



IPA Newsletter

A Note From Our President



I would personally like to thank everyone who came the weekend of January 14th and 15th to celebrate January as National Polka Month with the International Polka Association.

On Saturday, we had a wonderful time listening and dancing to the fabulous music of IPA Hall of Fame Inductee, Lenny Gomulka and Chicago Push. Great job guys and thank you so much for a great night.

There was also a live broadcast on the Polka Jammer Network, thank you to Rick Kubic, Keith Pietranczyk and Keith Stras for hosting this broadcast.

Yesterday the party continued in the early afternoon with 6 of Chicago's finest bands. Thank you, Polka Generations, Keith Stras and Polka Confetti, D Street, Music Company, Tony Blazonczyk & New Phaze and the IPA Tribute Band, for doing such a fantastic job performing throughout the day. We appreciate all your support each and every year to make this event possible and a huge success.

This year for the first time in over 30 years we had our events at a new location. Thank you to the amazing and wonderful staff at the Elements of the Odyssey Banquet Hall for being so welcoming, friendly, kind and easy to work with. We really appreciate it.

To all of our local polka supporters, the polka fans that traveled into the "Windy City" from Canada, New York, Florida, Michigan, Ohio, Arizona, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin and Indiana (sorry if I missed anyone) thank you so much for coming into town to support our events. We appreciate you spending the weekend with us. Safe travels back home.

Thank you, Sally Rzeszutko and Carol T, for always helping at the front door. Don't know what we would do without you.

Last, but definitely not least, to all of the IPA Officers and Directors, thank you for all you do, not only at this weekend's events, but all of our events. I am very lucky to have wonderful people serving with me on this board.

We hope everything had a fantastic weekend and hope you will consider joining us again next year.

Again, thank you for you for supporting the IPA.
I look forward to seeing you soon.

Christy

It's Always Sunny in Florida...

Witamy członków!

Szczęśliwego Nowego Roku ! Oby 2023 był dobrym rokiem, gdzie spełniają się marzenia, abyśmy byli otoczeni dobrą wolą i życzliwością. *(Happy New Year! May 2023 be a good year, where dreams come true for us to be surrounded by goodwill and kindness).*

Please continue to support our clubs & bands:

Polish American Pulaski Club of Daytona Beach is having Polka dances at **The Elks Lodge, 285 Wilmette Avenue, Ormond Beach**: Jan. 8th Northern Sounds; Jan. 22nd Joe Oberaitis; Feb. 5th Polka Classics; Feb. 19th Polka All Stars; Feb. 26th Frank Moravcik (from Cleveland, Ohio); March 12th Melotones; March 26th Northern Sounds; April 2nd Polka Classics; April 23rd Joe Oberaitis; May 7th Polka All Stars, and May 21st Melotones. For more information, call the club at (386)-258-7059 or email: pulaskidaytonaclub@yahoo.com. Join their Facebook page or visit their website: www.polishamericanpulaskiclubdaytona.org.

German American Club of Marion County will be having their "Fastnacht" Dance on February 26th, featuring the great sounds of **Alpine Express** band from 2-6pm. For tickets/information, please call Mary (352)-789-6499 or visit their website: www.gacmarioncounty.com.

General K. Pulaski Citizens Club in Belleview will be having a Valentine's dance with Ron 'The Music Man' on Feb. 12th. The annual Easter/Pre-Dyngus day dance is April 9th featuring Northern Sounds. The Mother's & Father's Day celebration will be on May 14th with Northern Sounds. Please contact Brad for more info.

