

Midwest Polka Association Newsletter
3069 Molina St Shakopee MN 55379

**May
June
2018**



President's Message by Danny Fabeck

Last year at this time we were golfing & fishing - ice was gone from the lakes. This past week we had 8" of new snow with more forecast for this weekend - 50 today & snow soon again - only in MN! Nothing surprises me about the weather anymore - "they" keep saying "spring is coming" - yeh right!

Now for the meat of my column - first of all - congratulations to the Polkajammer Network on their very successful fundraising campaign - thanks to all who contributed!

I'm starting to get excited as Patrick Henry's Dells Polka Fest is right around the corner - just can't wait! It was great to see so many polka people on the Polka Brews Cruise in the middle of winter - that was 3 months ago - seems like forever.

As most of you know the Withrow Ballroom was sold & the new owner is dedicated to keeping it open as an event center. Coming up on Sunday April 22, the MPA will have our Anniversary Dance with the Cynor Classics playing at the Withrow 1-5 with cake, coffee & door prizes. Then come back to Withrow Sunday May 6 for the MPA Member Appreciation Dance with the Jolly Zuks 1-5. Return to this special ballroom that holds so many polka memories for us all.

And get ready for it! Coming in October BOTH Polka Country Musicians & The Boys with a live Polkajammer broadcast for The Boys from the Maplewood Moose. 2 weekends in 1 month! How 'bout them apples?!

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!

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

NEWS FLASH!!!

The Withrow Ballroom will open again in April. The MPA will have our April & May dances at the Withrow.
Sunday April 22 - The Cynor Classics &
Sunday May 6 - The Jolly Zuks.
See you all there!!!

"The Andy Zurbey Tribute Band" will continue to play on Thursday evenings 6-9pm with Craig Ebel & Bud Budzinski at Marino's in the Fridley Legion. There are meals available. Musicians, come join the jam session!!

A huge thank you to MPA members, who when they renew their own memberships, they add extra for their significant others to also become members of the MPA.

Come Celebrate At The MPA Member Appreciation Dance!

**Sunday Afternoon May 6
From 1-5**

**At The Beautiful
Withrow Ballroom**

12169 Keystone Ave Hugo MN

**Enjoy The Music of
THE JOLLY ZUK BAND
From Sturgeon Lake MN**

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

Membership Report by Pat Eckman

WOW! Still lots of cold weather - some snow - maybe be warmer now?! Let's welcome our new members - Ken Wilcox, Arden Voigt, Mary Kluzak, Laurentia Smieja, Janet Hall, Kathy Warzecha, Jessica Procopio, & Dianne Dobosenski Thanks to all 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.

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

**Yes! The MAIN SQUEEZE
Is Returning To The
Maplewood Moose!!**

**Saturday June 9
7-11pm**

Maplewood Moose

**1946 English St
Corner of Frost & English Sts
Location Info - 651-776-2830**

**A Great Evening For
Only \$10 Per Person!!
\$9 For MPA Members**

**Come Help Pat & Ted Eckman
Celebrate Their 55nd
Anniversary**

This Dance Is Open To The Public

MPA 2018 Event Schedule

More info? www.midwestpolkaassoc

****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**

**The MPA Presents
Our Pot-Luck Picnic Bash**

**Free to MPA Members
& Their Guests**

Sunday July 15 Noon - ???

**Dance to the Music of
A Jam Session**

Musicians Bring Your Instruments!

**The Pot-Luck Picnic Bash will be
at Aquatore Park located at
Central & 93rd 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 brats and, of course, the
traditional root beer floats!**



Doctor Kielbasa's Appointment Book

MAY

- 12 Saturday Maifest & Blessing of the Beer
Excelsior MN Brewing Co 431 3rd St
doctorkielbasal@aol.com www.doctorkielbasa.com

Florian Chmielewski's Fun Time Band

MAY

- 15 Tuesday Heritage Fest Scandia MN 6-8:30
18-20 Fri-Sun 40th Annual Chmielewski Polka Fest

