



President's Message by Danny Fabeck

Greetings! I imagine this will be the last newsletter for most of us where the ground is still green. Life goes on - seasons come & go - we have no choice. Some will dread what is coming while others will be excited for the new & fun things. Band members leave bands & others step in. It is so hopeful when young musicians in DVSTA, the dynamic Box On, Live Wire & TNT emerge. Ok, so Zach Piatkowski & Alex Quinnell you can count too. I can see a glimmer of hope that this wonderful Polish polka music is being carried on. We will keep promoting & as long as you all come to the dances, we can continue to carry on this wonderful music we love.

You may have noticed we have switched mostly to Sunday afternoons now. This is because it was getting hard to find venues that were workable. Hopefully you will find this a good switch & will continue to support us. We will have one more dance at Murzyn Hall - then go to Marino's at the Fridley Legion & the Withrow Ballroom.

Sunday September 22 the MPA welcomed Tri-City Drive from Chicago back to MN at Murzyn Hall. The band was fantastic & we thank all of you who attended. The lesson we learned from Teddy Okrzesik - keep your phone in your pocket - ask him about it!

And then on Friday October 25 we will have the biggest dance of the year. We welcome Polka Country Musicians again this year playing at Murzyn Hall. We are very lucky to be part of their midwest tour every fall. So don't miss this dance! They play at the Blue Top in Stevens Point on Saturday & Sunday in Chicago.

Enjoy your fall - eat all the candy you want for halloween & get ready for the holidays!

With all your support we WILL 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!

Dance! Dance! Dance!
Sunday Nov 17 2-6 pm



MAIN SQUEEZE

Will Be Playing For Us!

So Come & Dance Your Socks Off!

Or Just Enjoy The Music!

Marino's at the Fridley Legion
7365 Old Central Ave NE
Location Info - 763-786-0920

Admission Only \$10!

MPA Members \$9!

More Info? Call 651-433-2173

FYI - Patrick Henry's Wis Dells Polka Fest in 2020 will be the first weekend in May (1-3) rather than the last weekend in April.

SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday January 25 - Art Ohotto's Concertina Bowl at Blainbrook Hall. More info next newsletter.



"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 Halloween
 Dance**

**POLKA COUNTRY MUSICIANS
 FROM CONNECTICUTT
 ARE RETURNING
 TO MINNESOTA!**

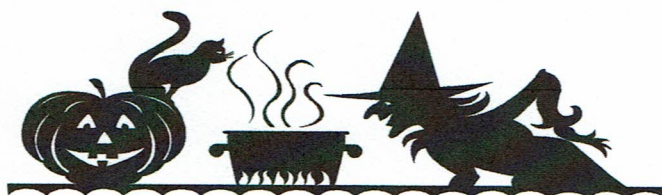
**Friday October 25
 7-11 pm**



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

Admission \$15 Per Person

More Info? 651-433-2173



Membership Report by Pat Eckman

What a summer - hot or cold, wet or dry - crazy mixed up weather! So let's welcome our new members - Virginia Belisle, Mary & John Bursa, Diann Kurtz, Frank Kubowski (plays accordion for Polka Pak), Marieke Gouda, Barb Kaminski, & Pam Liedl! And a welcome back to 3 musicians from Live Wire - Aaron Socha, Brian Smith & Rick Buelcher. WOW!! 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. 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!!!



Get Ready For The Holidays With The MPA!

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



Sunday Dec 1, 2019
2-6 pm

Marino's at Fridley Legion
7365 Old Central Ave NE
Location Info - 763-786-0920

Admission Only \$10!
MPA Members \$9!

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



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MPA 2019 Tentative Schedule

More info? www.midwestpolkaassociation.com

****Friday October 25 - A Fall Dance 7-11****
POLKA COUNTRY MUSICIANS - Murzyn Hall

****Sunday November 17 - Another Fall Dance 2-6****
THE MAIN SQUEEZE - Marino's - Fridley Legion

****Sunday December 1 - Dec Birthdays Dance 2-6****
DOCTOR KIELBASA - Marino's - Fridley Legion

MPA 2020 Tentative Schedule

****Sunday January 12 - Winter Dance****
THE MAIN SQUEEZE - Marino's Fridley Legion
**** Sunday February 23 - Late Valentine's Dance****
CRAIG EBEL'S DYVERSACO - Marino's
****Sunday March 22 - Early Spring Dance****
DOCTOR KIELBASA - Marino's
**** Sunday April 26 - MPA Anniversary Dance****
TBA - TBA
****Sunday May 17 - Member Appreciation Dance****
TBA - TBA
****Sunday June 28 - A Summer Dance****
CRAIG EBEL'S DYVERSACO - Marino's
**** Sunday July 12 - MPA Annual Potluck Picnic Bash!****
MUSICIAN'S JAM - Aquatone Park - Blaine MN
****Sunday September 20 - Late Summer Dance****
TBA - TBA
****Friday October 23 - Fall Dance****
TBA - TBA
****Sunday November 15 - Pre-Thanksgiving Dance****
THE MAIN SQUEEZE - Marino's
****Sunday December 6 - December Birthday Dance****
DOCTOR KIELBASA - Marino's

