have taken care of us for all the great years the MPA has danced at this Moose Lodge. Thanks for the memories!!!!

