

President's Message *by Danny Fabeck*

Happy holidays everyone! This is the time of year to think of everything that we are thankful for - the people we have in our lives, health, the roof over our heads, enough food for all. Everyone has hardships, no one is without them, we play the cards we are dealt. Let's all be grateful for what we have & not what we don't have. This is also the season for gathering. Families get together & share a meal or gifts. For some it might be the only time when everyone in the family is together. I wish you all peace, joy & happiness however you celebrate.

I am very grateful for all the support we get from all our members. Without you we would not be able to continue doing what we do to enjoy our most precious music.

On November 19 we had Main Squeeze play for us. I was traveling & not able to attend, but I heard from everyone how great it was. We had a good crowd even though it was just a few days before Thanksgiving. Thanks to all who attended & enjoyed the music.

This month we had music from Doctor Kielbasa. They always play for our Christmas dance. We had four dancers celebrating their birthdays so there were treats for everyone. It is always a shot in the dark having a dance in December. We are so dependent on the weather. Heaven knows we have cancelled a few December dances because of snowstorms. This year the weather really cooperated - not too cold & no snow. So we had a great crowd that enjoyed the afternoon music.

We have almost all the bands lined up for next year's schedule. See page 2 or check our web site - midwestpolkaassociation.com - which has been updated with what we know for sure. Some of the bands are penciled in - not yet finalized.

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!

A Late Valentine's Dance
Celebrate Romance With The MPA



Come Enjoy & Dance To
Craig Ebel's DyVersaCo

Sunday Feb 18 1-5pm



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



45th Annual
CONCERTINA
BOWL

Saturday January 27
at Blainbrook Bowl
12000 Central Ave
(Highway 65)

NOON - 11pm

Featured Entertainer Is
Ray Konkol From WI
(92 years young!)

Also Featuring The
Music Of Chicago's
Casey Siewierski Played

By Todd Jurek &
Craig Marsolek.

Door Prizes All Day!
Food & Bar Available

Adults - \$15

12 To 18 - \$5

Under 12 - Free

Celebrate

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



Sunday March 17 1-5pm

With the Music of
Live It Up!



Featuring The Music
of Li'l Wally

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

Admission - \$10 Per Person

Membership Report by Pat Eckman

We are almost finished with bands for the events for 2024. There may be a few new bands so stay tuned! Let's welcome our new members - Joe Adamczak, Cheryl Peterson, Vickie Redington, Veryl Zellmer, Gibson Batch, Deb & Dave Entner, & Kristine Salzer. THANK YOU!!

JANUARY-FEBRUARY RENEWALS

Members who need to renew for the months of January & February 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! 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
www.itspolkatime.com

FEBRUARY

18 Sunday MPA After Valentine's Dance 1-5
Murzyn Hall Columbia Hts MN

Live It Up!
See Us On Facebook

JANUARY

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

The MPA sends sympathy to the family & friends of long time MPA member Ed Berthiaume who died mid-November at the age of 96. Ed & his wife Shirley, who died in 2015, were avid polka dancers They never missed a Sunday afternoon at Mayslacks.



The MPA sends sympathy to the family & friends of MPA member & great bass player Tom Urbanski, whose mother Joan passed away at the beginning of November at age 92.



The MPA sends sympathy to the family of MPA member Wally Stanczyk, whose wife Alvina died in October at age 94. Wally was the drummer for Duane Burclaw & The Golden Aces Band. They played all over WI in the 70s, 80s & 90s.

MPA 2024 Tentative Schedule

More info?

www.midwestpolkaassociation.com

- **Sunday February 18 - Valentines Dance**
DyVersaCo - Murzyn Hall 1-5
- ** Sunday March 17 - St Paddy's Dance**
Live It Up! - Murzyn Hall 1-5
- **Sunday April 28 - After Easter Dance 1-5**
Steve Burclaw's New Polish Brass Murzyn
- **Sun June 9 - Pat & Ted's 61st Anniversary**
Twin Cities Soundz - Murzyn Hall 1-5
- **Sunday July 14 - Pot-Luck Picnic Bash!**
Jam Session - Aquatore Park Noon-??
- **Sunday August 18 - Pizza Party Dance!**
TBA Murzyn Hall 1-5
- **Sun September 15 - Late Summer Dance**
Jolly Zuks Murzyn Hall 1-5
- **Friday October 25 - A Fall Dance**
TBA Murzyn Hall 7-11
- **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

Chmielewski's Fun Time Band
www.funtimeband.com

Please check our website

The Jolly Zuks Band
www.jollyzuks.com

DECEMBER

16 Saturday Corral Bar Willow River MN 7-11

JANUARY

13 Saturday Corral Bar Willow River MN 7-11

Twin Cities Soundz
TCSmrozinski@gmail.com

FEBRUARY

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

Main Squeeze
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The Squires
www.squiresband.com