SNPJ Lodge #603 in Samsula will be celebrating their annual SNPJ Festival on Feb. 24th & Feb. 25th 2023 with Frank Moravcik Band from Cleveland, Ohio. There will be a jam session each day, along with special guest musicians

and GREAT food. Make plans to attend this special event! For more information, give Cindy a call at (386)-689-9454. Join their Facebook page, email the club:

snpj lodge603@gmail.com

or visit their website:

www.samsulasnpj lodge603.com



By Brad Turk

Polish American Social Club of Vero Beach is currently having "Friendly Friday" (one Friday a month), featuring happy hour drink prices and food along with FREE admission. Polka dances for 2023 are: Jan. 8th John Stevens Trio; Feb. 12th Eddie Forman (EFO), and March 12th SoFlaPA Band. Dances are from 2:00-5:00 PM. For other events and information, please join their Facebook page, visit their website www.pacvbusa.org, or call the club at (772)-778-0039.

Polish American Society of St. Petersburg is having "Thirsty Thursdays" every Thursday evening from 5:30-9:00 PM. Polish dinners will be served from 6:00-8:30 PM with a full bar featuring special drink prices. Polka dances are as follows: Jan. 15th Northern Sounds; Jan. 22nd Florida Generations; Jan. 29th Polka All Stars; Feb. 5th Gerry Kryk's All Stars; **Feb. 11th Eddy Forman Orch. (EFO) 5-8pm**. Feb. 12th Northern Sounds; Feb. 19th Florida Generations; Feb. 26th Nu Soundz; March 5th Buffalo Touch; March 19th Polka All Stars, March 19th IPA membership Band; April 2nd Northern Sounds; April 10th Dyngus Day 5-8pm Nu Sound; April 16th Polka All Stars and April 23rd Florida Generations. Please visit their website: www.polishsociety.org and join their Facebook page, call the club (772)-894-9908.

South Florida Polka Association (SoFlaPa) is having "Fun in The Sun Winter Polka Getaway" in Ft. Lauderdale, Feb 1st - 5th 2023 featuring Polka Country Musicians (PCM), The Polka All-Stars and Southernmost Polka Band. For more information contact Maryrose: (954)-594-6883 or email: SoFlaPA21@aol.com.

Additional FL Polka Events in 2023:

Feb. 4th - "Pan" Franek Zosia & the Polka Towners at St. John the Evangelist Catholic church, Naples. Polish Dinner Dance 4pm-9pm. Call **Erika for more info. (231)-720-8378**

Feb. 11th - Polka Party with Eddie Forman Orch. (EFO), **NEW LOCATION:** Polish American Society of St. Petersburg **5-8pm. Cash bar & kitchen will be open.** Call Eddy (413)-210-0420 for info./tickets.

March 2nd - Jimmy Sturr Band at the 88th annual Strawberry Festival, Plant City. They will be taking the stage at 10:30am.

March 4th - Jimmy Sturr Band at Port St. Lucie Polish American Social Club at 12 Noon. Call (727)-879-9616 for info.

April 10th - Dyngus Day with Northern Sounds at The Villages 6-9pm. Call Brad for info.

Please continue to support Florida's IJ's. Featured on the Polka Jammer Network, 2009 IPA Hall of Famer Joe Oberaitis with Polkas 101 (Sat.), and Slovenian Polka Blast (Thur.) IPA member Ray Skorka, can be heard on Crankin' Polkas (Fri.). **IPA members of The Southern FL Polka Assoc. are LIVE on Polish New Castle Radio with High on Polkas (Sat).**

If you would like any additional information about our clubs, polka dances or special events, email me at bradturk@cox.net or call **Polka Hot Line:** (352) 875-3961.



City of Iverness Florida Christmas event with Ray Skorka, Eddy Myers, IPA Director Brad Turk, and special guest musician Bobby Sendra on the Bells. (Unfortunately Bobby didn't make the picture but we wanted to make sure to thank him for joining us that day.)



The IPA would like to thank member John Friedhoff for his generous donation to the organization.

