



IPA Newsletter

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A Letter From The President...

Greetings Polka Fans,

How quickly the first two months of the year have come and gone. I sure hope that means Spring will arrive sooner rather than later so we can all warm up, thaw out, and be able to get out and enjoy more happy polka music with our friends and family.

I would like to thank all the IPA officers and directors, IPA members, and polka friends and fans who attended the IPA Warm Up Dance and IPA Chicago Festival of Polka Bands in January. Even though Mother Nature decided to deliver snow to the Chicago area on that Saturday evening, we still had great crowds both Saturday and Sunday to celebrate National Polka Month.

We have some exciting events coming up in the next few months, and we hope you can support the IPA and polka music, wherever you may be. March 8 and 9 is the IPA Benefit Dance weekend in Ludlow, Massachusetts at the Ludlow PACC. The IPA Tribute Band will be performing on Saturday, March 8 and will feature several special performances by IPA Polka Hall of Famers. Sunday, March 9 is the 9th Annual IPA Benefit Dance with music by Lenny Gomulka & Chicago Push, Dennis Polisky & The Maestro's Men, Eddie Forman & The EFO Orchestra, and a special musical tribute to Eddie Blazonczyk.

Saturday, April 12, the IPA will be sponsoring its Spring Fling dance in Buffalo, New York with The Boys and New Direction at Potts Banquet Hall. We hope you can come out and support an IPA dance in a new location.

I thank you all for your continued support of the IPA and polka music; we couldn't do this without you. Please continue to support your favorite bands, local dancehalls, and polka organizations. Don't forget to bring your family, your friends, and even someone who may never have experienced a polka dance before.

Let's spring in to another fun and successful polka season.

Polkatively Yours,
Rick Rzeszutko

Next IPA General Member Meeting and St. Joseph's Mass & Table:

Tuesday, March 18
Doors Open 6:30 pm
Meeting 7:00 pm
Polonia Banquets
4604 S Archer Avenue — Chicago, IL

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Please put in the subject line: PLEASE EMAIL MY NEWSLETTER.



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!

IPA Chicago Festival of Polka Bands

The weather may have been snowy and chilly, but the polkas were hot on January 18 & 19. Polka fans from as far as Minnesota to Massachusetts and even Canada converged in Chicago to show their support and love for polka music. Over 150 polka fans attended the Warm Up Dance at Polonia Banquets on Saturday and over 375 at Glendora Banquets on Sunday for the 45th Annual Chicago Festival of Polka Bands. Thank you to all the bands who gave their time and talents. Need music at your next event? Book a live band! Contact information for the bands who performed at the January dances are listed to the right. Thank you to everyone who attended, performed, and assisted to make this event a success.

Polka Generations – Bernie Gorak, II
polkagenerations@yahoo.com – 815-690-7649

IPA Tribute Band – Dan Mateja
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bghorn2@aol.com – 708-977-0227

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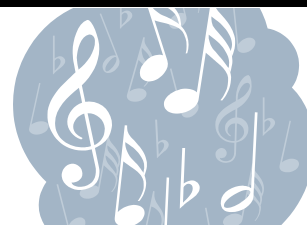
Ed Korosa, Jr. and His Boys from Illinois – Ed Korosa Jr.
ekbabydoll@aol.com – 773-586-3719

Tony Blazonczyk's New Phaze – Tony Blazonczyk
tblaz2@gmail.com – 815-530-5917





News & Notes



Dear Officers & Members,

I just want to send a few words of appreciation to express my deep gratitude for the beautiful plaque on the occasion of my 45th anniversary in the polka field. Continued success to the IPA! Sto lat!

Musically,
Jersey Polka Richie

Dear Rick,

My sincere thanks to the International Polka Association for selecting me as the recipient of the Joe Jozwiak Special Achievement Award. It is a true honor for me. My gratitude to the Board of Directors, those who submitted my name for nomination, and everyone in the polka field.

Polkas have always been a part of my life, going back to when I took my first accordion lesson at the age of seven. Pride for my heritage and the music was instilled in me by my grandparents and parents. My wife, Adele, is the fuel that keeps me writing and working to promote polkas.

