



Midwest Polka Association Newsletter
1785 Arcadia St Shakopee MN 55379

March
April
2023



President's Message by Danny Fabeck

Greetings everyone from "the frozen tundra." We have feet of snow & last week we had -30 windchills. We like to think that makes us tough, but times like this just makes us question why we live here in the first place. Only a couple of months of this & it will be over. Cannot wait!

As with most polka associations these days we are working hard at trying to continue to have dances with our local bands as well as a few dances a year with regional & top ranked national bands. It has been a struggle with prices for postage to send the newsletters, printing, as well as renting halls & hiring top bands have been going up. We have not raised our prices for our annual dues or for admission to dances. Murzyn Hall & the city of Columbia Heights have been great to work with. The Lion's Club running refreshments has been a lifesaver. And the bands have been trying hard to keep their costs down. With that in mind, Anna Slepecky, who is the membership chairman for the Cleveland Polka Association, has formed a group of leaders from 6 or 7 of the top polka associations in the country. We are one of the members. We meet once a month & usually have a few topics on our agenda to get feedback from each member as to how they handle the issue. Some issues are how are we organized, do we have insurance, how do we use social media, do we have security at dances & do we ever have trouble, do we have newsletters & how are they delivered? It has been helpful. Several issues became apparent that we all have - getting young people to join - do we raise prices - how can we get more people on the board? It has been a good experience so far.

Last December we had Doctor Kielbasa for our dance. The band sounded wonderful. It was the last dance for Tom Schmid playing trumpet with the band. He is such a great musician - we will all miss him. On February 19 we will have Craig Ebel & DyVersaCo play. They always entertain us beyond expectations. Please note the change of time - the dance is now 4-8. See you all there!

Check our website at midwestpolkaassociation.com for up coming events. Also use our facebook page.

Until next time.....Introduce someone new to the music - keep the heritage alive!

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

Hope to talk to you soon - Danny Fabeck

Celebrate With Us
"The Wearin' Of the Green"
at the MPA's
St Patrick's Day Dance



Sunday March 19 1-5pm

Featuring the Music of
Live It Up!

Vocals By Larry Trojak
Bringing Back The Music of
Li'l Wally



Murzyn Hall 530 Mill St
Columbia Hts MN 55421
Admission - \$10 Per Person

ATTENTION!

THE TIME FOR
THE MPA DANCE
ON SUNDAY
FEBRUARY 19
AT MURZYN HALL
WITH
DYVERSACO IS
NOW 4-8.
HOPE TO SEE
YOU ALL THERE!

ATTENTION!!

Come Listen & Dance To
LIVEwire from WI
As They Return For The MPA!



Sunday April 30 1-5 pm
Murzyn Hall 530 Mill St
Columbia Hts MN 55421

Just \$12 For A Wonderful
Afternoon of Great Music

Membership Report by Pat Eckman

We have been working on the MPA dance schedule for 2023. We have 8 dances ready to go with 2 left to verify. A big welcome to new members - Tammie Weinfurter, Helaina Raymakers, John Rohwedder & Beverly & Dennis Wright.

THANK YOU!!

MARCH-APRIL RENEWALS

Members who need to renew for the months of March & April 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 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 ARE DANCING & WE ARE HAVING FUN!!

Pat Eckman

Live It Up!

See Us On Facebook

The Main Squeeze

See Us On Facebook

MARCH

12 Sunday Rookies Bar & Grill 1-5
Steven's Point WI

19 Sunday **MPA St Paddy's Dance**
Murzyn Hall Col Hts 1-5

Craig Ebel & DyVersaCo
www.itspolkatime.com

FEBRUARY

19 Sun **MPA Valentines Dance**
Murzyn Hall Com Hts 4-8

21 Tue Sauerkraut Supper Holy Cross Church
Univ & 17th Minneapolis 4-8

MARCH

11 Saturday Scolly's Hometown
Pulaski WI 7-11

MARCH

1 Sunday Cloquet MN VFW 1-4
15 Sunday Cloquet MN VFW 1-4
23 Mon Cromwell MN Pavillion 1-4

APRIL

16 Sun Vergas MN Event Center 1-4

MPA 2023 Tentative Schedule More info?

www.midwestpolkaassociation.com

****Sunday February 19 - Valentines Dance**

DyVersaCo - Murzyn Hall 4-8

****Sunday March 19 - St Paddy's Day Dance****

Live It Up! - Murzyn Hall 1-5

****Sunday April 30 - Early Spring Dance****

LIVEwire - Murzyn Hall 1-5

****Sunday May 14 - A Mother's Day Dance****

Jolly Zuks - Murzyn Hall 1-5

****June - Maybe a June Dance****

To Be Announced

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

Aquator Park - Blaine MN Noon-??

