



IPA Newsletter



A Message from our President

On behalf of the Officers and Directors of the International Polka Association we would like to thank everyone who attended our 55th Annual International Polka Festival and Convention Labor Day Weekend at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Pittsburgh Cranberry. We hope you all had a great time.

We would also like to thank the following people:

Jill Styczynski for your countless hours working on the hotel reservations and during the festival; Brian Kapka for being the Band Chairperson this year; Lynn Kaminski for her work on the Ad Book; Lindsey Mateja, Christy Nowakowski and Lori Lewandowski for all the time spent making the banquet such a beautiful event and helping throughout the weekend; Cheryl Furmaniak and John Krawisz for your countless hours the weeks prior to the festival and during the festival with help anywhere I needed it; and Chris Bogdon, Dan Mateja, Lynn Kaminski, Stephen Kaminski, Randy Koslosky, Emma Bogdon, Henry Lenard, Dennis Mikolajewski, Sue Szela, Brad Turk, Rich Zebrowski, Christopher Ebel, and Keith Pietranczyk, your help throughout the weekend was greatly appreciated.

Officers and Directors, I look forward to being your President for another year and I hope we can continue to do great things for the organization in the future. Your hard work and dedication to the organization make life for me a little easier.

Everyone who attended and supported the Kickoff Party at the Cranberry Elks Lodge, Chris Bogdon and The Alex Meixner Band.

The bands that performed for us that weekend, Lenny Gomulka and Chicago Push, featuring Dee-Dee Ogrodny and Ryan Joseph (or Joseph Ryan, if you know, you know), Garrett Tatano Band, New Brass Express, Tony Blazonczyk's New Phaze, IPA Tribute Band, Klancnik and Friends, Michael Costa and the Beat, The Kosmix, Phocus, Dennis Polisky and the Maestro's Men, John Gora and Gorale, Polka Country Musicians, and Polka Family, without you, there is no festival. Thank you for sharing your musical talents with all of us music fans.

To the Polka Jammer Network, Mark Trezpacz, Billy Belina, Keith Pietranczyk, Cherie Trezpacz and Ray Skorka, thank you for doing a live remote from IPA once again this year. We greatly appreciate the time you spend doing these remotes and promoting polka music.

To the volunteers, who help us all weekend, we greatly appreciate all the time you donated to us Labor Day Weekend and appreciate your support of the organization.

To Tish and Kathy Blazonczyk, Bel-Aire Records for selling at our festival once again this year.

To Father Dennis Bogusz, for celebrating the Polka Mass, the readings, the announcers, all who helped with the collections, Eucharistic Ministers, Randy Koslosky, Ryan Joseph and The Kosmix for the beautiful music.

To Frank Steter, for being our DJ at the banquet this year.

To Kate Knecht and the entire staff at the DoubleTree, we appreciate all that you do for us and look forward to our festival next year at your location.

Congratulations once again to all the Hall of Fame Inductees, David "Nigel" Kurdziel, Peter J. Danielczuk, Dee-Dee Ogrodny, The Family of Gene Swick and Li'l John Nalevanko. I truly enjoy listening to all your history and accomplishments in the polka industry.

Congratulations to all the Music Award winners, Lenny Gomulka, Dee-Dee Ogrodny, Ted Lange, Mollie Busta Lange, Lenny Gomulka and Chicago Push, Matt Lewandowski and the Alliance, The Alex Meixner Band, The Penn-Ohio Polka Pals. We greatly appreciate all you do for polka music.

Congratulations once again to the Leon Kozicki Trustee Award winner Richie Zebrowski and the Joe Jozwiak Award Winner, Gus Kosior.



Here is a list of your 2023-2024 Officers and Directors:

Officers:

President – Christy Krawisz

1st Vice President – Lori Lewandowski

2nd Vice President – Chris Bogdon

Secretary – Cheryl Furmaniak

Treasurer – Dan Mateja

Financial Secretary – Lynn Kaminski

Sergeant at Arms – Randy Koslosky

Directors:

Emma Bogdon, Stephen Kaminski, Brian Kapka, John Krawisz, Henry Lenard, Lindsey Mateja, Dennis Mikolajewski, Christy Nowakowski, Jill Styczynski, Sue Szela, Brad Turk, Rich Zebrowski

Youth Advisor - Christopher Ebel

Media Advisor – Keith Pietranczyk

Chaplin – Father Dennis Bogusz



2023 FREDDY K JR MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP

This year our judges have picked Holly Rose Kolodziej Scarfone, of Pittsfield, Mass.

Holly Rose was on the High Honor Roll in High School and received High Honors Award and an Academic Achievement Award. She was involved in track and field, donated her time at her church, the humane society and tutored. During her senior year she worked through a co-op as an electrical apprentice. She plays clarinet and sax, writes music and loves to dance. Holly was elected Junior Miss USPA Queen in 2017. She will be attending McCann Technical School at night while working as an electrical apprentice during the day. So, as you can see, the Judges this year made a wonderful choice in picking Holly.



Holly was presented with the Freddy K Jr. Music Scholarship at the 2023 PolkaMotion by the Ocean in Rehoboth Beach, DE on Friday, September 15.

Please be on the lookout in upcoming IPA Newsletters for more information about the scholarship and application process.

