



# IPA Newsletter

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## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

### A Message from the President....

I would like to thank you for your concerns, prayers, Mass cards & well wishes since my open-heart surgery in October. Your phone calls to my children, Marge, & myself were certainly appreciated. Also, I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to the Board Members who stepped up in my absence to complete necessary tasks for the organization. THANK YOU—THANK YOU!

On a business-related note, I want to mention that the rooms for the festival in August are available for a rate of \$99! If you break down the cost, it is reasonable since the package includes breakfast for two (valued at \$20) and two drinks/person each evening (a \$16 value). If you do the math, the cost for the hotel room is only \$63/night. This rate is MOST CERTAINLY the best around and includes one of the best band line-ups! PLEASE PLAN TO COME AND SUPPORT THE FESTIVAL! Embassy Suites, 5800 Rockside Woods Blvd, Independence, Ohio. Reservations: 216-986-9900

Lastly, I wanted to remind you about the dance on Saturday-Sunday, January 19-20.

If you have any questions or comments about any IPA-related events, feel free to call me at 312-315-2215 or e-mail [riblakdave@gmail.com](mailto:riblakdave@gmail.com).

Looking forward to seeing everyone in 2013!

Dave Ulczycki—IPA President

**Due to Overwhelming Demand we are Extending the Weekend!  
(SUNDAY MARCH 3, 2013 EVENT IS SOLD OUT!)**

## IPA TRIBUTE TO HAPPY LOUIE AND JULCIA

### Saturday, March 2, 2013

Ludlow PACC, 355 East Street, Ludlow, Mass.

**6 PM – 10 PM**

Music By:

**Eddie Forman & EFO Orchestra**

**Special Guest Appearance by  
Eddie Biegaj**

**Get Your Tickets Early!**

\$15 per Person

FOR TICKETS - CALL: Ed Szela - 413-567-1961

**SURPRISE GUESTS**



### Joe Jozwiak Special Achievement Award Winner ~ Gilbert Ziemski

Spent my childhood in Baltimore, Maryland, on O'Donnell Street, the edge of the Polish neighborhood, during the 40's and early 50's. I enjoyed listening to polka music on the radio played by the greats like Frank Wojnarowski, Ray Henry, Lil Wally and many others. The radio show on WBMD-AM was called "Echoes of Poland" hosted by Mieczyslaw J. Kaniecki. The show was later hosted by Barbara & George Miegion for many years.

My teenage years, as expected, were spent listening to the very popular rock and roll. Of course there were always the family gatherings, weddings and parties which always featured polka music.

Sometime during our early married life, my wife Mary and I discovered this polka music from Chicago and we were hooked. The new polka music with this new way of dancing, wow!

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**IPA Newsletter**

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Due are \$15.00 per person for all members. You can also purchase a lifetime membership for only \$200.00 per person. If you would like to join the IPA, please send your check or money order to:

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Email: [Christy-ipa@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Christy-ipa@sbcglobal.net)**VISIT THE I.P.A. HALL OF FAME AND MUSEUM**

**If you are interested in visiting the International Polka Association's Hall of Fame and Museum, please Contact Dave Ulczycki at 312-315-2215 to make an appointment.**

**IMPORTANT! MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS**

As reminders for membership renewals are mailed out, it would be greatly appreciated if these could be returned **as soon as possible**. Not only are these fees used to allocate printing and mailing expenses, but for various other causes. **So please return your renewals in a timely matter.**

**IPA RADIO SHOW**

Don't forget to listen to the IPA Radio Show on Sunday, 10:00–10:30 a.m. CT on WPNA (1490 AM) in Chicago or [www.wpna1490am.com](http://www.wpna1490am.com) via the internet with different DJ's every week or two weeks. President Dave Ulczycki, Vice President Rick Rzeszutko, Treasurer Linda Niewierowski, Secretary, Laura Mateja, Financial Secretary Christy Krawisz, Director John Krawisz, Director T. Ron Jasinski-Herbert, Director John Mikrut, Director Dan Mateja and Media Advisor Jerry Wantroba.

The IPA Radio Show will be on the Polka Jammer Network on Saturday from 4-5 pm and then replayed on Wednesday from 9-10 pm Central Time. DJ include Chicago Officers and Directors and Out of Town Directors. Be sure to tune in!

Visit: [www.polkajammernetwork.org](http://www.polkajammernetwork.org)

Please Call 1-800-TO-POLKA if you are interesting in advertising on the IPA Radio show. WE NEED SPONSORS!

