



Midwest Polka Association Newsletter
3069 Molina St Shakopee MN 55379

**November
December
2018**



President's Message by Danny Fabeck

Greetings everyone! We are in the midst of Octoberfests - they are all over

place - fun times for that last fling with outdoor polkas. You could have lovely weather or cold or rainy or that 4 letter word snow - just get out & enjoy "one more time!" Then we wait for the fun to begin again. But WAIT - there is an option - join the "Polka Brews Cruise" - PCM, The Boys & The NuTones - nice to dance in shorts & be hot! See the details at POLKABREWSCRUISE.COM. Ocean cruises are wonderful (free polkas) but dangerous (unlimited drinks & fabulous food).

We sure had a great time with the Tri-City Drive Band from Chicago Saturday September 26. We had a wonderful turnout for the band playing here the first time - we will have to have them back for sure! Sure was nice having Craig Marsolek back playing in MN again!

Friday October 5 we had Polka Country Musicians from Connecticut - WOW! Need I say more! They were at the Maplewood Moose Club for the last time as the club has been sold - moving out mid 2019. They are building a new club 2 miles away. We hope to have the local band dances there. Big bands? - we will need a new venue - any ideas?!

Friday October 26 we welcome The Boys back. This dance will feature a live broadcast from The Maplewood Moose over the POLKAJAMMER network 7-10pm. The dance is still 7-11. So come see how the broadcast works - Kenny Konopka is coming to do this live show - so come learn & then dance your socks off!! Hope everyone had a good time at the Star Club in Kettle River Sunday October 14 dancing to The Main Squeeze. They were also at Marino's Thursday October 11 - you never know when this band will show up to jam.

I WILL SEE YOU AT ALL THE DANCES!!

Hope to talk to you at a dance - Danny Fabeck

**Come dance to The Boys
Fri Sept 26 at the Maplewood Moose,
then follow them to Weston Lanes
Weston WI on Sat the 27. then on
to Chicago on Sunday!**

**"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.**

**Some people are like blisters -
they have a tendency to show up
when the work is done!**

An MPA Halloween Dance

"The Boys" (From Baltimore)

Are Returning To MN!

Come Dance Your Socks Off!!

Friday October 26
7-11 pm



MAPLEWOOD MOOSE LODGE
1946 ENGLISH ST

CORNER OF FROST & ENGLISH STS
LOCATION INFO - 651-776-2830

Admission - Just \$12



Dance! Dance! Dance! **Saturday November 10**

7 - 11 pm



THE POLISH CONNECTION BAND

From the Wausau WI Area

Is Returning To MN!!

So Come Listen & Enjoy The Music!

Maplewood Moose Lodge
1946 English St
Maplewood MN

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

Only \$12

More Info either dance? Call 612-788-4272 or 651-433-2173

Membership Report by Pat Eckman

We will let the weather speak for itself! So let's welcome our new members - Nancy & Dave Plaman, Jon Woerheide, Karen Rizer, Bonnie Dobosenski, Pat Hemmesch, Jake Warden, Jeff Behrens, Ashlea Halpern, Eileen & Gerald Foss, Larry Breitbach, AJ & Andrew Okrzesik (musicians in Tri-City Drive Band), Kenny Gill, & Katie Nesgoda Nelson. WOW again!!

Thanks to each & everyone of you!

NOVEMBER-DECEMBER RENEWALS

Members who need to renew for the months of November & December 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 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

Get Ready For The Holidays With The MPA!

Start the holidays with a fun
time! Come dance & listen
to the music of
Doctor Kielbasa



Saturday Dec 1, 2018
7-11 pm at the
Maplewood Moose Lodge
1946 English St
Location Info - 651-716-2830

Admission \$10 per person
\$9 for MPA members



Come share a piece of
cake with the December
birthday dancers!

This Dance Is Open To The Public
More Info? 651-433-2173 or 612-788-4272

MPA 2018 Event Schedule

More info? www.midwestpolkaassociation.com

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

MPA 2019 Tentative Schedule (so far)

Saturday January 19 - Don't Want Snow Dance
DYVERSACO - Maplewood Moose 7-11

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

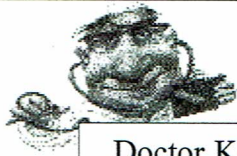
May - MPA Appreciation Dance
Band & Venue TBA

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

Sunday July 14 - Annual Pot-Luck Picnic Bash!
MUSICIANS JAM - Aquatore Park Noon -?



Congratulations again to Dianne & Eddie
Blazonczyk! This is their wedding
picture thanks to Kathy Blazonczyk.
They were married on Saturday July 14.



