

President's Message by Danny Fabeck

Let the sun shine in - shake hands with your neighbor...That's our mantra these days. Hope you all are enjoying being outside. Nice to see Mr Sun again - so get out & soak up some rays.

We went to the Wi Dells polka fest over Mother's Day weekend. Patrick Henry did a wonderful job again putting this all together. Lots of top notch bands & I got to catch up with a lot of polka friends that I've not seen in months.. That is one of the things I enjoy most about the festival season. We get a chance to travel to quite a few polka fests & see old friends again. The Dells is nice as it is close enough to drive to - the same with Pulaski. Next week we will be hopping over

to CT & Ocean Beach Park polka fest put on by Polka Country Musicians. I'm sure I will see many east coast people I only see out east. Richie & the boys (& a multitude of them) always put on a great time. Simply can't wait!

The MPA board has been trying to come up with ideas to draw more people to our dances. Some have suggested 50/50's & basket raffles, but in MN you need a gambling license & we do not have one. The next dance is a PIZZA PARTY! Everyone pay a little more to get in & you get the pizza we bring in. Such a deal!! Other ideas anyone - let us know.

For our April dance we had Steve Burclaw & New Polish Sounds from WI. First time they played for the MPA & put on a great show with excellent music & vocals. We had a very good crowd who enjoyed themselves. For sure we will have them back. This month we had Twin Cities Sounds for our June dance. We celebrated Pat & Ted's 61st anniversary & the 50th anniversary of Sharon & Bob Sibinski & had another great crowd with the outstanding entertainment. We always enjoy having all the Mrozinskis with us.

Coming up Sunday July 14 we will have our annual pot-luck picnic in Aquatore Park in Blaine. That's always a great bash with plenty of food to eat. It's all FREE - just bring a dish to share. Doesn't have to be fancy. The MPA provides polish sausage & weiners & of course the famous root beer floats. And don't forget - the PIZZA PARTY Sunday August 14 with The ipolka Band from New Ulm.

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!

WE ARE HAVING A PIZZA PARTY!!

Sunday August 18 2024

Murzyn Hall 530 Mill St NE

Columbia Heights MN 55421



WE ARE ALSO INTRODUCING A BAND FROM THE NEW ULM MN AREA

Come Listen To & Dance To

The ipolka Band

ONLY \$15 PER PERSON

For A Fun Afternoon With Dancing
& Enjoying The Pizza Party!!!!!!

YES!!

We are dancing at the fair once again! The day is Monday August 26 at 10am, 11am & 12 noon on the stage outside the Education building.. See you all there!!

SACRED HEART POLISH FEST

22ND AVE & 5TH ST NE
SATURDAY JULY 13 1-5

MUSIC BY
CONCERTINA POWER
(ART OHOTTO & DAVE SOWADA)

The MPA Pot-Luck Picnic Bash

Free to MPA Members & Guests
Sunday July 14 Noon - ???

A Huge Jam Session
Musicians Bring Your Instruments!

The Pot-Luck Picnic Bash will be at Aquatore Park located at Clover Leaf Pkwy & Ulysses St in Blaine. We will be at the east pavillion this year. See you there!!!

Come join us for a free fun-filled afternoon for families, children & grandchildren. Bring a dish to share and the MPA will provide brats and, of course, the traditional root beer floats! Everyone loves home cooking, so show off your cooking talent!

Don't forget your lawn chairs!

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 - Marcene Rachel, Phil Entner, Joann Maniak, Dennis Wojkiewicz, Ken Treptow, Marv Haayisto, Matt Lewandowski, John Gdula, Joe Maroszek, Marc Aufberneide, Barb Tosland, & Tricia Tarlavski-Kirk. WOW!! THANK YOU!!