***JOIN THE I.P.A. AS WE CELEBRATE  
JANUARY BEING "NATIONAL POLKA MONTH"***

**Festival of Bands - Warm Up Dance**

**Saturday January 19, 2013**

Music by:

**Lenny Gomulka &  
The Chicago Push**



**Polonia Banquets ~ 4604 S. Archer Avenue, Chicago, Illinois**

**Doors Open at 5:00 pm**

**Music 6:00-10:00 pm**

**Admission \$12.00 at the door ~ Polonia's Kitchen will be open**

**\*Special 2-Day Pass for Only \$20.00\***

**44<sup>th</sup> Annual Chicago Festival of Polka Bands**

**Sunday January 20, 2013**

**Featuring 9 Top Polka Bands**

- Downtown Sound • Tony Blazonczyk's New Phaze
- Lenny Gomulka & The Chicago Push • Freeze Dried
  - Lenny Zielinski and the D-Street Band
  - Polka Generations • IPA Tribute Band
  - Eddie Korosa, Jr. & his Boys from Illinois
  - Bill Gula's Chicago Image

**Glendora House ~ 10225 S. Harlem Avenue, Chicago Ridge, Illinois**

**Doors Open at 11:00 am Music Starts at 11:30 am**

**Admission \$12.00 at the door ~ Mary's Kitchen will be open**

**Show your I.P.A. Membership card and get \$1.00 off at the door admission**

**Information & Tickets call the I.P.A. at 1-800-TO-POLKA**

**Out of Town Guests: Special Room Rates at the Days Inn – Bridgeview**

**9625 South 76<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Bridgeview, IL 60455 ~ Phone: 708-430-1818**

**Saturday & Sunday Rate: \$59.00 (plus tax)**

**MUST MENTION THE CODE: "POLKA" to get the Special Rate**

## Recordings Sought For Annual Music Awards

### ATTENTION ALL RECORDING COMPANIES AND POLKA BANDS!

The International Polka Music Hall of Fame® and Chairman, Leon Kozicki, strongly urges any recording company and/or polka band who has released recordings during the calendar year of 2012 to notify and remit that recording to him as soon as possible. This is to determine eligibility for the 44th Annual Polka Music Awards which will be presented at the annual festival at the Polka Music Hall of Fame® and Music Awards banquet.

Registered companies will receive affidavits which **MUST** be completed and returned to the International Polka Music Hall of Fame Chairman, Leon Kozicki, by the deadline of **FEBRUARY 14, ONLY** those recordings which were produced during 2012 will be accepted. The recordings, which are determined eligible, will be placed on a master list, mailed to the IPA electors, and then be selected to receive the favorite song and favorite album of the year for 2012.

The IPA electors represent the various geographical areas within the United States as well as Canada.

The awards have been presented for the past 43 consecutive years to deserving bands and vocalists. It is requested that copies that are eligible be sent to the IPA Polka Music Hall of Fame Chairman when affidavits are returned.

#### PLEASE FORWARD ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO:

**Leon Kozicki, Chairman,  
Polka Music Hall of Fame®,  
13405 Tall Pines Lane, Plainfield, IL 60544**



## Polka Party

At Englewood  
Elks Lodge

401 N. Indiana Avenue,  
Englewood, FL  
Elks Lodge: 941-474-1404

Saturday, February 16, 2013  
5 pm to 9 pm

Music by:  
E.F.O. - Eddie Forman Orchestra

\$16.00 per ticket advanced  
\$18.00 at the door  
Cash or Money Order

Doors and kitchen open at 4:30 pm  
Food Available

## POLKA BENEFIT DANCE

**7th ANNUAL MEMORIAL "GIFT OF LIFE" DANCE  
IN HONOR OF LISA MARIE BISKUP**

PRCU HALL IN WYANDOTTE, MICHIGAN - 1430 OAK ST. - 48192

**SATURDAY, April 27, 2013**

featuring fine music by	
	<b>Randy Krajewski &amp; BADINOV</b> from Toledo, Oh
AND	
	<b>Freeze Dried</b> from Chicago, Illinois
Special guest appearance by the legendary Hall of Famer, Mitch Biskup	

Adults-\$19.00  
Kids 13 & under Free  
Doors open at 6:00pm  
Music from 6:30pm - 12:00am

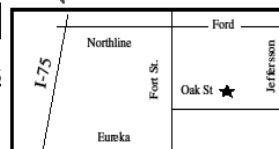


Polish Kitchen  
Door Prizes  
Raffles

**NO BYOB - CASH BAR**

For More Information  
Ron-Sue Biskup - (810) 588-6266

ALL DONATIONS  
INCLUDING ADMISSION PRICE  
IS TAX DEDUCTABLE



**ALL PROCEEDS ARE FOR THE 'LISA BISKUP  
ORGAN AND TISSUE DONOR FOUNDATION'**

(Gilbert Ziemiński Continued)

Took dance lessons at our church, St. Luke's, from Tommy and Stephanie Thomas, to learn the "new" polka steps, sometime in the mid to late 60s. Really started to live and enjoy the present day Polka music.