(pictured left to right)
Diana Kosinski, Linda Kendzierski,
Holly Rose Kolodziej Scarfone,
Joanne Kolodziej and Freddy "K"
Kendzierski





POLKA LOVERS CLUB OF TEXAS MUSEUM
PLCTM | 275 WEST FAIRGROUNDS ROAD
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LA GRANGE, TEXAS 78945
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Mission: To provide a facility for Preserving, Promoting and Educating POLKA MUSIC and DANCE

The Hoelscher Haus Hoelscher Family Exhibit

FEATURING

Magr. Joseph M. Hybner Center

Po.L.K.of A. Exhibit

You are invited to Join The Polka Lovers Club of Texas Museum

Celebrating
Donors, Sponsors & Community Partners
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2023
11:00—4 PM

FAIR PAVILLION—LA GRANGE FAIRGROUNDS

11:00 AM — The Gathering
11:30 — Mass by Father Jared Cooke
12:30 PM — Buffet Lunch
1:30 — The Ennis Czech Boys
Music & Dance
4:00 — Adjourn
4:00-6:00 — Museum Open House

**Bring A
Silent Auction
Item**

RAFFLE

DANCING

MASS

MUSIC



**The
Ennis Czech Boys**

BUFFET

RESERVATION RSVP | Due — By Monday, October 2, 2023 @ 1PM CST

Reservations or Questions—Email interest to: info@PLCTM.com or Call Gary @ 713.242.2162

PLCT Museum Members —Complimentary—RSVP Required

Po. L. K. of A. Members —\$15 | Gathering, Mass, Buffet & Dance—RSVP Required

Non Members —\$20 | Gathering, Mass, Buffet & Dance— RSVP Required

Non Members —\$10 | Dance Only—NO RSVP Required

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The International Polka Association and Let's Polka USA

present the

12th Annual

UNITY/ST. PATRICK'S DAY DANCE

Sunday, March 17, 2024



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



\$5,500.00 IN PRIZES TO BE AWARDED 2023

Fall/Winter Calendar Raffle

All Proceeds to benefit The International Polka Association® - IPA Hall of Fame and Museum® - A Not-For-Profit Organization
First drawing will be held during the International Polka Association Festival and Convention – Labor Day Weekend

SEPT 1	SEPT 2	SEPT 3	SEPT 4	SEPT 5	SEPT 6	SEPT 7	NOV 1	NOV 2	NOV 3	NOV 4	NOV 5	NOV 6	NOV 7
\$100	\$100	\$100	\$80	\$40	\$40	\$40	\$40	\$40	\$40	\$40	\$40	\$40	\$40
SEPT 8	SEPT 9	SEPT 10	SEPT 11	SEPT 12	SEPT 13	SEPT 14	NOV 8	NOV 9	NOV 10	NOV 11	NOV 12	NOV 13	NOV 14
\$40	\$40	\$40	\$40	\$40	\$40	\$40	\$40	\$40	\$40	\$100	\$40	\$40	\$40
SEPT 15	SEPT 16	SEPT 17	SEPT 18	SEPT 19	SEPT 20	SEPT 21	NOV 15	NOV 16	NOV 17	NOV 18	NOV 19	NOV 20	NOV 21
\$40	\$40	\$40	\$40	\$40	\$40	\$40	\$40	\$40	\$40	\$40	\$40	\$40	\$40
SEPT 22	SEPT 23	SEPT 24	SEPT 25	SEPT 26	SEPT 27	SEPT 28	NOV 22	NOV 23	NOV 24	NOV 25	NOV 26	NOV 27	NOV 28
\$40	\$40	\$40	\$40	\$40	\$40	\$40	\$40	\$40	\$100	\$40	\$40	\$40	\$40
SEPT 29	SEPT 30	OCT 1	OCT 2	OCT 3	OCT 4	OCT 5	NOV 29	NOV 30	DEC 1	DEC 2	DEC 3	DEC 4	DEC 5
\$40	\$40	\$40	\$40	\$40	\$40	\$40	\$40	\$40	\$40	\$40	\$40	\$40	\$40
OCT 6	OCT 7	OCT 8	OCT 9	OCT 10	OCT 11	OCT 12	DEC 6	DEC 7	DEC 8	DEC 9	DEC 10	DEC 11	DEC 12
\$40	\$40	\$40	\$40	\$40	\$40	\$40	\$40	\$40	\$40	\$40	\$40	\$40	\$40
OCT 13	OCT 14	OCT 15	OCT 16	OCT 17	OCT 18	OCT 19	DEC 13	DEC 14	DEC 15	DEC 16	DEC 17	DEC 18	DEC 19
\$40	\$40	\$40	\$40	\$40	\$40	\$40	\$40	\$40	\$40	\$40	\$40	\$40	\$40
OCT 20	OCT 21	OCT 22	OCT 23	OCT 24	OCT 25	OCT 26	DEC 20	DEC 21	DEC 22	DEC 23	DEC 24	DEC 25	DEC 26
\$40	\$40	\$40	\$40	\$40	\$40	\$40	\$40	\$40	\$40	\$40	\$100	\$100	\$40
OCT 27	OCT 28	OCT 29	OCT 30	OCT 31			DEC 27	DEC 28	DEC 29	DEC 30	DEC 31		
\$40	\$40	\$40	\$40	\$100			\$40	\$40	\$40	\$80	\$100		

ALL WINNERS WILL BE PUT BACK IN DRUM AND ARE ELIGIBLE FOR FUTURE DRAWINGS
COST \$20.00 EACH

Please print clearly - Return Below information to:
INTERNATIONAL POLKA ASSOCIATION, PO Box 1484, Plainfield, IL 60544

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ **STATE** _____ **ZIP** _____

TELEPHONE NO. _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

Holiday Greetings!

