



Midwest Polka Association Newsletter
1785 Arcadia St Shakopee MN 55379

November
December
2023



President's Message *by Danny Fabeck*

Hello everyone from "up north." Now is Octoberfest time & a lot of celebrations are taking place. But when that's done, it's time to hunker down for the long winter. Fall is my favorite season - also the shortest one. That white stuff is coming soon.

For our first time, my wife Kim & I went to Polka Motion By The Ocean in Rehoboth Beach Delaware. That is just the most wonderful little town. For sure you won't go hungry as there seemed to be 100 restaurants & food stands. It was beautiful right there on the ocean with

perfect weather. Fabulous music from all the bands. Great to hear Top Shelf playing their second job. Wait - 2 Krew Brothers up there!! And one plays the flute!! What a blast from the past! Many thanks to Mike Matousek & his team for putting on a really wonderful event. Can't wait to go again.

In September we had the Cynor Classics from WI play. Bobby Cynor & the boys provided us with a top-notch afternoon of honky style polkas. I appreciate everyone who came to support the MPA. It sure looked like everyone had a grand time.

With Polka Country Musicians having to cancel, we will again get to hear Twin Cities Soundz. You know, when they shut down the band I told them they would miss it. It took awhile, but they are back better than ever. Please join us for a rare Friday night dance October 20 7-11pm at Murzyn Hall for another great time!

The remaining dances for this year will be Sunday November 19 1-5pm with Main Squeeze. Come out & enjoy the energized "push" sound of this fantastic local band. Then on Sunday December 3 from 1-5pm we will celebrate December birthdays & the holidays with Doctor Kielbasa & treats! We might be able to talk them into a few Christmas carols to have a sing along. Both dances are at Murzyn Hall. We are in the process of lining up bands for 2024. So stay tuned! Check our website - midwestpolkaassociation.com for updates.

Until next time - thanks for all your support. With your help, we WILL keep polka music alive!

Hope to talk to all of you soon - Danny Fabeck

Introduce someone new to polka music - pass on our heritage!



SAVE THE DATE!

Art Ohotto's
CONCERTINA
BOWL

is coming!

Saturday January 27

Due to transportation issues, Polka Country Musicians had to cancel their midwest tour of MN, WI & Chicago Fri through Sun October 20-22.

We have hired Twin Cities Soundz to take the date PCM was to play for the MPA Fri October 20 7-11 at Murzyn Hall.

See you all there!!!

Dance! Dance! Dance!
At The MPA "Before Thanksgiving" Dance
Sunday Nov 19 1-5 pm

MAIN SQUEEZE

Will Be Playing For Us!
Come & Dance Your Socks Off!
Or Just Enjoy The Music!

Come to Murzyn Hall
530 Mill St NE
Columbia Hts 55421

Admission just \$10 per person

More info on either dance call 651-433-2173

Get Ready For The Holidays With The MPA!

Start the holidays with a fun time! Come dance & listen to the music of

Doctor Kielbasa

Home & share a cupcake with the December birthday dancers!

The Beautiful Murzyn Hall
530 Mill St NE
Columbia Hts MN 55421

Admission - \$10 Per Person

Membership Report by Pat Eckman

We have begun to plan for the events for 2024. There may be a few new bands so stay tuned! Let's welcome our new members - Elaine & Bob Gajewski, Carol Schminski, Pete Sandvik, & Jane & Dennis Sticha . **THANK YOU!!**

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 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.

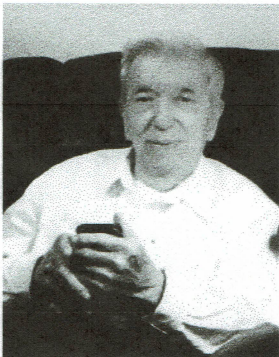
A huge thank you to all who have paid for 2 years and in a timely fashion! Thanks also to the MPA members who when they renew also enroll their significant others in the MPA! Thank you also to those who send a little more than their dues. We are so very grateful to all of you! So many of you have written a note 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

The Main Squeeze
See Us On Facebook

NOVEMBER

19 Sunday MPA "Before Thanksgiving" Dance 1-5
Murzyn Hall Columbia Heights MN



Long time MPA member Erv Utech, senior dance enthusiast, died August 30 2023, at 95 years young. He was the uncle of MPA members Jim, Tony, Kevin Grygelko & Wanda Grygelko Dobberpuhl. Erv's wife, MPA member Barb Grygelko Tylka Utech, died in 2015.



The Jolly Lumberjacks Band was formed in 1947 by brothers Clem & Harold Brau in Rochester MN. Clem played the trumpet while Harold played the trombone. The band stayed together until 1985. Both brothers were inducted into the MN Hall of Fame in 1995. Harold died in 2016. Clem died in 2023 at age 101.

MPA 2023 Schedule

More info?

www.midwestpolkaassociation.com

****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.funband.com

Please check our website

The Jolly Zuks Band
www.jollyzucs.com

NOVEMBER

20 Mon Bentleyville Tour of Lights Duluth MN 6-8

Doctor Kielbasa
www.doctorkielbasa.com

DECEMBER

3 Sunday MPA Dec Birthday Dance 1-5
Murzyn Hall Columbia Heights MN

Craig Ebel & DyVersaCo
www.itspolkatime.com

Please check our website

Twin Cities Soundz
TCSmrozinski@gmail.com

NOVEMBER

12 Sunday Rookies Bar & Grill 1-5
Stevens Point WI

Live It Up!

See us on facebook!

The Squires
www.squiresband.com

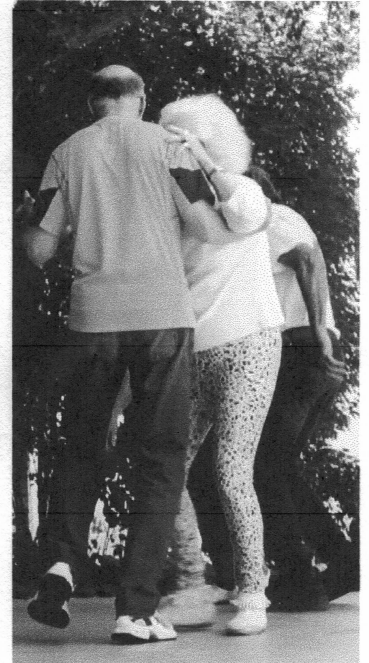
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Rookies Bar & Grill
Stevens Point WI

SUNDAYS 1-5pm

<u>NOVEMBER</u>	<u>DECEMBER</u>
5 New Polish Sounds	3 Ultimate Polka Band
12 Twin Cities Soundz	10 LIVEwire
19 NO MUSIC	17 Cynor Classics
26 Maroszek Brothers	24 NO MUSIC
	31 New Polish Sounds

Yes, we danced at the fair again. We gathered out side the Education Building Monday August 28 while Frank Stackowitz played lots of polkas & waltzes for the dancers & the people sitting & listening as well as those passing by. Everyone wore a big smile!! And a grand time was had by all!



HAVE YOU EVER CONSIDERED GIVING AN MPA MEMBERSHIP AS A GIFT FOR AN ANNIVERSARY OR FOR A BIRTHDAY? WHAT A GREAT PRESENT FOR A DANCER OR LOVER OF THE OLD TIME POLKA MUSIC!

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Sure hope you were at Murzyn Hall Sunday September 24 to hear the exciting sounds of The Cynor Classics Band from WI! WOW! Were they ever pumping out the polkas & waltzes! Danny Fabeck & Art Ohotto were invited to play with the band.

