



**President's Message** by *Danny Fabeck*

It's been a busy summer. Even though the weather has not always cooperated, we always make the best of it. Then I realized it's all going by way too fast. Another month or so & we will be talking about fall. Made some trips this summer that were a lot of fun. We managed to go to Cleveland for USPA. It was a new venue & it worked out great. The bands were wonderful & we saw lots of old friends. We went to CT for Ocean Beach & that was a blast as always. Of course, you can't beat the venue - right on the ocean. What a great job Richie & Wally & all the volunteers do putting the festival on. Just recently we went to Pulaski Polka Days. That was as great as it has always been. And this year the weather cooperated. Sunny - no rain,

no tornadoes & not too hot. It hasn't been that way for a few years. Polka Family blew everyone away with all their energy - but they always do that in Pulaski. People in WI love them. So many other fabulous bands there as well. I don't think you can find a festival with so many top notch bands all together on one weekend. It is a real thrill to attend & be entertained with such great talent - just one great band after another!

In July the MPA held our Annual Pot-Luck Picnic Bash! Craig & Christopher Ebel anchored the jam session. Many thanks to all the musicians that joined in & made this a very fun day. We had so much great food to share with everyone & we had a great crowd. We all appreciated the feast what a great time!

On Sunday August 18 we had a new band play for the first time for the MPA. The iPolka band from Owatonna MN entertained us. During a break we had our pizza party - excellent pizza! Lots of people suggested we have another pizza party! We all left full of joy from the music & a full belly of pizza.

On Sunday September 15 we welcome back to the stage The Jolly Zuk Brothers from Sturgeon Lake MN. They always give us a lot of great music & colorful chatter!! Should be fun!

On Sunday October 27 we are having two bands. We are bringing Zander's Music Raymakers from Pulaski WI to alternate with Twin Cities Soundz. That should be a fabulous afternoon of music. See you all at these dances.

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!

**DANCE! DANCE! DANCE!**

**Sunday Afternoon**  
**September 15**

**1-5pm**

**Jolly Zuk Brothers**

**At Beautiful Murzyn Hall**  
**530 Mill St NE**  
**Columbia Hts**

**Just \$10 Per Person**

**MPA Octoberfest**

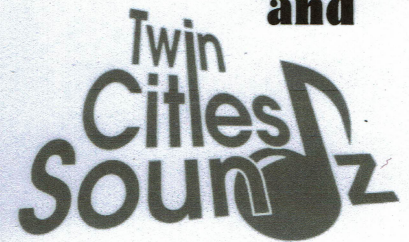
Featuring

**Zander's Music Raymakers**

From

**Pulaski, WI**

and



**October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**1:00 pm - 5:00 pm**

**John P Murzyn Hall**

**530 Mill St NE Columbia Hts**

Zander (age 12) and Helaina (age 11) Raymakers are taking the band on the road and heading to Minneapolis! Don't miss this talented group of musicians. Both on the stage and on the dance floor, these kids are a crowd favorite wherever they go!

**Come support our youth in polka music!**

**All This Music & Fun, Fun, Fun For**  
**Just \$12 Per Person!**

**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!!

## Membership Report by Pat Eckman

We have finally finished with bands for the events for 2024! So let's welcome our new members - Devon Sheak, Darrell Weltin, Jim Douglas, Paulette Brooks, Theresa Grygelko, Elizabeth Grygrlko, Pat Larson, Annett Staples, Jake Jakus, & Mike Szemborski. WOW!! THANK YOU!!

### SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER RENEWALS

Members who need to renew for the months of September & October 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

Chmielewski's Fun Time Band  
www.funtimeband.com

Doctor Kielbasa  
www.doctorkielbasa.com

### AUGUST

26&27 Mon-Tues International Bazaar Stage 10:30-2  
MN State Fair

### SEPTEMBER

21 Sat Oktoberfest Party LTD Brewing Hopkins MN 7-10  
27 Fri Fulton Brewing Oktoberfest Robbinsdale MN 8-10

### OCTOBER

5 Sat Geifest at Nouvelle Brewery Robbinsdale MN

Twin Cities Soundz  
tcs.mrozinski@gmail.com  
www.twincitiessoundz.com

### SEPTEMBER

21 Sat Broken Clock Brewery Oktoberfest Minneapolis MN 2-4  
28 Sat Bluff View Brewery Oktoberfest Elba MN 2-6

### OCTOBER

5 Sat 1st Annual Chris & Doctoberfest El Riad Shrine  
Sioux Falls SD 3 Bands  
27 Sun MPA DANCE Murzyn Hall Columbia Hts 1-5  
Alternating With Zander's Music Raymakers From Pulaski WI

The iPolka Band  
See Us On Facebook

### SEPTEMBER

20-21 Fri-Sat Mineral Springs Brewery Oktoberfest  
Owatonna MN 5:30-9:30

### OCTOBER

11 Fri New Ulm Oktoberfest Best Western Plus 8-Midnight  
13 Sun Pla-Mór Ballroom Glencoe MN 1:30-5:30



The MPA sends sympathy to friends & family of long-time MPA member Gary Polaczyk, who passed away in August of 2023. According to his son, Joe, Gary "loved his polka music & playing his accordian."