Doctor Kielbasa's Appointment Book

DECEMBER

- 1 Saturday **MPA DECEMBER BIRTHDAY DANCE** 7-11
Maplewood Moose Maplewood MN
doctorkielbasa1@aol.com www.doctorkielbasa.com

The Main Squeeze Band



DECEMBER

- 9 Sunday Blue Top Bar & Grill Stevens Point WI 1-5

The Polish Connection Band

NOVEMBER

- 10 Saturday **MPA BEFORE THANKSGIVING DANCE**
Maplewood Moose Maplewood MN 7-11pm
www.polishconnection.com

Florian Chmielewski's Fun Time Band

OCTOBER

- 25 Thursday Cromwell MN Senior Center 1-4

NOVEMBER

- 7 Wednesday Cloquet MN VFW 1-4
21 Wednesday Cloquet MN VFW 1-4

DECEMBER

- 5 Wednesday Cloquet MN VFW 1-4
19 Wednesday Cloquet MN VFW 1-4
31 Monday New Year's Eve Party Cloquet MN VFW 1-4
www.funtimeband.com

Dave Sowada

DECEMBER

- 21 Friday Forest Lake MN VFW 1-4

The Jolly Zuks Band

Check The Jolly Zuks Website for info on their events
www.jollyzucs.com

The Squires Band

DECEMBER

- 8 Saturday Polka Spotlight Taping - 2 Shows 11am-4pm
Brooklyn Park MN
www.squiresband.com

The Cynor Classics

OCTOBER

- 28 Sunday Blue Top Bar & Grill Stevens Point WI 1-5

DECEMBER

- 30 Sunday Blue Top Bar & Grill Stevens Point WI 1-5

Withrow Event Center & Ballroom

Thursday Afternoons 1-4 www.thewithrow.com

NOVEMBER

- 1 Top Notchmen
8 Barefoot Becky
15 Ray Sands
22 No Music

DECEMBER

- 6 Top Notchmen
13 Dale Dahmen
20 Barefoot Becky
27 Leon Olsen

Craig Ebel & DyVersaCo



OCTOBER

- 19 Friday Dolina Polish Dance Group Fund Raiser 7-11
The Klubhhaus 1079 Rice St St Paul MN

NOVEMBER

- 3 Saturday Kahler Hotel Polka Party Rochester MN - Alternating
www.itspolkatime.com

Nathan's Old Time Band

OCTOBER

- 24 Wednesday Rudy's Pearl Lake Lodge Marty MN 11-2
25 Thursday BrewLash Fundraiser SCTC 5-7:30
27 Saturday Triple R Oktoberfest Kimball MN 5-8

NOVEMBER

- 3 Saturday Nathan plays/DyVersaCo at the Kahler Polka Party
Rochester MN
16 Friday Shepard Court Sauk Rapids MN 2-3
29 Monday Good Shepard Sauk Rapids MN 2:45-3:45

DECEMBER

- 3 Monday Dean's Lakeside Ballroom Eden Valley MN 5:30-8:30
13 Thursday Nathan plays/Dale Dahmen at Withrow
27 Thursday St Benedict Village St Cloud MN 2:15-3:15
sites.google.com/sites/nathansoldtimebandmn/

Bobby Z & Polka Joy Band - Omaha NE

NOVEMBER

- 18 Sunday Donohues Bar 33rd & L St Omaha NE 4-8
Free Admission

DECEMBER

- 28 Friday Polish Home - Belvedere Hall 201 E 1st St 6-10
Papillion NE Kolendy Dancers \$6 Admission
Polish food available for purchase

The Barry Boyce Band - Omaha NE

NOVEMBER

- 2 Friday Kahler Hotel Polka Party Rochester MN Alternating
3 Saturday Kahler Hotel Polka Party Rochester MN Alternating
16 Friday Huber Haus Bier Hall Omaha NE 8-Midnight
30 Friday Chriskendl Market Des Moines IA 6-9

DECEMBER

- 2 Sunday German-American Society Christmas in Germany 2-5
Omaha NE
19 Wednesday Huber Haus Bier Hall "Mug Club" Christmas Party
Omaha NE
www.barryboyce.co

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

Sunday Afternoons 1-5

OCTOBER

- 28 The Cynor Classics

NOVEMBER

- 4 CHAD
11 Rich Raclawski & Keepers of Honky
18 NO MUSIC - HUNTING
25 Sons of Honky/Wally Raczkowski

DECEMBER

- 2 Hausers Hot Shots
9 The Main Squeeze
16 The Maroszek Brothers
23 Norm Dombrowski's Happy Notes
30 The Cynor Classics

JANUARY

- 1 Tuesday Polka Pak

THE PROJECT POLKA BAND

Some local dancers who have danced at the summer polka fests in the eastern part of the US will know this band. For those dancers who are not familiar with the band, here is an introduction. "The Project was formed in 2009 with the personal challenge among the band members to relive & revive the spirit & energy of some of the great forgotten classics of our favorite polka bands from years gone by. Our goal is to reintroduce a new generation of polka fans to the beautiful arrangements & energetic diverse styles of the great bands we grew up with from the late 60's through the early 90's. So much of the tradition of polka music as we know & love is based on remembering where it came from."



