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IPA Hall of Famer Craig Ebel and Jerry Wantroba



IPA Hall of Famer Pioneer Tom Altenburg and Jerry Wantroba



Special Thanks to: IPA Banquet Chairwomen, Linda Niewierowski and Master of Ceremonies Tommy Wanderlich



IPA Hall of Famer Wally Dombrowski and Jerry Wantroba



Deceased Catagory IPA Hall of Famer Paul Wendinger, accepted by his wife Joleen Wendinger, Son Jon Wendinger, with Jerry Wantroba and IPA Hall of Fame Chairman, Leon Kozicki

IPA Award Winners Pictures - See Page 4

IPA Hall of Famer Joe Fedorchak passes – See Page 5 & 7

Please return calendar raffle stubs as soon as possible.

IPA Newsletter

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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.

Please remember our US troops that work so hard, risk all, and sometimes even make the ultimate sacrifice to preserve not only our freedom, but the freedom of the entire world.

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.

IMPORTANT! MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

As reminders for membership renewals are mailed out, it would be greatly appreciated if these could be returned <u>as</u> <u>soon as possible</u>. 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!



Thank you to Father Bob Grib and Father Phil Grib for all that they do for the I.P.A., not only at the Festival every year, but through out the year.

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO:

Thomas Duda, IPA Member, passed away on July 15, 2012. Deepest sympathy to his wife, Virginia Duda and the entire Duda Family.

IPA Hall of Famer Joe Fedorchak passed away on August 28, 2012. Deepest sympathy to his wife Phyllis and Daughter Jodi. Uncle to Linda Fedorchak.

Our deepest sympathy wishes to all the family and friends of Thomas and Joe. May you rest in Peace.

IPA New Officers List

*Elected into Office at the August 5, 2012 Meeting

IPA President - Dave Ulczycki*

1st VP - Rick Rzeszutko

2nd VP - Freddy "K" Kendzierski*

Secretary – Laura Mateja

Treasurer - Linda Niewierowski*

Financial Secretary - Christy Krawisz*

Chicago Directors - T. Ron Jasinski-Herbert, Marge Machay, Johnny Krawisz, John Mikrut, Dan Mateja (NEW)*, Pat Maduzia (NEW)*,

Out-of-Town Directors - Michael Matousek (MD)*, Ed Szela (MA)*, Joni Zychowski Minehart (PA) (NEW)*, Debbie Dunaj (WI) (NEW)*, Fran Russo (OH), and Ed Guca (Canada)

Sergeant-At-Arms - Peter Danielczuk (CT)*

Advisor—Leon Kozicki

Media Advisor - Jerry Wantroba

Congratulations to all those elected/re-elected into office. Thank you to those not re-elected for their hard work and dedication in their board position.

THANK YOU'S

Thank you Earnie Boyd for your \$25.00

Thank you Dynatones for donating the Alumni sign to the I.P.A. Hall of Fame.

Thank you Gilbert Skudlarczyk for donating two afghans for our raffles.

Thank you T. Ron Jasinski-Herbert and Rick Rzeszutko for taking pictures at the IPA Festival.

Thank you Tommy Wanderlich for being The Master of Ceremonies at our IPA Hall of Fame and Music Award Banquet.

Thank you Linda Niewierowski for all you did to make the IPA Hall of Fame and Music Award Banquet so successful.

Thank you Leon Kozicki and Laura Bethke for all you do throughout the year for the IPA Hall of Fame.

Thank you Sheryl and Steve Rodgers for their help in presenting the Pulaski Marching Band their plague, for the picture and article.

Thank you Cheryl Furmaniak for the On The Road Again Article.

To all the Bands who performed for the Festival, Thank you!

Thank you to all of our volunteers for helping us throughout the year!

Thank you to the Mateja and Mikrut families for taking care of the membership table and T-shirt sales in Pulaski.