The IPA would like to try something new this year. For the **December/January Publication ONLY**, our membership will have the opportunity to provide Holiday Greetings to each other. The size choices for the Holiday Greetings will be as follows:

1/8 page - \$15 (Dimensions - (H) 2.56in x (W) 4in)

1/4 page - \$20 (Dimensions - (H) 5.12in x (W) 4in)

1/2 page - \$25 (Dimensions - (H) 5.12in x (W) 8in)

Please ensure that your ad request meets the above size requirements. All greetings must be received **NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, 12/8. NO EXCEPTIONS** can be made.

Examples: 1/8 page



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the entire Krawisz Family! We wish you Joy and Happiness this holiday season and hope you have a wonderful New Year. God Bless you all.

The Krawisz's
Christy, Johnny, Katie & Hayley

Greetings can be as decorated or generic as you prefer. **ALL** greetings must meet the above dimensions and be ready for publication. Make sure to note the size of the Greeting and method of payment if sending through email.

Acceptable Files: PDF's, JPG's, PNG's

ALL SUBMISSIONS MUST BE EMAILED AND/OR UPLOADED TO THE WEBSITE.

2 ways to submit and pay for your ad

OPTION 1

Email to: newsletter@ipapolkas.com

ATTACH ALL APPLICABLE FILES

Send Checks to the address to

PO BOX 1484

Plainfield, IL 60544

Make check payable to the

"International Polka Association"

OPTION 2

Submit online at

www.ipapolkas.com



Congratulations Lindsey Mateja and Jonathan Payne!



SHE ASKED
SHE SAID YES

7/8/2023 at Morton Arboretum
Lisle, IL

Join the International Polka Association in Celebrating January as National Polka Month

Elements by the Odyssey Banquet Hall

16235 S. LaGrange Road, Orland Park, Illinois

Located behind and connected to the Homewood Suites Hotel

Festival of Bands - Warm Up Dance

Saturday, January 13, 2024

Music by: Lenny Gomulka and Chicago Push

Doors open at 5:30 pm - Music: 6 pm - 10 pm

ADMISSION: \$20 at the Door

****A Special 2-Day pass will be available for \$40****

55th Annual Chicago Festival of Polka Bands

Sunday, January 14, 2024

The Music Company

Tony Blazonczyk and New Phaze

I.P.A. Tribute Band

EZ Tones

Polka Generations

Eddie Korosa Jr and

the Boys & Girl from Illinois

(Bands subject to change without notice)

Doors open at 11:30 am — Music: Noon –7 pm

ADMISSION: \$25 at the door

Cash Bar and food available for purchase



***IPA 55th Annual Festival of Bands Weekend Extravaganza!
Saturday and Sunday, January 13 and 14, 2024***

Special IPA hotel rates:

Homewood Suites – This hotel is connected to the Element by the Odyssey Banquet Hall
16245 S. LaGrange Road
Orland Park, IL 60467

Make your reservations online: <https://www.ipapolkas.com/go/januarydance/>

Call to make a reservation: Darryl Thomas – 708-645-5497

ROOMS MUST BE BOOKED BY DECEMBER 2, 2023

Listed below are other hotels in the area that are under a 15-minute drive to the Element by the Odyssey Banquet Hall. These hotels do not offer an IPA rate.

Holiday Inn
18320 North Creek Drive, Tinley Park, Illinois – 708-580-6844
(Fairly new hotel)

Hilton Garden Hotel
18335 LaGrange Road, Tinley Park, Illinois - 708-429-2266

Country Inn and Suites
18315 S. LaGrange Road, Tinley Park, Illinois - 708-560-9300

Quality Inn
8800 W. 159th Street - Orland Park, Illinois - 708-403-1100

Banquet Hall is approximately 45 minutes from Midway Airport and about 15 minutes from I-80 expressway.

There are several restaurants within walking distance as well as numerous restaurants within a 5–10-minute drive. There is also Orland Park Mall, and several other stores, within 15 minutes' drive.

Make plans now to attend this great two-day event!

Deadline for the Homewood Suites is December 2, 2023

DON'T DELAY--MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS SOON!

It's Always Sunny in Florida...

Willkommene Mitglieder!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for supporting this year's IPA convention. As the Florida IPA Director, I would especially like to recognize all of those polka fans, that traveled from the Sunshine State. Your attendance definitely added to the success of this memorable event!

Congratulations to all of the Polka Hall of Fame inductees and IPA music award winners. Your love of polka music is valued and appreciated. Please make plans on attending in 2024.

OKTOBERFEST season is upon us! Get ready to raise your beer steins in Florida!

