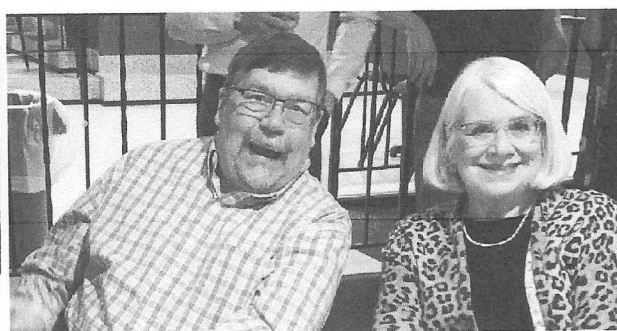
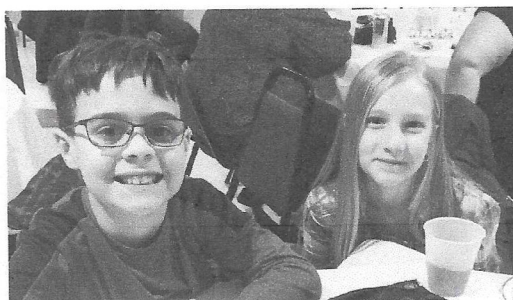
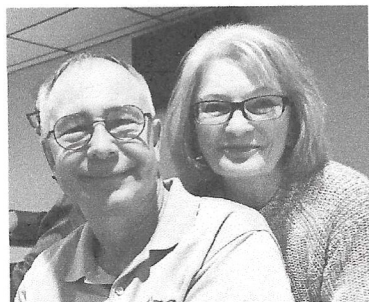
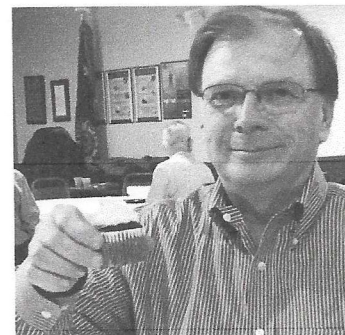




**Midwest Polka Association Newsletter**  
**1785 Arcadia St Shakopee MN 55379**

**July  
August  
2023**

Just a few more pictures of Kim & Danny's wedding dance last April 1, as we all woke up to 8-10" of snow!!



## The MPA Presents Our Pot-Luck Picnic Bash!

Free to MPA Members & Guests

Sunday July 9 Noon - ???

Dance to the Music of  
A Jam Session

Bring Your Instruments!

**The Pot-Luck Picnic Bash will be  
at Aquatore Park located at  
Central & 93rd in Blaine.**

Come join us for a free fun-filled afternoon  
for families, children & grandchildren.

Bring a dish to share and the MPA  
will provide brats and, of course, the  
traditional root beer floats!

Everyone loves home cooking,  
so show off your cooking talent!

**Don't forget your lawn chairs!**

## **ANOTHER EXCITING APPEARANCE IN MN!!**

Let's welcome the great

**Cynor Classics Band**  
from WI back to MN!!

*Sunday Sept 24 1-5pm*

So come to Murzyn Hall  
530 Mill St NE  
Columbia Hts 55421  
& listen & dance to this  
great band again!!

Admission just \$12 per person

**Membership Report by Pat Eckman**

We have been working on the MPA dance schedule for 2023 & I think we have all the rest of the dances set. A big welcome to new members - Phyllis Tryon, Laurie & Tony Balata, Neil Henry, Dale Noel, Pat Grelson, Bernie Gorak 3, Bob Wolinski, John Smagowicz, & Marlene Werwas. **THANK YOU TO ALL!!**

**JULY-AUGUST 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 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 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 also enroll their significant other 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 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 ARE DANCING & WE ARE HAVING FUN!!** Pat Eckman