2023 IPA Newsletter Schedule

<u>Issue</u>	<u>Deadline for Submissions</u>
April - May 2023	March 1, 2023
June - July 2023	May 1, 2023
August - September 2023	July 1, 2023
October - November 2023	September 1, 2023
December 2022 - January 2024	November 1, 2023



Former Band Leader, IPA Hall of Fame® Chairman, and IPA Hall of Fame member, Fred Bulinski, Passes

It's with great sadness that we inform you of the passing of Fred Bulinski. Fred Bulinski was born February 5, 1947 in Niagara Falls, NY, married in 1969, moved to Maryland in 1973, and resided in Dover, DE since 2003. After four long years of battling cancer, Fred passed away embracing life on a Christmas Cruise with his family on December 21, 2022. He passed in the comfort of his cabin with his wife, Marsha by his side.

Fred's zest for life and pursuit of his passions were seen through his plethora activities. A member of the American Legion, Knights of Columbus, Hrukus Hellraisers, the Clowns, and passionate about music, golf, and family.

Fred spent four years in the U.S. Army Security Agency (ASA) and 35 years working with the NSA. Besides his dedication to his country, through his job, his other love was Polka music. Fred started trumpet lessons at 7 years old and played his first professional job at 15, continued playing trumpet with other polka bands until he founded The Brass Works in 1975 in Baltimore, MD. Fred He was a promoter, musician, songwriter, disc jockey, a fantastic vocalist. Fred wrote and recorded over 20 original tunes on 9 albums with his band The Brass Works. He led his fan club on polka excursions like bus trips, cruises, Hawaii, and where he played across the country.

In 1980 Fred started running Polkamotion by the Ocean, and for 20 years it was the largest 4 day festival on the East Coast. The highlight of his polka career was when he successfully launched Polkamotion by the Ocean, with over 3000 attendees on his opening day. "I was only 33 years old and I put this monster festival together...it was a success beyond anyone's expectation."

Fred loved Golf and received his USGTV card and began the Mason Dixon Tour, tournaments for non professional golfers. Since 2011, Fred was an internet DJ along with his wife Marsha, on the Polkajammer Network. He loved doing the show to share music and his polish heritage with others.

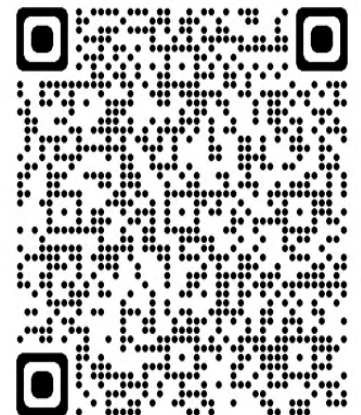
Fred was inducted into the IPA Hall of Fame in 1992, he served on the IPA Board for several years as a director, was appointed the Chairman of the International Polka Association Hall of Fame in 2014 and held that title until October of 2020 and has been a Trustee since 2013. He was a polka musician, bandleader, songwriter and fantastic vocalist. Fred, along with his Marsha have hosted Freddie's Fun House and Freddie's Global Polka Party on the Polka Jammer Network.

Our deepest condolences and sympathies go out to his wife, Marsha and daughter, Karen, the entire Bulinski family, and all of Fred's many friends and fans.



Polka music is Essential is the latest IPA t-shirt designed by IPA member Hayley Krawisz. Scan the QR code to take you directly to the store to purchase yours now, or you can visit the store at IPAPolkas.com.

IPA's POLKA MUSIC IS ESSENTIAL T-SHIRT





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 Mindi Tietz, MI
 Stanley Czerminski, OH



Aaron Socha, WI
 Annie Couch, MI

Rest in
 Peace



Fred Bulinski
 Eugene Thoms
 Melanie Ellis
 Freida Macny

The IPA made a donation to The National Foundation for Cancer Research in memory of Fred Bulinski.



Former IPA Director, Eugene Thoms, passes

Submitted by his daughter, Julie

If you knew Gene, you were better for it, and perhaps bemused for it. Gene could read, write, and speak tirelessly on his five favorite topics: food, railroads, polkas, geography, and ethnicities. Spend enough time with him, and you were bound to learn something about cuttlefish, steam engines, obereks, the population of Taos, or the origin of your last name.

