



**President's Message** *by Danny Fabeck*

Happy spring everyone! Up here in MN we are not out of the woods yet for snow, but it is looking really good. From what I can see, it appears events we have been looking forward to are actually going to happen. The vaccine has helped to start to open things up. Fingers crossed! The WI Dells fest looks to be a go this month. I'll be going & hope to see lots of you there. I think I heard they are going to use a larger hall at Chula Vista - probably for social distancing.

Locally the pandemic rules have changed & our venues are starting to open again. They are still limiting the size of the crowd & require masks & social distancing. What we have seen is the people who usually attend our dances are being very cautious. Because the rules still require masks, most are choosing to wait until that changes before they come to a dance. As more people get vaccinated, I am sure the mask rule will change. For that reason we are waiting for a little longer to host our first dance. We may do the MPA Annual Pot-Luck Picnic Bash in July as it is outdoors. Perhaps a couple more months to dance inside. But we are planning for it - maybe Polka Country Musicians in October!

Once again I want to thank everyone of you who makes the effort to mail your membership dues to Pat or me to stay current. Your continued support keeps the MPA going. Everyone give a shout out to MPA board member Ken Duellman who is at home recovering after a short stay in the hospital.

Thanks for all your support - with your help, we WILL keep polka music alive  
Hope to talk to you soon - Danny Fabeck

Introduce someone new to the music -  
keep the heritage alive!

We are in the process of checking logistics to have the MPA Pot-Luck Picnic Bash Sunday on the 11th of July at Aquatore Park in Blaine We will have more info in the next newsletter!

AGE IS MIND OVER MATTER  
- IF YOU DON'T MIND, IT  
DOESN'T MATTER!

AGE IS JUST A NUMBER &  
MINE IS UNLISTED!

EVERYONE KNOWS AGING IS  
MANDATORY, BUT  
MATURITY IS OPTIONAL!

# Wisconsin Dells Polka Fest!

## WI DELLS POLKA FEST

Fri-Sun Apr 30-May 2

Chula Vista Resort

Weekend Package Available

877-624-0685 Code H25539

Polka Family John Gora  
Polka Country Musicians  
Craig Ebel's DyVersaCo  
Squeezebox Steve Meisner  
New Generations

More Info? Email: Patrick Henry  
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And who is this handsome  
young man?



Richie & Wally Dobosenski



## Membership Report by Pat Eckman

What a bummer!! Cancelling all the dances. Keep your fingers & toes crossed we can dance again soon!! Let's welcome our new members - Judy Lucking, Greg Liebsch & Al Hembel. Thank you to all members - new & old! WE WILL BE BACK!

### 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, WHEN they start up again, 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! Thank you also to those who send a little more than their dues. We are so very grateful to all of you!

So many of you have written a note to me in your renewals - I just love it!!! Thank you so much! Seeing your names on renewals makes me miss all of you even more!

WE WILL DANCE AGAIN & WE WILL HAVE FUN AGAIN!!!

Pat Eckman



The MPA sends sympathy to the family & friends of Renee Welinski, mother of MPA members Marv & Benet. She enjoyed & excelled at playing piano, accordion & the organ. Renee started playing the accordion in her father's band, the Pete Kollodge Band, in the 1950's. Ed

Welinski played saxophone in the same band.

Renee & Ed started dating, then married. They had four children & all four learned to play instruments.

Then Renee & Ed started The Eddie & Renee Band - Marv & Benet played with them. As time went on, the name of the band changed to Country Pride.

They enjoyed playing polka music & played together for 64 years.

Renee enjoyed 87 years of life filled with playing & listening to polka music. She will be missed.

## MPA 2021 Schedule

### More info?

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

Nothing Scheduled Yet!!

Keep Your Fingers & Toes Crossed!

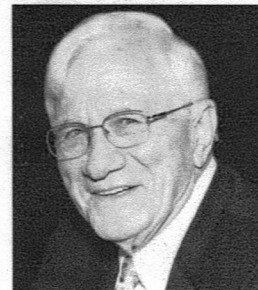
Let's Hope We Can Schedule

Some Dances In The Fall!

Keep Watching!!!!

We send sympathy to friends & family of long time MPA member Norb Ciesla of Chicago IL. Norb passed away in March.

He was a past president of Let's Polka USA Club. He was at many polka fests & you never saw his hands empty - always had his video camera & posted them on Youtube.



We send sympathy to friends & family of Sue Jambor. She passed away in Las Vegas in February.

Sue was a travel agent in Las Vegas & at one time owned her own agency.

