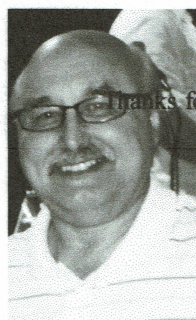




Midwest Polka Association Newsletter
1785 Arcadia St Shakopee MN 55379

May
June
2023



President's Message *by Danny Fabeck*

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

Hope to talk to you soon - Danny Fabeck

**MOLLIE B &
SQUEEZEBOX**

Friday May 19
7-10pm

Doors Open at 6
Silver Lake MN
Auditorium

Admission - \$25

FOR TICKETS CALL

BETTY - 320-455-7459

TAMMY - 320-282-8393

DONNA - 612-299-3446

SAVE FRIDAY JUNE 9
POLKA FAMILY is
coming back to MN!
Murzyn Hall in
Columbia Hts

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

Come Celebrate Spring
& Mother's Day
At The MPA May Dance

Sunday Afternoon
May 14 From 1-5

Enjoy & Dance To The Music of
THE JOLLY ZUK BAND



At The Beautiful
Murzyn Hall 530 Mill St
Columbia Heights MN

Take mom to brunch then come
to the dance for great music &
enjoy a cupcake to celebrate
Mother's Day!

JUST \$10 PER PERSON
FOR A VERY PLEASANT
AFTERNOON!



Membership Report by Pat Eckman

We have been working on the MPA dance schedule for 2023. We have 7 dances ready to go with 1 left to verify. A big welcome to new members - Loretta Gerasch, Tanya Tautges, Jim Mueller, & John Lange. **THANK YOU!!**

MAY - JUNE 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 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

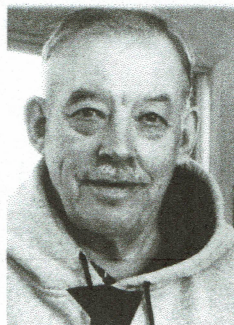
REMEMBERING DALE & DOMINICK DAHMEN



Dale Dahmen formed the band Dale Dahmen & The Polka Beats when he was 12 years old. For the next 44 years, with Dale playing the concertina & bass guitar, the band entertained crowds on stage & brought excitement to the dance floor. Dale was inducted into the Concertina Hall of Fame in 2012. Dale was most content playing music for people to enjoy.

Dominick followed in his father's footsteps.

As soon as he could hold drumsticks, Dominick was banging on the drums. When he was 11, he & his brother, Sam, had their first gig on a parade float. At that point, Dominick joined his father's band as the drummer. They will be missed.



We send sympathy to friends & family of long time MPA member Jim Pedersen, who passed away in February of this year.

Jim was an avid supporter of the Polish polka music. He was at all the dances he could find & often brought friends to introduce them to his favorite music.

He was always at Mayslacks Polka Lounge.



We send sympathy to friends & family of long time MPA member Roman Chock who passed away in February of this year. He & his wife, Genevieve (Michurski), were very active in the Polish polka scene. Roman drummed in the family polka bands & subbed with the Jolly Brothers Polka Band.

MPA 2023 Schedule

More info?

www.midwestpolkaassociation.com

- **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
- **Friday June 9 - A Special June Dance****
Polka Family - Murzyn Hall 7-11
- **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 27 - Halloween Dance 7-11****
Polka Country Murzyn Hall
- **Sun 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

MAY 1-5pm

- 7 Cynor Classics
- 14 New Polish Sounds
- 21 Polka Generations
- 28 The Mix

Chmielewski's Fun Time Band www.funtimeband.com

MAY

- 3 Sunday Cloquet MN VFW 1-4
- 17 Sunday Cloquet MN VFW 1-4

The Main Squeeze See Us On Facebook

MAY

- 6 Saturday Majowka Celebration 8-Midnite
Duluth MN
- 21 Sunday Star Club Kettle River MN 1-5

The Jolly Zuks Band www.jollyzuks.com

MAY

- 14 Sun **MPA Mother's Day Dance** 1-5
Murzyn Hall Columbia Hts MN

The Squires www.squiresband.com

JUNE

- 10 Sat Hankinson ND Music Fest 6-10

MAJOWKA CELEBRATION DINNER/DANCE

Saturday May 6 - 2023

Featuring the Music of The Main Squeeze

Holy Family Catholic Church - 2430 W 3rd St - Duluth

Social Hour 5:30 Dinner 6:30 Dance 7-11

ADVANCE TICKETS ONLY - \$35 After Apr 30 - \$40

Contact Mark Dobosenski 218-727-2697

Keep this page handy to check on your favorite polka fest. The information here has come from the web sites in each of the boxes. Please use them to check out any changes in the bands!