We had 3 helpers put labels on the envelopes for the Sep-Oct MPA newsletters - I took some envelopes & labels to Pulaski & had lots of help from Pat & Cliff Hickock from NY & Jim Schwartzhoff from Menomonie WI. We also had extra help in folding the Sep-Oct newsletters at Marino's - Doris & Ray Bartos, Sally & Dale Eppenbeger & Dick Dols. Another thank you to Dick Dols who shared his dance wax at Murzyn Hall. Thank you - thank you - thank you!!

**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

NOVEMBER

30 Saturday TBA - Check Dr K's website for info

DECEMBER

1 Sunday MPA December Birthdays Dance 2-6

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

Come & share the birthday cake!!

doctorkielbasal@aol.com www.doctorkielbasa.com

Florian Chmielewski's Fun Time Band

NOVEMBER

3 Sunday Cloquet MN VFW 1-4

17 Sunday Cloquet MN VFW 1-4

DECEMBER

1 Sunday Cloquet MN VFW 1-4

15 Sunday Cloquet MN VFW 1-4

17 Tuesday Forest Lake MN Legion 1-4

31 Tuesday New Year's Party Cloquet MN VFW 1-4

www.funtimeband.com

Nathan's Old Time Band

NOVEMBER

13 Wednesday Chateau Waters Sartell MN 4-5

14 Thurs Good Shepard Nursing Home Sauk Rapids MN 3-4

15 Friday Sterling Park Nursing Home Waite Park MN 2-2

16 Saturday Sprout Market Little Falls MN 10-11

27 Wed Sterling Park Assisted Living Waite Park MN 2-3

DECEMBER

5 Thursday Shepard of Grace Church Becker MN 2-3

9 Monday Country Manor Villa Sartell MN 2:30-3:30

20 Friday Sterling Park Assisted Living Waite Park MN 2-3

sites.google.com/sites/nathansoldtimebandmn/

Dave Sowada

NOVEMBER

15 Sunday Forest Lake MN Legion 1-4

The Squires Band

OCTOBER

30 Wed Chili Cook-Off White Bear Lake MN

NOVEMBER

23 Saturday Gasthof University Ave NE Minneapolis 7-11

www.squiresband.com

Withrow Event Center & Ballroom

www.thewithrow.com

Thursday Afternoon Dances 1-4

NOVEMBER

7 Top Notchmen

14 Barefoot Becky

21 Rod Cerar

DECEMBER

5 Dain's Dutchmen

12 Leon Olsen

19 Rod Cerar

Craig Ebel & DyVersaCo

Be sure to check DyVersaCo's website for info on up coming dances.

www.itspolkatime.com/dyversaco.html



The Main Squeeze Band



NOVEMBER

17 Sunday MPA Pre-Thanksgiving Dance 2-6

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

The Jolly Zuks Band

Check the Zuks web site for events for November & December.

www.jollyzuks.com

Bobby Z & Polka Joy

NOVEMBER

24 Sunday Donohue's Bar 33rd & L St Omaha NE 4-8

DECEMBER

27 Friday Kolendy Dance Polish Home Belvedere Hall 6-10

201 E First St Papillion NE Polish Food Available For Purchase

The Barry Boyce Band - Omaha

NOVEMBER

1 Friday Kahler Hotel Polka Fest Rochester MN Alternating

2 Saturday Kahler Hotel Polka Fest Rochester MN Alternating

8 Friday Columbille Parish Hall Papillion NE 6-10

15 Friday Huber Haus German Bier Hall Omaha NE 8-12

DECEMBER

8 Sunday German-American Society Christmas in Germany 2-4:30

Omaha N

www.barryboyce.co

Blue Top Bar & Grill

3425 Church St Stevens Point WI

715-340-3546

Sunday Afternoons 1-5

OCTOBER

26 Saturday Polka Country Musicians 7-11

NOVEMBER

3 Cynor Classics

10 Steve Burclaw's New Polish Sounds

17 Norm Dombrowski's Happy Notes

24 TBA

DECEMBER

1 Sons of Polkas

8 TBA

15 Cynor Classics

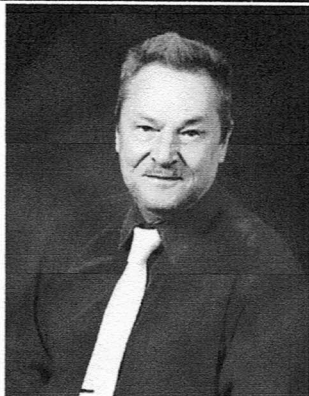
22 Gary's Ridgeland Dutchmen

29 Maroszezs

Our sympathy goes out to the family & friends of

MPA member Glen Westphal, who passed away the first part of September. Glen loved polka music growing up with it from his folks. He was a good friend with Eddie Blazonczyk, Sr - thought very highly of Eddie & his family. Glen

had many polka friends & enjoyed visiting with them at whatever event he was at - no matter how short or how long the conversation. He will be missed.