JUNE

- 7 Thursday Mora MN City Park 6:30-8
14 Thursday Sweet Summer Sounds Hinkley MN 6-8
30 Saturday Pine Co Historical Society Askov MN 1-4
www.funtimeband.com

The Jolly Zuks Band Sturgeon Lake MN

APRIL

- 28 Saturday Afternoon Patrick Henry's WI Dells Polka Fest

MAY

- 6 Sunday **MPA DANCE Member Appreciation Dance**
Withrow Event Center & Ballroom 1-5
www.jollyzuks.com

Nathan's Old Time Band

MAY

- 31 Thursday Music in the Park with Dale Dahmen 6:30-7:45
Norwood Young America MN

JUNE

- 10 Sunday Waite Park MN 6-9:30
sites.google.com/site/nathansoldtimebandmn/

Squeezy Wes Miller & Friends

APRIL

- 24 Tuesday Roseville Seniors Dance 1:30-4
Please check Squeezy's email & facebook
for May & June dates. Thanks!
squeezywesmiller@gmail.com

Withrow Event Center & Ballroom

There is no phone for now.

Thursday Afternoons 1-4

MAY

- 3 Top Notchmen 10 Barefoot Becky

JUNE

- 14 Barefoot Becky

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

DyVersaCo has no public dances in May & June.
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

MAY

- 5 Saturday Majowka Dinner/Dance Duluth MN 8-12
Holy Family Church 2430 W 3rd St

June

- 9 Saturday **MPA DANCE Maplewood Moose** 7-11
10 Sunday St Peter Church Stevens Point WI Noon-6
Alternating With Norm dombrowski's Happy Notes
16 Saturday Milwaukee Polish Fest Alternating
mainsqueezepolkas@gmail.com

Dave Sowada

May

- 18 Friday Forest Lake MN Legion 1-4

The Cynor Classics

APRIL

- 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

MAY

- 13 Sunday Blue Top

JUNE

- 15-17 Fri-Sun Milwaukee Polish Fest Alternating

The Barry Boyce Band - Omaha NE

MAY

- 5 Saturday Maifest Millstream Brewery
Amana IA Colonies 1-5
11 Friday Pre-Mother's Day Dance Polish Home 7-11
Papillion NE Food Available
31 Saturday Westside Tavern German Bierfest
Harlan IA
30 Wednesday Huber-Haus Bier Hall "Mug Club Party
Omaha NE

JUNE

- 2 Saturday Becksterfest Amana IA
23 Saturday Huber Haus Polish Fest 2-6 Omaha NE
With Bobby Z & Polka Joy 7-11
www.barryboyce.com

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

Sunday Afternoons 1-5

APRIL

- 29 Keepers of Honky

MAY

- 6 Stephanie
13 Cynor Classics
20 N. Polish

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

HANKINSON'S 5TH ANNUAL **POLKA FEST** Historic Downtown Hankinson, North Dakota June 1-2, 2018

FREE RV Parking Available - No Hookups

ADMISSION: \$20/day or \$30/2-day pass

Concessions, Beer & Mixed Drinks Available

For More Information Call: 701-899-3087

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

Friday, June 1

Inside Community Center

- 11-1 Matt Hodek's Dakota Dutchmen
- 1-3 Larry Olsen Band
- 3-5 Matt Hodek's Dakota Dutchmen
- 5-7 Dain's Dutchmen
- 7-9 Larry Olsen Band
- 9-11 Dain's Dutchmen

Outside Under Tent

- 12-2 Julie Lee & her White Rose Band
- 2-4 George's Concertina Band
- 4-6 Julie Lee & her White Rose Band
- 6-8 George's Concertina Band

Saturday, June 2

Inside Community Center

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Two Dance Floors!
Indoor & Outdoor



KICK OFF PARTY

Thursday, May 31

7 - 11 p.m.

