



President's Message by *Danny Fabeck*

A big hello to everyone. Apologies to all as I have been remiss in writing my column the last two newsletters. The time is ripping by at a pretty good clip. It's already August & many of the annual polka events have already taken place. I was lucky enough to get to several of the events this year - Ocean Beach Park & Pulaski. Both were fabulous parties. It was fun to see people that I only see at festivals. The weather was iffy but not terrible (no tornadoes this year!!)

In May we had the Jolly Zuk Band play for our Mother's Day dance & everyone had a great time. Those guys really enjoy playing for us & we all love the good old polkas they play. Then in June we had a big kickoff for the rejuvenation of a MN polka band from way back when. Someone said it had been ten years since the Twin Cities Soundz had performed. They are back together & played for our dance. We had a great crowd turn out to welcome them back. They sounded great as ever. A giant welcome back to the band & hope they will be around for a very long time. We really enjoyed them.

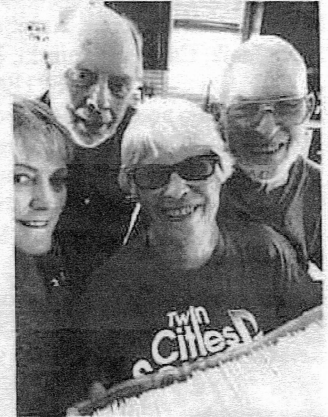
In July we had our annual MPA picnic at Aquatore Park in Blaine. Beautiful weather this year & we had a wonderful turnout for the day. So much delicious food to eat! Everyone brought tasty food to share & we all left stuffed. Craig & Christopher Ebel provided the music, but we had many local musicians join in the jam session. I think this was one of the best we ever had! Thanks to everyone who attended.

The remaining dances this year will be Sunday September 24 with the fabulous Cynor Classics. Our huge October gala with Polka Country Musicians is on Friday October 20. Then we follow them to Wausau WI for Saturday night. On Sunday November 19 we feature Main Squeeze, & Sunday December 3 we have our annual Christmas dance with Doctor Kielbasa. Fun times for the rest of the year!

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!



Due to a mix-up in June, the wrong newsletter got printed. We appealed to our printer, Print Central, & they did a rush job for us. We wanted the newsletter to go out on time & the STUFFING CREW, Pat & Ted Eckman & Connie & Ken Duellman, sat one afternoon into evening & we got the job done!!

Thank you Charles at Print Central!

**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

An MPA Fall Dance



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

**Friday October 20
 7-11 pm**

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

Admission - \$15 Per Person

More info? 651-433-2173

Membership Report by Pat Eckman

We have begun to plan for the events for 2024. There may be a few new bands. Stay tuned! A big welcome to new members - Deb Tillman, Lindsay Lally, Gina Dudziak, Darlene Reins, Nanette & John Pederson, Nathan Wojkiewicz, Ann & Steve Janik, Carole Schminski, & Marlene Anglin. **THANK YOU!!**

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 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

Craig Ebel & DyVersaCo
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SEPTEMBER

23 Sat Alloy Brewing Oktoberfest Coon Rapids MN 1-4

OCTOBER

7 Sat Blaine MN Park & Rec Dept Oktoberfest Tom Ryan Park

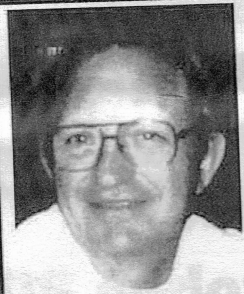
The Main Squeeze
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OCTOBER

15 Sunday Star Club Kettle River MN 1-5

Twin Cities Soundz
TCSmrozinski@gmail.com

For Bookings & Info - Peter Mrozinski



We send sympathy to friends & family of long-time MPA member Martin Pilarski who passed away in March of 2022. He & his wife Delores loved the polka music & went to many, many dances.