Craig Ebel & DyVersaCo  
www.itspolkatime.com

**JULY**

21 Fri Pulaski Polka Days Alternating

The Main Squeeze  
See Us On Facebook

**JUNE**

25 Sunday Star Club Kettle River MN

**ST THERESE AUGUST FEST ROTHSCHILD WI**

*Saturday August 12 - 4-11:30pm*

*Music By Genesee Depot 4-7:30 Rising Phoenix 7:30-11:30*

*Sunday August 13 10-5pm*

*Music By New Polish Sounds alternating with Polka Access*

*Many Events Are Scheduled For Both Days*

*A Delicious Dinner Will Be Served Sunday 11-1:30*

*For More Info - 715-359-2421*



We send love & sympathy to the friends & family of long time MPA member Tom Vollmer. He died in March just shy of his 81 birthday.

Tom was a fun loving, friendly person who talked to everyone & kidded them constantly.  
He will be missed.

**MPA 2023 Schedule****More info?**

**www.midwestpolkaassociation.com**

**\*\*Sunday July 9 - Pot-Luck Picnic Bash\*\***

Aquator Park - Blaine MN Noon-??

**\*\*Sun September 24 - Late summer Dance\*\***

**Cynor Classics** - Murzyn Hall 1-5

**\*\* Fri October 20 - Halloween Dance \*\***

**Polka Country** Murzyn Hall 7-11

**\*\*Sun Nov 19 - Before Thanksgiving Dance\*\***

**The Main Squeeze** - Murzyn Hall 1-5

**\*\*Sunday December 3 - Birthday Dance\*\***

**Doctor Kielbasa** - Murzyn Hall 1-5

Chmielewski's Fun Time Band

www.funtimeband.com

**JULY**

2 Sun Grand Casino Hinkley MN 2-6

5 Wednesday Cloquet MN VFW 1-4

19 Wednesday Cloquet MN VFW 1-4

27 Thur Huber Park Shakopee MN

**AUGUST**

2 Wednesday Cloquet MN VFW 1-4

3 Thur Music In The Park 6:30-8:30

Mora MN

4 Friday Braham MN Pie Days 1-2

7 Mon Music In The Park - Town Green 7-

8:30

Maple Grove MN

9 Wed Merritt Days Mountain Iron MN

12 Fri Quarry Days Sandstone MN 1:30-3:30

13 Sat Grand Casino Hinkley MN 2-6

16 Wednesday Cloquet MN VFW 1-4

18 Fri Carlton Co Fair Barnum MN 1-4

24 Thur Cromwell MN Pavillion

The Jolly Zuks Band

www.jollyzucs.com

**JULY**

22 Sat 320 Brewing Pine City MN 3-6

23 Sun Grand Casino Hinkley MN 2-6

**AUGUST**

6 Sun Pine Co Fair Pine City MN 2-6

The Squires

www.squiresband.com

**JULY**

28 Fri Little Log House Hastings MN 12-4

30 Sun Little Log House Hastings MN 12-4

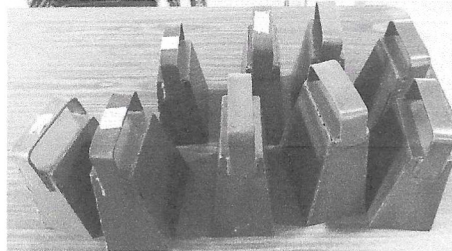
**AUGUST**

6 Sunday LeDuc Mansion Hastings MN 6-8

THEY ARE BACK!! You would never know Twin Cities Soundz had not played for 11 years! They were just fantastic as they played for Pat & Ted Eckman's 60th wedding anniversary dance. And a wonderful time was had by all!