USPA Festival & Convention

Independence OH
Thurs-Sun May 25-28
Jimmy K & The All Stars
Dynaversasticktoneaires
The Boys John Gora
Polka Country Polka Family
The Beat Polski Chix
DynaBrass Polish Connection
Concertina All-Stars

www.uspapolkas.com

Milwaukee WI Polish Fest

Summerfest Grounds
Fri-Sun June 9-11
IPA Tribute Band The Boys
Polka Country John Gora
Eddie Wojcik Tribute
Maroszek's Polka Family
Keith Straus & Polka Confetti
Music Connection D Street Band
Polka Generations
Squeeze Box Steve Meisner

www.polishfest.org

Hankinson ND Polka Fest Historic Downtown Hankinson

Fri-Sat June 9-10
Leon Olsen Matt Hodek
Kevin Klimek The Squires
More Info? 701-899-3087

www.hankinsonnd.com/polkafest.html

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

Birnamwood WI Polka Days

Fri-Sun June 17-19
Zander's Music Raymakers
New Polish Sounds
The Music Connection
New Generation
Polish Connection

[Check us on Facebook](#)
[BirnamwoodPolka Days](#)

Ocean Beach Park Polka Days

New London Connecticut
Wed-Sat June 21-24
Polka Country The Boys
Lenny Gomulka & Chicago Push
Eddie Forman Orchestra LIVEwire
Matt's All Star Band Polka Family
Dennis Polisky & Maestro's Men
DynaBrass The Beat

www.polkacountry.com

Pulaski WI Polka Days

Thur-Sun July 20-23

Picnic Grounds - 2 Tents

New Generations 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.pulaskipolka days.com

Willard 45th Polka Fest

Willard WI Comm. Center
Sat-Sun June 17-18
Richie Yurkovich & Polkarioty
Brian's Mississippi Dutchmen
Zweifel Brothers
Gary's Ridgeland Dutchmen
Steve Meisner

Pulaski WI Festival of Bands

Sat May 6
Eddie Biegaj & Crusade
Sun May 7
LIVEwire The Mix NuTymes
New Generation
Maroszek Brothers

www.ipapolkas.com

IPA Festival & Convention

Double Tree Hotel
Pittsburgh-Cranberry OH
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

JUMP RIVER WI POLKA DANCE

Saturday April 29
The Cynor Classics

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

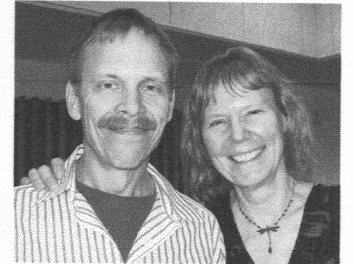
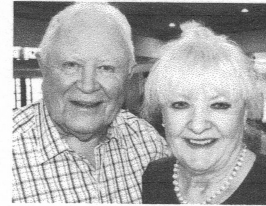
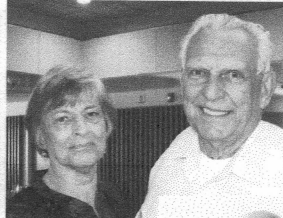
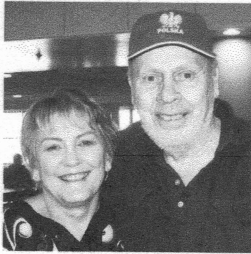
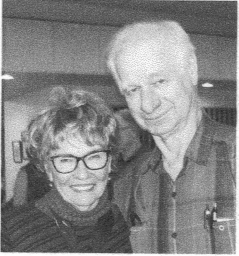
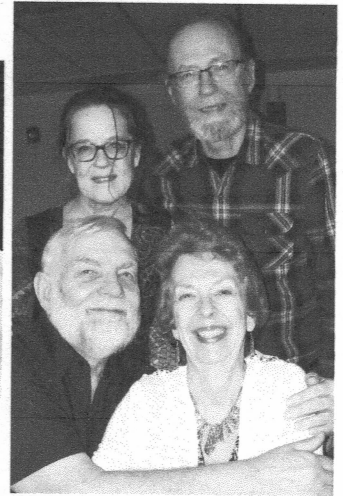
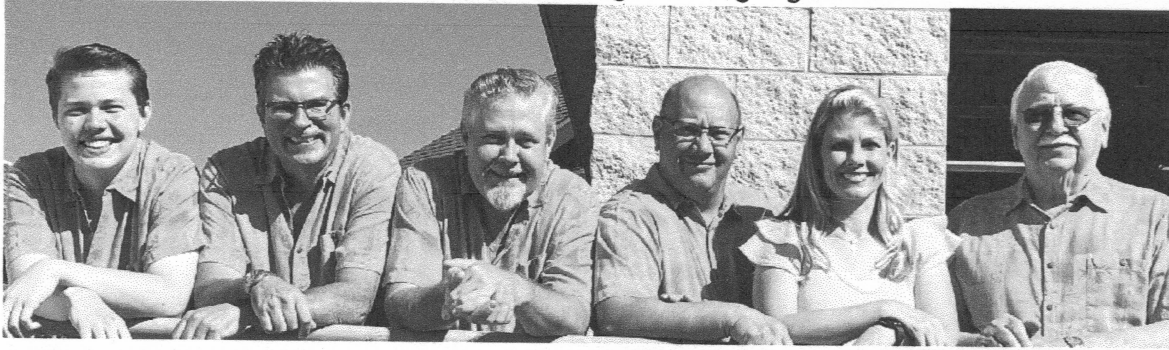
www.frankenmuthfestivals.com

Polkamotion by the Ocean

Rehoboth Beach DE
Fri - Sun Sept 14-16

wwwbpolkamotion.com

Craig Ebel's DyVersaCo entertained us Sunday February 19 at Murzyn for a late dance 4-8. Lots of dancers came & enjoyed listening & dancing to great music!



Sure hope your were wearin' your green when Live It Up! played for the MPA for the first time Sunday March 19 at Murzyn Hall. The band specializes in Lil Wally music & really put on a grand show with songs so lively, you just had to get up & dance!