We are saddened to announce the unexpected death of Steve Meisner. His father Verne died several years ago & now we lose his son way too soon. Steve was an excellent accordion player & entertained so many of us all over the country.

**MPA 2023 Schedule
More info?**

www.midwestpolkaassociation.com

- **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

SEPTEMBER

- 6 Wednesday Cloquet MN VFW 1-4
- 20 Wednesday Cloquet MN VFW 1-4
- 23 Sat Fargo ND Oktoberfest 3-7
- 30 Sat Grand Rapids MN Kloktoberfest 10th St 2-5

OCTOBER

- 1 Sun NorthFolk Winery Oktoberfest Harris MN 1-3
- 4 Wednesday Cloquet MN VFW 1-4
- 18 Wednesday Cloquet MN VFW 1-4

The Jolly Zuks Band
www.jollyzuks.com

SEPTEMBER

- 16 Sat 3rd Annual Hayward WI Oktoberfest 12-7
Alternating
- 30 Sat St Croix WI Winery Oktoberfest 2-6

Doctor Kielbasa
www.doctorkielbasa.com

SEPTEMBER

- 16 Sat Canterbury Downs Oktoberfest Shakopee MN
- 30 Sat Lift Bridge Brewing Oktoberfest Stillwater 5:30-9:30

OCTOBER

- 6 Fri Twin Cities Oktoberfest State Fair Grounds 5-7
- 7 Sat Geilfest Travail Kitchens & Amusements 4:30-8:30
Robbinsdale MN
- 13 Fri Earth Rider Brewery Oktoberfest Superior WI

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SEPT 10 Sun Holy Cross Church Picnic NE Minneapolis 12-4

The Squires
www.squiresband.com

SEPTEMBER

- 16 Sat Omni Brewery 3:30-5:30
- 23 & 29 Sat Watchman Brewery Oktoberfest 7:30-9:30
- 30 Sat Hankinson ND Oktoberfest 1-7 Alternating

OCTOBER

- 7 Sat Valkyrie Brewing Dallas WI 1-5
- 21 Sat Afton MN Cruiseline Oktoberfest 5:30-6:30

"Squeezy" Wes Miller & Friends
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OCTOBER

- 20 Fri Forest Lake MN Legion Seniors Dance 1-4
- 27 Fri East Bethel Seniors Halloween Dance 1-4



Were you at Pulaski Polka Days this year? Were you there Thursday evening in the K-C building? If not, you missed a fantastic new band. You missed The Mix!! The band officially started practicing in March of 2022, with the first public appearance was for the Hoffa Park WI Picnic on Father's day of 2022. That day kicked off the start of the newest band in the Pulaski WI area. Don't forget the name - The Mix!



Henry Piczkowski Trumpet Miles Maroszek Trumpet Sax Vocals Andrew Perralilt Accordion Zack Brzeczowski Drums Vocals Nathan Wojkiewicz Concertina Scotty Smith Jr Bass Guitar Vocals

Thank you to everyone who came to celebrate our 60th wedding anniversary! A big thank you especially to Twin Cities Soundz - they sounded marvelous! Pat & Ted Eckman

And here is another great new band from the Pulaski WI area! This band is Zander's Music Raymakers. Zander Raymakers plays the concertina, his sister Helaina plays the keyboard, while their uncle Chris Staniec is on drums.



MN's own Christopher Ebel played his heart out in Pulaski this year. He played in his dad's band & filled in with The Beat, Polka Country Musicians & Polka Family. He was happy to get to Sunday as he played with only one band that day!

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

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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
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Sure hope you made it to the MPA Pot-Luck Picnic Bash! Sunday July 9. It was held at Aquatore Park under the new & fancy shelter. We are thinking this was the biggest picnic yet! Wonderful food, excellent music, lots of hugs & lots of laughter!! A huge thank you to Sentyrz Market in NE Minneapolis for the meat. Also to Dave Plamann - he sure helped with the root beer floats!

