



President's Message *by Danny Fabeck*

Happy spring everyone! It's a great time of the year with the snow gone & the birds all singing - at least around here. It's also the time when we all get excited about the summer polka festivals. We have had outstanding times this winter with the bands that played for us. Great music & great crowds! With the bands we had, there is a tremendous amount of experience that we had to entertain us. Some of the musicians have played since they were young while some are relatively new. It all combines to give us unbeatable listening experiences. I truly appreciate their effort in developing their craft.

We as the MPA board are continuing to work hard to bring in the best possible music to be found. And I appreciate all of you who have offered suggestions for bands & ideas for dances. In February Kim & I (& even Anna & Slepecky from the CPA) went on The Polka Cruise that Wally & Maryrose ran. That was the most wonderful cruise I have ever been on. Lots of polka people to catch up with (185). It was the final appearance of The Boys - so sorry to see them end but boy did they go out in style!

After the cruise we had a dance with Craig Ebel & DyVersaCo. They added members & have a new play list & WOW were they great! Then in March we were entertained by Live It Up! - Minnesota's own Lil Wally tribute band. I just love that honky music! They do a great job & have put a lot of effort into duplicating the sound of the Original Polka King.

Coming up Sunday April 28 we are welcoming a new band to the MPA - Steve Burclaw's New Polish Sounds from WI - at Murzyn Hall. I am so looking forward to their music. Lots more coming! Twin Cities Soundz in June & then the great MPA Annual Pot-Luck Picnic Bash!

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**



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

Just \$12 For Some Great
Music With A New Band

Info on either dance call 651-433-2173

A FREE DANCE
To Celebrate Kevin & Brooke
Neuman's Anniversary!
Sunday June 23 1-5pm
Elmwood WI Auditorium
323 W Winter Ave
Featuring The Music
Connection
From Wausau WI

Majowka May Day Celebration
Saturday May 4
Holy Name Catholic Church -
Duluth
Social Hour - Dinner
Dance - Dr Kielbasa
Advance Tickets Only - \$ 35
Mark Dobosenski 620 N 22nd
Ave W Duluth MN 55806
218-727-2697

HAPPY 80TH BIRTHDAY TO
MARLIN SACHS ON MAY 18!!!

THEY'RE BACK!
ROBYN & PETER
MROZINSKI'S
TWIN CITIES SOUNDZ
Playing For
Pat & Ted's 61st
Wedding Anniversary

Sunday June 9 1-5 pm
Murzyn Hall 530 Mill St
Columbia Hts MN 55421

Just \$10 For A Wonderful
Afternoon of Great Music
With Goodies
See You All There!!

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 - Mark Rawlings, Carolyn & John Baras, Joe Krautbauer, Cathy Kaiser, Donovan Greene, & welcome back to Katie Greene Schultz **THANK YOU!!**

MAY-JUNE 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

The Jolly Zuks Band
www.jollyzuks.com

JUNE

16 Sunday Milwaukee WI Polish Fest 4-7

Please check our website

"Squeezy" Wes Miller & Friends
See Us On Facebook

The iPolka Band
See Us On Facebook

MAY

17 Friday Forest Lake MN Legion 1-4

We send sympathy to friends & family of long-time MPA member Ron Schmitz, who died accidently in November of 2022. Ron & his wife Diane, who is also a member of the MPA, loved taking their entire family to enjoy the fun at Pulaski Polka Days in July.

We send sympathy to friends & family of Bonnie Schminski Hall of Floodwood MN. Bonnie passed away at the end of March of this year. She loved the Polish polka music!!

MPA 2024 Tentative Schedule

More info?

www.midwestpolkaassociation.com

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

Twin Cities Soundz
TCSmrozinski@gmail.com

MAY

10 Fri WI Dells Polka Fest Alternating 5:30

11 Sat WI Dells Polka Fest Alternating 1pm

JUNE

9 Sun **MPA Dance Pat & Ted's 61st Anniversary**

Murzyn Hall Columbia Hts MN 1-5

Chmielewski's Fun Time Band
www.funband.com

JUNE

21 Fri MN Street Rod Assn MN Fairgrounds 3:30-5:30

The Squires
www.squiresband.com

JUNE

1 Sat Omni Brewery Kolschfest Noon-2

7 Fri Hankinson ND Music Fest 6-10

Live It Up!
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Main Squeeze
See Us On Facebook

Doctor Kielbasa
www.doctorkielbasa.com

Please check our website

Rookies Bar & Grill
Stevens Point WI

SUNDAYS 1-5pm

MAY

3 New Polish Sounds

10 Cynor Classics

17 LIVEwire

24 Ultimate Polka Band

31 Easter - No Music

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Keep this page handy to check on your favorite polka fest. The information here has come from the web sites in each of the boxes. Please use them to check out any changes in the bands!

USPA Festival & Convention

Crowne Plaza Hotel
7230 Engle Rd
Middleburg Hts OH

Jack Beachley's Jam Band
NuTones Maestro's Men
DynaBrass Eddie Biegaj's Crusade
Jody Maddie's Uptown Sound
New Generation Blue Magic
The Beat John Gora
TNT Polka Country
Polka Family
www.uspapolkas.com

Birnamwood WI Polka Days

Fri-Sun June 14-16

New Generation TNT
Music Connection
Zanders Music RayMakers
AJ & The Gang
Polish Connection
Steve Burclaw's
New Polish Sounds
Polkatown Sound Reunion

More Info? 715-253-3277
715-449-2226

Hankinson ND Music Fest

Historic Downtown Hankinson
Fri-Sat June 7-8

Leon Olsen Show The Squires
Matt Hodek Blind Joe
More Info? 701-899-3087

www.hankinsonnd.com/polkafest.html

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

Milwaukee WI Polish Fest

Summerfest Grounds
Fri-Sat June 14-16

The Mix IPA Tribute Band
Polka Country John Gora
Tony Blazonczyk & New Phaze
Polka Family DynaBrass
DyVersaCo New Generation
Seven Keith Strass & Confetti
www.polishfest.org

Ocean Beach Park Polka Days

New London Connecticut
Wed-Sat June 19-22

Polka Country DynaBrass
NuTones Matt's All Stars
Polka Family The Beat
LIVEwire Blue Magic
Eddie Forman Maestro's Men

www.polkacountry.com

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

www.frankenmuthfestivals.com

Willard 46th Polka Fest

Willard WI Comm. Center
Fri-Sun June 14-16

Richie Yurkovich & Polkarioty
Leon Olsen Show Zweifel Brothers
Gary's Ridgeland Dutchmen
Keith Gennerman Band

Donna Kirn - 715-267-6639

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

wwwbpolkamotion.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
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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 Phaze
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



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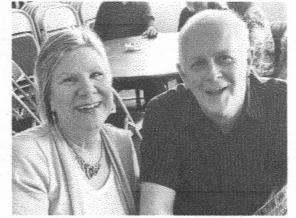
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Dan Lamatsch, MPA Member



Sure hope you made it to Murzyn Hall Sunday Feb 18 to enjoy the great music from DyVersaCo. They reorganized the band & churned out some super brand new songs!



And did you make it back to Murzyn Hall Sunday March 17? Live It Up! played for our St Paddy's Day "Wearin' of the Green" Dance & a smashing grand time it was!

