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John Furmaniak
Living Catagory

John (Foo) Furmaniak, was born on August 7, 1948 to Thaddeus (Ted) and LaVerne Furmaniak. He is the oldest of their five children. John became infatuated with the accordion at the young age of 10 when a representative of the Mort Herald Accordion School of Music appeared at his

grade school and demonstrated the sound of the accordion. John came home from school that day and asked his dad if he could learn how to play. With a student accordion strapped to his shoulders, John's journey into music started. John's grandfather, Paul, loved polka music and he would have John come over to this house on Sunday's and listen to the polka shows and would say "play the harmonia with the radio". Harmonia is accordion in Polish. John would listen and start to play the polkas, waltzes and obereks that were on the radio.

At the age of 12, John's grandfather decided he wanted to buy John a full-sized accordion. John wanted something unique, as he wanted an accordion with the sound of a bass guitar on the left hand. They looked at the Cordovox but John didn't like that sound. Grandpa Paul said "I know a place that has this Italian guy who makes accordions". Italo American was the accordion that grandpa ended up buying for John as the sound produced by the left hand sounded very close to a bass guitar.

John's dad, Ted, knew a guy at his workplace whose son played the drums. His name was Frank Alberts. John hooked up with him and the "Dial-A-Tones" were formed, playing small functions two-piece. The band eventually grew to four pieces and then John enlisted into the Army and served our country from 1968 to 1971. Also during this time, John wed Frank's sister Cheryl and also had their first child, a girl named Christy.

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Frank Borzymowski
Living Catagory

Music has always played an important part of Frank Borzymowski's life. His first professional gig was at the ripe old age of 14 and it wasn't long after that all of Baltimore's Polonia wanted to book Joe and Anita's boy for their functions. Frank's high school and college years were filled with great memories playing polkas at Baltimore's Polish

Home, Blob's Park and all the many Polish parishes throughout the east side of the city.

It was through the generosity of a local polka promoter, Mike Lozosky, Frank learned about the national polka scene. Mike allowed a young Frank and his trio to play at his annual Family Polka Picnics next to such greats as Marion Lush and Happy Louie. This interaction with visiting polka musicians exposed Frank to the many opportunities the national polka scene had to offer and eventually led to Frank "hitting the polka road".

Whether you first met Frank in the early 1980s when he burst on to the national polka scene leading "The Boys from Baltimore" or through his "Frank and Friends: recordings and live appearances, his performances were always filled with style and classy stage appearances, smooth vocals and solid contemporary polka entertainment. Dubbed the "Polka Crooner", it was Frank's vocal styling that made him stand out from the rest. His solid music arrangements and innovative ideas on songs like "Polka Menagerie", "Ooh Babe", "Tatus I Mamusiu" and "Sing Like Eddie B", along with classic medleys such as "The Sweethearts of Polka Music" and "For One Night Only" have also been some of the many musical highlights throughout his career.

Throughout his polka career, Frank Borzymowski has done it all – live performances, television, radio, recordings, master of ceremonies, Director and elector of the IPA, record producer and distributor – and has entertained fans at every Polish polka venue throughout the country. All accomplished with class and style by the boy from Baltimore.

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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.

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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.**

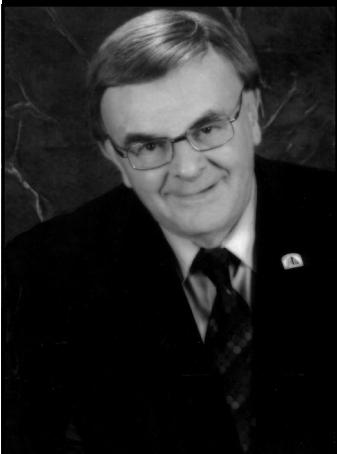
IPA RADIO SHOW

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!



Tony Petkovsek Pioneer Category

Tony was born August 21, 1941 in Cleveland, Ohio to parents of Slovenian descent. At age 20 he began what would become the longest running daily two hour polka program, self produced with his own sponsors. That daily show aired six days a week from 1961 through 2011 and it now continues weekly every Saturday for three hours from

noon to 3:00 p.m. Co-hosts currently include Joey Tom-sick, Joe Valencia (bi-lingual also in Slovenian), Denny Bucar and Patty Sluga. He broadcasts from his own home studio in Fairport Harbor on the shores of Lake Erie over WELW-1330AM where he is co-owner, and on the internet at 24/7polkaheaven.com.