JULY-AUGUST RENEWALS

Members who need to renew for the months of March & April 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

Doctor Kielbasa
www.doctorkielbasa.com

AUGUST

16 Fri Kramarczuk's Kielbasa Fest NE Mpls
26-27 Mon-Tue MN State Fair

The iPolka Band
See Us On Facebook

JULY

14 Sun Waseca Co Fair 11-1
25 Thur Blue Earth Co Fair 1-3

AUGUST

15 Thur Steele Co Fair Owatonna MN 2-4
18 Sun PIZZA PARTY MPA DANCE 1-5
Murzyn Hall Columbia Hts

MPA 2024 Schedule

More info?

www.midwestpolkaassociation.com

- **Sunday July 14 - Pot-Luck Picnic Bash!
Jam Session - Aquatore Park Noon-??
**Sunday August 18 - Pizza Party Dance!
The IBand 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

Twin Cities Soundz
TCSmrozinski@gmail.com

AUGUST

- 18 Sun Sacred Heart Church Fest Custer WI Noon-7
Alternating With The Cynor Classics Band
31 Sat Muskegon MI Polish Fest All Day

Chmielewski's Fun Time Band
www.funtimeband.com

JULY

27 Sat Hoyt Lakes MN Water Carnival 2-5

AUGUST

- 2 Fri Pie Day Braham MN 1-2
3 Sat Vintage Pub Music Fest Askov MN 4-5
10 Sat Quarry Days Sandstone MN 11:30-1:30

The Jolly Zuks Band
www.jollyzuks.com

JULY

- 12 Fri Catfish Days Floodwood MN Event Center 6-9
20 Sat Larson's Barn McGregor MN 3-7

AUGUST

4 Sun Pine Co Fair Pine City MN 2-6

The Squires
www.squiresband.com

JULY

26 & 28 Fri & Sun Little Log House Hastings Noon-4

AUGUST

- 4 Sun LaDuc Mansion Hastings MN 6-8
6 Tue Tom & Barb's Condo

Craig Ebel & DyVersaCo
www.itspolkatime.com

JULY

19 Fri Pulaski WI Polka Days Alternating

AUGUST

8 Thur Frankenmuth MI Summer Fest TBA

"Squeezy" Miller & Friends
See Us On Facebook

Main Squeeze
See Us On Facebook

Live It Up!
See Us On Facebook

St Therese August Fest

Sat-Sun Aug 10-11
113 W Kort St
Rothschild WI

Includes Music, Dinner,
All Kinds of Games
& Polish Food

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Whether you knew her as Chris Bossany or Christina Kopras Bossany Brunko, she was a very lovely lady. She always had a smile & was always ready to hug. Chris was a staple at Mayslack's Polka Lounge every Sunday afternoon. We send sympathy to her friends & family.



We are sorry to report the death of Wanda Stolrek in April. She had just celebrated her 103rd birthday in December. She was the mother of MPA member Tom Stolarek.

We send sympathy to friends & family of MPA member James Magdziarz who died in January 2024. He enjoyed being out doors & attending polka dances.

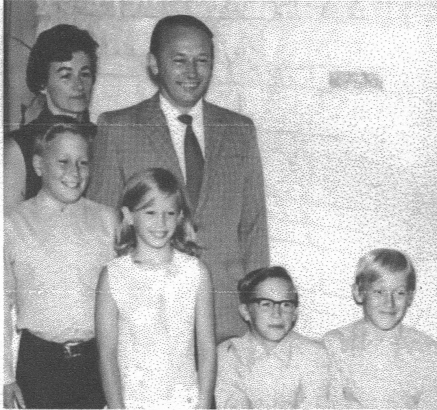


We send sympathy to friends & family of Floyd Kimball who passed away in November of 2023. He was the husband of MPA member of Eloise Kimball.



FLORIAN CHMELEWSKI DIES AT AGE 97

And so we lose another polka music legend as we say good-bye to Florian Chmielewski who died in April 2024 at the ripe old age of 97! He was one of 15 children & they lived on a dairy farm. Florian said many times he didn't want to be a dairy farmer so when his brother Chester gave him an accordion he knew music was to be his life. Florian was a former MN state legislator & he put on The Chmielewski Funtime television show out of Duluth MN for 30 years. When faced with the loss of his wife, Pat, in 2003 and later with the deaths of 2 sons, Jeff & Mark, he stayed positive & kept a smile on his face. We will miss him more than we can say.