Chaired and promoted many dances at St. Luke's through the mid 70's, and of course going to as many dances and festivals as possible. Hosted dances with local DJ, Milton Brzozowski at St. Luke's and other locations, to help some of his charities and his commercial radio program Happy Music Time.

Continued working with Milton Brzozowski on his Public Radio Polka Show, "Music from the Old Country" heard on WBJC-FM for about 2 years. My first exposure to radio broadcasting I was very involved with several station fund raisers and 12 hour broadcasts during this time. I tried to pass some of this love that I have for polkas along to other people by teaching polka lessons at The Catholic High School, Archbishop Curley High School, St. Margaret's Church, all in Baltimore and surrounding area, and just about anywhere else that would have me.

Started my radio program, "Polkamotion PM" on WBMD-AM, here in Baltimore, in the late 70's. On the air for about 10 – 12 years. Tried to run polka dances during that time to help with the cost of the radio show, some were not too successful. Didn't lose any money but also didn't make too much to help with the broadcasting expenses. Our Polish Festival, with Polka music, at St. Luke's started around 1980, and except for a brief 2 or 3 year hiatus, continues through to today. Finally, one of the best! Polkamotion by the Ocean, in Ocean City, MD. Along with my wife Mary, Fred & Marsha Bulinski, and a fantastic Committee, we went headlong into our festival starting in 1980 and continuing until 2003. We moved to Rehoboth Beach, DE in 2004 and we are still running. I lost Mary, my wife of 47 years in 2007, and my enthusiasm of course, has been dampened. I retired from actively promoting the festival and became KP, 2 years ago. I have since re-married to a very dear friend Marge Filipiak-Ziemiński, who was a very good friend of Mary and myself. Marge lost her husband Bud over 20 years ago. Neither of us was looking, it just happened, we believe with heavenly assistance.

Some advice, if anyone is planning to get rich promoting polka music, please don't quit your day job. Finally, I've traveled to many festivals, promoted Polka vacations and cruises and still continue to love the music, the people and the atmosphere. Marge and I are looking forward to many more years of enjoying this Polka stuff.

## OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO:

**Eugene "Butch" Gawle, IPA Member**, passed away on December 12, 2012. Deepest sympathy to his wife, Diane and the entire Gawle family and friends.

**Jeanette Jagiello**, Wife to IPA Hall of Famer, Li'l Wally Jagiello, passed away November 28, 2012. Deepest sympathy to the Jagiello and Kozak family and friends.

**George Zielinski**, Father to IPA Member, Lenny Zielinski passed away on November 25, 2012. Lenny is also the Leader of the D-Street Band and a member of the IPA Tribute Band. Deepest sympathy to the Zielinski family and friends.

Our deepest sympathy wishes to all the family and friends of Eugene, Jeanette and George.

May you rest in Peace.

## Would you like your newsletter Emailed to you?

The I.P.A. would like to go GREEN! Help us save money on printing costs and postage!

If you have a computer and would like your Newsletter emailed to you (pdf form), please send an email to:  
[Christy-ipa@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Christy-ipa@sbcglobal.net)

PLEASE PUT IN THE SUBJECT LINE  
~ "PLEASE EMAIL MY NEWSLETTER"

THANK YOU

## **Come Celebrate the International Polka Associations 45th Anniversary!** **Thursday August 1st to Sunday August 4th, 2013**

