



**Midwest Polka Association Newsletter**  
**1785 Arcadia St Shakopee MN 55379**

**September  
October  
2021**



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

Greetings from MN everyone! Just when you think things are starting to turn the corner, you hear the word variant. Emotions around here are up & down feeling hopeful things are returning to normal. No masks - you can go to a baseball game, been to a couple of dances. Then people getting sick again & the worry sets in. As of right now, I don't know of any events being cancelled but that could change any time. So all we can do is wait & see.

On Sunday July 11 we had our annual Pot Luck Picnic Bash & it was VERY successful with one of the biggest crowds ever. So big that for the first time we used all the Polish sausage & weiners we had. It was a beautiful day & all the food was delicious. Craig Ebel, Bud Budzinski et al gave us very entertaining music. Thanks to all the musicians who joined in the jam. I think it is safe to say everyone had a great time!

We do have dances scheduled for the rest of the year. YAY!! In September we have Craig Ebel's DyVersaCo playing for our first dance in 18 months. Then in October Polka Country Musicians will be here for our biggest dance in 2 years. Y'all come! Hope to have a big crowd & lots of fun. In November we have Main Squeeze playing for us and in December Doctor Kielbasa will play for our Christmas dance, including December birthdays. Dates for these dances are in the newsletter & they will all be held at Murzyn Hall in Columbia Heights.

Just returned from a fun time at the annual church festival at Sacred Heart in Custer WI - lots of people attended. We were entertained all afternoon by the Cynor Classics along with the E-Z Tones from IN. The E-Z Tones band has been around for many years & is made up of Tom & Eddie Sienkowski along with other members who have all played with the Ampol Aires, who sadly are not playing anymore. This time Brian Kapka drummed with them. Good to talk to him again.

We will be heading to Pittsburgh in a couple of weeks for the IPA festival. Cannot wait!

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!

**DANCE! DANCE! DANCE!**

**Sunday September 26  
1-5pm**

**Craig Ebel's DyVersaCo**

**At The Beautiful Murzyn Hall  
530 Mill St NE  
Columbia Hts 55421**

**Just \$10 Per Person**

**More Info? Call 651-433-2173**

THE ONLY TROUBLE WITH  
DAWN IS THAT IT COMES SO  
EARLY!

A DIAMOND IS MERELY A  
CHUNK OF COAL THAT MADE  
GOOD UNDER PRESSURE!

**FALL DINNER/DANCE**

*(Majowka Reschedule)*

*Saturday October 2*

*Featuring the Music of*

*Doctor Kielbasa*

*Holy Family*

*Catholic Church*

*2430 W 3rd St - Duluth*

*Mass at 4:30*

*Social Hour 5-6 Dinner 6*

*Dance 7-11*

**ADVANCE TICKETS ONLY**

*\$30 In Advance*

*\$35 after September 24*

*Contact Mark Dobosenski*

*620 N 22nd Ave W*

*Duluth MN 55806*

*218-260-0778*

Hats off to Pulaski  
once again

absolutely great

Pulaski Polka

Days! Thanks to all

of the volunteers -

sure made the

time worth while!

Thank you to all

you Wisconsinites -

you contacted your

legislators as there

was no rain this

year during Pulaski

Polka Days!!



This is Peter Mrozinski, leader  
of the Twin Cities Soundz



## Membership Report by Pat Eckman

What happy news - we are planning some dances for the fall! Welcome to our new members - Linda Gilson, Kevin Austin, Ed Stroyny, Marlene Anglin, Michelle Thompson, & Kathy Futa.

### SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER RENEWALS

Members who need to renew for the months of SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER will find their renewal sheets & envelopes in their newsletters. Those of you who are overdue, those sheets are also in your newsletter 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 (they will start up soon) 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 SOON & WE WILL HAVE FUN SOON!!**

Pat Eckman

The MPA sends love & sympathy to the friends & family of MPA member Peter P. Mrozinski, who passed away on July 9, 2021 just 1 day shy of his 76th birthday.

