



IPA Newsletter

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IPA Announces Hall of Fame Inductees and Music Award Winners

On Sunday, April 21, 2013, the International Polka Association (IPA) officially announced this year's Polka Music Hall of Fame inductees and the 2012 Polka Music Award winners. Each year two prominent living personalities and one deceased celebrity, who have made outstanding contributions toward the advancement of the polka music industry, are elected into the Hall of Fame. An academy of over 165 qualified electors from across the country select the Hall of Fame inductees and music awards recipients. The voting is tabulated by the Institute of Industrial Relations of Loyola University of Chicago and the entire process is administered by an eleven-member Board of Trustees.

The results are as follows:

2013 IPA Polka Music Hall of Fame Inductees

Living Category – John “Foo” Furmaniak, Sr. and Frank Borzymowski

Deceased Category – Jan Cyman

Pioneer Category - Tony Petkovsek

2012 IPA Polka Music Award Winners

Favorite Album or CD – “Yesterday’s Songs” IPA Tribute Band

Favorite Song – “For the Love of the Music” by Tony Blazonczyk and New Phaze

Favorite Instrumental Group – Dennis Polisky & the Maestro’s Men

Favorite Male Vocalist – Lenny Gomulka

Favorite Female Vocalist – Mollie Busta Lange

The induction ceremonies and award presentations will be conducted at the IPA’s Polka Hall of Fame & Music Awards Banquet held this year on August 3rd at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Independence, OH. Contact Linda Niewierowski (773-489-3987 for Reservations). The banquet is just part of the 45th Annual IPA Polka Festival and Convention that takes place from August 1-4, 2013. During the festival, world-class polka music will be provided by The Del Sinchak Band, The Divas featuring Ania Piwowarczyk, Gennie Okrzesik and Mary Lou Czerniak, The Knewz, Polka Family, Freeze Dried, The Boys, Polka Country Musicians and the IPA Tribute Band with Special Guest IPA Hall of Famers. A Polka Mass followed by a convention with election of IPA officers will take place on Sunday, August 4.

For all the details about the festival, banquet, and convention, visit www.internationalpolka.com or call 1 800 TO-POLKA. To make hotel reservations, call (216) 986-9900 and mention “IPA Polka Festival” to get the special \$99 room rate.

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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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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 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

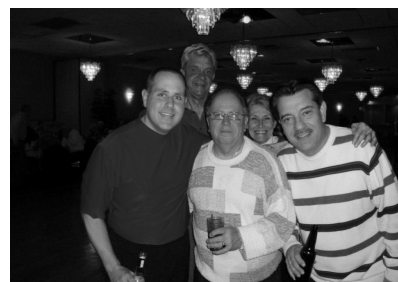
Please Call 1-800-TO-POLKA if you are interesting in advertising on the IPA Radio show. WE NEED SPONSORS!

IPA and Let's Polka USA Dance March 24, 2013

The IPA and Let's Polka USA held their 2nd Annual Joint Polka Celebration on Sunday March 24, 2013. The IPA Tribute Band performed and called up a few IPA Hall of Famer's from the Chicago Area. Pictured below are the IPA Hall of Famer's in attendance at that dance. Thank you to everyone involved for all your hard work and Thank you to everyone who attended this event.



IPA Hall of Famers from Chicago - Andy Day, Wally Maduzia, Johnnie Bomba, Ted Okrzesik Sr., Chet Kowalkowski, Leon Kozicki, Fred Hudy and Chet Schafer at the IPA/Let's Polka USA Dance.





JOIN THE INTERNATIONAL POLKA ASSOCIATION

Sunday, June 2, 2013

at Dale's Weston Lanes - 5902 Schafeld Avenue
Weston, Wisconsin

Music from 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Featuring: The IPA Tribute Band



Members: Rick Rzeszutko,
Dan and Laura Mateja,
Ray Rzeszutko,
Johnny Krawisz,
Lenny Zielinski, and
Tony Blazonczyk.

Admission: \$12.00
payable at the door

(Show your current IPA
Membership Card and receive
\$1.00 off admission price.)

Raffles, Membership Table,
T-Shirts, and CDs for sale!

For more information visit:
www.internationalpolka.com

Special Room Rate
reservations at
Weston Inn & Suites
(next door to Dale's Weston Lanes)
\$82/night! Sat.
\$59/night! Sun.
*tax 12% plus 9% fee

Festival of Friendship Bus Trip to Weston, Wisconsin

Join the Festival of Friendship
on a bus trip to this event!