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

Cynor Classics - Murzyn Hall 1-5

**** October - Halloween Dance****

To Be Announced

****Nov 19 - Before Thanksgiving Dance****

The Main Squeeze - Murzyn Hall 1-5

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

Doctor Kielbasa - Murzyn Hall 1-5

Rookies Bar & Grill
Stevens Point WI

MARCH 1-5pm

5 The Mix

12 Live It Up

19 Cynor Classics

26 New Polish Sounds

APRIL

2 The Ultimate Polka Band

9 EASTER - NO MUSIC

16 TBA

23 TBA

30 TBA

MAJOWKA CELEBRATION DINNER/DANCE

Stay tuned to get the latest info on this annual celebration in duluth



We send sympathy to friends & family of MPA member Laura Bethke of Chicago IL who passed away last November. Laura was a long time member of the MPA & the IPA & was a personal friend. Laura was a lover of the Polish polka music & supported the music anyway she could. She will be missed.

HAPPY New Year from **ChmieBell TOURS**

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HOLY TOLEDO

POLKA DAYS

Holiday Inn & Suites
Perrysburg OH
About 4 Miles South of Toledo
Thursday - Sunday
April 13-16

Thursday
At 6/5 Distilling - Perrysburg
Holy Toledo Jam Band 8-11

Friday - Saturday
At The Holiday Inn
Tony Blazonczyk's New Phaze
Eddie Biegaj & Crusade
DynaBrass
Mike Costa & The Beat
Polka Mojo
Polka Country Musicians

Sunday
At Oak Shade Grove Hall
Eddie Biegaj & Crusade

Wisconsin

Dells Polka Fest!

Fri-Sun April 29-May 1
Chula Vista Resort
Package 877-624-0685 I 22188
3 Day Pass - \$60

Friday 6pm-1am
Polka Country Musicians
New Generation
Live It Up - Tribute To Lil' Wally

Saturday Noon-5pm
Jon Deity & Twin Lakes Trio
Squeezebox
Saturday 6:15pm-1am
Tony Blazonczyk's New Phaze
Polka Country Musicians
John Gora & Gorale

Sunday Noon-5pm
John Gora & Gorale
Squeezebox

Eddie Biegaj is The "Bad Boy" on
 The Polkajammer Network
 Thursdays 6-8 EST & Sundays Noon
 to 1 EST.
 Visit Polkajammernetwork.org

Dear MPA Members:

Got a drum set collecting dust
 in your house?

I like to buy, restore and play
 vintage American drums &
 cymbals.

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creagz@gmail.com

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PO BOX 10
UNION LAKE MI 48387
1-866-454-6695

DON WAYERSKI - Y 106.5
Saturday Morning Polka Party
7am - 10am
E-mail polka@y1065.com



**CASIMIR PULASKI
DAYS IN
PULASKI WI
March 5-12**

Friday March 10

Polka Jam Session 2-6

Wicka's Bar

The Mix Polka Band

7-11

Mountain Bay Bar & Grill

Free Admission

Saturday March 11

Concertina Swap Meet

Scolly's Hometown

Ballroom 3-5

The Main Squeeze

7-11

Scolly's Hometown

Admission - \$15

Sunday March 12

Mass @ St Casimir Church

Krakow WI

Hearty Polish Brunch To

Follow

more info?

www.casimirpulakidays.com

JUMP RIVER WI POLKA DANCE

Saturday April 29

The Cynor Classics

1:30-5:30

**THE IPA IS
BRINGING EDDIE
BIEGAJ & CRUSADE
BACK TO WISCONSIN!**

SATURDAY MAY 6

6-10PM

TOWNLINE PUB & GRILL

2544 LINEVILLE RD

SUAMICO WI 54313

ADMISSION - \$20

**PULASKI AREA
FESTIVAL OF BANDS**

SUNDAY MAY 7

NOON-5PM

LIVEWIRE

NEW GENERATION

THE MIX

MAROSZEK BROTHERS

NU TYES

TOWNLINE PUB & GRILL

2544 LINEVILLE RD

SUAMICO WI 54313

ADMISSION - \$20

MORE INFO?

IPAPOLKAS.COM

**THE FRAZEE MN
POLKA FEST IS BACK!**

Saturday April 22 1-7

Frazee Event Center

Matt Hodek

Julie Lee

Admission \$15

Food & Beverages Available

218-841-4248 or

612-819-5822