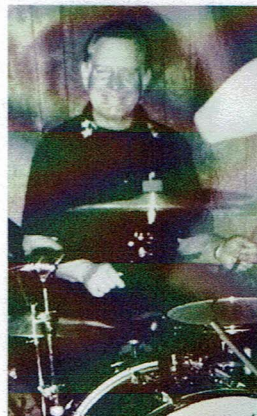
Peter was 1/2 of the famous Mrozinski Brothers Aleatoric Ensemble. Peter & his brother Tom were instrumental in changing the sound of Polish polka music in MN. The band played from 1971 to 1988. Peter was a self-taught drummer. He drummed with his dad's band, Pete & The Polka Beats. He also drummed with Frank Patuszak & His Polka Pals.



He was the drummer with the Mrozinski Brothers Aleatoric Ensemble for 3 years, when a neck injury prevented continuing. He then was the manager, promotional director & emcee for the next 14 years for the band. Peter ended his full-time drumming with his son Peter's band, The Two-Tones.

From mid 1970 to mid 1980, Peter & Tom hosted a radio show, The Mrozinski Music Hour, on 1010 WMIN.

Peter was a truly gentle man & a gentleman. He will be sorely missed.



## MPA 2021 Tentative Schedule

More info?

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

**\*\*Sunday September 26 - Fall Dance\*\* 1-5  
CRAIG EBEL'S DYVERSACO - Murzyn Hall**

**\*\* Friday October 22 - Early Halloween Dance\*\*  
POLKA COUNTRY - Murzyn Hall 7-11**

**\*\*Sunday November 21 - Pre-Thanksgiving Dance\*\*  
MAIN SQUEEZE - Murzyn Hall 1-5**

**\*\*Sunday December 5 - Birthday Dance With Cake\*\*  
DOCTOR KIELBASA - Murzyn Hall 1-5**



## Doctor Kielbasa's Appointment Book

### SEPTEMBER

- 5 Sunday Booster Day Weyerhaeuser WI 2-5:30
- 11 Sat St Paul MN Oktoberfest 301 Summit Ave Evening Shift
- 25 Sat Klocktoberfest Klockow Brewing Grand Rapids MN 3-7

### OCTOBER

- 2 Sat Fall Dinner/Dance (Majowka Reschedule) Duluth See Page 1
- 16 Sat Crystal VFW Post 494 Crystal MN 7-11

## Craig Ebel & DyVersaCo



### SEPTEMBER

- 5 Sunday Booster Day Weyerhaeuser WI 6:30-10
- 18 Sat Lift Bridge Brewing Oktoberfest New Richmond WI 2-5
- 25 Sat Lift Bridge Brewing Oktoberfest Stillwater MN 2-5
- 26 Sun MPA Dance Murzyn Hall Columbia Hgts 1-5

### OCTOBER

- 2 Sat Alloy Brewing Oktoberfest 2700 Coon Rapids Blvd 2-5
- 9 Sat Jeny Kohany Fest Levee Park Winona MN TBA

## The Main Squeeze

### OCTOBER

- 9 Saturday Star Club Anniversary Kettle River MN 7-11

## The Jolly Zuks Band

### OCTOBER

- 2 Saturday Oktoberfest Mont Du Lac Resort Superior WI
- 3 Sunday Chateau St Croix WI Oktoberfest 2:30-6
- 9 Saturday Harvest-toberfest OMNI Brewing Central Park 3-6  
Maple Grove
- 17 Sunday Chateau St Croix WI Oktoberfest 2:30-6

## Florian Chmielewski's Fun Time Band

### SEPTEMBER

- 1 Wednesday VFW Cloquet MN 1-4
- 11 Saturday St Paul MN Oktoberfest 301 Summit Ave 1-4
- 15 Wednesday VFW Cloquet MN 1-4
- 17 Friday Am Legion Forest Lake MN 1-4
- 23 Thursday Grand Opening MECC Virginia MN 7:30-9:30
- 24 Friday Oktoberfest Outstate Brewing Fergus Falls MN 7-10
- 25 Saturday Beaver Island Oktoberfest St Cloud MN 5:30-9
- 29 Wednesday VFW Cloquet MN 1-4

