

President's Message by Danny Fabeck

Hello everyone - So even though fall is my favorite time, it also brings the realization that it is the end of the summer fests for the year. Sad that I don't get to see my polka friends for 6 months, but I do have the February cruise with Polka Country to look forward to for a great winter break. For me the people are the best part of the travel to the fests. I only see many of you a few times a year & it's always great to catch up. But I do have a soft spot in my heart for all the musicians. Being one myself I appreciate all the work they go through - the traveling, the set ups & tear downs, staying in hotel rooms, sleeping in vans, eating fast food & changing in bathrooms. It really is true that a musician has \$5000 in gear & drives a beater car 10 hours to make \$50. Been there - done that! We are very lucky to have such dedicated & talented musicians providing the music we love so much.

I want to thank the MPA board members for all the work they do to keep our group functioning. Right now we have 9 people on the board - we need help! If anyone has any interest in joining the board, please let any board member know. Do you think you will be asked to be in leadership or to take on too much responsibility? I guarantee that will NOT happen. There are many easy jobs to & the best part is the friendship with the other board members & we do have a lot of fun!! Come join us!

In August we welcomed a new band to play. The Ipolka band from Owatonna MN has musicians that have played for a long time. Thank you to all who came to dance & enjoy that fantastic Tasty Pizza. In September the Jolly Zuks entertained us. What I love about them is they play all the great classics we can all sing. Great memories!

Coming up this month for the MPA Octoberfest we have something different. Sunday October 27 we will have two bands playing. Twin Cities Soundz & Zander's Music Raymakers from Pulaski WI will share the stage. Zander's band has not played for the MPA before & they are a new band on the rise. It will be exciting to hear these young musicians carrying on the polka tradition. Come & enjoy a whole afternoon of non-stop music!

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!

Are you wondering what is going on at the Star Club in Kettle River? Visit us on facebook Star Club Split Rock

Don't forget the MPA Octoberfest Dance Sunday October 27 1-5pm at Murzyn Hall. With Zander's Music Raymakers From Pulaski WI & Twin Cities Soundz From Hugo MN \$12 Admission

AN MPA "BEFORE THANKSGIVING" DANCE

Sunday Afternoon
November 17 - 2024
From 1-5 pm

Come Enjoy & Dance To THE MAIN SQUEEZE

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

Just \$10 Per Person

Get Ready For The Holidays With The MPA!

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

Doctor Kielbasa

Sunday Dec 15 - 1-5 pm

The Beautiful Murzyn Hall
530 Mill St NE

Columbia Hts

Admission Just \$10



🎁 Come 🎁 share a cupcake with the 🎂 December birthday dancers!

Membership Report by Pat Eckman

We are now beginning the daunting task of planning dances, dates & bands for 2025! So now let's welcome our new members - Diane Shea, Joan Sudheimer, Anna & Wayne Slepecky (board officers of the Cleveland Polka Association), Adam Bujanowski, & Janice Schaeffer. WOW!! 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 will also find those sheets 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 renewal - I just love it!!! Thank you so much!! WE ARE DANCING & WE ARE HAVING FUN!!

Pat Eckman

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OCTOBER

27 Sun **MPA DANCE OCTOBERFEST 1-5**

Murzyn Hall Columbia Hts

Alternating With Zander's Music Raymakers From Pulaski WI

NOVEMBER

3 Sunday Rookies Stevens Point WI 1-5

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Please check our website

The iPolka Band
See Us On Facebook

MPA 2024 Schedule

More info?

www.midwestpolkaassociation.com

****Sunday October 27 - A Fall Dance****

Two Bands! Murzyn Hall 7-11

Zander's Music Raymakers &

Twin Cities Soundz

****Sun Nov 17 - Before Thanksgiving Dance**

Main Squeeze Murzyn Hall 1-5

**** Sun December 15 - Ted's Birthday Dance****

Doctor Kielbasa - Murzyn Hall 1-5

The Jolly Zuks Band
www.jollyzuks.com

NOVEMBER

25 Monday Tour of Lights - Bentleyville Duluth MN

Doctor Kielbasa
www.doctorkielbasa.com

DECEMBER

15 Sunday **MPA DECEMBER BIRTHDAY DANCE 1-5**

Murzyn Hall - Columbia Hts MN

Come share the goodies for Ted's birthday plus any one with a December birthday!!