Frankenmuth MI Music Fest

Tues-Wed August 6-10

Squeezebox

Thur-St August 8-10

DyVersaCo Polka Confetti

New Brass Express Polka

Family

Polka Country Musicians

Blue Magic Lenny Gomulka

Tony Blazonczyk's New Phaze

7 Springs Polka Fest

Champion PA

Wed-Sat July 3-6

The Nu-Tones Polka Family

Jody Maddie's Uptown Sound

DVSTA John Gora & Gorale

Darrell Weltin's New Brass Express

DynaBrass The Beat

Lenny Gomulka Blue Magic

Tony Blazonczyk's New Phaze

Eddie Biegaj & Crusade

www.polkafireworks.com

Pulaski WI Polka Days

Thur-Sun July 18-21

Picnic Grounds - 2 Tents

Chad Przybylski LIVEwire

New Generations Maroszek Brothers

TNT DyVersaCo DynaBrass

Polish Connection Lenny Gomulka

Polka Country Musicians The Beat

New Polis Sounds Polka Family

Tony Blazonczyk's New Phase

Confetti/ Stephanie

KC Building on the Grounds

NuTymes The Mix

Steve Meisner Legacy Band

Dave Duesher Musical Brass

World Concertina Congress Jam

Music Connection

Goodtime Dutchmen

Zander's Music RayMakers

www.pulaskipolka days.com

IPA Festival & Convention

Doubletree Hotel -

Cranberry Twp PA

Fri-Sun Aug 30 - Sept 1

Lenny Gomulka The Beat TNT

IPA Tribute Band Crusade

Klancnik & Friends Blue Magic

Maroszek Brohers Polka Family

EZ Tones Zolka's Polkaand

Special Delivery The Kosmix

www.ipapolkas.com

Polkamotion by the Ocean

Rehoboth Beach DE

Wed-Sat Oct 2-5

The Beat Polka Country

Polka Family Blue Magic

Maestro's Men Eddie Forman

The Burgh Boys

www.bpolkamotion.com

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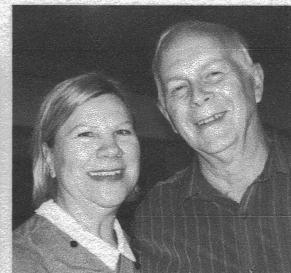
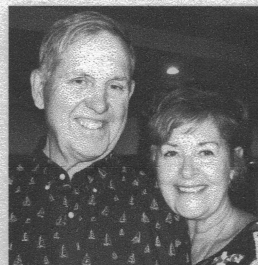
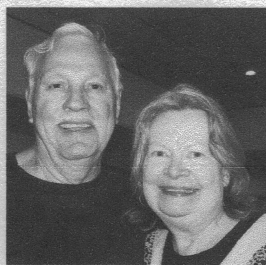
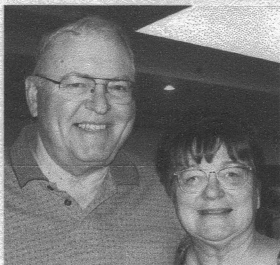
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Dan Lamatsch, MPA Member

Steve Burclaw's

New Polish Sounds

The MPA welcomed a new band to MN Sunday April 28. Steve Burclaw's New Polish Sounds gave us an afternoon of great music. Many dancers suggested the band come back to play next year.



And then we had a dance to celebrate Pat & Ted's 61st anniversary along with Sharon & Bob Sibinski who celebrated their 50th anniversary. The two couples invited Twin Cities Soundz to play Sunday June 9. What a party!! Lots of nummy goodies & fantastic music. All in all - a wonderful afternoon!!

