



IPA Newsletter

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A Letter From The President...

Greetings Polka Fans,

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Now that the holidays are over, it's time to get ready to "celebrate." January is National Polka Month, so what better to get the party started than in Chicago?! On Saturday, January 18, 2014, all roads lead Polonia Banquets, the legendary polka palace on Archer Avenue, to hear Lenny Gomulka and the Chicago Push for the IPA Warm Up Dance. I think it's safe to say that almost every polka legend from Chicago and around the country has appeared at Polonia. You can also visit the IPA Hall of Fame which is located on the second floor at Polonia. It is filled with lots of interesting items as well as the plaques of every Hall of Fame inductee.

The very next day is the "Chicago Festival of Polka Bands" at Glendora Banquets with 10 of the top polka entertainers from the Chicagoland area. We hope that you all can attend the 2-day event and get 2014 off to a rousing start.

The officers and board of directors have been working hard to promote polka music and the IPA. We are looking forward to an exciting year of events and encourage everyone to support polka music whenever and wherever you are able. I feel if we all work together in the spirit of cooperation, we can achieve great things this year and for years to come.

Don't forget the IPA Festival will be on a new weekend this year, Labor Day weekend, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, August 29-30-31, 2014 at the Embassy Suites in Cleveland (Independence), Ohio (same location as last year). It's never too early to make your room reservations for this, our 46th annual festival.

I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year filled with good health, happiness and lots of happy snappy polka music.

Polkatively Yours,
Rick Rzesutko

Next IPA General Member Meeting:

Tuesday, January 14

Doors Open 6:30 pm

Meeting 7:00 pm

Polonia Banquets

4604 S Archer Avenue — Chicago, IL

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National Polka
Month!**

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**IPA RADIO SHOW**

Don't forget to listen to the IPA Radio Show on Sundays, 10:00-10:30 a.m. Central Time on WPNA (1490 AM) in Chicago or via the internet at www.wpna1490am.com. Each show features IPA officers and directors including Rick Rzeszutko, Pat Maduzia, Linda Niewierowski, Laura Mateja, Christy Krawisz, John Krawisz, T. Ron Jasinski-Herbert, Dan Mateja, and Jerry Wantroba.

The IPA Radio Show is also broadcast on the Polka Jammer Network on Saturdays from 4-5 p.m. Central Time and then replayed on Wednesdays from 9-10 p.m. Central Time. Be sure to tune in!

Visit 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 International Polka Association

As We Celebrate January Being
"National Polka Month"

Festival of Bands - Warm Up Dance

Saturday, January 18th, 2014



Music by:

**Lenny Gomulka &
The Chicago Push**



Polonia Banquets – 4604 S. Archer Avenue, Chicago, Illinois

Doors Open at 5:00 PM – Music 6:00 PM – 10:00 PM

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

45th Annual Chicago Festival of Polka Bands

Sunday, January 19th, 2014

Featuring 10 Top Polka Bands:

**Lenny Gomulka &
The Chicago Push**

**Eddie Korosa, Jr.
& His Boys From Illinois**

**Tony Blazonczyk's New Phaze
Freeze Dried**

**Jim Polaski & The
Chicago NuTones - A Tribute to
The Johnny Bomba Band**

Bill Gula's Chicago Image

**Lenny Zielinski &
The D-Street Band**

IPA Tribute Band

Polka Generations

Music Company

Glendora House – 10225 S. Harlem Avenue, Chicago Ridge, Illinois

Doors Open at 11:00 AM – Music Starts 11:30 AM

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

***Special 2-Day Pass for only \$20.00!**

Show your IPA Membership Card at the door and receive \$1.00 off admission!

For information and tickets, call the IPA at 1-800-TO-POLKA

Please mark your calendars for January 18 and 19 as we celebrate the 45th Annual Chicago Festival of Polka Bands. Coming in from out-of-town? Days Inn in Bridgeview has rooms available for \$59/night. Call 708-430-1818 to make your reservation and mention "POLKA" to get the discounted room rate.

**IPA Chicago Festival of Polka Bands
Band Schedule
Sunday, January 19, 2014**

11:30-12:10	Polka Generations
12:25-1:05	IPA Tribute Band
1:20-2:00	Freeze Dried
2:15-2:55	Jim Polaski & the Chicago Nu Tones
3:10-3:50	Music Company
4:05-4:45	Lenny Gomulka and The Chicago Push
5:00-5:40	Bill Gula and Chicago Image
5:55-6:35	Lenny Zielinski and the D Street Band
6:50-7:30	Eddie Korosa Jr. & the Boys from Illinois
7:45-8:30	Tony Blazonczyk's New Phaze

In the Mail...