Bus will leave the Glendora House, 10225 S. Harlem Ave.,
Chicago Ridge, Illinois on Sunday June 2, 2013 at 7 am
sharp and will return that same evening, leaving Wisconsin
when the dance is over.

\$50.00 Per Person which includes:

Continental Breakfast, Refreshments on the Bus, and your
admission to the dance.

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED.

Please call Dave at 312-315-2215

Deadline is May 26, 2013

****We must have 40 people willing to ride the bus for this
trip to take place****

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Join the IPA, USPA and CPA for a Joint Polka Celebration

Featuring

The Downtown Sound

Saturday ~ October 19, 2013

Holiday Inn ~ 15471 Royalton Road, Strongsville, Ohio

Music from 8:00 p.m.-12:00 a.m.

Donation: \$12.00 per person

Special Room Rate of \$62.00 plus tax, if you tell the hotel you
are with the Joint Polka Celebration.
Call 440-238-8800 for Reservations.

For more information call:

Barb at: 440-886-6157

Dave at: 312-315-2215

No outside food or beverages permitted by law
Tables reserved for parties of 10 or more

On The Road Again.... Crumstown, Indiana

It is that time again, time to celebrate Dyngus Day! A Polish Tradition of which I continue to learn more about and enjoy year after year. This year My Daughter Christy was able to experience Dyngus Day in Buffalo with my Grand-daughters Katie and Hayley as her husband John was playing there. She will contribute to this combined article.

Once again I took the day off and traveled to Crumstown, Indiana with Tony Blazonczyk and New Phaze. The crowd never ceases to amaze me as we once again pulled up to the Conservation Hall and the place was full of enthusiastic people, young and the young at heart celebrating. Didn't go in the mobile home as John and I took our own car this time, but still bounced around as Tony took some back roads that even a new car has a hard time with. Yes, totally country farm roads for sure. This year there was the morning news crew from Fox 28 out of South Bend and the crew did a excellent job and gave the Polka Field plenty of news time. The families with their colored shirts and a most appropriate saying on one of them "only a fool goes to work on Dyngus Day" how true. As I mentioned nobody goes to work there on Dyngus Day it is like a town holiday. Also mentioned to my fellow co-workers and they are getting a kick out of learning about my travels since JJ is not playing baseball any longer I now expand their knowledge of Polish Traditions, This year, travels to Indiana included a couple of Crumstown virgins-, Bob & Anna, and Wanda who said "I'm coming back next year." Others came out to be with us on this special day and contributed in the celebrating along with the blessings of water, spirituous, jeze, and sharing of bread were - Tony, Rena, Chet & Frieda, Wally & Pat, Bob & Maryann, Chester & Jean, Bill & Denise, JoJo, Patty and so many others that I seen but do not know by name but recognized. We had a great time- Chet and his pranks, thanks Anna for bringing the water eggs! Did you know that getting splashed with water by someone is them wishing you good luck? Thanks to Zgoda newspaper for this. Oh Wanda, what can anyone say about your home made spirituous !!! Looking forward to next year and maybe some other road trips. Once again-please remember your Polish Tradition with your family. It may not be your children, possibly your grandchildren who will enjoy learning what you love and appreciate. Show them how happy you are - take them with you to a Polka function and introduce them to music that will always be here.

Polkatively Yours, Cheryl Furmaniak

On the Road Again.... Buffalo, New York

So, Mom wrote her story about her 2nd trip to Crumstown, Indiana for Dyngus Day, now I will tell you about my 2nd trip to Buffalo for Dyngus Day. The last time I was in Buffalo for Dyngus day, my 13 year old daughter Katie was only 1 year old. I really don't remember it much, but have heard over the years that it is an amazing event. So this year, at the last minute John received a call from Val Bakowski advising him of a band cancelation and wanted to know if Freeze Dried could perform. He couldn't get the band to go so he asked if the IPA Tribute Band could do it. Most of the band was able to perform, except for Tony Blazonczyk and Lenny Zielinski who had prior jobs with their bands.