IPA Favorite CD winner - "A New Day" -The Boys - Accepting was Mike Matousek with Jerry Wantroba



IPA Favorite Instrumental Group Winners -Dennis Polisky & the Maestros Men - Accepting for the band was Helen Szubzda Curtin with Jerry Wantroba.



Accepting for IPA Female Vocalist winner Mollie Busta Lange was Lori Nissel Ebel, Lorin Ebel with Jerry Wantroba.



IPA Favorite Male Vocalist Lenny Gomulka with Jerry Wantroba



IPA Favorite Song "Years Ago" Winners—The Knewz



Joseph (Joe) P. Fedorchak

Inducted into the
Hall of Fame in 1997
Passed August, 2012
Musician, Bandleader, Composer,
AM Radio Polka DJ,
TV Polka Show Host and
Performer,
Polka Tour Promoter

Respected as a staunch advocate of Slovenian and the Cleveland Style Polka Music, Joe has performed throughout the continental United States, Canada, Hawaii, Mexico and Alaska. He is recognized for his consistent and unselfish support for efforts toward the further enhancement and perpetuation of the Cleveland style polka movement. He has been instrumental in enlistment of other musicians into the Cleveland-style polka movement and has provided valuable support and assistance.

Joe began formal accordion music studies in 1944 at the age of nine. He continued his formal studies after honorable discharge from the armed forces in 1960. Also proficient of the button chromatic accordion, he has devoted more than fifty two years towards playing and promoting polka music.

Joe launched his career while still in elementary school when ha became a member of the "Polka Serenaders orchestra" in the late 1940s. In 1952, while still in high school, he joined the 'Johnny Butchko Orchestra.' As a member of this orchestra he participated in several recordings along with numerous appearances on live radio and Joe Fedorchak television programs during the 1950s and 1960s. He formed his own orchestra in 1963 after the retirement of Johnny Butchko. Has earned accreditation for the development of an unique tempo, rhythm and sound that has established his orchestra as one of the most consistently popular polka bands, based on the number of requests for his music on radio programs and also through resounding album sales in record shops. Currently the co-host on the very popular "Gene Fedorchak Polka Show" which is broadcast every Sunday on WKBN 570 in Youngstown, Ohio from 9:00 AM to 1 1:00 AM. This entertaining program is heard in portions of six states and Canada.

Contributions towards promulgation, promotion, and preservation of Slovenian heritage and the Cleveland-style polka music:

Joe has produced, arranged, and recorded four albums; 'Polkas and Waltzes-Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow,' 'Fedorchak - Second Time Around', 'Fedorchak, by Request,' 'Fedorchak - For That Old Gang of Mine' and 'The Best of Fedorchak'. Original compositions include, 'Little Slugger's Polka,' 'The Blue Lady Polka,' 'Helvak's Waltz,' 'Jodie's Waltz' and 'Grandpa John's Polka.' Their compositions have also been incorporated into other polka bands' musical repertoire.

A charter, and diligent, member of the 'Penn-Ohio Polka Pals' organization as well as a "lifetime" member of Cleveland-style Polka Hall of Fame, also being a member of SNPJ Lodge #643, Girard, Ohio and NARAS (The National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences), Chicago chapter.

Taken from the International Polka Association Website

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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THE IPA RADIO SHOW IS NOW ON THE POLKA JAMMER NETWORK

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On the Road Again- By: Cheryl Furmaniak

Hello, first thank you to those who have commented on my last article, I appreciate your comments.

This time it was on the Road Again, with my Daughter Christy Krawisz (IPA Financial Secretary) and Son-In-Law John Krawisz (IPA Director) and accordion artist with the IPA Tribute Band, along with my Granddaughters Katie and Hayley.

Leaving this time was very interesting as we were packed in with the equipment of John's along with Christy's IPA items and our luggage. My Granddaughters asked me if I put bricks in my luggage! Not really but we were off to the International Polka Associations 44th Convention, of course I had to bring different clothes. We hit the road on Wednesday as with Christy and John being officers they need to do important pre-convention meetings and preparations. So we were off(somewhat like sardines) to meet new friends, old friends, have fun, dance the Polka, sing, attend the Banquet to acknowledge the inductees to the 2012 Hall of Fame, and have the IPA meeting where elections and topics were discussed.