## MPA 2024 Schedule

More info?

www.midwestpolkaassociation.com

\*\*Sun September 15 - Late Summer Dance\*\*

Jolly Zuks Murzyn Hall 1-5

\*\*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

Craig Ebel & DyVersaCo  
www.itspolkatime.com

### SEPTEMBER

1 Sunday 76th Annual Weyerhaeser WI Booster Days  
Community Pavillion 2:30-6:30

15 Sun Holy Cross Church Septemberfest NE Mpls 11-2:30

### OCTOBER

6 Sunday 47th Annual Rivertown Fall Art Fest 2-5  
Lowell Park Stillwater MN

20 Sunday Rookies Sports Pub Stevens Point WI 1-5

The Jolly Zuks Band  
www.jollyzuks.com

### SEPTEMBER

14 Sat 4th Annual Oktoberfest Sawyer Co Fairgrounds  
Hayward WI Alternating 12-7

15 Sun Late Summer MPA DANCE 1-5  
Murzyn Hall Columbia Hts MN

29 Sun Community Center Jump River WI 12-4

### OCTOBER

5 Sat Oktoberfest Sandstone MN 1-5

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### SEPTEMBER

15 Sunday Dozynki Harvest Festival Alternating 11-5  
Moose Family Center Stevens Point WI

### OCTOBER

13 Sunday Royalty West Banquets Willow Springs IL 1-5

The Squires  
www.squiresband.com

### SEPTEMBER

14 Sat Omni Brewing 12-2

14 Jeff & Tara's Awesome Oktoberfest Elba MN 5-9

20-21 Fri - Sat Waldmann Brewery Oktoberfest 7:30-9:30

28 Sat Hankinson ND Oktoberfest 1-7 Alternating

### OCTOBER

5 Sat Tom Ryan Park Blaine MN 12-2

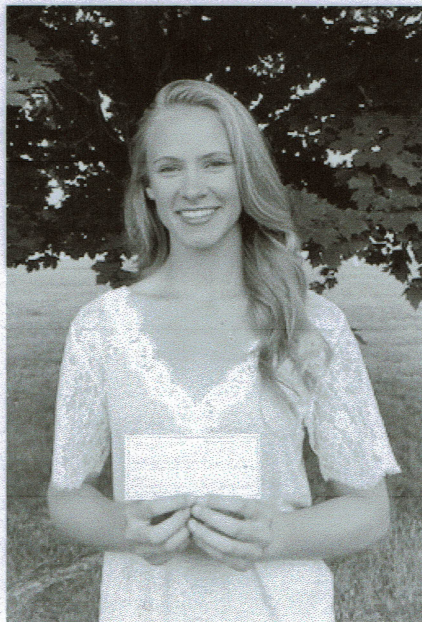
5 Sat Dallas WI Oktoberfest 12-3

19 Sat Afton Cruiseline Oktoberfest 5:30-8:30

Main Squeeze  
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"Squeazy" Miller & Friends  
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### Local Musician Wins The Freddie K Jr Music Scholarship Award For This Year



Nicole Mrozinski, concertina playing daughter of Robyn & Peter Mrozinski of Hugo MN, won the Freddie K Jr Music Scholarship for this year. Applicants must be high school seniors who have been accepted to an accredited college & play a music instrument. Freddie K Jr played trumpet in his father's band, The Freddie K Band, when he died in an automobile accident in July of 1997. Music especially polka music was Freddie's life & passion. Freddie K Jr's personality, sense of humor & love of polka music affected all who knew him. The Music Scholarship Fund was set up to carry on where Freddie left off by promoting polka music through the gift of a \$1000 scholarship to a deserving student every year.

Congratulations Nicole!!



#### IPA Festival & Convention

Doubletree Hotel - Cranberry Twp PA

Fri-Sun Aug 30 - Sept 1

Lenny Gomulka The Beat  
TNT Crusade  
IPA Tribute Band  
Klancnik & Friends Blue Magic  
Maroszek Brothers  
Polka Family  
EZ Tones Zolka's Polka Band  
Special Delivery The Kosmix  
[www.ipapolkas.com](http://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  
[wwwbpolkamotion.com](http://wwwbpolkamotion.com)

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Dan Lamatsch, MPA Member

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The MPA Annual Pot-Luck Picnic Bash! held at Aquatore Park in Blaine was once again a fantastic time! Lots of people, lots of yummy food & lots of great music! And once again Sentyrz polish & weiners were the best! Then ending with root beer floats - just deliciously good!