Sept 23rd – Northern Sounds @ OTOW Circle Square Commons Ocala 5-9pm

Sept. 30th – Northern Sounds @ German Am. Friendship Society of Pinellas Co. 12-4pm

Oct. 1st – Northern Sounds @ The Tavern Suncity **Free Event** 2-6pm

Oct. 6th- 7th – Northern Sounds @ Port Orange Brewery **Free Event** Fri./Sat. 4-8pm

Oct. 8th – Northern Sounds @ St. Pete Pub **Free Event** 2-4pm

Oct. 9th – Frank Moravcik Band @ The Villages 6-9pm

Oct. 13th – Northern Sounds @ Haile Village **Free Event** 4:30-8pm

Oct. 14th – Northern Sounds @ St. Sebastian 6-9pm

Oct. 19th – Northern Sounds @ Leesburg community center 6-9pm

Oct. 20th – 21st Midstate Allstars Oom-pah Band @ Upper Tampa Bay Downs. Fri. 5-10pm, Sat. 11-4pm

Oct. 21st-22nd Oktoberfest Express featuring IPA Hall of Famer Joe "O" Oberaitis @ Upper Tampa Bay Downs. Sat. 5-10pm, Sun. 12-5pm

Oct. 21st - 22nd Midstate Allstars Oom-pah Band @ Starkey Market Odessa. Sat. 6-10pm, Sun. 1-5pm

Oct. 28th – Northern Sounds @ Ft. Pierce 12-3pm/6-9pm

Nov. 4th – Northern Sounds @ The Plantation C/C 10-2pm

Please continue to support our clubs & bands:

Polish American Pulaski Club of Daytona Beach is having Polka dances at (**NEW LOCATION**) **SNPJ Lodge #603 421 North Samsula**

Drive, New Smyrna Beach: Sept. 24th Polka Classics, Oct. 15th Brewski Bros, Oct. 29th Joe "O" Oberaitis, Nov. 12th Brewski Bros, Nov. 19th Joe "O" Oberaitis, and Dec. 17th Polka Classics. 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.

General K. Pulaski Citizens Club in Belleview is getting ready re-open on Sunday, Oct. 15th for their annual Oktoberfest dinner dance featuring Northern Sounds. Nov. 12th Thanksgiving dinner dance with Northern Sounds and Dec. 10th, Annual Christmas Kolendy featuring Northern Sounds. Please contact Brad for more info.

SNPJ Lodge #603 in Samsula will be hosting the **Polish American Pulaski Club of Daytona Beach** Sunday dinner/dances for the remainder of this year. Sunday, Oct. 8th Halloween dance, Dec. 9th annual Christmas parade, Dec. 16th Christmas dinner dance. For additional info. give Cindy a call at (386)-689-9454. Join their Facebook page, snpjilodge603@gmail.com or visit their website: www.samsulasnpjilodge603.com

Polish American Social Club of Vero Beach is having other events during the Fall months with dances on Friday & Saturday nights. For information, please join their Facebook page, visit their website www.pacvbusa.org, email: pascverobeach@gmail.com 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. Sunday Polka dances will begin on Nov. 5th with Northern



By Brad Turk

Sounds, Nov. 19th FL. Generations, Dec. 17th Polka All Stars. Please visit their website: www.polishsociety.org and join their Facebook page, call the club (772)-894-9908.

Polka road 2024:

Jan. 10 – Mollie B & Squeeze Box at Lake Miona Rec. Center, The Villages 6-9pm.

Jan. 21 - Mollie B & Squeeze Box at Rohan Rec. Center, The Villages 6-9pm.

Jan. 22- Mollie B & Squeeze Box at German Am. Friendship Society of Pinellas Co. 8098 66th St. North, Pinellas Park...Info. call club: (727)-350-6520

Feb. 10th - Polka Party with Eddie Forman Orch. (EFO),

at Englewood Elks Lodge, 401 N. Indiana Ave., Englewood from 5-9pm. Call (941)-474-1404 for info.

Please support Florida's Polka II'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.). The **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 the **Polka Hot Line:** (352) 875-3961.

Auf Wiedersehen!



2023 IPA Newsletter Schedule

<u>Issue</u>	<u>Deadline for Submissions</u>
December 2023 - January 2024	November 1, 2023

International Polka Association	
Annual Income and Expense Report	
Fiscal Year 6/1/2022 - 5/31/2023	
<u>Income Categories</u>	
2022 Blackhawk Game Sales	2,543.20
Annual Festival Revenue	30,146.00
Calendar Raffle Sales Income	17,740.00
Chicago January Dance Revenue	9,946.00
General Donations - Income (Includes \$10,000 Grant)	10,767.00
Hall Of Fame Income	5,670.00
Investment Income	346.85
Ludlow HOF Dance Revenue	5,260.00
Membership Dues Income	15,190.00
Newletter Ad Revenue	415.00
Picnic Revenue	2,070.00
Radio Show Revenue	1,940.00
T-Shirt Sales	817.00
Unity Dance Revenue	528.00
Wisconsin 2023 Dance Income	5,430.00
Total Income Categories	108,809.05
<u>Expense Categories</u>	
2022 Blackhawk Game Tickets	2,524.48
Accounting Fees	626.00
Advertising - General	478.00
Annual Festival Expenses	29,983.62
Award Expenses	59.00
Bank Charges	565.50
Bills - Telephone, Office Expenses	656.93
Calendar Raffle Expense	885.62
Calendar Raffle Payout	5,260.00
Charitable Donations	200.00
Chicago January Dance Expenses	7,115.95
Hall Of Fame Operational Expense (includes \$5100 Rent)	18,351.02

Insurance	1,650.00
Ludlow HOF Dance Expense	68.05
Membership Expense	1,034.50
Newsletter Expense	12,444.26
Picnic Expenses	117.18
Postage General	428.97
Promotion Expense	4,099.26
Sponsorship Expense	3,150.00
Website	263.14
Wisconsin May 2023 Dance Expense	4,445.41
Total Expense Categories	94,406.89
Net Gain For Year	14,402.16
<u>IPA Statement of Fund Balances as of 8-14-2023</u>	
	8/14/2023
<u>CDs</u>	
Bank of America - 4.3% - Matures 5/15/24	\$101,055.80
<u>Checking</u>	
Bank of America - Credit Card Account	\$30,812.33
Bank of America - Festival Account	\$7,996.47
PNC - General Checking	\$65,000.67
PNC - Hall Of Fame Checking	\$4,875.38
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$209,740.65</u>

Announcing the Winner of the 4th Annual IPA Young Songwriter's Competition

Congratulations to Andrew Ratajczak for his 1st Place-winning song, "Good People".