Our sympathy goes out to long time MPA member Ron Lazarski. He passed away the first part of October. Ron & his wife, Doris, were all over the Twin Cities at so many polka events & dances for many years, they knew so many people & so many people knew them.

Ron will be missed.



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**

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 5-8 EST & Sundays Noon-1 EST.
Visit Polkajammernetwork.org

JIMMY K POLKAS
POLKA COS / FREE CATALOG
PO BOX 10
UNION LAKE MI 48387
1-866-454-6695

SAVE THE DATE!

Napiwocki's Valentines Dance
Friday & Saturday
February 14 & 15

at The Plaza Hotel & Suites
Wausa WI
715-845-4341

"Valentines Dance" for Dance Rate

Friday Feb 14 \$15 6-12

The Knewz

Steve Burclaw's New Polish Sounds

Saturday Feb 15 \$18 12-12

The Knewz, Freeze Dried
Gary's Ridgeland Dutchmen
Carol & The Keynotes

A huge thank you to all the people who worked so hard to put together the polka dance at the Marieke Gouda Harvest Festival in Thorpe WI Saturday September 7. There were two excellent bands - Rich Raclawski from Milwaukee & the Maroszek band from Pulaski - along with yummy food & ice cream - a super fun time!

Oh, & of course - beer!

Marieke Gouda joined the MPA to support this great music & to get the word out about this fun Harvest Festival held near the beginning of September for the past three years - & will continue next year!

Think of raking leaves as
Mother Nature's way of getting
you in shape for shoveling
snow & maybe a lot of it!

JOIN US FOR A Maroszek Christmas

Hosted by
The Maroszek Bros. & Company
Annual Christmas Dance

DECEMBER 14, 2019

AT

*The Main Event
Banquet Hall*

CECIL, WI

206 N. Lemke St. • 715.745.2150 • themaineventbanquethall.com

7 P.M. ~ 11 P.M.

ADMISSION: \$8.00 • 16 & UNDER: FREE

For More Information:

Scott: 920.621.1344 • Allan: 920.655.8988

WE NEED YOUR MEMORIES

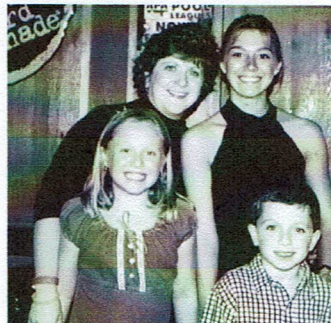
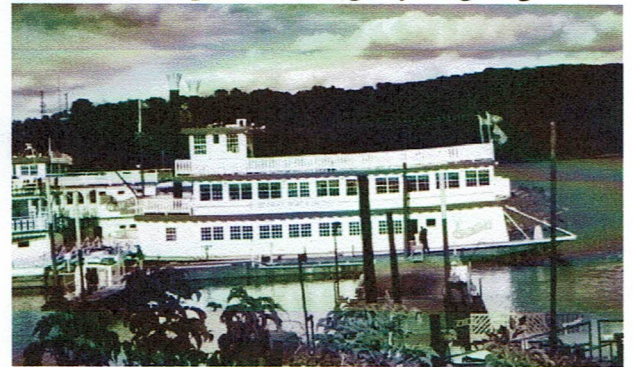
The MPA is going into the memory business & we need you!! Every one of you has memories of polka dances, polka trips, polka ballrooms - fun times, funny times, fun dancers. Please take a few minutes to write these memories down & send them to Pat Eckman 16321 199th St N Scandia MN 55073 or e-mail them to Dorothy Jones at djonesmsp@aol.com

These memories will be transcribed & put into booklet form, along with as many pictures as we can find & hopefully publish 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!

Here are a few pictures to get you going.



Guess who?



WOW! What a band! Tri-City Drive played for the MPA on Sunday September 22 at the beautiful Murzyn Hall in Columbia Heights. The musicians are so talented - these three pictures show the band members playing different instruments. And then, we got to welcome Craig Marsolek back to Minnesota again. We had a good crowd & everyone praised the band & Murzyn Hall. And the Vikings won! What a grand day!



Tom Huth celebrated his birthday at the dance with a big, beautiful, delicious cake - enough for all the dancers & the band.