Members of The Project are John Zelasko, Mike Maduzia, John Okrzesik, Eddie Siwec, Dave "Nigel" Kurdziel, Teddy Okrzesik & Peter Dardzinski.

If you have the opportunity to hear The Project, it will be an amazing experience.

SAVE THE DATE

FRI-SAT FEB 15-16

Napiwocki's Valentines Dance

Featuring Lenny Gomulka,

DynaVersaStickToneAires,

Tri-City Drive,

Goodtime Dutchmen, & Bratwurst Boys

Plaza Hotel & Suites Wausau WI

715-845-4341 Code 3582

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



FUNTIME POLKA PARTY

Patty Chmielewski & Michael Bell

Premiere begins October 7th, 2017!

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

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4. Satellite TV
5. Smart Phone



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6. iPad or Tablet
7. Apple TV
8. Roku
9. Xbox
10. Chromecast

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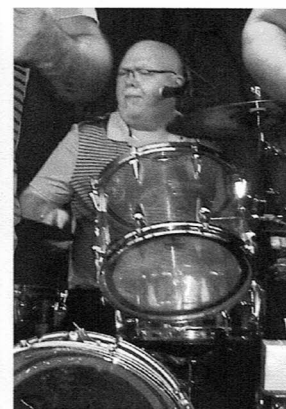
Eddie Biegaj is the "Bad Boy" on
The Polkajammer Network
Thursdays 5-8 EST & Sundays Noon-1 EST.
Right After Jimmy Sturr
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YES! The MPA danced at the MN State Fair again & spread the word about the Polish polka music available in the Twin Cities MN area. Lots of people stopped to watch with smiles on their faces - a few joined that day & several more took info home with them to join the MPA at a later time! And a great time was had by all!



On Saturday September 26 the MPA welcomed a new band from Chicago - Tri-City Drive with a MN man, Craig Marsolek, playing concertina. WOW! Were they ever great! What a fun, fun evening with Tim, AJ, Andrew & Teddy Okrzesik & Steve Futa joining Craig - just a grand time!!



Tim on drums

Horns - AJ & Teddy

Bass - Steve

Accordian - Andrew

Concertina - Craig



3 Concertinas - Andrew, Steve & Craig



Daniel Czerniak celebrated his birthday with us!



Another fantastic MPA dance with Polka Country Musicians! WOW! Were they ever fantastic! If you missed this dance you missed a great time! And once again the Maplewood Moose people treated the MPA like royalty - we love them!



Richie & Wally on trumpets & then on their fiddles - super!

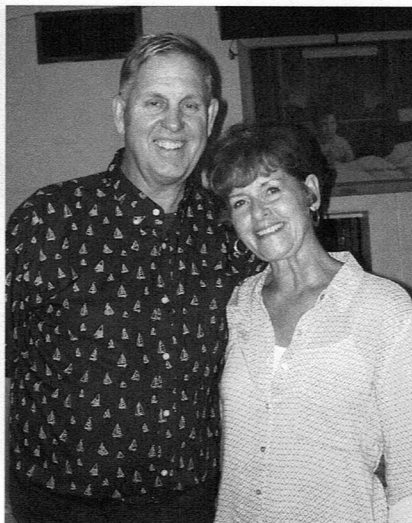
Yes that is MN's own Tod Jurek on concertina -fabulous



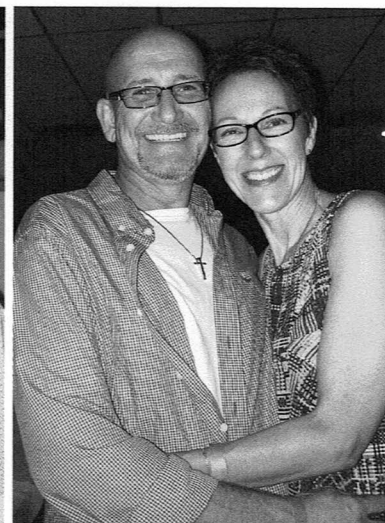
Yes, there is a fantastic drummer in there among all those wires - Dave Burnatowski. He sure puts on a grand show! He should be in the front!



MPA member Ashlea Halpern with Andrew Parks & his mom & dad, Marcia & David Parks - all the way from West Seneca NY which is near Buffalo NY.



Basia & Greg Zebro celebrated their 37th wedding anniversary at the dance.



Lori & Gary Piatkowski came all the way from Myerstown PA just to dance to Polka Country!