We loaded up our Mobile home on Holy Saturday and headed to Danny and Laura Mateja's house, as they were coming in the Mobile home with us along with Bonnie Ryniec. We started our over 9 hours drive to the Millennium Hotel in Buffalo. On Easter Sunday, Johnny, Katie, Hayley, Bonnie and I headed over to Niagara Falls, the Canadian side, to see the falls and do some shopping. We also had an Easter Brunch at a restaurant that over looked Niagara Falls. What an amazing sight! We headed back to Buffalo, as it was only a ½ hour drive to the Falls, to attend a Pre-Dyngus Day Dance at the Millennium with music by Jimmy Weber and the Sounds and The Piatkowski Brothers. What an amazing turn out for a dance on Easter Sunday. Hundreds of people! Great People! We went to bed late!!! Of Course, as Al Krew was performing in the Hotel Lounge. The next day was Dyngus Day. That Afternoon, at the In Door Pool, there was an All Star Polka band, that sounded amazing and there were a lot of people sitting in front of their rooms enjoying that great polka music.... Later that Evening, Jimmy Weber and the Sounds performed again this time with the IPA Tribute Band with Richie Benkowski filling in on Concertina and Mike Matousek filling in on Bass. The IPA Tribute band also had John Valby perform his song, Dyngus Day in Buffalo as the crowd went crazy! They did the song twice, along with Hey Lottie, Lottie, Lottie (with some different words). The Tribute band also call up IPA Hall of Famer's Ed Guca and John Gora to perform a song. What a great time had by all. My daughters had really enjoyed learning more about a Polish Tradition that is called "Dyngus Day". Most of the town of Buffalo close down. It is amazing.

There were several of events going on down the street, there were at least 10-12 other halls that have polka music all day and night. I mean it starts at 10 am and goes until 4 am on Tuesday. Buffalo is really a polka loving town and they know how to party, especially on Dyngus Day. If you are on Facebook, you should "Like" "Val's Dyngus Day @ Millennium Hotel for pictures and more information. Also visit: Dyngus Day Buffalo for pictures and news on the other events. Website: Dyngusdaybuffalo.com.

Until I see you again, Take care and I wish you all the best!

Christy Krawisz



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 am, 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. 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.

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.

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://wbc1490.com/the-denny-o-polka-show>

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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

IPA Hall of Famer, Al Soyka Passes Al was inducted into the IPA Hall of Fame in 1979

Al Soyka was born May 6, 1922 in Rockville, Connecticut. At the early age of thirteen the Soyka Trio was formed with Al on the accordion, brother Ray on vocals and cousin Ed on the violin. The group entered a local talent show and won first prize, which was a trip to radio stations in Boston, Massachusetts.

A polka band was formed with Al's three brother, Ray, Stanley and Edwin, and also his cousin Ed. This group later enlarged to a nine piece orchestra which became known as the Al Soyka Orchestra. In 1950 their first polka hit, "The Jolly Caballero" was recorded on the Dana label. Another hit on the Dana label was the "U.S.A." Oberek with music and words by Al's mother, who contributed greatly to many songs used in their recordings.

He recorded on the RCA Victor label with hits as "My Favorite Polka" featuring Al on the Accordion.

Later he formed his own record labels of Jan and Glo. One of the greatest hits on the Glo label was "Trip to Poland" with music and lyrics by Janek Lewandowski. All of his recordings were made at his own studio on Main Street, Somers, Connecticut. The studio was used to record many other polka bands with Al as engineer.

Gene Pitney, nationally known rock star from Rockville, Connecticut, was interested in recording the band on the Musicor label. Al recorded such hits as "Holly Dolly" (a single), which was played on the 50,000 watt WTIC station in Hartford, Connecticut. Then a "Hello Dolly" album was released. A second album by Musicor, "The 51 Polka Favorites," with Ray Soyka on the vocals was the best hit of his career.

In 1967, Al moved to Hollywood, Florida and sold his Glo label to Request Records, who then distributed his records nationally. In 1973 Al was awarded a Public Service Citation from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Occasionally, Al played for the Hollywood Polish American Club, which opened a new hall on January 1, 1979. Al was married and had a son, Dr. Richard Soyka of San Leandro, California, and a daughter, Nancy, a VA Administration in Miami, Florida. Al was a registered real estate broker in Hollywood, Florida.

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO:

IPA Hall of Famer, Al Soyka, Sympathy to the entire Soyka Family.

IPA Member, Norb Dombrowski, Sympathy to the entire Dombrowski Family.

Frank Gula, Father to IPA Member, Bill Gula.
Sympathy to the entire Gula Family.

Our deepest sympathy wishes to all the family and friends of Al, Norb and Frank.

May you rest in Peace.