Mark your calendars! The 45th Annual I.P.A. Festival and Convention is at the Embassy Suites~Cleveland-Rockside 5800 Rockside Woods Blvd., Independence, Ohio. On Thursday, August 1st, **The Del Sinchak Band** will be playing from 7-10:30 pm. On Friday, August 2nd, from 5 pm—1 pm, music by **The Divas featuring Ania Piwowarczyk, Gennie Okrzesik and Mary Lou Czerniak, The Knewz, Polka Family and Freeze Dried**. On Saturday, August 3rd, the **44th Annual I.P.A. Polka Music Hall of Fame and Music Awards Banquet** begins at 10 am. Reservations are required and the price of a ticket is \$35.00. Please contact Linda Niewierowski 773-489-3987 or email her at [plkaqueen25@aol.com](mailto:plkaqueen25@aol.com). In the Evening on Saturday from 4 pm—1 am, music by **The Boys, Polka Country Musicians and the IPA Tribute Band with Special Guest I.P.A. Hall of Famers**. On Sunday August 4th, the **Polka Mass** begins at 9 am and the **Annual Election of Officers and Convention Meeting** begins at 10 am (current members only). Admission prices are \$10.00 on Thursday and \$15.00 on Friday and Saturday, payable at the door. No Advance Tickets. Children under 16 will be admitted FREE when accompanied by an Adult. For Hotel Reservations, call 216-986-9900, price is \$99 plus tax per night and you must mention you are coming for the I.P.A. Polka Festival.

**RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE NO LATER THEN JULY 15, 2013. THIS IS AN ALL SUITES HOTEL.** All suites have a private bedroom and separate living rooms, a wet-bar, microwave, refrigerator, coffeemaker and two flat screen TV's, Complimentary cooked-to-order breakfast each morning, Complimentary Manager's reception with light snacks and beverages each evening, Indoor pool, whirlpool, fitness center and seasonal outside sundeck.

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### **2013 IPA Festival of Bands Time Slots**

11:30-12:15 - Eddie Korosa, Jr and his Boys from Illinois

12:30-1:15 - Tony Blazonczyk's New Phaze

1:30-2:15 - Freeze Dried

2:30-3:15 - Polka Generations

3:30-4:15 - Bill Gula & Chicago Image

4:30-5:15 - Lenny Gomulka and The Chicago Push

5:30-6:15 - Lenny Zielinski & the D Street Band

6:30-7:15 - Downtown Sound

7:30-8:15 - IPA Tribute Band

Can't get enough polka on regular broadcast radio? The alternative is Polka Internet Radio, where the music never stops. Most, if not all archive their shows as MP3 files, so that you may download and listen at your leisure. Some of the polka sites you should be aware of are:

<http://www.247polkaheaven.com>,  
<http://www.polkajammernetwork.org>,  
<http://www.polishnewcastleradio.com>  
<http://wbcb1490.com/the-denny-o-polka-show>

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**Polka United ~ Uniting Everything  
Related to Polka Music**

Visit their Website [www.polkasunited.com](http://www.polkasunited.com)

### **THE IPA RADIO SHOW IS NOW ON THE POLKA JAMMER NETWORK**

The I.P.A. Radio Show is now on the Polka Jammer Network from 4-5pm on Saturdays and then replayed on Wednesday from 9-10 pm. (Central Time).

Visit: [www.polkajammernetwork.org](http://www.polkajammernetwork.org)

**JEANETTE JAGIELLO, WIFE OF LI'L WALLY, PASSES AWAY IN FLORIDA**

(taken with permission from Polonia Today)

Jeanette Jagiello (nee Kozak), wife of the late Li'l Wally Jagiello, died on November 28, 2012, shortly after her 82nd birthday. She passed away in Florida, where she and her husband had settled after leaving Chicago for his health reasons.

She and Wally starred in a radio show in Chicago during the '60s when she was known as "Polka Jeanette." Together, they owned and operated Jay Jay Records, which featured Li'l Wally and other polka artists.

Jeanette (left) supported Li'l Wally, who was a polka star, in every sense of the word. She helped with his business, which included a store for polka-related items in Miami, Florida, recording production and mail order sales, primarily of his CDs.

The biography of Li'l Wally at the IPA website states, "Wally's style became so popular in Chicago that virtually every other polka band in the city had to adapt their own sound to fit his blueprint. His burgeoning popularity crystallized into a breakout national hit in 1954, thanks to his first English-language recording, 'I Wish I Was Single Again.' It sold over 150,000 copies in Chicago alone, and climbed onto the national charts, where it topped out at Number 22. However, Wally was so overwhelmed by the duties of recording, performing, and running the label that he began to suffer from ulcers; he took some time off for a vacation in Miami, and liked it so much that he and his wife would eventually move there permanently."

Li'l Wally died on August 17, 2006, in Miami, Florida, at age 76. Jeanette continued to manage the sale of his CDs and to protect his copyrights and royalties.