Friends, Fans, DJ's, IJ's, Musicians,

We are pleased to share with you a special recognition from the International Polka Association, which is headquartered in Chicago, Illinois. The band received special recognition from the I.P.A. acknowledging our 50 years of providing musical entertainment. Pictures of the recognition are attached. The band is honored and has expressed its gratitude to the officers and board of directors of the IPA.

Our schedule this month takes us on the private party circuit for various Christmas parties. Since we won't be seeing many of you, we want to take this opportunity to wish you all a happy and safe holiday season. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

May you always be able!

Ray / Jim / Joe / Bill

The Ablemen

Celebrating 50 Years in 2013

<http://www.ablemenmusic.com>

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 2013 to notify and remit that recording to him as soon as possible. This is to determine eligibility for the 45th 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 2013 will be accepted. The recordings, if 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 2013.

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

The awards have been presented for the past 44 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**

Welcome New Members!

*We would like to welcome
our newest members:*

Ted Kiewicz
William Marano
Mel Himes

Did You Know?

Did you know the International Polka Association is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization as recognized by the IRS? All donations to the IPA are tax-deductible.

In Memoriam

JR Finan, son of IPA member Denise Finan.

Irene Kozak, wife of IPA member James Kozak.

Geri Ryndak Schafer, IPA member.

Eleanor Kania, IPA member.

Brian Swick, son of former IPA officer Gene Swick.

The friends and family of our extended IPA family are in our thoughts and prayers. May they rest in peace.

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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Members are very important to the International Polka Association! If your membership is up for renewal, please send your renewal and dues as soon as possible. Membership dues are \$15.00 per year or \$200.00 for a lifetime membership.

IPA Calendar of Events

January 14: IPA General Member Meeting
Polonia Banquets, Chicago

January 18: Festival of Bands Warm-Up
Dance
Polonia Banquets, Chicago

January 19: Festival of Polka Bands
Glendora Banquets, Chicago

March 9: 9th Annual IPA Benefit Dance
Ludlow, MA

March 18: IPA General Member Meeting
and St. Joseph's Mass & Table
Polonia Banquets, Chicago

March 30: Joint IPA & Let's Polka USA
Dance
Glendora Banquets, Chicago

May 20: IPA General Member Meeting
Location TBA

July 15: IPA General Member Meeting
Polonia Banquets, Chicago

August 29-31: IPA Festival & Convention
Embassy Suites
Independence, Ohio

Eddie Blazonczyk, Sr.
Musical Tribute Weekend

PACC Ludlow, Mass

Saturday, March 8, 2014

Music 7pm - 11pm

IPA TRIBUTE BAND

Featuring:

Danny Mateja (Downtown Sound)
Tony Blazonczyk (New Phaze)
Melvin Rzeszutko (Downtown Sound)
Rick Rzeszutko (Music Company)
John Krawisz (Freeze Dried)
Lenny Zielinski (D-Street Band)
Vocals By Laura Mateja

SPECIAL PERFORMANCES BY POLKA HALL OF FAMERS:

Lenny Gomulka	Mike Matousek
Fred Bulinski	Richie Tokarz
Billy Belina	Mitch Biskup
Freddy K	

And Many More to Be Announced

\$15.00 Per Person

For Tickets Call:

Ed Szela - 413-567-1961

9th ANNUAL IPA BENEFIT DANCE

Ludlow PACC

355 East Street

Ludlow, Mass 01056

Sunday, March 9, 2014

2 PM - 7 PM

Music By:

Lenny Gomulka's Chicago Push
Dennis Polisky & The Maestro's Men
Eddie Forman & EFO Orchestra



Musical Tribute
To

Eddie Blazonczyk

Get Your Tickets Early!