She loved the Polish polka music as well as country western. Sue also

loved to dance & taught her sister Karen to dance. Sue & Karen "did the sister trip" each spring to the WI Dells polka fest.

Check your favorite band website & the fest websites for up-to-date info.

Doctor Kielbasa  
[www.doctorkielbasa.com](http://www.doctorkielbasa.com)

Florian Chmielewski's Fun Time Band  
[www.funtimeband.com](http://www.funtimeband.com)

Craig Ebel & DyVersaCo  
[www.itspolkatime.com](http://www.itspolkatime.com)

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

The Squires Band  
[www.squiresband.com](http://www.squiresband.com)

The Barry Boyce Band  
[www.barryboyce.com](http://www.barryboyce.com)

The Main Squeeze Band  
face book page

The Jolly Zuks Band  
[www.jollyzuks.com](http://www.jollyzuks.com)



## NEW MAPLEWOOD MOOSE TO OPEN IN JULY

This is the new Maplewood Moose Lodge 963. It is located at 1832 Gervais Court in Maplewood. Gary Lenart, the lodge's administrator, gave us this information. The building is 3000 square feet of space. It includes 2 offices, a conference room, 2 bathrooms, a small lunch area & warehouse space. The warehouse is approximately 1800 square feet. They will have 1 bar room. Unfortunately at this time, there is no space for a stage & no place for a band to set up. Gary does not see any way to have dances now. They hope to open in July & may expand in the future.



### Ocean Beach Park Polka Days

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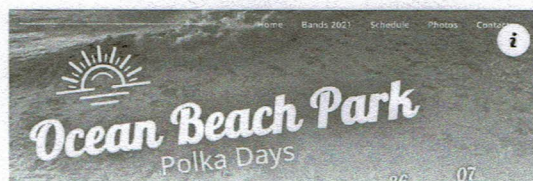
Hello Folks,

One of the toughest decisions we've ever had to make as promoters: We are sad to announce that Ocean Beach Park Polka Days 2021 will not be taking place.

We'd like to thank you all for your feedback, emails, texts and comments. Please mark your calendars for next year's Ocean Beach Park Polka Days, June 22, 23, 24 & 25, 2022, and watch our website at: [www.oceanbeachparkpolkadays.com](http://www.oceanbeachparkpolkadays.com) as we will update with our latest information as it becomes available.

Again, thank you all for your kind support and we look forward to keeping Ocean Beach Park Polka Days your premier polka festival.

"Here's to 2022!!!!!!"



### Frankenmuth MI Music Fest Thursday-Saturday August 10-14

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)

### Pulaski WI Polka Days

Thur-Sun July 15-18

Picnic Grounds - 2 Tents

New Generations CHAD  
Aaron Socha's Livewire  
Polka Dynamics The Beat  
The Boys Polka Family  
DynaVersaStickToneAires  
Polish Connection Nutymes  
TNT Maroszek's Main Squeeze  
Polka Country Musicians  
Lenny Gomulka Cynor Classics  
KC Building on the Grounds  
Music Connection Steve Meisner  
Good time Dutchmen  
Mark Jirikovac Ryan Kautzer Band

[www.pulaskipolka days.com](http://www.pulaskipolka days.com)

### Hankinson ND Polka Fest Historic Downtown Hankinson More Info? 701-899-3087

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

### USPA Festival & Convention

Independence OH

Thurs-Sun May 27-30

Jimmy K & The All Stars

Lenny Gomulka

Dynaversasticktoneaires

Maestro's Men Polish Connection

The Boys Box On Polkski Chix

DynaBrass Tri-City Drive

Jimmy Weber John Gora

Polka Country Polka Family

New Generations

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

### 53rd IPA Festival & Convention

Double Tree Hotel

910 Sheraton Dr

Pittsburgh - Cranberry PA

Fri-Sun September 3-5

Polka Family Steve Meisner

Klanchik Energy Kosmix

IPA Tribute Band

Polka Country Musicians

The Boys The Beat

Ray J & The Carousels

Mon Valley Push John Gora

Lenny Gomulka & Chicago Push

Dennis Polisky & The Maestro's Men

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

### Polkamotion by the Ocean Rehoboth Beach DE

The Rehoboth Beach Convention Center is still closed & management isn't accepting bookings for this year yet. This is putting Polkamotion 2021 in jeopardy. A decision should be made by May 1st as to whether there will be Polkamotion this year.

[www.bpolkamotion.com](http://www.bpolkamotion.com)  
for more info



Yup - here are some more pictures of more of all of you! And I have more!