To the musicians who travel with packed vans and cars, I admire your stamina to travel the hundreds of miles to play the jobs to make us happy. Thank you!

You missed it .-- The performance of the INTERNATIONAL POLKA ASSOCIATION TRIBUTE BAND. - Awesome, fantastic, professional performance in the atrium of the Embassy Suites. Each musician so talented and they jelled so wonderfully. Laura was so amazing in her vocals. To think, I've known her since she was young too! I even got a few chills when she sang and the guys sang with her. Then their Daughter (Danny and Lauras') Ashley also sang with her Mom and the band to songs of the past. People were listening from by their rooms too as the atrium is open and you could see people leaning by the railings enjoying the entertainment. For those who were not at the convention consider buying the "Yesterday's Songs" album by the IPA Tribute band, you will not be sorry. You can find this information in this bulletin. And please think about attending next year as it will be the 45th Anniversary Celebration of the IPA Convention and Festival. Come and be a

part of a memorable time in the Polka field. You can make a difference in preserving the music we all love for the next generations to come. Contrary to what some people think, the younger generations were in attendance and enjoying themselves. Several people brought their younger children and even grandchildren to the convention. What better way to SHARE your heritage and expose them to what you experienced and love.

The IPA Convention was held this year at the Embassy Suites in Independence, Ohio. WOW! What a beautiful environment for the Convention. A very classy establishment and very cordial employees and spacious suites. Yes, beautiful big suites and clean. The Board did a great job in choosing this establishment to hold the 44th Convention and Festival. This year, the Convention was dedicated to Mr. Eddie Blazonczyk Sr. Eddie was one of the Co-Founders of the IPA and enjoyed the happiness the music brought to people. What better way to remember Eddie than with the convention where the music he loved and dedicated his life to was

playing. When Lenny played and announced the history he had with Eddie and memories, quite a few eyes were tearing up. Richie Tokarz also remembered the times with Eddie and again, tears were flowing. So many missed this, I'm sorry you couldn't be there. There may have been more memories shared but I was with my Daughter selling the newly release CD of the IPA Tribute Band, the really nice T-Shirts that are lime green and have the IPA logo and wonderful saying on the back. Renewing membership and signing new members. Also, if you become a NEW member you can receive a T-shirt with your membership for an additional \$5.00 for a total of \$20.00. See membership information in this bulletin.

I met so many old friends and some new ones too. Got to listen to the live broadcast with Joni from the POLKA JAM-MER NETWORK and Billy who broadcasted live for the IPA timeslot. The show was fun to watch and listen to. I've seen so many talented people do interviews and what it takes to produce a show.

I do not want to forget the wonderfully talented bands that provided hours and hours of music for those in attendance. Thank you for providing us the music which brings us happiness and brings us all together.

To the Officers of the IPA, a hard working group of dedicated people who have volunteered and have passions that are admirable. For those of you who do not know, it takes many many hours of coordination, time and labors to produce a event as Grand as the Convention. Thank you for a wonderful, memorable time and I cannot wait to see what next year will be at the Embassy in Ohio. I know it will be GREAT. Don't be left out, come and participate in the celebrations next year. Be a part of your organization. Help promote Polka Music by tuning into the shows, let your families listen. Sign up your family members. Go out as families to the various events during the year, it's fun and helps keep the bond of your family.

Polkatively yours ~ Cheryl Furmaniak ~ IPA Member



Left - Katie Krawisz, Center - Cheryl Furmaniak, Right - Christy Furmaniak-Krawisz (Financial Sec.) and Front - Hayley Krawisz.