**The Bayway Polish Home presents  
A Benefit Concert to aid in relief from the devastation in the aftermath  
of Superstorm "Sandy"**

On October 25, 2012, countless lives were affected by a superstorm the likes we have not seen in 100 years. Lives were lost! Homes Destroyed! Families displaced! Landscapes altered forever! On January 27, 2013, the polka community will come together, open their hearts and show support.

Featuring the music and personalities of the following artists.

Rick Anton and the Polka Stars (NJ), The Ablemen (NJ), Ed Goldberg's Odessa Klezmer (NJ), Streetlight (NJ), Chris and Ronnie (NY), The Golden Tones (PA), Mike Costa and the Beat (NJ), Special Guest "IPA Hall of Famer" Mitch Biskup (MA), and a Performance by Eddie Biegaj.

Special Benefit hours 3-10 PM

Donation is \$18.00 at the door— ALL PROCEEDS GOING TO THE AMERICAN RED CROSS

Bay Way Polish Home, 625 Pulaski Street, Elizabeth, NJ 07202

[www.baywaypolishhome.org](http://www.baywaypolishhome.org)

Phone: 908-355-3131

**January 15, 2013 ~ THE NEXT**  
**I.P.A GENERAL MEETING AT POLONIA**  
**BANQUETS. Dinner 6:30 PM—Meeting 7 PM.**

# FREE FOOD

## **Certificate of Appreciation** **were presented to the following:**

Polkaholics for their 15th Anniversary.

John Jaworski for 50 years in the Polka Field.

Polish Carolers of Chicago for their 40th Anniversary.

Bruno Mikos Jr. for over 50 years in the Polka Field.

## **In the Mail...**

“THANK YOU SO MUCH for the wonderful Certificate of Appreciation that you mailed to me for The Polkaholics 15 year anniversary! WOW - that was so thoughtful of you and the IPA. I can't believe it!! I am very happy, honored and humbled by this. Please express my thanks to Rick and the IPA board for this. I am truly flattered! “ ~ Don Hedeker

“Just a note of thanks and appreciation for the plaque recognizing my 50 years in polka music. God Bless!”

John Jaworski

## **THANK YOU'S**

Thank you to Mary Roehetter for donating several books of past Polka News Papers to the IPA Hall of Fame.

Thank you to Annette Mikrut for donating several of Gene Mikrut's Music Books.

Thank you to Bernie Gorak's Polka Generations and Lenny Zielinski's D-Street band for performing at our Calendar Kick Off Dance November 11, 2012 and to all who attended.

Thank you to everyone who attended our Breakfast with Santa on December 2, 2012. Special Thank You to Gennie O and the Next Step, Santa and the Polonia Staff!

Thank you to everyone who helped out at our Post Thanksgiving Dance in Wyandotte, Michigan on November 24, 2012. Especially, Stan Pasko, John Zelasko Sr, Darryl Troczynski, Michele Troczynski, Dan Koppens and Terry Bagrowski. Thank you to the IPA Tribute Band for performing and everyone from Chicago for helping out!

Thank you to June Sherry Ingram for her \$125 donation from the Rich Bobinski CD Sales.

## **Update on IPA Hall of Famer Scrubby...**

IPA Hall of Famer, David “Scrubby” Seweryniak was reported in good spirits, although he was stricken with stage 2 pancreatic cancer, which began to spread to the lymph nodes. Add to that, the huge incision across his midsection held together by metal staples had gotten infected. However good news followed. By November 15, Scrubby was reported as being home and there was no cancer in his lymph nodes.

(Taken with permission from Polonia Today)



# T.K. Frank's Best Sellers - CD's

## ADAMCZYK, STEVE

"Hi-Fi Polkas" ~ "Polkas with Pep"  
"Parade of Polkas"

## BLAZONCZYK, EDDIE (VERSATONES)

"Polka Medley Album" NEW  
"Polka Thriller" NEW

## BLAZONCZYK, TONY AND NEW PHAZE

"Have a Shot With New Phaze" NEW

## BLIHOUDE, OTTO

"Gamel'ots Story"

## BLOUNT, STAN - "It's About Time"

## BOBINSKI, RICH

"Forever in Time" NEW

## THE BOYS

"A New Day" NEW ~ "Classics" NEW

## BUDZILEK, RAY

"Happy Polka Tunes with Jimmy Sturr"

"Cleveland Style Polkas"

"The Cleveland Sound"

## BUFFALO KNEWZ

"4th Edition" NEW

"Got Knewz" ~ "Knewz Flash" NEW

## BULANDA, STAS & OLD SCHOOL

"Glory Days" NEW

"Shout Out"