Gene was a walking mail carrier for "39 and a half years...41, if you count the army." He befriended his patrons, their pets, and every server at his favorite coffee house. In the post office, he got 12 miles of daily exercise, made lifelong friends, and learned how to swear better than any sailor.

His commitment to his job had a great deal to do with providing for his family. He and his wife, Lynn, raised three children: David, Billy, and Julie. When the kids were knuckleheads, he provided excellent backup for Lynn on the lecture circuit. He ended generational traumas, loved fiercely, and drove his daughter crazy.

Gene loved animals, humming over his wife's whistling, and new experiences. We are certain that he will be greeted by dozens of shelter cats and adopted dogs, reunited with his "beloved," whom he has waited nearly 23 years to see again, and ready for a train ride, a waltz, and a good meal.



December 14, 2022 - Michael Pucowski and Carla Jasinski -

In recognition of your hard work, dedication, and efforts to promote Polka Music in New Jersey, and your support of Polka Music throughout the country. Thank you and best wishes in your future endeavors.

December 14, 2022 – Richie Gomulka - In recognition of your untiring efforts in the promotion and advancement of Polka entertainment for over 30 years of Broadcasting. Thank you and Congratulations.

December 19, 2022 – Mark Trzepacz - In recognition of your efforts for promoting and performing Polka Music for over 50 years and your dedicated to the promotion and longevity of Polka Music on the Polka Jammer Network. Thank you and Congratulations.



Some of the Officers and Directors of the IPA celebrating January as National Polka Month at the Elements by Odyssey Banquet Hall in Orland Park, IL the weekend of January 14th and 15th, 2023.





Recipes from ... IPA Members

IPA President, Christy Krawisz, thought it would be a great idea to share some of our members favorite recipes with the membership. So, we will spotlight food and drink recipes submitted to us by our members. To share your favorite recipe, please email it to info@ipapolkas.com and **include your name in your email**. Please send it in a word document or directly in the email. PDF's won't work, sorry. We look forward to sharing some great recipes with you! Enjoy.



Peppermint White Russian

Submitted by Katie Krawisz

Dash of Peppermint extract

1oz Vodka

1oz Half & Half

1oz Kahlua

Rim rocks glass with chocolate syrup and crushed candy cane. Add a dash of peppermint extract. Fill rocks glass with ice. Pour vodka, half & half, and Kahlua. Give a gentle stir and Enjoy!



Homemade Pound Cake

Submitted by David Gajda (his Auntie Adeline Walicki's recipe)

1 pound of Margarine (not melted, softened at room temperature)

3 cups of sugar

10 eggs (add one egg at time when mixing)

3 cups flour (sifted)

1 tsp. salt

2 tsp vanilla

Yellow Food Coloring

Add all ingredients except the eggs and food coloring to a large mixing bowl, mix on medium speed and add one egg at a time. Continue to mix when all eggs are added for about 15 minutes. Add 4-6 drops of yellow food coloring for color.

Grease and flour a tube pan or 2 loaf pans.

Bake at 350 degrees for 1 hour and 20 minutes.

Valentine's Day White Chocolate Raspberry Martini

1oz Raspberry Vodka

2oz Godiva White Chocolate Liqueur

1/2oz White Crème de Cacao

1/2 tsp Chocolate Sauce

Ice cubes

Raspberries for garnish

Spread chocolate sauce on inside wall of a chilled martini glass to garnish. Pour vodka, liqueur, crème de cacao into an ice filled shaker. Shake until frosted from the outside. Pour into martini glass and add a raspberry or two to complete the presentation.





The
International
Polka
Association
is proud to
bring back to Wisconsin...

2014 IPA HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE EDDIE BIEGAJ & CRUSADE

Saturday May 6, 2023
6pm-10pm



*Band line-up subject to change without notice

Sunday May 7, 2023

12 pm-5pm

**Pulaski Area
Festival of Bands**



Aaron Socha & LiveWire



The New Generation



The Mix



The Maroszek Brothers



The Nu Tymes

ADMISSION

Saturday: \$20

Sunday: \$20

18 and under free
with paid adult

LOCATION

Townline Pub & Grill
2544 Lineville Rd.
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Rooms Available

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2308 Lineville Rd.