The competition is in its fourth year and was suggested by Chicago IPA Director Stephen Kaminski. It is intended to cultivate new music in the polka genre and inspire young composers.

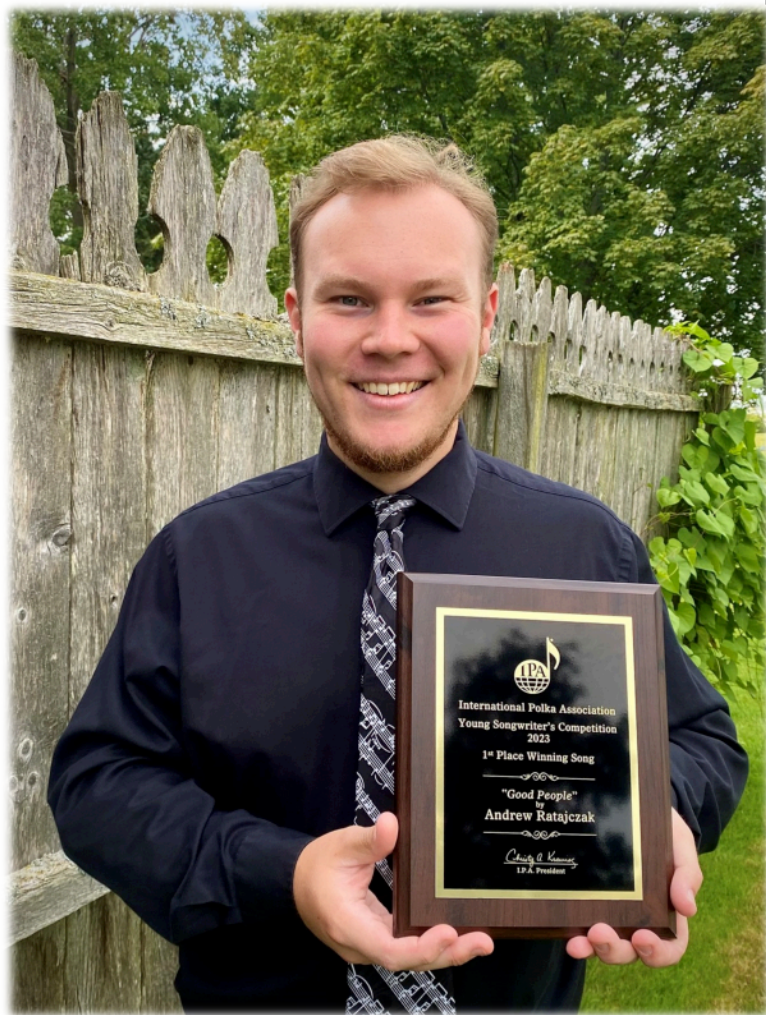
Every year, a panel of noted experts, in different styles of polka music, are selected as judges. The judges remain anonymous and the composers names are not given to the judges. Songs are judged with the same rubric on a points-based rating system. The judges rate each song according to memorability, desire to listen again, lyrics (or if an instrumental, comparison to other known instrumental hits), originality, ability to keep the listener engaged, lead sheet accuracy, melodic structure, use of chords, and use of key changes. Each judge can then award bonus points for songs they feel are deserving of extra points, which are completely at each judge's discretion.

All points are gathered from the individual judges and tallied. The song with the most points becomes our 1st Place Winner, the second highest tally becomes our 2nd Place Winner, and so on. The 1st Place Winner is then not eligible to submit a song in the following year's competition.

This year's 2nd Place Winner was Matthew Adamski for his song "Polka Town".

The IPA invites all eligible composers out there to work on their best polka and plan on submitting it next year. Each composer is allowed one song, unless a co-write with another composer. You too could win one thousand dollars, a beautiful plaque, and most importantly, bragging rights!

So sharpen your pencils, tune your instruments, and submit your masterpiece in the 5th Annual IPA Young Songwriter's Competition. We hope to see you in 2024!



*The IPA Board and
Directors wish you all a very
Happy Thanksgiving*





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.

VAMPIRE KISS JELLO SHOTS



Ingredients

- 1 Box Jell-O cherry flavour, 3.5 Oz.
- 1 Cup water boiling
- 1/2 Cup whiskey Fireball cinnamon whiskey
- 1/2 Cup water cold
- food dye gel in black

1. Combine the Jell-O and hot water in a medium mixing bowl and stir until Jell-O has been fully dissolved.
2. Add the Fireball and cold water. Stir well.
3. Pour half of the Jell-O mixture into a pourable measuring cup or another bowl.
4. To one of the bowls/containers add the black food dye and stir well.
5. Line a cookie sheet with 10 shot cups.
6. Fill the cups about half full of the red Jell-O and chill for about an hour until set.
7. Fill the cup the rest of the way with the black Jell-O mixture and chill for another hour or until set.
8. Cover cups with lids and serve.



