

President's Message by Danny Fabeck

Happy fall to everyone - my favorite time of the year - too bad it's so short. We are still struggling with covid 19 & about to reach another milestone - our first winter with masks & social distancing & that's enough to limit any travels. Then trying to figure out what is open & conditions to follow - so hard. At least we have outdoor venues for awhile, but that is about to become difficult, especially here in MN. In about a month we will have cold & snow. But we have gone from no events to a few events & as we move indoors for winter, these few will be less. I saw a post from Wally D - the last job for PCM for 2020 was just cancelled. That makes a whole year without PCM playing any dances - who would have thought. I'm sure many other bands had the same thing happen.

We have had to cancel all our MPA dances since April, including our dance with PCM this month. The combination of indoor events with the need for masks, social distancing, crowd size, taking temps at the door, pre-selling tickets - all this has made it impossible to hold our dances. It is doubtful our Nov & Dec dances will be held & no idea what next year will bring. Stay with us!

The IPA did a wonderful job with their virtual festival in Sept. Our own Craig Ebel was Master of Ceremonies for the weekend. There were some live band feeds & creative games. Can anyone be despondent? Todd Z might have a word or about that - he is amazing! Thanks to all the volunteers for all the hard work in pulling the IPA fest together - giving us entertainment & joy during these very challenging times.

Congratulations to MPA member for winning the IPA Young Songwriter contest in its first year - a great tune! Thanks to Ted Lange & Molly B & all the other musicians who posted music on line for all of us to enjoy.

Hope everyone has a great rest of the year. Thanks again to the MPA board members for actively supporting this wonderful music & those who work on the newsletter, short as they are recently.

Thanks for all your support - with your help, we WILL keep polka music alive!

Please be safe & take care of yourself & your loved ones.

Hope to talk to you soon - Danny Fabeck

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

A big thank you to Connie & Ken Duellman for once again opening their home for the MPA board folding & stuffing our newsletters. We will do the next two newsletters at their home, the Nov-Dec one & then the Jan-Feb 2021 one.
Thank you again!

TO THE WORLD YOU MAY
BE ONE PERSON, BUT TO
THAT PERSON YOU MAY
BE THE WORLD.

A PIECE OF TRIVIA
WHAT FAMOUS ACTRESS &
POP SINGER RECORDED
WITH FRANKIE YANKOVICH
AROUND 1952?
FROM ARNIE CHECKALSKI

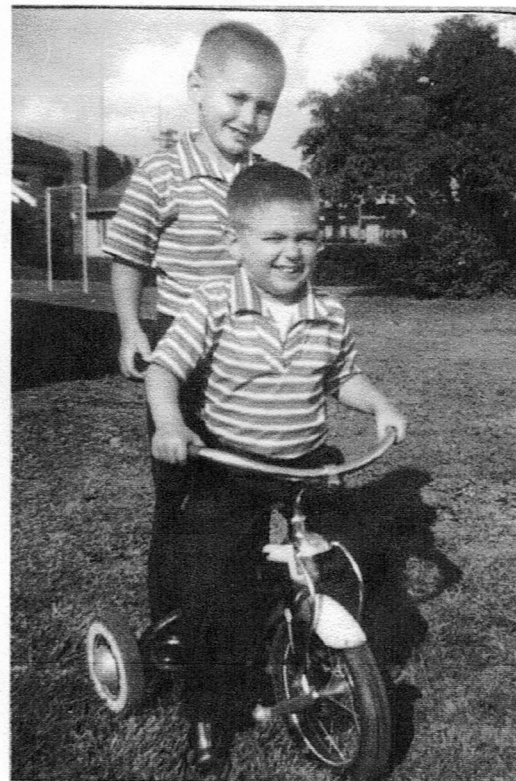
MORE DANCES CANCELLED!

The board members of the Midwest Polka Association have made a most difficult decision to cancel our last three dances of 2020.

These dances are Polka Country in October, Main Squeeze in November & Doctor Kielbasa in December. With the Covid 19 disease still very prevalent & flu season right around the corner, we all decided it best to just stay home & wait it out. The health & well-being of our members was paramount in making this so difficult decision. We also decided not to plan any dances until the fall of 2021. Hopefully, things will be "back to normal" by then!



And who are these
four cuties?



This is Jerry Fabeck on the trike & our
MPA Pres. Danny Fabeck on the back!

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 - Elaine Kirchoff, Sandy Strogny, & Lavonne Ollila. Thank you to all members - new & old! WE WILL BE BACK!

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, 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 & START HAVING FUN AGAIN!!!

Pat Eckman

MPA 2020 VERY Tentative Schedule

More info?

www.midwestpolkaassociation.com

****Friday October 23 - Fall Dance****

CANCELLED

****Sunday November 15 - Pre-Thanksgiving Dance****

CANCELLED

****Sunday December 6 - December Birthday Dance****

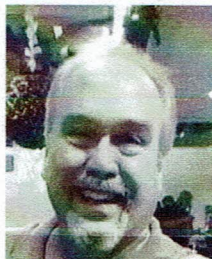
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MPA 2021 Schedule

Nothing Til The Fall Months



We send sympathy to family & friends of long time MPA member Marv Lau who passed away this September. He enjoyed old time music especially polkas. You could find Marv & his wife Bev at a dance every weekend. They traveled to many polka fests throughout the United States. They were always at the Pulaski polka fest.



We send sympathy to family & friends of Joe Lengyel, who passed away this past July. Joe was originally from Stillwater MN. He moved to California then to Arizona. He began dancing at the MN ballrooms, such as Majestic, Bel-Rae & Withrow. He attended many polka fests & participated in dance contests in MN, WI, IL & MI. Joe supported polka bands dances through the Polish clubs in Mesa & Phoenix AZ.