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Mention: **IPA Polka**

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April 21-23, 2023

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from Wisconsin - Saturday & Sunday

Polka Country Musicians

from Connecticut - Friday & Saturday



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from Canada - Saturday & Sunday

The New Generation

from Wisconsin - Friday

Tony Blazonczyk's New Phaze

From Illinois - Saturday

Live it Up! A Tribute to Lil' Wally!

from Minnesota - Friday

Jon Dietz & The Twin Lakes Trio

from Wisconsin - Saturday

The Saturday Morning Monster Jam!

with Kevin Altenburg & Friends!

Polish/English Catholic Mass - Polka Dancing Lessons!

Weekend AMTRAK Trip Available!

Band line-up and other events subject to change without notice.

For general festival information:

Call Patrick Henry at (773)889-6811,

e-mail: info@wisconsin@dellspolkafest.com

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*Each additional adult, \$16.50 /day + tax.

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Admission: Fri: \$25, Sat: \$30, Sun: \$20
Weekend Pass: \$60, Kids Under 16: Free!
with guardian. Plus Tax where applicable.
Huge Dance Floor By: Russ Napiwocki!

The Croatian Cultural Club of Joliet, IL, hosted its FIRST Polkafest on Sunday, October 16, 2022!

Submitted by Laura Mateja



CROATIAN CULTURAL CLUB

815.723.3154 | 1503 Clement St. | Joliet, IL 60435

The Croatian Club on Clement Street was the Slovenian Home for many years until 2006 when it was sold to a Croatian fraternal club. The Croatian Club hosts parties and variety bands on the weekends featuring country music on Fridays, 50's - 70's rock music on Saturdays, and Polka music on Sundays.

The Polkafest event was created by Judy Hintze and Donnie Marino. Together, they wanted to host a dance that included not only Slovenian-style polka music, but also a Polish-style polka band. The day started off with a packed house, and dancers were still on the floor all the way to 9:00 in the evening! Everyone seemed to enjoy the mix of styles of polka

all in one venue.

The food was freshly made by Don and Judy and, together with all of their wonderful volunteers, it was a smashing hit. Numerous raffle baskets were made by Judy, and many others donated to the raffles, baked yummy desserts, and worked selling tickets. Everyone who assisted in the success of this event is greatly appreciated!

Thank you to all the bands that performed: Eddie Korosa Jr. and the Boys Plus Girl, John Churnovic & The Slivo Express, Ray Koncar & The Boys, and the IPA Tribute Band. Be sure to go to their website at www.croatianculturalclub.com for more information on how to rent the hall and outdoor pavilion, as well as to see a list of upcoming events. Polkafest will definitely be a repeat event so if you missed this year's festivities, be sure to attend in 2023!

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Polka Party

FEATURING: EFO - Eddie Forman Orchestra

Saturday, February 11, 2023

5:00 pm to 9:00 pm

\$16 per ticket in advance

\$18 at the door

Cash or Money Order

FREE DANCE LESSONS 4pm-5pm

Doors and Kitchen Open at



Place: Englewood Elks Lodge

401 N. Indiana Avenue

Englewood, FL



HAPPY BIRTHDAY February



1st – Robert Guyette; Wanda Guca
2nd – Don Hedeker; Jody Maddie;
Lynn Maynard; Cindy Fisher
4th – Rena Kapka
5th – Don Haderle; David Matuszewski
6th – Richie Gomulka; Ryan Lucotch
7th – Greg Chwojdak
8th – Edward Kutas
9th – Ron Zywickiel; Evelyn Benbenek;
Al Jelinek
10th – Florian Chmielewski; Patty Kuzniar
11th – Jim Stanish
12th – Walter Groller; Mario Joseph Kozak;
Deanna Hoffman
14th – Fred Kendzierski; Lisa Jakubowski; Ray
Szymanski
15th – Frank Stetar; Melisa Powers
16th – Lori Lachner
17th – Marianne Gideon
18th – James Sajkowicz; Linda Hurley; Ken
Foldenauer; Al Volek
19th – Anna Borowski; Tyler Janson; Helen
Bobeck; Eric Krause; Erik Bates
20th – Becky Livermore; Terry Popek;
Linda Pezo; Vincent Zandi; John Sklarsky