Pumpkin Martini

- 2 ounces* vodka
- 1/2 ounce heavy cream (or coconut milk, for vegan)
- 1/2 ounce (to 1 ounce**) pure maple syrup
- 2 tablespoons canned pumpkin puree
- 1/4 teaspoon [pumpkin pie spice](#)
- 1/4 teaspoon vanilla extract
- Graham crackers, for the rim

1. **Prepare the rim:** Crush a graham cracker with your fingers, and place it on a plate. On another plate, add a small pool of maple syrup. Run the rim of a martini glass in the maple syrup first, rotating the glass so the rim is evenly coated. Then roll the rim in the crushed graham crackers until evenly coated.
2. **Shake the drink:** Place all ingredients in a cocktail shaker. Add a handful of ice and shake until cold. Strain the drink into the prepared martini glass.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



1st – Donna Pociask

2nd – Jim Kilian; Phil Kozlak;
Kathleen Stricker; Cheryl Wodzisiz

3rd – Mike Rozegnal;
Bill Malinowski; Camille Stras;
Ronald J. Wichman, Jr.

4th – Karen Hudy; Jean Pala; Ray Rzeszutko;
Ryan Koenig; Kayla Rosinski-Urbanczyk

5th – Dr. Robert Dutka; Bruno Mikos;
John Gembka; David Leja

6th – Richard Kula; Bob Borowski; Alan Andrascik;
Thomas Nadolski; Michael Krupa; Gary Brueggen

7th – Lindsey Mateja

8th – Brian Lesiewicz; Joe Kalinowski;
Edgar Skolaut

9th – Craig Ebel; Barb Benkowski; Dave Morris;
Andy Fenus; Carole Kryk; Dan Moroski;
Dave Zychowski; Andrew Kozlowski; Keith Stras

10th – Trudy Patek; Al Kania; Dave Morris

11th – Marie Jagiella; Mike DeArruda;
Jimmy "K" Krzeszewski

12th – Nancy Bain; Charles Malenich

13th – Marian Betley; Jake Mikrut

15th – Michael Ziemski; Lawrence Kutas

16th – Dawn Mikrut Bartolini; Andrew Makarewicz;
Frank Maroszek

17th – Christy Krawisz;
Alice Szczur

19th – Tish Blazonczyk; Ed Tylka;
Floyd Grocholski; Carolyn Machelski;
Eugene Murawski;

20th – John Punola; Jerome Scherr; Jarrod Vrazel

21st – Alan Pala; Rob Czech; Edward Dulude

22nd - Joseph Heger

23rd – Patricia Walker; Arnold Checkalski;
Chris Hedrich; Monica Kaminski

24th – Joe Brozowski; Barbara Lewarndrowski

25th – Denise Skorik; Randy Koslosky

26th – Brent Iskra

27th – Linda Lee Brown; Jessie Barczak

28th – Dale Cribbins; Richard Kovalski;
William Dawson

29th – Paul Raczkowski

30th – Zach Piatkowski; Michele Wojtowicz

31st – Kaila Blaskowski; Sara Fern





1st – Kevin Adams; Charles Curtin
 Wally Stanczyk; LaVern Schiefer
2nd – Matt Prochot; Walter Rognerud
3rd – Mark Trzepacz; Ray “Ray Jay” Jarusinski
4th – Jane Honn; Cindy Koretsky
6th – James Witulski
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**POLKA LOVERS CLUB OF TEXAS MUSEUM
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“CALLING ALL POLKA ENTHUSIASTS”

The Polka Lovers Club of Texas Museum (PLCTM) is hosting a “Donor Appreciation Event” on Saturday, October 14th from 11 AM to 4 PM and all Polka Enthusiasts are invited to join in with plenty of happy music and happy people.

This event is a re-invention of a past annual memorial event, the last one being held in 2019, honoring polka lovers who had passed away in the previous year. Many renovations and upgrades have been made to the museum since March of 2022 and we are excited to showcase the present and future possibilities of the museum. The Donor Appreciation event is in honor of individuals, families, businesses, organizations, grant providers, and public officials who have been instrumental in the museum’s success. It is a celebration for which we invite you to attend.

This event is taking place at The Fairgrounds Pavillion beginning at 11 AM with a gathering of long time friends re-uniting after four years of a COVID hyetus and concluding at 4 PM after a full program including happy music by The Ennis Czech Boys for your listening enjoyment or dancing pleasure.

The first main attraction is a Mass by Father Jared Cooke at 11:30 AM. A Buffet Lunch catered by Makeska’s Barbecue of Columbus; serving begins at 12:30 PM. Music and Dancing unveils at 1:30 and the event adjourns at 4:00 PM.

But...that is not all! The Museum will host an Open House from 4 PM to 6 PM. You will not want to miss this open house as wine from Whistling Duck Winery will be served to attendees and each will be eligible for a gift certificate drawing donated by PLCTM members, John and Kari Cooke, co-owners and operators of the Whistling Duck Winery located south of Weimar, Texas.

A fun portion of the event will be a Raffle for a Lifetime Membership to the Museum, a Silent Auction for which we are asking attendees to bring items of surprise for this portion of the event. Additionally, museum organizers are requesting attendees to bring non-perishable food item(s) to be gathered and delivered to the local food bank for the holiday season.

RESERVATION RSVP’s are REQUIRED and due no later than Monday, October 2, 2023 @ 1PM CST

For Reservations/Questions you may Email: info@PLCTM.com; or, call Gary at 713-252-2162.