Sincerely,
Steve Litwin

Dear International Polka Association,

Thank you for your generous gift of \$50.00 received on February 7, 2014 to Tidewell Hospice in memory of Joseph M. Pinter.

Your contribution helps Tidewell Hospice continue to provide the highest quality of care to patients and families living with advance illness.

Sincerely,
Denise M. Pope, CFRE
Executive Vice President
Chief Philanthropy Officer

- Thank you to everyone who helped make the basket raffles as the IPA Chicago Festival of Polka Bands a great success. Special thanks to Stan Wilgocki, Susie Jurevis, and the United States Polka Association who donated basket raffle items.
- Thank you to Stas Strojny for his \$20.00 donation.
- Thank you to Sandy & Brad Congdon for their \$50.00 donation in memory of Brian Swick.

Dear International Polka Association,

On behalf of the children and families we serve, thank you for donating \$50.00 to the Center for Independence through Conductive Education. Your gift will help children with physical disabilities receive motor training programs they need. Of the children we serve, 45% of them live in low-income families and could not participate without your help. Thank you for helping us teach them skills that will last a lifetime.

Thank you for honoring the life of Brian Swick by helping our children. We are so sorry for the incredible loss.

Sincerely,
Patricia Herbst
Executive Director
Center for Independence

IPA Financials

IPA Breakfast with Santa
\$926.00 net loss

IPA Warm Up Dance
\$1,084.00 net profit

IPA Chicago Festival of Polka Bands
\$3,702.43 net profit

Welcome New Members!

We would like to welcome our newest members:

Richie Dombrowski
 Ronald Greeg
 George Hess
 Bonnie Krebsback
 Jeff Mytych
 Felicia Reilly
 Diane Trina
 Tim Verthein
 Dave Walczak

Edward Skalka—LIFETIME MEMBER

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

Joe Pinter, IPA member and husband of former IPA President Emily Pinter.

Jeanette Matejka, IPA member.

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

March 8: IPA Warm Up Dance
 Ludlow PACC
 Ludlow, MA

March 9: 9th Annual IPA Benefit Dance
 Ludlow PACC
 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

April 12: IPA Spring Polka Fling Dance
 Potts Banquet Hall
 Buffalo, NY

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

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.

Please Remember Us In Your Will Or Trust

To assure the future of the IPA and polka music, your assistance is needed. When you write or review your Will or Trust, please consider leaving a charitable request. Ask your attorney to include the International Polka Association.

Have you moved? Have you updated your email address? Would you like your birthday listed in the newsletter? Would you like your newsletter emailed to you?

Please email your updated information to Christy Krawisz: christy-ipa@sbcglobal.net



International Polka Association Festival & Convention



**Same
location!
NEW
weekend!**

**August
29, 30, 31
2014**

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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
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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.

Eddie Blazonczyk, Sr.
Musical Tribute Weekend

PACC Ludlow, Mass

Saturday, March 8, 2014

Music 7pm – 11pm

IPA TRIBUTE BAND

Featuring:

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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

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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!

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

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



THE IPA AND LET'S POLKA USA PRESENT THEIR 3RD ANNUAL JOINT DANCE

Sunday, March 30, 2014

at Glendora Banquets - 10225 S Harlem Avenue
Chicago Ridge, Illinois

Doors Open at 1:00 PM: Music from 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM

The IPA Tribute Band

featuring performances by Chicago Polka Hall Of Famers,
and a special guest performance by Canadian Hall Of Famer - John Góra!



Admission: \$10.00 payable at the door

Show your current IPA or Let's Polka USA Membership Card and receive \$1.00 off admission price.

Raffles, Membership Table, T-Shirts, and CDs for sale!
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From Buffalo
www.thenewdirectionband.com

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Admission: \$15.00

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Labor Day Weekend 2015
47th Annual IPA
Polka Festival

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4:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Potts Banquet Hall

New Location

Clinton & Rossler Plaza

41 S. Rossler Street, Buffalo, NY 14206

For Table Reservations Call:

Dan 716.826.6575 or Ron 716.675.6588



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
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Doors open at 6:00pm
Music from 6:30pm - 12:00am

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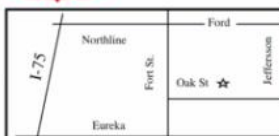
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KING _____ OR DOUBLE BED _____

2013-2014 IPA Calendar Raffle

Our annual calendar raffle has come to a close. Thank you to everyone who purchased raffle tickets, and congratulations to all the winners!