22nd – Steve Rodgers; Sandy Mikrut;
Cathy Coblisch; Mark Jirikovec
23rd – Jerry Halkoski; Jan Dressler;
Steve Piatkowski
24th – Eddie Zavaski, Jr; John Lesniewski;
Frank Proszowski; Sandy Bogdon;
Karen Lakota
25th – Trudie Mergen; Tim Jagodzinski;
Kathleen Labuda-Zink; Linda Swiderski;
Gerry Kryk; Alex Alijewicz; Ashley Mach;
Kathy Konek; Eddy Meyers
27th – Robert Fidler; Dennis Mikolajewski;
Charlotte Tyk
28th – Keith Heffner
29th – Joe Dipyatic

Happy Birthday



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

March



1st – Elaine Veverka;
Kathy Prochot;
Diane Waligura

2nd – Todd Zaganiacz;
James “Wigs” Weglicki; Karina Orga

3rd – Tom Mrocza; Karen Danielczuk; Tony
Rozek, Jr.; Ron Knapik; Mary Julia Drella;
Nicholas Uram

4th – Ken Yagelski; Bill Thomas

5th – Dick Pillar

6th – Joan Pyzik; Rick Rzeszutko

7th – Robyn Kaczmarczyk

8th – Les Kapuscinski

9th – Joseph Mehorczyk; Eddie Siwiec;
Thomas McGuire; Joseph Pusz;
Steve Kantorski; Linda Malachin

10th – Fred Ziwich

11th – Fr. Dennis Bogusz; Walter Kazmierczak;
Chester Pala

12th – Garry Kuchenbecker; Josefine Kozak;
Angela Piasecki; Joseph Warco;
Chase Stanczewski; Jeff Gazdik

13th – Frank Waltos

14th – Robert Brozek; Kyle Bushman

15th – Joni Zychowski-Gregg;
Father Tom Aleksa

16th – Wojtek Kukielka;
Michael Samars; David Lewandowski;
Vincent Krzyzanowski

17th – Larry Walk; Patrick
Biniasz

18th – Mary Lou Brock; Jo-

seph Dendis;

Patricia Passaro

19th – Joseph Oginsky; John Mysliwiec;
Patrick “Polka” Wisniewski

20th – James Kaminski; Timothy Kasprzyk

21st – Roman Marsolek; Chris Turecek

22nd – Ted Lange; Debbie Jackinoski;
Sue Krysa; Theresa Slipek; John H. Zelasko;
Phyllis Checkalski; Andrea Arman;
Cindy Lawton

23rd – Julie Ann Kurdys; Dianne Gora

24th – Mark Kohan; Katie Krawisz; Jon Payne;
Sharon Ianham

26th – Tony Winarz; Patricia Wojnowski;
Steven Fenus

27th – Mike Gryczko

28th – Mike Kochanek; Frank Kosman;
Antoinette Rozek; Zachary Janson;
LynnMarie Rodick

29th – Allan Maroszek; Patty Chmielewski

30th – Mitch Piotrowski; Mary Ann Mysliwiec;
James Glinski

31st – Judy Stringhill; Lori Lewandowski; Dave
Gregg; Hank Walter; Sue Bieniek



Joseph “Joe” Jozwiak Special Achievement Award

It's that time of year again to get your nominations in for the annual Joe Jozwiak Special Achievement Award. How did this award get started? Who does this award honor?