W.N.R.C. Nichols College Radio is proud to announce that "Polka-A-Go-Go" hosted by Bob Guyette is celebrating his 20th anniversary on May 15th. "Polka-A-Go-Go" airs on Wednesday 6-8 P.M. The show can be heard on the radio on 97.5 fm and also on the internet at www.nichols.edu/wnrc and www.live365.com/wnrc. You can call the station at 508-943-8320 or e-mail address polkabob2005@msn.com.

8th Annual International Polka Association Benefit Dance

By: Karen Olszewski

The Ludlow MA PACC hosted the 8th Annual International Polka Association benefit on March 3. Music provided by Dennis Polisky & Maestro's Men, Eddie Forman and EFO and Lenny Gomulka and Chicago Push. A special tribute to Polka legends Happy Louie and Julcia. All musicians and club staff donated their time for the IPA. Master of ceremonies Mike Matousek. A special musical tribute under direction of Dennis Polisky was performed comprised of some of the big hit selections of Happy Louie and Julcia. Special guest Wally Dombrowski wearing all white with Louie's original red jacket sang and played trumpet to the Louie hits to the delight of the sold out crowd. Polka fans from CT, MA, RI, NY, PA, OH, IL, MD, FL and Canada were in attendance. Fans stood from the back to front and on chairs waving their red and white hankies as they sang along to the tunes of Happy Louie and Julcia. During the musical tribute Louie and Julcia's grandchildren got on stage to perform some musical selections. Several of Louie's original musicians were in attendance and came on stage to perform. The highlight was Julcia joining on stage to join the fun. Fans lined up to talk to Louie and Julie and get an autograph. For those of you that missed the event we have included several videos that were added on YouTube courtesy of Tom Zimnowski and Chris Valcik.

The IPA would like to Thank everyone involved for making this event such a huge success, year after year! We appreciate it....

VIDEOS

Northshore Polka (video by Tom Zimnowski)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B8K4wIATiZo>

Firehouse Polka (video by Chris Valcik)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k-Sx2zCBBXo>

Love & Peace/Goodluck Medley (video by Chirs Valcik)

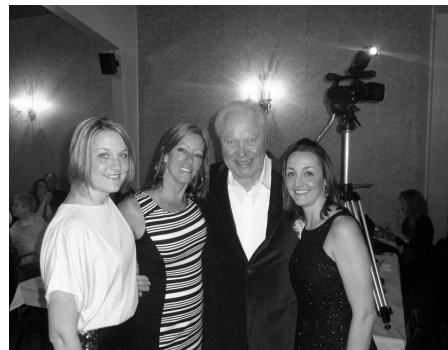
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IPA BENEFIT HELD AT THE LUDLOW PACC ON 03/03/2013 FINANCIAL REPORT

Income: \$7668.00
Expenses: \$1216.73

Total Profit:

\$6,451.27



Pictures from IPA 8th Annual Benefit Dance in Ludlow Mass.

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Welcome New Members

We would like to welcome our newest members:

Jean Calvert, Bob Calvert, Tony Winiarz, Dennis Zielinski, Jr., Jim Kucharski, Tim Wolter, Wanda Guca, Andrew Makarewicz, Benita Szymanski, Julie Gebhardt, John Evanina,

NEW LIFETIME MEMBER: GARY KUCHENBECKER

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 your can sign up for a lifetime membership, and that is only \$200.00.

PLEASE SEND YOUR MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL ENVELOPES BACK AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!

The United States Polka Association has announced its nominees for the 2012 Polka Music Awards. The awards will be presented on May 25, 2013 at the annual Convention & Festival, to be held at the Holiday Inn Strongsville in Cleveland, OH. The awards nominees are as follows:

The ones listed were the top three vote getters. Winners will be announced at the banquet.

USPA BAND: Lenny Gomulka & Chicago Push, Polka Country Musicians, & The Knewz.

USPA MALE VOCALIST: Wally Dombrowski - PCM, Frank Liszka-The Boys, & Andy Bojczuk-The Knewz

USPA FEMALE VOCALIST: Laura Mateja – IPA Tribute Band, Stacey Morris-Nutones, & Mollie Busta Lange-Squeezbox.

