



President's Message by Danny Fabeck

The middle of winter! Up here in the north woods - no snow & decent temps! For some people it's a big UGH while others enjoy the snow & cold. For the former this winter has been pretty nice. For the latter - a big disappointment not being able to enjoy winter activities. Now I am kind of a centrist - I enjoy the change in seasons but not a lot of snow & very cold temps. Maybe it is a sign of getting older (cuz I'm not old yet!) Now when it snows I worry more about where to put it - not so much how I'm going to enjoy it!

Our Christmas dance was a lot of fun. Doctor Kielbasa played for us & we had a great turnout. Thanks to all who came. Sure helps when the weather is mild! And we had treats to celebrate some December birthdays.

We intentionally don't schedule a January dance because of the holidays & unpredictable winter weather. This month, February, we featured Craig Ebel's DyVersaCo. We had valentines heart candy to welcome the dancers. And they showed up! Thanks for coming.

In March we will have Live It Up! to play for our St Paddies Day dance, featuring the music of Li'l Wally. Be sure to be "wearin' of the green!"

We welcome a new band to MN & first time playing for the MPA for our April dance. Steve Burclaw's New Polish Sounds from WI will entertain us all afternoon. We still have one dance to schedule - otherwise we are set to dance!

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!

**Come & Welcome A New
Band Playing For The MPA!!
Steve Burclaw's
New Polish Sounds From WI**



Sunday April 28 1-5 pm
Murzyn Hall 530 Mill St
Columbia Hts MN 55421

**Just \$12 For A Wonderful
Afternoon of Great Music
See You All There!!**



Wanda Stolarek, Tom Stolarek's mom celebrated her birthday in December 2023. She is 103 years young! Happy birthday & congratulations to Wanda Stolarek!

Wi Dells Polka Fest!
Fri-Sun May 10-12 2024
Chula Vista Resort
See The Flyer In Your Envelopes

**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

Info on either dance call 651-433-2173

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 - Joyce Hennes, Christopher Ebel, Marlene Miller, Julie & Randy Taylor, Chris Tank, Carly Irwin, Buzz Arndt, Brian Klouse, & Terry Nagel. And welcome back to Dale Genadek, Bernard Zuk, Michael Retka, Kirstie Walheim, & Ron Meyer **THANK YOU!!**

MARCH-APRIL 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

Craig Ebel & DyVersaCo
www.itspolkatime.com

APRIL

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

"Squeezy" Wes Miller & Friends
See Us On Facebook

APRIL

5 Friday East Bethel Community Center 1-4

Doctor Kielbasa
www.doctorkielbasa.com

Please check our website

MPA 2024 Tentative Schedule

More info?

www.midwestpolkaassociation.com

** Sunday March 17 - St Paddy's Dance**

Live It Up! - Murzyn Hall 1-5

Sunday April 28 - After Easter Dance

Steve Burclaw's New Polish Sounds

Murzyn Hall 1-5

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

Live It Up!

See Us On Facebook

MARCH

17 Sunday **MPA St Paddy's Day Dance** 1-5

Murzyn Hall - Columbia Heights

23 Saturday Come celebrate Bobby Z's 70 birthday! 7-11

Polish Home Belvedere Hall Papillion Nebraska

Polish Food Available For Purchase

APRIL

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

The Jolly Zuks Band
www.jollyzuks.com

APRIL

27 Saturday Aurora MN Legion

Chmielewski's Fun Time Band
www.funtimeband.com

Please check our website

Twin Cities Soundz
TCSmrozinski@gmail.com

Please check our website

The Squires
www.squiresband.com

Please check our website

Rookies Bar & Grill
Stevens Point WI

SUNDAYS 1-5pm

MARCH

3 New Polish Sounds

10 Cynor Classics

17 LIVEwire

24 Ultimate Polka Band

31 Easter - No Music

APRIL

7 Live It Up!

14 New Generations

21 DyVersaCo

28 Squeeze Box

The MPA sends sympathy to the family of MPA member Casey Niescior from New Berlin WI who died in December of 2023. Casey loved the Polish polka music & along with his family went to many dances & fests. He will be remembered as an instigator of fun & shenanigans!!

The MPA sends sympathy to the family of MPA member Wally Stanczyk, who died in January at age 92. Wally was the drummer for Duane Burclaw & The Golden Aces Band. They played all over WI in the 70s, 80s & 90s.

The MPA sends sympathy to the family & friends of MPA member Allan Warzecha who died in October of 2023. He & his wife Donna, who died in May of 2021, loved old time music & were both long time members of the MPA.

The MPA sends sympathy to friends & families of two MPA members. The first is John Furmaniak of Chicago IL who died in January of 2022. The second is Wayne Dudeck of Rolling Prairie IN, who died in November of 2022.

Another Koledy was held Sunday January 7 at St Isadore's Church in Sturgeon Lake. Up to 12 musicians put on a fantastic show for many dancers & listeners. Koledy means carols in Polish - lots of those plus many Christmas polkas. And a great time was had by all!!



HOLY TOLEDO POLKA DAYS - Holiday Inn 27355 Carronade Blvd - Perrysburg OH

Thursday-Sunday April 11-14 2024

<p>Thursday 6/5 Distilling 120 W. South Boundary St Perrysburg OH</p>	<p>Friday & Saturday Holiday Inn Ballroom DynaBrass - Lenny Gomulka - Seven Polka Country - PolkaMojo - Polka Network</p>	<p>Sunday Con-Weissenberger Hall 15 2020 W Alexis Rd Toledo Lenny Gomulka</p>
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POLKAMOJO

Casimir Pulaski Days - Pulaski WI
Fri March 8 - Polka Jam Session 2-6
Jen's Knaughty Pine W1539 Co Rd S
Fri March 8 - The Natural Talent 7-11
Mountain Bay Bar & Grill 104 Wis. St
Sat March 9 - Concertina Swap Meet
& Instrument Auction 3-5
Zander's Music Raymakers 6-7
Polka Mojo 7-11 - \$20 Admission
Scolly's Hometown 149 Pulaski St
 casimirpulaskidays.com

Majowka May Day Celebration - Sat May 4

Holy Name Catholic Church - Duluth MN
 Social Hour - Dinner - Dance (Dr Kielbasa)
 Advance Tickets Only - More Info?
 Mark Dobosenski - 218-727-2697

FRAZEE MN POLKA FEST

Saturday April 20 - 2024
 Two Bands Alternating From 1-7pm
 Leon Olsen Band & Gary's Ridgeland Dutchmen
 Admission - \$20 (18 & Under Free)
 Food & Beverages Available
 Frazee Event Center - 114 Lake St Frazee MN 56544
 Your Hosts - Dennis & Bev Wright 218-841-4248
 Lila & Ken Kalish 612-8195822

The Maroszek Bros 50 Years Plus!

Appreciation Night Saturday April 6
 Scolly's Hometown Pub - Pulaski WI
 6pm - ????? Free Admission
 Guest Appearances - New Generations,
 TNT, LIVEwire, The Mix,
 Polish Sweethearts, & Polka Horizons

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 Invites You To Poland
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 belaire7208@aol.com

Art Ohotto celebrated his 45th concertina bowl Saturday January 27 at the Blainbrook Bowl in Blaine MN. Lots of MPA members took their turns playing in these huge jam sessions!!

45TH ANNUAL CONCERTINA BOWL

Saturday, January 27th