Many years ago, the late Joseph Jozwiak, a director of the IPA, made a suggestion that an award be bestowed upon an individual or group of individuals who have made a significant contribution or endeavor to enhance the promotion of polka music. After much discussion, the International Polka Association voted to honor those worthy individuals with the establishment of the Special Achievement Award. To pay tribute to Joe Jozwiak, following his passing, this award was renamed the Joe Jozwiak Special Achievement Award.

Members of the IPA are invited to send in their nominations to recognize polka personalities who might not otherwise be acknowledged for their dauntless contributions. Nominees can include DJs, IJ's, polka writers, promoters, ballroom operators, etc. **Bands and musicians are excluded.**

To submit a nomination, simply copy and paste this URL <https://www.ipapolkas.com/joe-jozwiak-nomination/> and fill out the submission form. You may also mail in a short biography of the nominee's accomplishments that qualify the nominee for this award along with the form below.

Nominations **MUST** be received **NO LATER THAN MARCH 1, 2023**. The IPA Board of Officers and Directors will then determine a winner.

Honoree Name: _____

Signature of Member: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone number: _____

Nominations **MUST** be received
NO LATER THAN MARCH 1, 2023

Signature, email and phone number of member is required to verify current membership. Please include a short biography of the nominee's accomplishments to qualify him or her for this award.



17th Annual



IPA Hall of Fame Benefit Dance 2023



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The International Polka Association and Let's Polka USA
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11th Annual

UNITY/ST. JOSEPH'S DAY DANCE

Sunday, March 19, 2023



Royalty West Banquets
8675 S. Archer Ave.
Willow Springs, Illinois
Doors open at 12:30 pm
Music from 1 pm - 5 pm



BY THE IPA TRIBUTE BAND

Featuring Polka Music Hall of Famer **Rick Rzeszutko** and
special guest vocalist Polka Music Hall of Famer from Canada
John Gora



Admission \$20

Food will be available for purchase

Visit www.ipapolkas.com or www.letspolkausaclub.com for more information

2022 IPA Festival and Convention Financial Report – Labor Day Weekend

Festival Revenue	\$32,792.00
Festival Expenses	\$29,943.40
Profit from the Festival	\$ 2,848.60

Hall of Fame Operations and Awards Banquet Report

Income -	Banquet Sales	\$ 5,085.00
Expense		\$12,571.12

Includes administrative costs, music awards, HOF plaques, pins, flowers, entertainment and printing costs.

Net Loss on HOF Awards and Banquet **\$7,486.12**

2023 - IPA Chicago January Festival of Bands

Festival Revenue	\$10,046.00
Festival Expenses	\$6,666.95
Net Profit	\$3,379.05

IPA Statement of Funds as of January 14, 2023

Total money in all accounts - \$163,537.08





Travel with **JOHN** to **Europe**

MAY 3 – 14, 2023

TOUR of POLAND

with Ed & Carol FORMAN & EFO crew

JULY 4 – 17, 2023

GRAND TOUR of POLAND

with John GORA & Eddie BIEGAJ

SEPT. 26 to OCT. 9, 2023

VENICE – SLOVENIA - CROATIA & MEDUGORJE

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12. NGGELSU HWTI ME _____
13. IABAS HLDO YM KSIABLA _____
14. HRTETSEEAW AZTLW EMLEYD _____
15. VEYOREEN ESLOV OEONSME _____
16. TTRPYE LIRG _____
17. YSA AKTNH YOU ERAD _____
18. ORELVS MET _____
19. TAWRSEEEHST EBKERO _____
20. EWREH SI YM VRELO _____

Word Bank


Pretty Girl
Beautiful Lies
Lover O Lover
My Mary Lou
Bride and Groom
All the Flowers
Where is my lover

Everyone Loves Someone
Say Thank You Dear
As Sweet as Candy
Sweetheart Waltz Medley
Kiss of Fire
Basia Hold My Kielbasa
Angeline Be Mine

Lovers Met
Sweethearts Oberek
Angelina
Snuggle with Me
Irresistable you
Pretty Mary Ann


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<h2>November</h2> 						
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