\$20 per Person Advance Tickets Only

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

Or Send Check To:

Ed Szela, 104 Williston Drive, Long Meadow, Mass 01106

For Table Reservations of 8 or More Call Carol Blajda at 413-549-6997

POLKA BENEFIT DANCE

8th ANNUAL MEMORIAL "GIFT OF LIFE" DANCE
IN HONOR OF LISA MARIE BISKUP

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

SATURDAY, April 26, 2014



featuring fine music by

**Lenny Gomulka &
his Chicago Push**

from Ludlow, Massachusetts

AND



The IPA Tribute Band

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

NO BYOB - CASH BAR

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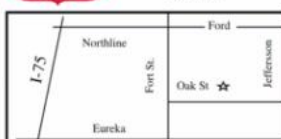
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International Polka Association Festival & Convention



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weekend!**

**August
29, 30, 31
2014**

Embassy Suites - Independence, Ohio

216-986-9900

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**Friday,
August 29**

John Góra &
Górale

The Knewz

**Saturday,
August 30**

Lenny Gomulka &
Chicago Push

The Boys

IPA Tribute Band

**Sunday,
August 31**

Polka Country
Musicians

The Project

Full Circle

Labor Day Weekend - Mark Your Calendars!!

Rooms are available at the Embassy Suites for \$101 plus tax,
per night when mentioning the IPA Polka Festival.

46th Annual IPA Festival and Convention

It's never too early to mark your calendars for the 46th annual IPA Festival and Convention! We hope you can join us on a new weekend—Labor Day weekend, August 29, 30, and 31 at the Embassy Suites Cleveland-Rockside; 5800 Rockside Woods Blvd in Independence, Ohio. Same location, new weekend.

Friday, August 29 starts the festival and convention with an afternoon welcome party and polka karaoke, while the fine sounds of **John Góra & Górale** and **The Knewz** will be alternating during the evening hours.

The annual Polka Music Hall of Fame and Awards banquet will start the festivities on Saturday, August 30. Music will begin in the afternoon and continue to the wee hours of the morning by **Lenny Gomulka & Chicago Push**, **The Boys**, and **The IPA Tribute Band**, who will also be featuring several IPA Hall of Famers.

The festival concludes on Sunday, August 31 but has lots of events scheduled in the final day. Polka Mass will be held, the annual convention meeting and elections will commence, and more fantastic polka music will conclude the three-day event. **Polka Country Musicians**, **The Project**, and **Full Circle** will provide some excellent polka music on Sunday afternoon and evening.

New this year—advanced 3-day passes will be available for purchase. Look for more information in upcoming newsletters.

If you have not attended the IPA Festival and Convention in the past few years, the Embassy Suites 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 TVs. Also included is a complimentary, cooked-to-order breakfast each morning, a nightly complimentary manager's reception with light snacks and beverages, and such amenities including indoor pool, whirlpool, and fitness center.

For hotel reservations, call 216-986-9900. The hotel rate is \$101 per night when you mention the IPA Polka Festival.

We look forward to hosting the festival and hope you will spend your Labor Day weekend with the IPA!

More Polka Time for the Lone Star State

NEWS RELEASE

DATELINE: Gonzales, Texas:

Starting December 1, 2013, **It's Polka Time! with Craig Ebel** will be heard every Sunday afternoon from 2 to 4 p.m. over KCTI 1450 AM in Gonzales, Texas. Known as "Real Country," KCTI (1,000-watts) is a Texas State Network Affiliate for state news and sports along with top on-the-hour national news from ABC. KCTI is by far the fastest growing and most visibly aggressive radio station in South Central Texas. By offering news, community information, high school sports and public affair programming, KCTI is the Guadalupe Valley's most complete full service radio station.

KCTI radio streams their signal worldwide over the Internet at www.kcti1450.com. KCTI also features polka music on Sunday afternoons from 4 to 6 p.m. with Chainsaw's Polka Madhouse hosted by Jim Kucharski. Counties able to hear KCTI include Bastop, Caldwell,

Gonzales, Guadalupe, Wilson, Kames, De Witt, Lavaca and Fayette.

It's Polka Time! is produced from the Twin Cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul, Minnesota, and is also heard on 24 other radio stations across the United States.

It's Polka Time! is also heard over the Internet on www.polkajammernetwork.org Tuesdays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Saturdays from 7 to 9 p.m. CST.

Information regarding **It's Polka Time!** radio shows and these radio stations can be found on the Internet at www.itspolkatime.com. Radio stations interested in broadcasting **It's Polka Time!** can request a demo of the show by sending an e-mail to itspolkatime@hotmail.com. Polka bands and record labels interested in having their recordings considered for airplay on **It's Polka Time!** can send their material to P.O. Box 32757, Minneapolis, MN 55432-0757.