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PLCT Museum Members admission is complimentary; RSVP is required

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The PLCTM opened in La Grange in 2006. At that time, the primary mission of the museum was to provide a facility to incorporate the accumulation of memorabilia from the many competitions, parades and events members of the Texas Chapter of Polka Lovers Klub of America (Po.L.K.of A.) acquired. The museum has evolved to feature a Po.L.K. of A. Exhibit; the Msg. Father Hybner Center with an Exhibit honoring him as well as Exhibits of well known bands, donor recognitions, photo displays, videos, instruments and an extensive library of music and records dating back to the early 1900s.

The Polka Lovers Club of Texas Museum (PLCTM), features the ultimate polka fan's tribute to music and dance...POLKA, it continues to rock our state, nation and world. The museum is located at 275 West Fairgrounds Road, La Grange, TX 78945 within the Fayette County Fairgrounds in the Czech Village of the Texas Czech Heritage and Cultural Center (TCHCC) with a mission to preserve, promote and educate polka music and dance. For more information go to plctm.com.



Dear Christy and the International Polka Association, thank you so very much for the amazing honor of being inducted into the IPA Polka Music Hall of Fame! I'm so very grateful to you, Christy and your wonderful family, the Officers, Directors, and Members! The convention and festival, and beautiful banquet were fabulous! Your tireless work made the entire weekend perfect! Thank you, also, for the great honor of being named Female Vocalist of the Year! Congratulations to Lenny and Chicago Push and all award winners! Also, a special Congratulations to all Inductees! I'm still overwhelmed and humbled by everything! I'm so thankful to Ryan, Danika, CeCe and Lucy who are my heart, and our dear family and friends who were there and/or went above and beyond to help make this weekend incredible! Thank you, God, for this music and for our family here and those in heaven who we know are celebrating with us! Love You All and God Bless Always! ~Dee-Dee Ogrodny

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Richie Zebrowski named 2023 IPA Leon Kozicki Award Winner

Richie Zebrowski was born into a family deeply immersed in Polish tradition and polka music. His father, IPA Hall Of Fame inductee A.W. Zebrowski, a nationally known polka promoter, musician, and disc jockey in Cleveland Ohio, ensured that the entire family was raised knowing their heritage.

As might be expected, he eventually started to play and sing the music he loved and had been surrounded by. At age six, he began playing the accordion and drums. As a young child, he had the fortune of sitting in with local Cleveland area bands and national polka legends such as Frank Wojnarowski, Joe Oberaitis, and Wanda & Stephanie.

On New Year's Eve 1976, he played his first polka job as a full time member of his first band, The Grand Masters. Even though he had not played bass before that night, with some luck, a rented guitar and a need for a bass player, he did. From that night on he has played and sung polka music at every opportunity. His desire to continue performing Polka music lead him and lifelong friend Ray Budzilek Jr. to later put together a new band called The Dynasounds. During the next few years, he played with other local Cleveland area bands and then with Bruno Mikos & The Harmony Stars, and later Jimmy Weber & The Sounds. It was during this time that he learned to play the concertina, guitar and keyboard.

In 1983 Richie resigned from The Sounds and enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. Upon discharge from active duty, he picked up right where he left off musically and began playing polka music again. It was then that he joined The Brass Connection. Since that time with TBC, he has also been a full-time member of The Trel-Tones, Henny & The Versa J's, The NuTones, and Lenny Gomulka and Chicago Push.

During his music career, he has performed with some of polka music's greatest individuals and bands, including; The Ray Budzilek Orchestra, Eddie Blazonczyk and The Versatones, Scrubby and The Dynatones, The Knewz, The Boys, Jan Cyman, Stas Golanka and His Chicago Masters, Fred Bulinski, Ray Jay and The Carousels, Alvin Styczynski, Buffalo Concertina All Stars, The Burgh Boys, Lil John's ATM Band, Polka Family, Polka Country Musicians, Jersey Polka Richie, Jimmy K, Dynasonics, Bud Hundenski, John Gora and Gorale, New Brass Express, Marion Lush, and Lil Wally. He also appeared and performed in a live theatre production of "Evelyn And The Polka King" with polka music by Bob Lucas

and Carl Finch of Brave Combo.

Richie's recordings and original compositions include studio and live sessions with The Dynasounds, Bruno Mikos, The Sounds, The Brass Connection, The Trel-Tones, energy, Ray Jay, The Versa J's, Party Time, The NuTones, "Honky Heaven," and again most recently Lenny Gomulka and Chicago Push.

Richie is currently performing with The NuTones and touring with Lenny Gomulka and Chicago Push. He continues to promote and contribute to the preservation of polka music as an IPA Director, entertainer, sound man, emcee, and promoter hosting polka dances and festivals. The holidays are also times when he volunteers at various locations performing songs of the season. He has donated his time and use of his pa sound equipment, helping to mentor and support young polka musicians in new youth polka bands and the ProAm Jam at various polka conventions.



JPA 2023 Polka Music Awards Notice

Polka Recording Companies and Artists Must Submit Nominations by **January 14, 2024**

Each year, the International Polka Association recognizes deserving polka artists with music awards that include *Favorite Album*, *Favorite Song*, *Favorite Band*, *Favorite Male Vocalist*, and *Favorite Female Vocalist* for Polish and International (Slovenian, Czech, German, Dutchmen, etc.) polka styles. An academy of 195 electors from across the country determines the award winners by casting their votes on ballots generated by submissions from those artists.