## CHESKY, LARRY

"One Stage Polkas"

"Wonderful World of Polkas"

"New Sounds in Polkas"

"Polish Dolls"

## CONCERTINA ALL STARS

"Dancing With The All Stars" NEW

"Concertina Hero"

## CONCERTINA SESSIONS

"30th Anniversary"

## CYMAN, JAN AND MUSICALAIRES

"Better late than Never" New

## DAN GURY & DYNADUKES

"Polka Radio" NEW

## DARLAK, JERRY & BUFFALO TOUCH

"America's Most Requested Polkas" NEW

"Touch This"

"Polkas in Black and White"

"Untouched Live in Las Vegas"

"Let the Good Times Roll"

"For our Polka Friends"

"Flirty Squirty: Dyngus Day Party Hits" New

"Back in Touch" NEW

## DEUESCHMIESTERS

"Greatest Hits- Double CD" NEW (\$25.00)

## DYNABRASS

"Bay City Nights" NEW

## DYNATONES

"LiveWire 1 & 2" NEW

"Until The End Of The World Rolls Around"

## EASTERN SOUNDS

"Spellbound" NEW

## FORMAN, EDDIE

"Movin' On" NEW

## FORNEK, STEVE

"Package of Polkas" NEW

## GAZDA, RICK

"Tribute To Bernie Witkowski" NEW

## GOLDEN TONES

"A Bunch of Polkas"

## GOLUNKA, STAS & CHICAGO MASTERS

"The King's Treasurers" New

## GOMULKA, LENNY & CHICAGO PUSH

"Twelve Pack of Polkas" NEW

## GORA, JOHN & GORALE

"Bulletproof Polkas" NEW

"Polka Playin' Fool" NEW

## GROLLER, WALT

"We Speak The Language Of Music"

"Polka Radio" (NEW)

"Awesome Polkas"

"Your Polka Sweethearts"

"Happy Memories"

"Happy Louie - Live"

## HAPPY LOUIE

"Happy Louie & Julcia Family Album"

"Sing Along" ~ "Shake it Up"

"Good Luck" ~ "Love & Peace"

"Red, White & Beautiful"

"Real Hot Polkas" ~ "My Melody of Love"

"Songs for You" ~ "One More Time"

"Paloma Blanca" ~ "Jak Sie Masz"

"Update those Good Old Polkas"

"Polkas on Fire" ~ "Polkarisma"

"Super Duper Polkas" ~ "Awesome Polkas"

"Your Polka Sweethearts"

"Happy Memories" ~ "Happy Louie - Live"

"Red Hot Polkas" ~ "Candy, Candy, Candy"

"Rex Years Volume 1" ~ "Rex Years Volume 2"

"Rex Years Volume 3"

## HENNY & THE VERSA Js

"Don't Stop" ~ "Come on Over"

"Mother's Hands"

"If I Could Be Like You"

## HENRY, RAY

"Polkas with Spirit"

"Golden Polkas"

## HONKY EXPRESS

"Polka Heaven" NEW

## HUDENSKI, BUD

"Resurgence"

"Vintage Bud"

## INTERNATIONAL MAIN STREET POLKA BAND

"Town & Country Polkas"

## IPA TRIBUTE BAND

"Yesterday's Songs" NEW

## JERRY N' AL

"Squeeze Box Serenade" NEW

## JERSEY POLKA RICHIE

"Sunshine & Polkas" NEW

"America's Concertina King" NEW

## KILIAN, JIMMY

"Polkas from the Windy City" NEW

## LUKITSCH, KARL

"Drive Time"

"Live It Up"

## MAESTRO'S MEN

"Don't Stop The Music" NEW

## MAKSYMOWICZ, TED

"Polkas from Poland"

## MEIXER, ALEX

"Stay All Night" NEW

## NEW BRASS EXPRESS

"In This Game Together" NEW

## NEW DIRECTION

"Follow Directions" NEW

## NICKEL CITY NOTES

"Spare Change" NEW

## NISSEL, MARV

"A Tribute To Cliff Hermel"

"New Ulm Favorites"

"What God Has Joined Together"

## OBERAITIS, JOE

"Past, Present, Future"

"Polkas by Joe Oberaitis"

"Polka Sizzlers"

"Polka Music at the Swingin' Best"

"A little bit of Polish Soul" ~ "Mr. Polka Dynamite"

"Two guys from Cleveland" ~ "Old Polish Songs"

## ORLANDO POLKA MAGIC

"Working Like Dogs"