NOVEMBER: Mike & Diane Nowakowski, Anne Marie Matousek, Kathy Blazonczyk, Rosemary Bartkus, Jerry Fabian, Shirley Zale, David Wisniewski, Lorraine Ciesla, Zach Ziobro, Bev Lorek, Samantha Gawlik, Jim Nash, Andy Dziagwa, Kash Okerlund, Judy Krason, Ruth Lietz, Chet Kowalkowski, Mike Matousek, Karen Hudy, Dennis Mikolajewski, Patty Daigle, Darryl Troczynski, Ed Tylka, Stanley Sulikowski, Robert Wojnowski, Albert Meilutis, Mary K. Dench, Carol Kasprowicz, Diane Pojedynski, Mitch Biskup.

DECEMBER: Jacob Sweis, Jeanette Ziobro, Andy Mocek, Ruth Lietz, Bernie Gorak I, Sally Sendra, Richard Rzeszutko, Jeannette Adamczyk, Eileen Krupinski, Kevin Rabska, Tammy Arnes, Joe Lesniak, Ken A. Kendra, Matt Mocek, Kathleen Houle, Kenneth Dunaj, Richard Sendra, Bernie Goydish, Sonia Hyzy, Anne Marie Matousek, Debbie Dunaj, Mike Skalecki, Richard Sendra, John & Sandy Mikrut, Ken & Jen Ruitenburg, Rick Rzeszutko, Mary Keosaian, Susan Jurevis, Susan Jurevis, Lucas Ruitenburg, Rich Sendra.

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FEBRUARY: Kenneth Dunaj, Rich Tokarz, Bernie Gorak I, Sonia Hyzy, Frank Gentile, Rosemary Bartkus, Anne Gierut, Tony Petkovsek, James Pietranczyk, Hank Haller, Paul Mocek, Mike Skalecki, Diane Pojedynski, Richard Berkowicz, Judy Krason, Eddie Skinger, John Krawisz, Rich & Maryann Ruszkowski, Kenneth Dunaj, Mary Keosaian, Dan Nawrot, Todd Zaganiacz, Chris Bogdon, Judy Pollick, Ed Burdzy, Tish Blazonczyk, Lori Lewandowski, Nancie Eppers.

Getting to Know Your IPA Board Members



Lori Urbanczyk, IPA Director from New York

Lori Urbanczyk may be one of the newest IPA directors, but she is definitely not new to the polka scene. Lori's family has been involved in polkas for many years. Her dad, Ron, started playing polka music at a very young age. He has played with Buffalo bands such as the Polecats, Bedrock Boys, Concertina All Stars, and is currently co-bandleader and concertina player for the New Direction band. Her parents met at a polka dance when they were young and have continued to attend polka dances and festivals, taking her and her brother, Brian, along with them when they were little. Brian followed in her dad's footsteps and currently plays bass with The Knewz. Lori has assisted in various facets with the New Direction's first and latest CDs as well as designing both CD covers.

Born and raised in West Seneca, NY, a suburb of Buffalo, she had taken keyboard/piano lessons for over nine years, starting at the age of five. Lori currently resides in Cheektowaga, NY and is a special education teacher for kids ages 3-4.

Lori hopes to continue to promote polka music to a broader audience and encourage the growth of the IPA organization throughout the country.

Aside from polka music, Lori's other interests include a love of traveling, wine, and art. She visited Spain and France in 2000, as well as visited many different states, and vacationing to the Caribbean and enjoying several cruises. If you need help pairing a great wine with your favorite meal, Lori can help!

Lori is looking forward to hosting the IPA Spring Fling Dance in Buffalo on April 12. Help support polkas in Buffalo, and welcome Lori to the board!