Welcome to  
*Ted and Pat's*  
**60<sup>th</sup>**  
*Wedding Anniversary*  
*Party!*



**7 Springs Polka Fest**  
**Champion PA**

Fri-Sat June 30 - July 1  
 Lenny Gomulka Polka Family  
 The Boys DynaBrass  
 Buffalo Concertina All-Stars  
 John Gora  
 Ray Jay & The Carousels  
[www.polkafireworks.com](http://www.polkafireworks.com)

**IPA Festival & Convention**

DoubleTree Hotel  
 Pittsburgh-Cranberry PA  
 Fri-Sun September 1-3  
 The Beat John Gora Phocus  
 Polka Family IPA Tribute Band  
 Polka Country Musicians  
 Tony Blazonczyk's New Phaze  
 Lenny Gomulka & Chicago Push  
 Dennis Polisky & The Maestro's Men  
 Old School New Brass Express  
 Garrett Tatano Band Kosmix  
 Klancnik & Friends  
[www.ipapolkas.com](http://www.ipapolkas.com)

**Pulaski WI Polka Days**

Thur-Sun July 20-23  
 Picnic Grounds - 2 Tents  
 New Generation LIVEwire  
 The Beat Polka Family TNT  
 Polish Connection Maroszek's  
 DyVersaCo New Polish Sounds  
 Polka Country Musicians  
 John Gora Lenny Gomulka  
 New Brass Express  
 Keith Straus & Polka Confetti  
 KC Building on the Grounds  
 NuTymes The Mix  
 Steve Meisner Music Connection  
 Zander's Music Raymakers  
 Mark Jirikovec  
 Good Time Dutchmen  
[www.pulaskipolkadays.com](http://www.pulaskipolkadays.com)

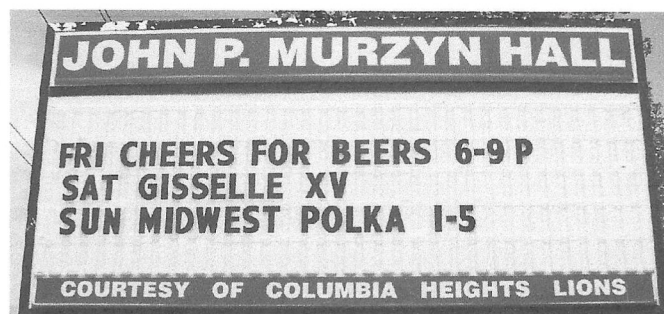
**Frankenmuth MI Music Fest**

Tuesday-Saturday August 8-12  
 Polka Family The Boys  
 Polka Country Musicians  
 Lenny Gomulka Stephanie  
 New Brass Express John Gora  
 Squeezebox  
 Jimmy K's All Star Band  
[www.frankenmuthfestivals.com](http://www.frankenmuthfestivals.com)

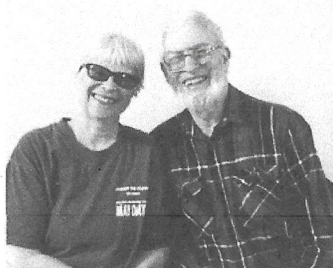
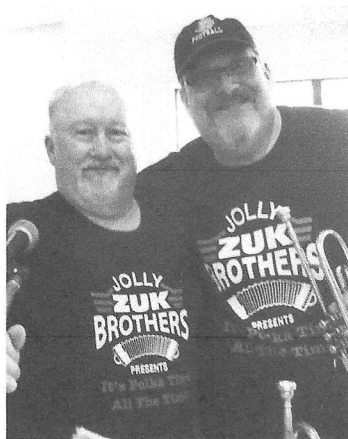
**Polkamotion by the Ocean**

Rehoboth Beach DE  
 Thur-Sat Sept 14-16  
 Nu Tones Top Shelf  
 Eddie Forman The Boys  
 Polka Country Musicians  
 Dennis Polisky & Maestros Men  
 Mike Costa & The Beat  
[www.polkamotion.com](http://www.polkamotion.com)

LIVEwire came back to entertain us Sunday April 30 & they put on a great afternoon of snappy music. Doug Anders brought a big cake & coffee to surprise his daughter, Kristine Anderson, with a birthday party! And a great time was had by all!



We had a dance on Mother's Day featuring the music of the Jolly Zuk Band from the Sturgeon Lake MN area. We had mini cupcakes & brownie bites for treats. Some people went to brunch then came to the dance while others planned their parties for after the dance.



Our lovely bartender  
for our Mother's Day dance