## OSTANEK, WALTER

"Timeless" NEW

"Polka Celebration with Joey Miskulin" New

"Care Free Polkas and Waltzes" New

## PILLAR, DICK

"Best of Volume 2" NEW

## PIWOWARCZYK, ANIA

"Life's Too Short.Thank God For Polkas"

## POLKA FAMILY

"Let's Go Polka Dancing 2008"

"Hungry For More"

"Family Favorites Volume 4" NEW

"Moore Cowbell" NEW

## ROBERTS, BERNIE

"Greatest Hits"

## RODGERS, DICK

"Dick Rodgers Story" 2 CD's \$18.00 New

## ROSIE AND THE JAMMERS

"Celebrate" ~ "At Last"

"Live" NEW

## RYMANOWSKI BROTHERS

"It's About Time" NEW

## SCHIED, ELMER

"Concertina Greatest" 2 CD's \$18.00 NEW

"Elmer Scheid Story" 2 CD's \$18.00 NEW

## SCRUBBY & DYNATONES

"Polka Life" NEW

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### 2012 Calendar Raffle Winners November - December listed below

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# Welcome New Members

## We would like to welcome our newest members:

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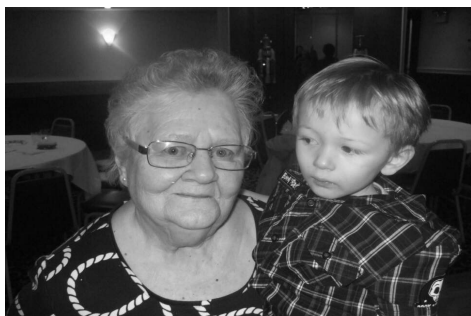
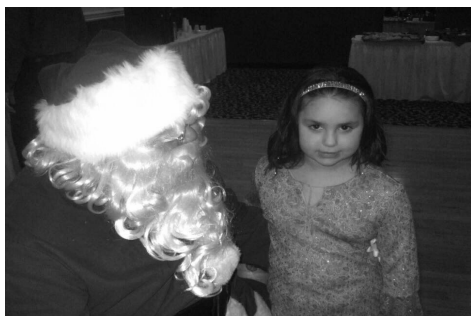
## Members are very important to the International Polka Association!

With the dues we collect, we are able to pay the month operating expenses of the International Polka Association. The Officers and Directors of Illinois voted to have a membership drive and incentive program. Please tell your family and friends what a great organization the International Polka Association is. This is the perfect time to help the IPA get more members.

**Membership is only \$15.00 per year, or you can sign up for a lifetime membership, and that is only \$200.00.**

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*During the course of this project, we lost two very important people in our lives. We would like to dedicate this recording to the memories of two of our fathers, Eddie Blazonczyk, Sr., and John Mateja, both of whom provided support and inspiration to our musical endeavors over the years.*

*A very heartfelt “Thank You” to our Executive Producer—Gene Swick, who without hesitation was eager to lend his support to this project. We appreciate you very much. A big thank you to all the IPA Officers and Directors for their support and encouragement. Also, special thanks to Barbara Kociolek, Anna & Bob Borowski, and Andrew Okrzesik for their contributions as well.*

***Since 1968, the International Polka Association has been promoting Polka Music by honoring Polka artists through our Hall of Fame inductions and annual award presentations for recording and performance. Please join the IPA in helping to keep our music and Hall of Fame alive.***

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## 2012 Freddy K Jr. Scholarship Award Winner, Justin Kohan

Justin Kohan of Orchard Park, New York, was the recipient of the Freddy K. Jr. Scholarship Award for 2012. He accepted his check of \$1,000 at the Cheektowaga Polish American Arts Festival in Cheektowaga, New York this past July. Justin is an accomplished trumpet player and has received numerous awards and scholarships, including the John Philip Sousa Award, Buffalo Musicians Association Scholarship, Erie County Music Educators Scholarship, Joseph Sugar Memorial Scholarship for Outstanding Musicianship and The Louis Armstrong Jazz Award among others. He was a member of the Jazz Ensemble, Concert Coral, Orchestra, Symphonic Band, Wind Ensemble and Marching Band at Hamburg High School in New York. Justin is also a member of the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra. In 2007, he toured Europe as a member of the American Music Abroad program and performed concerts throughout Switzerland, France, Germany and Austria. Even with all of his accomplishments, he still has a love of polka music, which was instilled in him through his parents, Mark and Kyle Kohan who have their own polka band and from six of his uncles who have had or play in polka bands throughout the Buffalo area.