USPA RECORDING: For The Love Of The Music – Tony B's New Phaze, Yesterday's Songs – IPA Tribute Band, & United We Jam - PCM

USPA SONG: Song For The People – PCM, Yesterday's Songs – IPA Tribute Band, & For The Love Of The Music – Tony B's New Phaze

USPA POLKA REPORTER: Barb Pinkowski, & Michelle Genrich

USPA COVER DESIGNER: Michelle Eron-For The Love Of The Music-Tony B & New Phaze or Yesterday's Songs-IPA Tribute Band or United We Jam-PCM

USPA IJ/DJ: Mike Matousek & Mike Ziemski – “The Mikes Are On”, Bryan “The Party” Palacz – Polish Freight & Music, Stan Wilgocki – “Party Time Polkas”, & Todd Zaganiacz – “The Polka Nite Cap Show”

USPA NEW HORIZON – Brian Earl from Holland, OH

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD: Living category – John Gora, Deceased category – Bill Czerniak

The International Polka Association Tribute Band proudly presents “Yesterday’s Songs”

It features a mixture of songs originally recorded by IPA Hall of Famers and Award Winners, along with some arrangements recorded as a Polka for the very first time to offer you something new and fresh. Our goal was to record a CD that has something for all Polka fans, both young and old. Whether you like traditional Polka music or enjoy some newer melodies, we hope there is something for you on this recording.

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.

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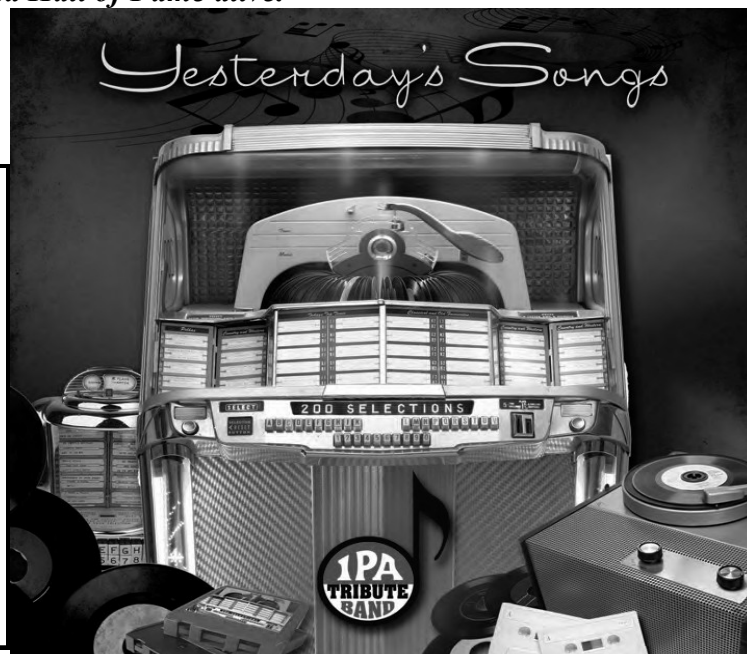
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To purchase a copy of this CD, please send a check or money order made payable to the IPA, for **\$18.00 (\$15.00 plus \$3.00 postage and handling)**. Mail it to: International Polka Association, 4608 S. Archer Avenue, Chicago, IL 60632.

PLEASE BE SURE TO SEND YOUR NAME, ADDRESS, CITY, STATE AND ZIP CODE, so we can mail the CD to you.

You can also purchase a copy of this CD from any IPA Tribute Band Member.

A portion of the proceeds from this recording are being Donated to the International Polka Association.



Rich Bobinski - 26 Classic Hits from the past

New CD Release! Co-Producer & Sound File Enhancement by Peter J. Danielczuk, I.P.A. Sgt. At Arms. A portion of the proceeds from this recording are being donated to the International Polka Association. The I.P.A. is instrumental in the preservation and promotion of Polka Music throughout the United States. Distributor and Co-Producer is Jimmy K Polkas, 440-846-0404 or visit www.jimmykpolkas.com

Tuesday May 21, 2013 ~
THE NEXT I.P.A GENERAL MEETING AT
POLONIA BANQUETS.
Doors Open at 6:30 PM Meeting at 7 PM.

FREE FOOD

2012 Calendar Raffle Winners
February 8 - February 28, 2013

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Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets for their support! We greatly appreciate it!



A benefit Dance was held for IPA Hall of Famer David "Scrubby" Seweryniak, in April, 2013. IPA Directors Joanie Minehart and Ed Guca read a letter from IPA President Dave Ulczycki, spoke about some of Scrubby's accomplishments and presented him with a \$200.00 donation made on behalf of the I.P.A. Pictures above and to the right are from



IPA Bus Trip to Wyandotte, Michigan for the Lisa Marie Biskup Gift of Life Dance, was a huge success! Thank you to everyone who joined us on the bus trip for supporting the IPA and the Benefit. We greatly appreciate it. Thank you to Ron and Sue Biskup, their staff and to the bands Badinov and Freeze Dried for the great entertainment that evening! We look forward to attending your event again next year. We would also like to thank all of our Canadian Friends for their shots, food and laughs!