\$10 Admission

Music by: Albert Mikesh

Sponsored by:

Sons of the American Legion

Nearby Lodging Available

Hot Cakes Cafe & Lodging, Hankinson • 701-242-7085

Lady On The Lake B&B, Hankinson • 701-242-7520

Hankinson Motel, Hankinson • 701-242-7363

Dakota Magic Hotel, Hankinson • 701-634-3201

Storbakken Lodging, Lidgerwood • 701-538-7373

Directions

Hankinson, North Dakota is located 60 miles south of Fargo on I-29. Take Exit 8 and travel west 3.5 miles on ND-11.

www.hankinsonnd.com/polkafest.html



Chmielewski **Int'l Polkafest** **May 18-20, 2018** GRAND CASINO HINCKLEY, MN



Patty Chmielewski & Michael Bell

Premiere begins October 7th, 2017!

Saturdays 5 & 5:30pm, Sundays 5 & 5:30pm & Mondays 2:00pm

10 WAYS TO VIEW PIONEER

1. Over-the-air Antenna

2. Online (www.Pioneer.org)

3. Cable TV

4. Satellite TV

5. Smart Phone



6. iPad or Tablet

7. Apple TV

8. Roku

9. Xbox

10. Chromecast

Visit our website for more information & merchandise!

www.FuntimePolkaParty.com

MAJOWKA CELEBRATION DINNER/DANCE

Saturday May 5 - 2018

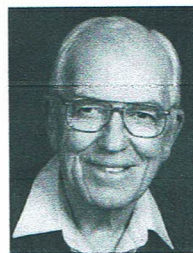
Featuring the Music of The Main Squeeze

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



The MPA sends sympathy to the friends & family of Glen Frøym. He lived in Wanamingo MN & was a member of the MPA for a number of years. Glen passed away unexpectedly in February

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

JIMMY K POLKAS
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PO BOX 10
UNION LAKE MI 48387
1-866-454-6695

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!

50th USPA Festival & Convention

Independence OH
Thur-Sun May 24-27
Jimmy K's All Stars - DynaBrass
Polka Country Musicians
Polka Family - Box On
The Knewz - The Project
Maestro's Men - Freeze Dried
Eddie Forman's Orchestra
The Boys - Trel-Tones
Lenny Gomulka & Chicago Push
The Music Company
Dynaversasticktoneaires

www.uspapolkas.com

Chmielewski's International Polkafest

Grand Casino Hinkley MN
Fri-Sun May 18-20
Alaska Polka Chips
Bill Koncar Band
Gary's Ridgeland dutchmen
Chmielewski Funtime Band
Ryan Herman & Karl Hartwich
Malek's Fishermen
Rod Cerar Orchestra
Singing Slovenes
Leon Olsen
Dale Dahman & The Polka Beats

www.funtimeband.com

Hankinson ND Polka Fest
Historic Downtown Hankinson
Fri-Sat June 1-2
Matt Hodek's Dakota Dutchmen
Larry Olsen's Band
Dain's Dutchmen
George's Concertina Band
Julie Lee & Her White Rose Band
More Info? 701-899-3087
www.hankinsonnd.com/polkafest.html

7 Springs Polka Fest

Champion PA
Wed-Sun July 4-8
Lenny Gomulka - Box On
Polka Family - John Gora
The Boys - The Beat
Eddie Forman's Orchestra
The Ampol-Aires - DynaBrass
Ray Jay & The Carousels
Tony Blazonczyk's New Phaze
Polka Method - Nu-Tones
Henny & The Versa J's

www.polkafireworks.com

Milwaukee WI Polish Fest

Summerfest Grounds
Fri-Sat June 15-17
The Happy Notes - Cynor Classics
IPA Tribute Band - John Gora
The Knewz - Box On
Polka Country Musicians
The Main Squeeze - Freeze Dried
DynaBrass - Polish Connection
Squeeze Box

www.polishfest.org

Ocean Beach Park Polka Days

New London Connecticut
Wed-Sat June 20-23
Polka Country Musicians
Lenny Gomulka - Polka Method
Maestro's Men - The Boys
Matt's All Star Jam Band
Eddie Forman Orchestra
John Gora - Polkski Chix
IPA Tribute Band - The Knewz

info@oceanbeachparkpolka.com
www.polkacountry.com

Willard Polka Fest

Willard WI Comm. Center
Fri-Sun June 15-17
Scott Koehn & Spotlite Band
Richie Yurkovich
Gary's Ridgeland Dutchmen
Zweisel Brothers
Music Connection
Barefoot Becky