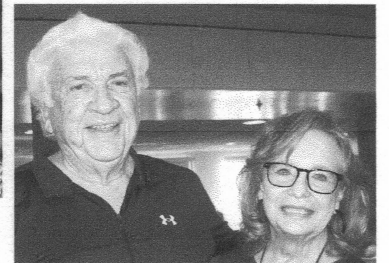
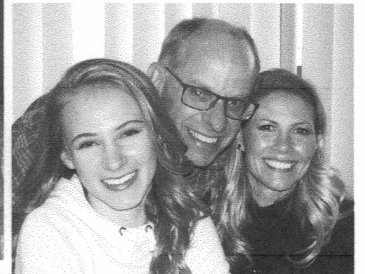
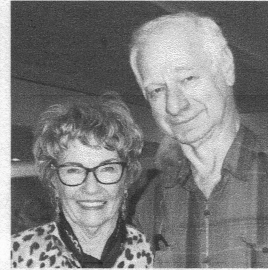
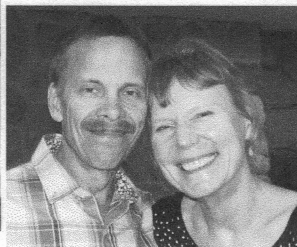
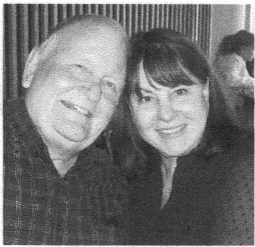
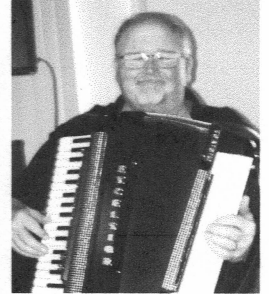
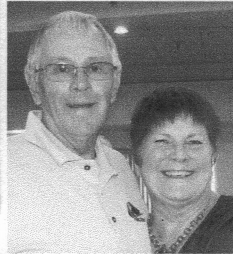
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Rookies Bar & Grill
Stevens Point WI

SUNDAYS 1-5pm

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| <u>DECEMBER</u> | <u>FEBRUARY</u> |
| 17 Cynor Classics | 4 TNT |
| 31 New Polish Brass | 11 Twin Cities Soundz |
| <u>JANUARY</u> | 18 |
| 7 Polka Access | 25 |
| 14 Live It Up! | |
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| 28 Ultimate Polka Band | |

Sure hope you were at Murzyn Hall Sunday November 19 to listen to & dance to the great music of Main Squeeze. It was a perfect afternoon outside & inside!! Happy birthday Peter Mrozinski!!



POLKAMOJO
Casimir Pulaski Days - Pulaski WI
Fri March 8 - Saturday March 9
More Info Next Newsletter

"Travel To Poland"
john@johngora.com
905-902-1345

The Blazonczyk Family
Invites You To Poland
July 24-Aug 5 2024
belaire7208@aol.com

Eddie Biegaj is the "Bad Boy" on
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Noon To 1 EST.
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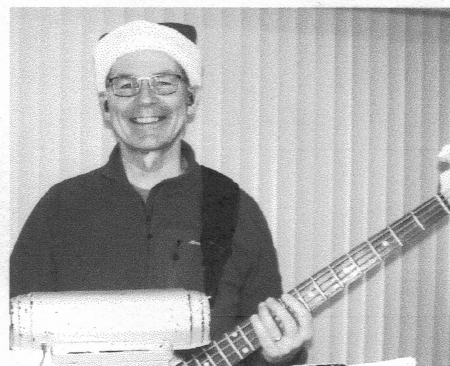
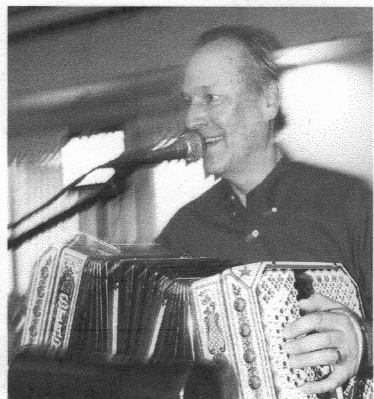
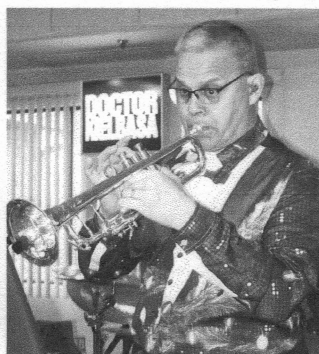
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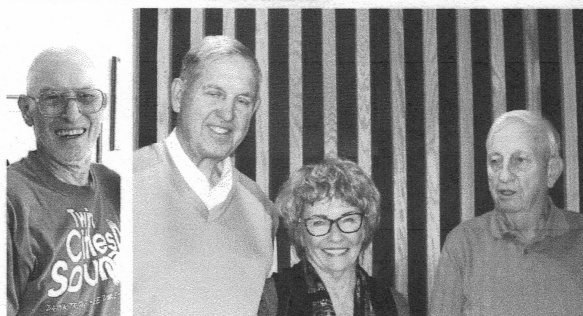
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DON WAYERSKI - Y 106.5
Saturday Morning Polka Party
7am - 10am
E-mail polka@y1065.com

What a fantastic afternoon dance! Doctor Kielbasa played for the December birthday dancers - Ted Eckman, Nancy Arbeiter, Greg Zebro & Ben Schatz on Sunday the 3rd. Lots of polkas & waltzes - lots of new people enjoying the music. Plus goodies for everyone!!!



the best Christmas sweater in the house!



Ted Eckman GregZebro Nancy Arbeiter Ben Schatz the December "birthday people"