Justin is attending the New England Conservatory of Music (NEC) this fall where he will major in Trumpet Performance. He plans to complete understudies at NEC, followed by graduate studies at The Juilliard School of Music in New York City and then a doctorate from the Eastman School of Music. Justin was a unanimous choice by the judges to win this year's scholarship award.

The Freddy K. Jr. Music Scholarship Committee is now accepting requests for applications for the 2013 Scholarship award. Applicants must be high school seniors who have been accepted to an accredited college and play a musical instrument. The award is presented at a Polka Festival of their choice each summer.

Anyone who is interested in applying for the scholarship award can contact the Scholarship Committee at:

The Freddy K. Jr. Scholarship Fund  
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Kyle Kohan, Mark Kohan, Justin Kohan, Freddy K and Linda Kendzierski.

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY ~ STO LAT - IPA MEMBERS!

## JANUARY

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**January 2** – Cecilia Osysko, Eugene Sadus; Stephen Binkiewicz; Wandzia Kuluzny  
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**January 4** – Jerry Fabian; Rick Kunke  
**January 6** – John Freidhoff, Michele Troczynski  
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**January 8** - Laura Mateja;  
**January 9** – Nora McCabe, James Sefcik; Kenny Konopka; Jeff Yash  
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**January 12** – Paul Brozek; Vince Ashman  
**January 13** – Barbara Szydowski,  
**January 14** – Elaine Nowak; Jeremy Yrkoski  
**January 15** – David Dobrzinski; Joseph Kubicar; John Jaworski  
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**January 18** - Lucille Marsolek; Brian Kapka; Duane Mijal  
**January 19** – Hayley Krawisz  
**January 20** – James Kozak; Richard Tady; Matthew Sienkowski  
**January 21** – Jeff Maroszek; Linda Niewierowski (IPA Treasurer);  
**January 22** – Chet Dragon; Ann Marie Matousek; Jim Pietranczyk  
**January 23** – Diane Pukal  
**January 24** -- Matt Wasielewski  
**January 25** – Craig Marsolek; Walter Maduzia; Terri Lipchinsky  
**January 26** – Laura Bethke;  
**January 28** – Sharon Heiman  
**January 29** – Harriet Koziol; Mary Anne Robinson  
**January 30** – Jean Iwaniczko; Chet Dombrowski  
**January 31** – Richard Leach; David Thoms;

## FEBRUARY

**February 1** – Robert Guyette;  
**February 2** – Don Hedeker; Jody Maddie  
**February 5** – Don Haderle; Fred Bulinski  
**February 6** – Richie Gomulka; Norbert Ciesla  
**February 7** – Eddie Biegaj;  
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**February 9** – Ron Zywieci; Evelyn Benbenek; Paris Wanta  
**February 10** – Fredolin Willfahrt; Frank Delaney  
**February 11** – Ronald Cierpial;  
**February 12** – Walter Groller; John Klein; Mario Joseph Kozak  
**February 13** – Gerry Kaminski; Ronald Lietz  
**February 14** – Jerry Hyzy; Fred Kendzierski (IPA 2<sup>nd</sup> VP); Stas Wilgocki  
**February 15** – Leonard Klamut; Frank Stetar; Chuck Esposito  
**February 16** – Ann Haas; Freddie Steenbock; Lori Ebel  
**February 17** – Bernie Goydish;  
**February 18** – James Sajkowicz; Linda Hurley; Ken Foldenauer  
**February 20** – Becky Livermore;  
**February 22** – Steve Rodgers; Sandy Mikrut  
**February 23** – Mike Neicoff; Juli Mrowca; Jerry Halkoski  
**February 24** – Frank Proszowski; Eddie Zavaski, Jr;  
**February 25** -- Trudie Mergen; Tim Jagodzinski  
**February 26** – Edward Pudlo; Jane Schultz  
**February 27** – Robert Fidler; Dennis Mikolajewski; Charlotte Tyk  
**February 29** – Ken Gill

Belated Birthday wishes to IPA Director Pat Maduzia.



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Polonia Banquets  
(See Flyer on page 3)

January 20, 2013 - Sunday

IPA Festival of Bands  
Doors Open 11 am  
(See Band Line Up on Page 3  
And Schedule on Page 6)

March 2, 2013 - Saturday

IPA Tribute to Happy Louie and Julcia  
Ludlow PACC— Music 6-10 PM  
Eddie Forman Orchestra  
Special Guest—Eddie Biegaj  
See page 1 for more info

MARCH 3, 2013 - Sunday

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