Chmielewski's Fun Time Band
www.funtimeband.com

NOVEMBER

3 Sunday Route 26 Bar & Grill Morrell MN 1-4

Live It Up!
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DECEMBER

15 Sunday Rookies Bar & Grill Stevens Point WI

Main Squeeze
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"Squeezy" Miller & Friends
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The Squires
www.squiresband.com

Please check our website

Rookies Bar & Grill
Stevens Point WI

SUNDAYS 1-5pm

NOV

- 3 Twin Cities Soundz
- 10 New Generations
- 17 Mroszek Brothers
- 24 TBA
- 31 TBA

DEC

- 1 Ultimate Polka Band
- 8 LIVEwire
- 15 Live It Up!
- 22 Cynor Classics
- 29 Polka Pak
- 31 New Polish Sounds

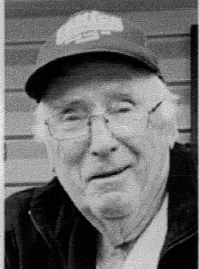
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- Call a board member for info or to share info!



The MPA sends love & sympathy to the family & friends of Alex Sak. Alex & his wife, Carol, have been long time members of the MPA & long time supporters of the Polish-style polka music. He is from Collinsville IL & was a long time grower of large & tasty tomatoes. We will miss him.

The MPA sends sympathy to Alvin Schleicher from Sturgeon Lake MN who passed away. He was the husband of long time MPA member Lenore Schleicher. Alvin loved his polka music.

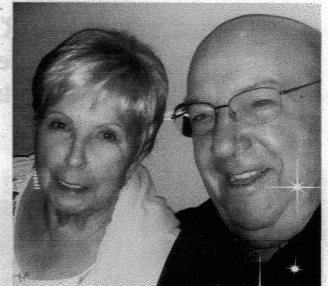


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**MYRNA
FILIPCZAK DIES**

Myrna Filipczak, wife of John Filipczak, died in early October 2024.



Before there was the Midwest Polka Association, we were a chapter of the United Polka Association out of Chicago IL. Before that Evans Benz had the Polish Connection Club in 1994. Evans put out his own newsletter &





when we became the UPA-TTC, he continued with the newsletter. Myrna took over doing the newsletter beginning with the September-October 1997 issue & continued until the November-December 2000 issue was done.

In December 1999, UPA-TTC President Barb Makowski presented a Special Recognition Award to Myrna at the Holi-Daze Dinner Dance for putting the newsletter together.

Myrna's birthday was in December, so she celebrated with Barb Makowski (Kuznia), Ted Eckman, Eloise Kimball, & Jimmy Granda at the December dances.



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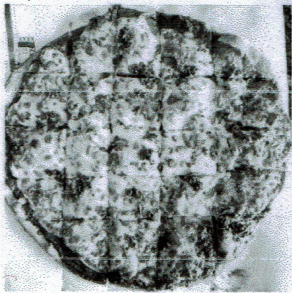




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We had a "PIZZA PARTY" on Sunday August 18 where we introduced a band from Owatonna MN called The iPolka Band. There was Lori Nissell Lachner on trumpet, fiddle & vocals, Brian Klouse on concertina, Kurt Raichle on bass & Brian Raichle on drums. Lots of dancers enjoyed the music & the pizza from Tasty Pizza 45th & Central NE was DELICIOUS!! And we are going to have another pizza party!! Stay tuned!



Then we enjoyed the great music of the Jolly Zuk Band from the Sturgeon Lake MN area on Sunday September 15. Both events were held at Murzyn Hall in Columbia Heights - what a grand place to hold our dances! The band members wore their Jolly Zuk t-shirts as did Pat & Ted Eckman. What a photo opportunity!!



Ted Eckman, Fred Axberg drums, Dale Zuk trumpet, Pat Eckman, Ben Zuk (Dale's son) accordian, Dennis Zuk concertina & Florian Chmielewski Jr trumpet