Tony began originating and promoting polka tours and cruises to virtually the entire world including even Australia with polka bands and artists and a special emphasis in the European Alpine countries of Austria, Germany, Switzerland, Italy and of course Slovenia, the country of his ancestry.

He became a partner with Kollander World Travel, based on the east side of Cleveland and this year marking 90 years of business. Tony has spent about 45 years at the agency and currently is a consultant. His total travels besides Europe and Australia have included the exotic places like Hawaii, the Caribbean, Mexico and South America, earning him the title of "Polka Ambassador".

This year, 2013, marks 50 years since a Thanksgiving Polka Party has been in existence. Since 1990, the event has been downtown at the leading, first class, Marriot Hotel, in which the 25-story, 400 room hotel is filled to capacity. Patrons have come from over 25 states, all of Canada, and even Europe like the Netherlands and Slovenia. Fifteen to twenty Cleveland-Slovenian bands perform non-stop, around the clock on the weekend.

Twenty six years ago a National Cleveland-Style (Slovenian) Polka Hall of Fame in Euclid was founded by Tony Petkovsek and a group of dedicated volunteer directors. The museum is supported by the only full time record shoppe selling all of the latest in polka CDs, DVDs and souvenir gift items. Tony continues as Chairman Emeritus with Joe Valencic as President.

Tony is the recipient of numerous, over 100, awards and proclamations for his 52 years of promotional work in the polka field. Topping the list for 2013 is the International Polka Music Hall of Fame, based in Chicago, and it's Pioneer Award.



Jan Cyman Deceased Category

In his youth, Jan was an avid boy scout in his hometown of Buffalo, New York. He also was first music chair at his high school.

The year was 1965, Buffalo, New York. Fifteen year old Jan Cyman played the trumpet in school. A couple of good friends, Larry Trojak and Whitey

Ryniec, wanted to start a polka band, but Jan had no idea what polka music was. They brought him to see polka bands in the area so he could get a feel for the style of music. Shortly after, they became the Dynatones.

After eight years with the band, Jan was offered a spot with the New Brass. With the love and support of his wife Judy and son Jeffrey, they packed up and moved to Massachusetts.

In 1976, Jan decided to start his own band and founded the Musicalaires. Jan, now with the additions of his two daughters, Tracy and Christie, traveled across the country, bringing his passion for polka music wherever he went. He made many friends along the way and they helped develop his love for the genre.

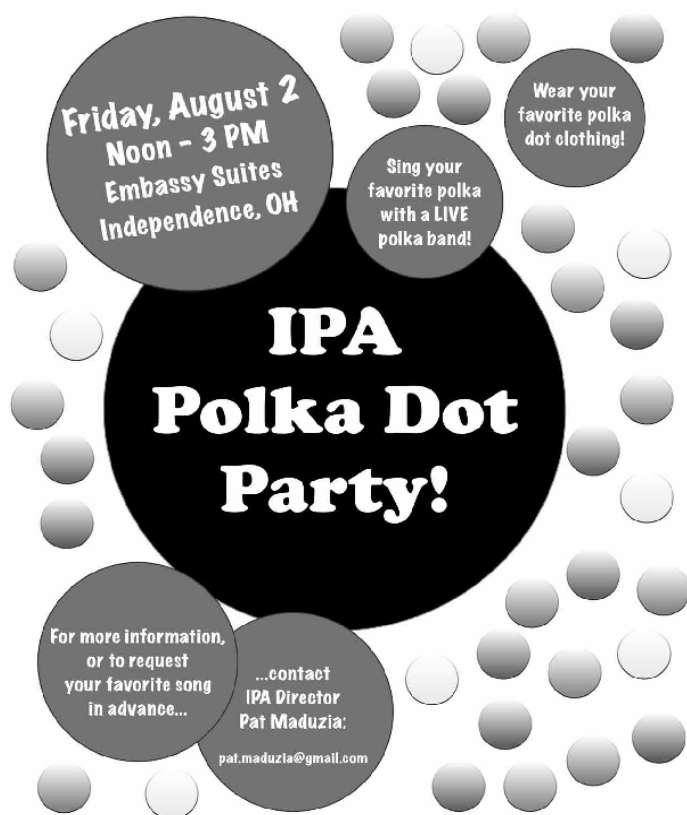
After the death of his father Vincent in 1987, Jan and his family moved to Florida where he continued to play, promote and produce polka music, including his own internet radio show.