### OCTOBER

- 2 Saturday North Folk Winery Oktoberfest Harris MN 1-3
- 6 Wednesday VFW Cloquet MN 1-4
- 9 Saturday Jeny Kohany Fest Levee Park Winona MN 2-3
- 20 Wednesday VFW Cloquet MN 1-4
- 27 Wednesday GO Show DECC Duluth MN



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

**Friday October 22  
7-11 pm**

**At Murzyn Hall  
530 Mill St NE  
Columbia Hts MN 55421**

**Admission Just  
\$15 Per Person**

**AN MPA BEFORE  
THANKSGIVING DANCE**

**THE MAIN SQUEEZE**

**Sunday Afternoon  
November 21  
From 1-5 pm**

**At Murzyn Hall Again!  
530 Mill St NE  
Columbia Hts MN 55421**

**Just \$10 Per Person**

**FUNTIME POLKA PARTY RADIO SHOW CELEBRATES 5 YEARS!**

The Funtime Polka Party radio show, hosted by Patty Chmielewski & Michael Bell, celebrates 5 years! It all began with an idea of sharing their love of polka music, so they produced a 1-hour syndicated weekly radio show. Soon their idea grew & expanded to a 2-hour show all across the nation on 8 stations in only 5 short years.

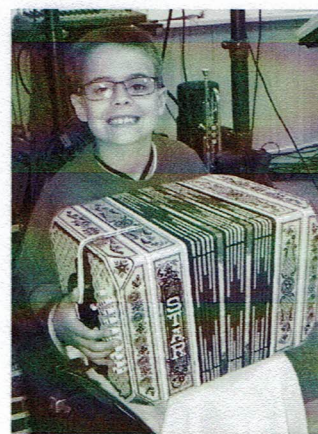
Polka music is no stranger to Patty. For over 130 years & 6 generations, the Chmielewski family has been synonymous with polka music. Patty is one of the 4th generation & youngest & only daughter of Pat & Florian's 4 children. She was part of her family's popular weekly television show from Duluth, which began in the late 1970's & aired across the US & Canada for 35 years. Patty was 7 when she made her first recording with a song called "I've Got A Polish Boyfriend" that she is most remembered for in her early years. In 2003 Patty was inducted into the Ironworld USA Polka Hall of Fame in Chisholm MN alongside her father Florian. In 2006, she produced her own CD, "Patty & More" which showcased her talent & energy. She continues to perform several times a month with the family band which she now leads & has managed the last 10 years. Playing alongside her father Florian now age 94 will always be one of her greatest joys.

With their ongoing passion & devotion to polka music, Patty & Michael moved their personalities to the airwaves in May of 2016. They launched their first 1-hour radio show on KBK 95.5fm in Braham MN & named it "Funtime Polka Party." Soon after it grew in length & popularity. Now it is a 2-hour show on 8 stations.

**53rd IPA Festival & Convention**

Double Tree Hotel  
910 Sheraton Dr  
Pittsburgh - Cranberry PA  
Fri-Sun September 3-5  
Polka Family - Steve Meisner  
Klancnik IPA Tribute Band  
Energy - Kosmix  
Polka Country Musicians  
The Boys - The Beat  
Ray J & The Carousels  
Mon Valley Push John Gora  
Lenny Gomulka & Chicago Push  
[www.ipapolkas.com](http://www.ipapolkas.com)

Polka bands & record labels interested in having their recordings heard on the 8 shows can send their material to "Funtime Polka Party" 15972 Havelock Ct, Apple Valley MN 55124 or by e-mailing an MP3 format. Any radio station interested in broadcasting the "Funtime Polka Party" contact [FuntimePolkaParty@gmail.com](mailto:FuntimePolkaParty@gmail.com). It is available for syndication in any area.



MPA member Zander Raymakers playing the concertina at Pulaski Polka Days & his sister Helaina a 2021 Miss Pulaski Polka Days Princess.



What a fantastic MPA Pot-Luck Picnic Bash! We went back to Aquatore Park in Blaine & had the biggest one ever! So much great food - such great music (thank you Craig & Bud!) - excellent root beer floats & oh those Polish sausages & weiners from Sentyrz - beautiful weather - just a perfect time!!