JOE JOZWIAK SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD WINNER — STEVE LITWIN

Chicago – Steve Litwin, Polka Editor of the Polish American Journal, was announced as the winner of the Joe Jozwiak Achievement Award to be awarded by the International Polka Association (IPA) in 2014. The exact place and date of the award presentation has not yet been determined.

Steve Litwin was probably introduced to polka music shortly after his birth. Born and raised in a Polish-American family in North Tonawanda, New York, a Buffalo suburb, polka music was part of everyday life, whether it be on the radio, on television, or with live bands at weddings and dances. At the age of seven he started taking accordion lessons from his uncle, a local musician and music teacher. Although for the most part he followed the lesson structure, he preferred playing polkas, waltzes and obereks. Litwin's grandfather played harmonica and was a big inspiration in his love for Polish and polka music.



In the late '60s, he began booking polka bands for club events and spending evenings at polka lounges, clubs and dances in the Western New York area. Litwin began submitting articles to the Polka News, a monthly published in Connecticut.

His 1973 marriage relocated him to Binghamton, New York, where he and his wife, Adele, continued their activities at polka events throughout southern New York State and northeastern Pennsylvania. Along with teaching polka dance lessons, they started and edited a local polka club news bulletin entitled Polka Press.

Nebraska's Polka World solicited his work and his "Accordion to Steve" column became a regular feature of that publication. Throughout the next decade, his columns appeared in various polka and Polish-American newspapers. In December, 1989, Mark Kohan, Editor-in-Chief, named Litwin Polka Editor of the Polish American Journal (PAJ). His "Polka Insider" column is a regular feature.

Since the early '70s, Litwin has written the liner notes for numerous of polka albums including recordings by Bay State IV, the Brass Connection, the John Nyschot Orchestra, Bill Czerniak's Concertina Band, Steel City Brass, and Eddie Blazonczyk's Versatones. He also wrote the liner notes for "Polkas for Children," produced by the Polish American Journal and "A Kolberg Sampler," produced by the Polish Community Center of Buffalo. He was one of the photographers for the Dynatones' "Live Wire" album of 1982 and his photography is featured on Eddie Blazonczyk's "Polka Festival" album.

In 1976, he started playing concertina and since 1983, has sponsored a Concertina Jam session during the July Polka Fireworks festival at the Seven Springs Resort in Western Pennsylvania. Each year over 30 concertina players, including some of the top Polish concertina players in the country, participate in this annual acoustic event, playing tunes from the Polish heritage.

Steve Litwin's writings for the PAJ may be found at www.polamjournal.com/polka.

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Getting to Know Your IPA Board Members



Linda Niewierowski, IPA Treasurer

Linda is no stranger to the IPA. She has been an IPA member since 2000 and involved in many facets with the IPA since 2004. She was first elected as a director from the state of Illinois and then voted in as the position of treasurer, which she currently holds. She has done various other tasks, including band director for the annual festival, and for several years now has also been the chairwoman of the annual Polka Music Hall of Fame and Music Awards banquet.

Born and raised and currently living on the northwest side of Chicago, Linda grew up with polka music being played in the house, along with her parents and grandparents taking her to various functions over the years. She reigned as Miss United Polka Association from 2001-2002. Being crowned Miss UPA allowed Linda to travel throughout the USA and Canada to promote the organization to different people as well being able to meet some wonderful people along the way. After being queen, Linda was also treasurer for the Chicago chapter of the UPA. She was also named "Reporter of the Year" by the United States Polka Association in 2008. Most recently, Linda was recognized as a recipient of the IPA Joe Jozwiak Special Achievement award in 2012.

Linda hopes to show that young people can become involved in promoting polka music and still make it an active part of their lives and they get older. Never in her younger years did she think she would have been named a polka queen, belonged to an organization or becoming an officer. Now that she has done all of these things, Linda would like to show people that they can get involved and still have fun doing it.



Dennis Mikolajewski, IPA Director from Illinois

Dennis is one of the IPA's newest directors. He was elected as a director at the 2013 convention, but he is no stranger to being involved with polkas. Dennis was also the Membership Director for the United Polka Association—Tinley Park chapter for three years. Originally born and raised in South Bend, Indiana, Dennis moved to the Chicagoland area in the mid-1980s.

Dennis's involvement in polka music began at a very young age. His parents were polka lovers and took him to such places as the Crumstown Conservation Club picnics where he was able to hear bands such as the Pala Brothers, Marion Lush, and of course, Eddie Blazonczyk & The Versatones. He also travelled with his family from his hometown of South Bend to the Chicago region to visit the polka hotspots including Club 505, Polonia Grove, and the IPA Conventions held at the old Ramada Inn near the O'Hare airport.