Over the years, his signature trumpet and vocals were heard alongside New Phaze, Sunshine State Express, Florida Honky Polka Band and the B-Sharps, for whom he played his final gig.

Jan has the distinction of being the first president of the Polka Boosters Club of Buffalo, New York. He did charity work for many organizations and associations including the Felician nuns.

Until his passing in 2012, his love of music would only be surpassed by his love of his five grandchildren who looked up to and idolized their very own polka legend.

Jan is survived by his wife Judy, daughters Tracy, Chrissie, son Jeffrey, and five grandchildren Ricky Lynn, Zachary, Crissy, Parker and A.J.



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No outside food or beverages permitted by law
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John Furmaniak—Continued from Page 1

A few months after being out of the service, John and Cheryl stopped at a bar called "Brothers Two Lounge" on Chicago's south side. Jerry Zahara was on the bandstand and John told Cheryl "I'm going to get some guys and start the band back up and play on stage again". The Dial-A-Tones reformed and recorded two albums between 1971 and 1976. John wrote 2 hits "Kiss the Girls and Make Them Cry" and "Let's All Go Dancing". He also helped a band member write and arrange "Pots and Pans Polka". During this time, John and Cheryl also welcomed a second child, a son named John Jr.

The Dial-A-Tones broke up in 1977 and John was asked to join Ted Okrzesik Sr. who was bringing his teenage sons up the ranks as polka musicians. John suggested forming a band and they named it "Windy City Brass". The band consisted of Ted Okrzesik Sr., his sons Ted Okrzesik Jr and Danny Okrzesik, and John's friend Stas Bulanda. Ted's wife Gennie "O" also began to sing with the band as well. John recorded two albums with the "Windy City Brass" and performed with them from 1977 to 1980. In 1979 to 1980, John also was a radio DJ along with Ted Sr. John and his wife Cheryl also welcomed a third child during this time, another son named Jason.

In 1980, John was asked by Marion Lush to join "The White Eagles". What an honor! John now had the opportunity to incorporate the electronic bass left-handed with a top-name band. If John was going to play left-hand bass on the big stage, he had to perfect it. He listened to Eddie Blazonczyk records and Marion Lush records and wanted to learn to play all the runs the proper way. While most other bands employed the use of a dedicated bass guitar player, John refined the use of the electronic left-hand on the accordion to the point that it became indistinguishable from an actual bass guitar. He became known as having one of the "best left hands" in the business. John performed with Marion Lush from 1980 to 1984 traveling extensively throughout the United States.

In 1986, John's children were getting older and John wanted to watch and coach them in sports. John began filling in locally with the likes of Li'l Richard, Jimmy Mieszala, Stas Golonka and others. One day John and his good friend, IPA Polka Music Hall of Famer Stas Bulanda decided they wanted to start a band. John said "I have the perfect name". Let's call it "Average Polka Band". From 1986 to 2000 the Average Polka Band recorded thirteen recordings and was nominated for the Grammy's in 1989. John wrote hit songs for the Average Polka Band such as "APB Opening Theme", "My Concertina", "Dance Hall Blues", "I'm Gonna Love You Forever", "Happy Birthday Wish", and after the September 11 tragedy "A Place For Peace".

In 2000, the Average Polka Band broke up, but after a few months, John and Stas decided to start up another group. John suggested to Stas that he goes back on concertina and the band would play more honky style music. John suggested they name the band "Dyno Chicago". Stas thought it was a good name so they did it. John self taught himself the piano and even recorded piano on a few recordings. Dyno Chicago recorded two CDs and performed from 2000 to 2003. At that time, John wanted to get away from traveling and decided he would start a band with another buddy, IPA Polka Music Hall of Famer Wally Maduzia. This is when "One More Tyme" was formed. The band recorded on CD and performed together from 2001 to 2007.