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THE BOYS

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BUDZILEK, RAY

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"The Cleveland Sound"

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"Got Knewz" ~ "Knewz Flash" NEW

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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
50 Totten Drive
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The Annual Election of Officers and Convention Meeting begins at 10 am Sunday August 4, 2013(current members only). At the Embassy Suite.

See Page 6 for more information.

Please be advised that this year, the following positions will be up for Election/Re-election:

Officers:

President- Must be on the executive board for at least 1 year. (1 year Term)

All others must be a member of the organization for one year and 2 year Term.

1st Vice President
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Directors:

3 must be from the State of Illinois
3 must be from other States other than Illinois.

Current IPA Members must be present to vote at the Annual Meeting. If you are unable to attend the meeting and would like to run for one of the positions listed above, a signed letter must be sent to the IPA President prior to the convention.

On Friday, May 24, 2013, the night of their performance at the 45th Annual USPA Festival and Convention in Strongsville, OH, The Boys will release their latest CD titled "Boysterous" This new recording features 3 new original compositions, 11 brand new arrangements, and 3 classic polkas all done in The Boys' unmistakable signature style. Their last CD, "A New Day" released in 2011 went on to win several national awards. "Boysterous" promises to be their best work yet. CDs may be purchased any time after the release date by sending a \$17 check to Mike Matousek, 8372 Williamstowne Drive, Millersville, MD 21108-1066. The Boys' recordings are also available for purchase at all their live performances and through polka CD vendors. Other online orders and digital download purchases can be placed via www.CDBaby.com and I Tunes. For more information, contact mike@TheBoysBand.com or call (410) 729-9697.

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May 5 - Joe Towalski;
May 6 - Frank Gubala; Mashelle Pavey
May 7 - Ray Pasinski; Richard Kozacko
May 8 - Grace Mikrut
May 10 - Mike Surratt; Lenny Zielinski; John Demerski; Jill Krzeszewski (IPA Director); Linda Demke
May 11 - Eleanor Grudi;
May 12 - Bernie Gorak II; Minnie Florio
May 13 - Julia Figura; Connie Shemansky; Bob Raica
May 14 - Stacey Morris
May 15 - Krystin Smaka
May 16 - Christopher Bogdon; Eddie Korosa, Jr.; Donald Swart
May 17 - Lorri March; Edmund Burdzy; Linda Chesky-Fernandes;
 Ed Burdzy
MAY 18 - Thomas Raboin
May 19 - Clarence Karakla; Geraldine Babula;
May 20 - Stephen Dudas; Ryan Ogrodny;
May 21 - Marge Smith
May 22 - Chet Schafer; Raymond Skorka; Steve Fornek;
 Linda Kendzierski
May 23 - Judith Pollick;
May 24 - Mary Saber
May 25 - Robyn Mrozinski;
May 26 - Timothy Winiarz;
May 27 - Rick Zarek; Jane Piotrowski; Jersey Polka
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May 28 - Joe Pinter
May 29 - Carolyn Kasprovicz; Lou Jedlowski;
May 30 - Jerold Kriston;
May 31 - Mike Pacholski; John Bryndza; Ashley Mateja;
 Bill Popek

JUNE

June 1 - Michael Skalecki
June 2 - Jack Sanocki;
June 3 - Virgil Baker Jr; Bernie Gorak, Sr;
June 4 - Richard Sendra; Bob Jakubielski
June 5 - Jeannette Ziobro; Pauline Burita-Swart;
June 6 - Robert Banoczi; Mary Jo Liccar;
June 7 - Joe Kizior; Joseph Lesniak; Rich Benkowski
June 8 - Michele Gorak
June 9 - Mary Kay Dench; Geri Ryndak; Lambert Lasecki
June 10 - John Baras; Eugene Kasprovicz;
June 11 - Wayne Drust
June 12 - Virgil Herrmann; Chet Kowalkowski
June 13 - Walter Berkowicz; Albert Zabiegala; Casimir Karbowski
June 19 - Tony Crispo; Robert Jayo; Diane Krygier; Jim Homel
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June 25 - Andrew Votaw
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June 28 - Julcia Dusseault
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June 30 - Nina March; George Borsuk



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