While Dennis does not play any musical instruments, he does partake in singing in basement jam sessions and at Chet Kowalkowski bonfires. If you attended the IPA Polka Dot Party at the festival this year, you had the privilege of hearing Dennis sing for fellow polka lovers.

By being involved with the IPA, Dennis hopes to find ways to expand polka popularity, explore getting polka music played by mainstream media outlets, and focus efforts into promoting more polka events in the northwest Indiana area.

Dennis is looking forward to becoming even more involved to keep polka music going. Dennis says, "Polka followers are a tight-knit group. So the best way to continue and expand 'the music we love' is by working together. Together, polka music can thrive for many years to come."

IPA Breakfast With Santa

Over 40 kids and 100 adults attended the annual Breakfast With Santa event on Sunday, December 8 at Polonia Banquets in Chicago. D Street Band provided the musical entertainment, including some holiday favorites. Special thanks to Norb Ciesla (known to most as Fr. Norb) for contributing the pictures below. Thank you to everyone who attended the event!





IPA Birthdays



January

- 1: Jeanne Szela; Bill Gula
- 2: Cecilia Osysko, Eugene Sadus;
Stephen Binkiewicz; Wandzia Kaluzny
- 3: Ernest Daigle; Kevin Kurdziel;
Dawn Rosinski
- 4: Jerry Fabian; Rick Kunke
- 6: John Freidhoff, Michele Troczynski
- 7: Suellen Gomulka
- 8: Laura Mateja
- 9: Nora McCabe, James Sefcik; Jeff Yash;
Kenny Konopka
- 10: Pat Stanek
- 11: Frank Liszka
- 12: Vince Ashman
- 13: Barbara Szydowski
- 14: Elaine Nowak; Jeremy Yrkoski;
Stanley Raiczuk
- 15: David Dobrzinski; Joseph Kubicar;
John Jaworski
- 17: DeeDee Ogrodny; Al Piatkowski;
John C. Mikrut; Zachary Mikrut
- 18: Lucille Marsolek; Brian Kapka; Duane Mijal;
Barbara Wilgocki
- 19: Hayley Krawisz
- 20: James Kozak; Richard Tady
- 21: Jeff Maroszek; Linda Niewierowski
- 22: Chet Dragon; Ann Marie Matousek;
Jim Pietranczyk
- 23: Diane Pukal
- 24: Matt Wasielewski
- 25: Craig Marsolek; Walter Maduzia
- 26: Laura Bethke
- 28: Sharon Heiman
- 29: Mary Anne Robinson
- 30: Chet Dombrowski
- 31: Richard Leach; David Thoms

February

- 1: Robert Guyette; Wanda Guca
- 2: Don Hedeker; Jody Maddie
- 4: Frank Alberts
- 5: Don Haderle; Fred Bulinski
- 6: Richie Gomulka; Norbert Ciesla
- 7: Eddie Biegaj
- 8: Barbara Haselow; Hank Kaliszewski;
Mitch Kempinski
- 9: Evelyn Benbenek; Al Jelinek; Paris Wanta;
Ron Zywiziel
- 10: Fredolin Willfahrt; Frank Delaney
- 11: Ronald Cierpial
- 12: Walter Groller; Mario Joseph Kozak
- 13: Gerry Kaminski; Ronald Lietz
- 14: Jerry Hyzy, Fred Kendzierski; Stan Wilgocki
- 15: Leonard Klamut; Frank Stetar
- 16: Irene Czajka; Lori Ebel; Ann Haas;
Freddie Steenbock; Jolly Joe Timmer;
Richie Tokarz
- 17: Bernie Goydish
- 18: James Sajkowicz; Linda Hurley;
Ken Foldenauer
- 19: Anna Borowski; Chet Sedke
- 20: Becky Livermore; Terry Popek
- 22: Steve Rodgers; Sandy Mikrut
- 23: Juli Mrowca; Jerry Halkoski
- 24: Frank Proszowski; Eddie Zavaski, Jr
- 25: Trudie Mergen; Tim Jagodzinski
- 26: Edward Pudlo; Jane Schultz;
Thaddeus Szymanski
- 27: Robert Fidler; Charlotte Tyk;
Dennis Mikolajewski
- 29: Ken Gill

If you wish to have your birthday listed, please send an email to: christy-ipa@sbcglobal.net or send it to: Christy Krawisz, IPA Birthdays, 4608 S. Archer Avenue, Chicago, IL 60632.