In order to be listed on the ballot, independent artists, bandleaders, executive producers, or record label representatives must complete the electronic *IPA Polka Music Awards Application*. Recording artists must submit the musical tracks of the recording and related artwork with liner notes as instructed in the form. Recordings must be released between January 1st and December 31st of a given year and the submission received by the following January 14th to be considered in the next voting cycle. Please visit www.ipapolkas.com for more information and to upload your submissions. Any questions concerning this process should be directed to MusicAwards@ipapolkas.com.



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Christy, IPA Executive Board and Directors, I personally would like to congratulate you all on a fine job on the annual IPA Festival and Convention. It was a great time and my family really enjoyed the entire weekend. Again, it was a great honor to be inducted into the Hall of Fame and I will never forget the banquet and the entire weekend. The entertainment was first class and I look forward to next year. Again thank you all and God Bless! **~Peter J Danielczuk**

Dear Christy and Board Members, I want to say Thank you to the IPA for my induction in the Hall of Fame. It was a very nice event and I will never forget it. I will also continue to promote your events on my show. God Bless and thank you for being so kind to my girlfriend. **~Li'l John Nalevanko**

Good Morning Christy. I just wanted congratulate you, and all of the IPA board of directors on a fantastic convention. Thank you for giving all the Hall of Fame inductees and award winners a truly memorable weekend. **~David Kurdziel**



Hi Christy, I just wanted to say thank you for all your help getting me through the IPA event. I couldn't have done it otherwise. You are truly an asset to the IPA and truly a wonderful person. I'm looking forward to seeing you again at some IPA event in the future. Take care. **~Darrell Swick**

Annual IPA Parade of Polka Bands Picnic

What's better than a polka party? How about an outdoor polka party picnic? Well, that's exactly what took place in Hammond Indiana on August 6th, 2023. The annual IPA Parade of Polka Bands picnic!

The picnic featured lively, nonstop music by the IPA Tribute Band, Tony Blazonczyk's New Phaze, The Polka Generations, Polka Mojo and the DynaVersaStickToneAires.

But that was just the start of the fun! Let's add a table lined up with roasters filled with Polish food favorites like golabki, pierogi, kielbasa and kluski & kapusta; all of which was served by our fun-loving friends at Big Frank's Sausage. Servers Jill and Tammy were seen dancing around the food tent throughout the afternoon. At one point, Jill even put on a full-body kielbasa costume, and danced around the pavilion, encouraging everyone to stop by their tent to partake in their Polish dishes!

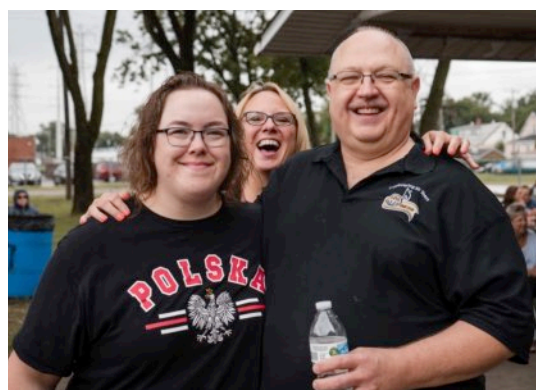
But wait; there's more! How about our favorite bartenders? Our friends Alan, Dave and Danny made sure that no one was thirsty! They made sure that dehydration would not be an issue! Beverages of all kinds were flowing freely and absolutely no one left

the bar area without a smile on their face and a cold refreshing beverage, or two, or three in hand!

The IPA picnic is definitely a group effort. Big thanks go out to our friends at the Mohawks Club who arrived in the early morning hours to put up tents and to sweep & squeegee the water puddles that accumulated around the pavilion and throughout the grove. Thanks to Tony & Allison who sold bar chips all afternoon to keep the bar line moving quickly. Our wild & crazy food servers, Jill and Tammy; you're both welcome back anytime! Last, and certainly not least, IPA friends Matka Sally Rzeszutko and Ciotka Carol Trzebiatowski who worked the first shift at the gate, as they often do at our IPA events. My fellow Board Members who also helped at the gate, selling raffle tickets, and keeping the music on schedule and sounding perfect; thank you all very much!

The picnic could not have happened without everyone's efforts. Dziekuje Bardzo!! Now let's start planning next year's picnic! I'm ready; how about you?!

(Pictures on next page)



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Our sincere appreciation to each & every one of you that attended Polka Fireworks at Seven Springs this year. The bands did a fantastic job entertaining, thank you Polka Family, John Gora & Gorale, The Boys, Ray Jay & the Carousels, Lenny Gornulka's Chicago Push, The DynaBrass, and The Buffalo Concertina All-Stars.

Thank you to Richie Zebrowski for a fantastic job hosting the Annual Litwin Concertina Jam. Thank you to all the musicians who participated in the Jam this year. What a party that was!

Our heartfelt thanks to the Polka Fireworks Committee of Helpers. We couldn't do this without you. Thank you to the DJs, IJs, and Promoters for helping to advertise and spread the word about the festival.

We appreciate & recognize the International Polka Association for helping to sponsor the Polka Fire-

works Festival this year. And Thank you to the World Concertina Congress for their sponsorship of the Annual Litwin Concertina Jam.

We are looking forward to the 49th Annual Polka Fireworks - July 4-5-6, 2024.

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