Ed Szela, IPA Director from Massachusetts

Ed Szela was elected IPA Director from Massachusetts in August 1999. He was born in Thompsonville, Connecticut, the son of Polish immigrants. His parents were actively involved in the Polish community, volunteering their services at local polka dances where Eddie developed his love of polka music and learned to speak Polish fluently at an early age. Eddie married his wife of 48 years, Jeanne, on October 23, 1965.

They met at a polka dance, and along with their two daughters, Sue & Sandy, they traveled throughout the country attending numerous polka festivals, Polish picnics, and polka cruises. Eddie & Jeanne reside in Longmeadow, Massachusetts where they host an annual Christmas Party at "Club Szela" - Where the Party Never Ends!

Ed has always been dedicated to keeping polka music alive, not only by supporting various clubs and polka bands by attending their dances, but also by being an active member of the IPA and other polka organizations. He has for many years, along with Freddy Kendzierski, run a benefit for the IPA Hall of Fame at the Ludlow PACC with several thousand dollars of proceeds donated to the Hall of Fame Fund.

He is a dedicated board member of the Ludlow PACC and holds the position of Dance Committee Chairman donating his time and efforts to bringing many popular polka bands from near and far to entertain the polka fans. He also has organized many bus trips to various polka weekends and Polka Festivals.

Ed is proud to have been honored by the Ludlow PACC with the Citizen of the Year Award for 2010, and by the IPA with the Joe Jozwiak Award for 2012.

Be sure to say hello to Ed March 8-9 at the Ludlow PACC for the IPA Benefit Dance.

Lenny Gomulka & Mitch Biskup invite you to an



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March

- 1: Elaine Veverka
- 2: Todd Zaganiacz; Tim Verthein
- 3: Tom Mrocza; Ken Yagelski;
Dennis Zielinski, Jr; Karen Danielczuk
- 4: Jackie Koziel
- 5: Dick Pillar; Stanley Martin Sr.
- 6: Joan Pyzik; Rick Rzeszutko
- 8: Wendy Wantroba
- 9: Joseph Mehorczyk; Eddie Siwiec;
Joseph Pusz; Thomas McGuire;
Theresa Bolf;
- 10: Elizabeth Cepielik; Fred Ziwich
- 11: Fr. Dennis Bogusz; Walter Kazmierczak;
Jon Peters
- 12: Garry Kuchenbecker; Josefina Kozak;
Angela Piasecki; Tommy Wanderlich
- 13: Edward Szela; Bob Raica
- 15: Madelene Pacana; Father Tom Aleksa;
Joan Zychowski Minehart;
- 16: Wojtek Kukielka
- 17: Larry Walk; Patrick Henry Cukierka;
Jeff Mleczo
- 19: Joseph Oginsky; Marcia Musial
- 20: Vincent Shemansky
- 21: Roman Marsolek; Annie Couch
- 22: Theresa Slipek; Debbie Jackinoski;
Ted Lange; John Zelasko
- 23: Julie Ann Kurdys
- 24: Mark Kohan; Missy Lynn Krejci;
Katie Krawisz
- 25: Marion Koziol
- 26: John Gretra; Tony Winiarz
- 27: Gary Szefflinski; Mike Gryczko
- 28: Mike Kochanek
- 30: Lucille Gay; Jim Barvainis
- 31: Fr. Robert Grib; Judy Stringhill;
Paul Wolniakowski

April

- 1: Helenrae Budzilek
- 2: Simon Buzalski
- 3: Bob Derks
- 4: Timothy Haselow; Felicia Reilly
- 5: Steven Smith; David Straup Slick
- 7: Betty Downey; Barbara Ann Adams;
Pete Pirucki; John Zelasko, Sr.
- 9: Michelle Genrich; John Budzinski;
Cynthia Ann Loring; Veronica Grocholski
- 10: Anthony Szalkus
- 13: Louella Kundert
- 14: George Walker
- 16: Chris Valcik
- 17: Steve Meisner; Ronald Biskup;
Diane Nowakowski
- 18: Peter Wendinger
- 19: Mitch Gorz
- 20: Cherie Trzepacz
- 22: Leonard Cioch; Johnetta Vinka;
Ken Maykowski
- 23: Brian Szumigalski
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- 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
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