Don Kirm - 715-267-6639

Frankenmuth MI Music Fest

Fri-Sun August 9-11
Ampol Aires
Polka Family
Stephanie
Box On
Polka Country Musicians
Lenny Gomulka
The Boys
Polish Connection

www.frankenmuthfestivals.com

Pulaski WI Polka Days

Thur-Sun July 20-23
Picnic Grounds - 2 Tents
Polkatown Sound - DynaBrass
The Beat - Stephanie
Polka Country Musicians
Polka Family - Box On
Polish Connection - TNT
New Generation - Music Connection
Dynaversasticktoneaires
Maroszek Brothers - Doctor Kielbasa
Music Connection - CHAD
Livewire - Polka Dynamics

www.pulaskipolka.com

IPA Festival & Convention

Millennium Hotel Buffalo NY
Fri-Sun Aug 31-Sept 2
Special Delivery - The Boys
Eddie Forman's Orchestra
Lenny Gomulka - The Knewz
IPA Tribute Band - The Project
Dennis Polisky & Maestro's Men
Polka Country Musicians
Jackie Libera & The Classix

www.ipapolkas.com

Twin City Polish Fest

Minneapolis MN
Fri-Sun August 9-11

Band Information In
The Next Newsletter

www.tcpolishfest.org

Polkamotion by the Ocean

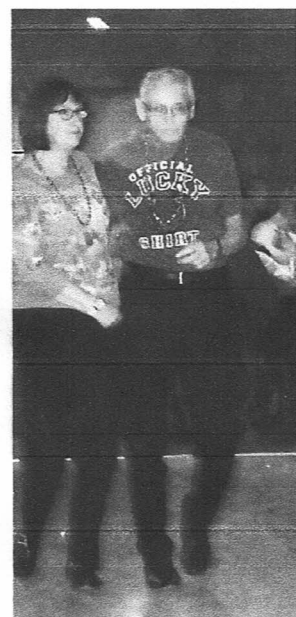
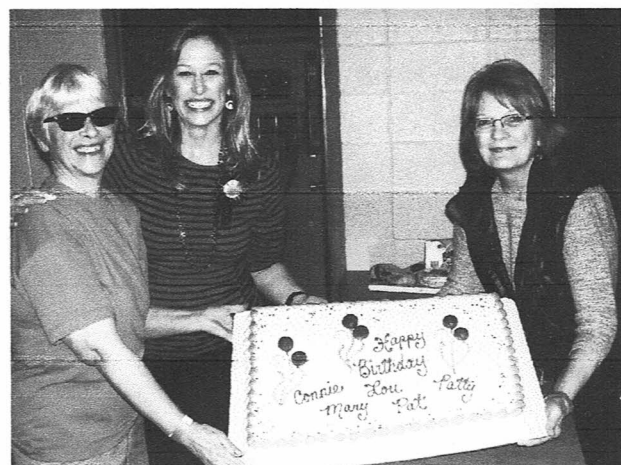
Wed-Sat Sept 12-15
Crab Town Sound - Nu-Tones
Old School - Eddie Forman
Jimmy Weber & The Sounds
Polka Country Musicians
The Boys - The Beat
The Knewz

www.rbpolka.com

We had a blast on Saturday March 17 again at the Maplewood Moose. Craig Ebel's DyVersaCo played & they were the same fabulous sound as always! Three polka ladies celebrated their birthdays with a delicious cake!
Happy birthday to Patty Chmielewski, Mary Lou Czerniak & Pat Eckman!!



Bud Budzinski sang a few songs with the band.



MPA board member Aggie Zawada celebrated her birthday at Napiwocki's Valentine Dance in Wausau with cupcakes enjoyed by Aggie, Dorothy Jones & Ted Eckman. Pat Eckman was taking the pictures!