Please remember, you must be an IPA member.

New IPA Marketing and Communications Committee

The IPA Board has recently established a new committee to work on Marketing and Communications. It is initially comprised of a sub group of officers and directors and will work on the following efforts:

- PROMOTE the IPA Organization and Hall of Fame
- LEAD efforts to increase membership in the Organization
- DEVELOP strategies to expand the Polka fan base
- WORK to improve communications to our Polka fans and between all the constituencies involved in the industry
- BUILD alliances with other relevant organizations, both polka related and non-polka related
- SUPPORT and endorse member polka professionals in their areas of work

Any IPA members who have skills in these areas and would like to volunteer their time and talents to help towards these efforts are asked to send an email to editor@internationalpolka.com.

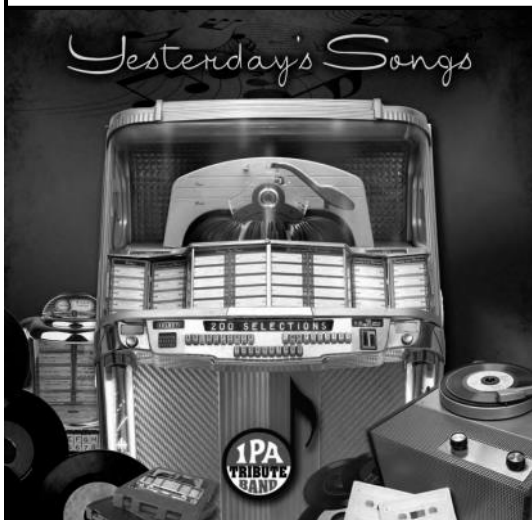
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THE IPA RADIO SHOW IS ON THE POLKA JAMMER NETWORK

The IPA Radio Show is on the Polka Jammer Network from 4-5p.m. on Saturdays and replayed on Wednesdays from 9-10 pm. (Central Time).

www.polkajammernetwork.org



To purchase a copy of this CD, please send a check or money order made payable to the IPA, for \$18.00 (\$15.00 plus \$3.00 postage and handling). Mail it to: International Polka Association, 4608 S. Archer Avenue, Chicago, IL 60632.

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2013 Freddy K. Jr. Scholarship Award Eva Snyder

Eva Snyder of South Hadley, Massachusetts was the recipient of the Freddy K. Jr. Scholarship Award for 2013. She accepted her check of \$1,000 at Pulaski Park in Three Rivers, Massachusetts this past August. Eva graduated from The MacDuffie School in Granby, Mass where she studied Advanced Physics, Honors Pre AP Calculus, and Advanced Interdisciplinary Science among her other courses, and was on the Maximum Honor Roll.

Eva has been listening to and performing polka music her whole life. She plays violin, guitar and piano. She started playing violin when she was three years old. At the age of six, she was playing violin on one of her grandfather's new recordings. Throughout high school, Eva performed with the Springfield Symphony Youth Orchestra and the Mount Holyoke College Orchestra. She performed in plays and musicals every year in high school. She was class president of her freshman, sophomore, and junior years and received the George Eastman Young Leaders Scholarship Award and appeared in a Talented Teens article in the Springfield Republican Newspaper for drama and music. Eva has donated her time for benefit concerts and other school functions. She has written over 40 songs, which are copyrighted and appear on iTunes and Amazon Music. One of her greatest personal accomplishments was writing a song titled "Red Bandana" dedicated to her grandparents, Happy Louie and Julcia Dusseault and performing it at the United States Polka Association convention and then presenting them with the USPA Lifetime Achievement Award for their contribution to polka music.

Eva is attending Mount Holyoke College this fall where she is majoring in computer science. The Freddy K Jr. Music Scholarship Committee is proud of our judges this year who chose Eva to be the recipient of this year's award. She is a credit to all the young people in our music industry.

The Freddy K. Jr. Music Scholarship Committee is now accepting requests for applications for the 2014 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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Left Picture: Freddy "K" Kendzierski awarding check to Eva Snyder with Linda Kendzierski looking on.

Right Picture: Eva Snyder in the center flanked by her grandparents, Happy Louie and Julcia of Wilbraham, MA; her parents, Gordon and Diane Snyder; and Freddy K and Linda Kendzierski in the rear.



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