In 2007 John's longtime friend Stas Bulanda asked John if he would be interested in joining Stas' band, now named "Old School Review". John accepted and performed with Stas again on stage from 2008 to 2009.

In 2010 after the passing of his great friend, Stas Bulanda, John was asked by Tony Blazonczyk if he would like to join his band "New Phaze". John said yes and is currently performing with the band. So far John has recorded two CDs with New Phaze. On the latest CD "For The Love Of The Music" John co-wrote the title song, 2012 IPA Song of the Year, "For The Love Of The Music" and also wrote the hit waltz "Phone in Heaven"..

John has written and co-written over 20 songs over the years. In addition to being a musician, vocalist, music arranger, bandleader, songwriter, DJ and music publisher, John has recorded 23 albums/CDs over 40 years. He was an IPA Director from 1974 to 1978. He has performed on stage with Li'l Wally, Li'l Richard, The Monumentals, Jimmy Mieszala, Stas Golonka, The Music Company, Jerry Zahara, Casey Homel, Jimmy Homel and Richie Gomulka who called John "one of the best side men ever".

John's passion for polka music has no boundaries. He enjoys traveling and seeing his many friends throughout the country. John hopes his knowledge and polka music roots can be transferred to the younger polka musicians of today. John has dedicated his life to playing the music he loves. He just celebrated his 40 years of being "on the road again". John has performed at every prestigious festival and event over the years and looks forward to performing for a few more years.

John has three children, Christy, John Jr, and Jason and six grandchildren, Sydney, Katie, Morgan, Hayley, Jaylen and Avery. John and his wife Cheryl reside in Bolingbrook, Illinois.



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.

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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>,
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Visit: www.polkajammernetwork.org

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 I.P.A. 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.

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO:

Marie Helene Fuscaldo, (nee Mikos) beloved wife to the late Jim Fuscaldo, sister to Past IPA President Pat Mikos and IPA Hall of Famer, Bruno Mikos. Our deepest to the entire Mikos Family and friends.

Harriet Koziol, IPA Member. Harriet along with Stephanie McCracken and Bea Zawada worked in the kitchen at the IPA Building for several years. Harriet, along with Stephanie and Bea were presented with the Joe Jozwiak award in 2005. Our sympathy to the entire Koziol family and friends.

Our deepest sympathy wishes to all the family and friends of Marie and Harriet

May you rest in Peace.

****Correction****

We are sorry for our error. In the last newsletter we published Norb and it should have been Norm.

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

Tuesday July 16, 2013 ~

**THE NEXT I.P.A GENERAL MEETING AT
POLONIA BANQUETS.**

Doors Open at 6:30 PM Meeting at 7 PM.

FREE FOOD

**44th Annual I.P.A. Polka Music Hall
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Welcome New Members

We would like to welcome our newest members:

Ted Eckman, Dianna Zawisza, Arnold Checkalski, Pat Stanek, William Stasila,
Daniel Nawrot, Stanley Raiczuk

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.

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

Connecticut gets State Polka!

After seven years of trying IPA Sgt. at Arms Peter J Danielczuk has been successful in getting Polka Hall of Famer and Connecticut native Ray Henry's Ballroom Polka named the Connecticut State Polka. Connecticut joins the state of Massachusetts with a state Polka and Wisconsin whose state dance is the Polka. He worked through two of his legislative friends State Representative Linda Gentile and State Senator Joseph Crisco. Mr. Danielczuk who is known as CT's Prince of Polkas stated that he was very excited that this finely happened as a tribute to all the people who danced the Polka in the state throughout the years as well as to all the fine Polka musicians in the state's history. A free dance is planned in November with a Ray Henry Tribute Band to held at the Polish National Home in Hartford, CT and Governor Malloy will be invited.

Congratulations to Peter... We appreciate all your hard work on this project!

Illinois tribute to Eddie Blazonczyk, Sr.—State Polka

Illinois politicians anticipate the adoption of an official tribute to Eddie Blazonczyk, Sr., which includes adoption of "Polka Celebration" as the official State Polka, but it awaits the legislature's next session. Delay was caused by heated debate about pension reform in the state.

Congratulations to T. Ron Jasinski Herbert on his hard work on this project.

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Yesterday's Songs



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.

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See Page 6 for more information.

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

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1st Vice President
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