We send sympathy to family & friends of MPA member Stosh Wojtowicz, whose wife Ginger passed away in early September. Ginger & Stosh traveled to Laughlin NV on several occasions. And word has it, Ginger really enjoyed gambling!

IF THE DIRECTIONS FOR FINDING A PLACE INCLUDE THE WORDS, "YOU CAN'T MISS IT," YOU PROBABLY WILL.

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

Doctor Kielbasa
www.doctorkielbasa.com

Florian Chmielewski's Fun Time Band
www.funtimeband.com

Craig Ebel & DyVersaCo
www.itspolkatime.com

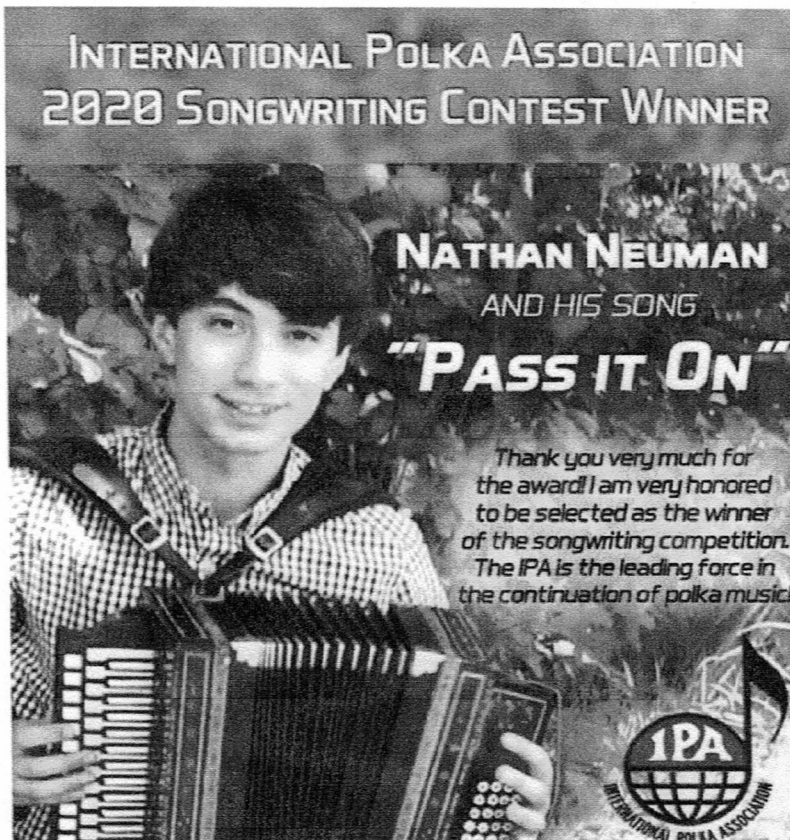
Blue Top Bar & Grill
3425 Church St Stevens Point WI
715-340-3546

The Squires Band
www.squiresband.com

The Barry Boyce Band
www.barryboyce.com

The Main Squeeze Band
face book page

The Jolly Zuks Band
www.jollyzuks.com



MPA MEMBER NATHAN NEUMAN WINS AWARD AT IPA FESTIVAL

The International Polka Association (IPA) held their annual festival as a "Virtual Festival" this past September. The IPA offered an event this year for the first time as part of the festival was a Youngsongwriter's Competition. It was open to "young composers" between the ages of 10 to 35. They could submit a polka or a waltz. It had to be a new song, one that had not been recorded or played on social media. Cash prizes were offered for first & second place winners. There were 21 entries. The top four winners were introduced on the Virtual Festival program.

CONGRATULATIONS to MPA member Nathan Neuman, who was named first place winner with the song "Pass It On" & also placed third as a co-writer of another song. Here is what Nathan shared about the competition & his musical background. He decided to enter because it sounded like a lot of fun! He hadn't heard of a polka writing contest before. It was an opportunity to write songs independently & with other songwriters. Nathan's winning song, "Pass It On," promotes sharing music & instruments through generations. If not for the generosity of his relatives lending him their concertinas, he may never have become a polka musician. Nathan also co-wrote a song, "The Next Step," with Alli Lange from OH, placing third. Nathan said, "I feel very honored to receive first place. I have received compliments from musicians worldwide & congratulations from many fans who have supported me along the way."

MARINO'S RESTAURANT MOVES TO NEW LOCATION

ED MATTHES & THE ENTIRE STAFF AT MARINO'S MOVED THE RESTAURANT & CATERING SERVICE FROM THE FRIDLEY LEGION ON OLD CENTRAL AVE TO NEW DIGS AT THE SGT JOHN RICE VFW POST 6316. THIS NEW PLACE, FONDLY KNOWN AS "109 VFW", IS LOCATED AT 1374 - 109TH AVE NE, ON CENTRAL AVE IN BLAINE. THE ACTUAL MOVE WAS IN SEPTEMBER & THEY HELD A GRAND REOPENING THURSDAY EVENING SEPTEMBER 10, WHICH IS THEIR POPULAR POLISH NIGHT. THEY WILL CONTINUE SERVING THEIR DELICIOUS POLISH DELICACIES ON THURSDAY EVENINGS. THE REGULAR THURSDAY NIGHT POLKA ENTERTAINMENT WILL BE DETERMINED AT A LATER DATE.
MORE INFO?? CALL MARINO'S AT 763-757-4540.

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Oh, the fun we had at the fish fries at the Polish-American Club!! We had them from 2006 to 2008. And then danced upstairs to some really great bands!

Fish Fry Fundraisers