IPA HALL OF FAMER JOE FEDORCHAK Passes August, 2012

From: Linda Fedorchak

Joseph (Joe) Fedorchak was born Sept. 4, 1935, in Youngstown, a son of the late Joseph and Susan (Sabol) Fedorchak. Respected as a staunch advocate of Slovenian and the Cleveland-style Polka music, Joe has performed throughout the continental United States as well as internationally. He is recognized for his consistent

and unselfish support for efforts toward the further enhancement and perpetuation of the Clevelandstyle Polka movement. He has been instrumental in enlistment of other musicians into the Clevelandstyle polka movement and has provided valuable support and assistance to fellow musicians. Joe began formal accordion music studies in 1944 at the age of nine. He continued his formal studies after honorable discharge from the Army in 1960. After serving in the Army, he went to work at the Youngstown Sheet & Tube as a foreman until its closing. Also proficient on the button chromatic accordion, he has devoted more than 60 years towards playing and promoting polka music. Joe launched his career while still in elementary school, when he became a member of the "Polka Serenaders Orchestra" in the late 1940s. In 1952, while still in high school, he joined the "Johnny Butchko Orchestra." As a member of this orchestra, he participated in several recordings along with numerous appearances on live radio and television programs during the 1950s and 1960s. Joseph graduated in 1953 from Woodrow Wilson High School. He formed his own orchestra in 1963 after the retirement of Johnny Butchko. He has earned accreditation for the development of a unique tempo, rhythm and sound that has established his orchestra as one of the most consistently popular polka bands, based on the number of requests for his music on radio programs and also through resounding album sales in record shops. He co-hosted the very popular "Gene Fedorchak Polka Show" on WKBN 570 in Youngstown for 25 years. Joe produced, arranged and recorded six albums. He was also a charter and diligent member of the "Penn-Ohio Polka Pals" organization, lifetime member of the Cleveland-style Polka Hall of Fame, a member of SNPJ Lodge No. 643, Girard, a member of The National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences, Chicago chapter, voted the "Ohio State Polka-Rama Champs" in 1976, honored as the "Man of the Year" in 1987 by the Penn Ohio Pals, a contributor on the "Penn Ohio Polka Pals Souvenir Edition" album which was a finalist for the 1989 Grammy Awards, winner of the Cleveland-style Polka Hall of Fame "Band of the Year 1991" and "Album of the Year 1994," contributor with two songs on the Walter Ostanek Grammy Winning Album "Music and Friends" in 1995, and was inducted into the International Polka Association Hall of Fame in 1997.

Joe leaves his wife, the former Phyllis Ann Kramer, whom he married July 19, 1996; his daughter, Jodi (Brent) Milhoan of Lordstown; two brothers, Gene (JoAnn) Fedorchak of Seven Hills and Robert (Kathy) Fedorchak of Marietta, Ga.; two grandsons, Ben and Austin Milhoan; and six stepchildren, Mary Ann (Eddie) Mcearcern and their daughter, Sarah Rose of Charlotte, N.C., Joseph (Peggy) Speilvogel and their children, Michael and Katelyn of Virginia Beach, Va., Josephine (Dave) Juddo of Georgetown, Pa., Christine Speilvogel of Pittsburgh, Kathleen Speilvogel of Columbus, and Louis Speilvogel of Ohio. and 6 nieces.

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Recordings Sought For Annual Music Awards ATTENTION ALL RECORDING COMPANIES AND POLKA BANDS!

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

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

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

The awards have been presented for the past 42 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 <u>SEPTEMBER 18, 2012 ~</u> THE NEXT I.P.A GENERAL MEETING AT POLONIA BANQUETS. Dinner 6:30 PM—Meeting 7 PM



POLKA CRUISE WITH THE STARS VI

Full Circle is thrilled to announce the details of their next "Polka Cruise with the Stars VI". Things went so well on their recent cruise this past March, they took some extra time to find just the right ship and itinerary to keep enhancing their quests' entertainment experience. So, if you're ready for another exciting eight days in polka paradise, mark your calendars from February 2 - 10, 2013. This time the cruise sails from Miami, FL on board the brand new Carnival Breeze® and visits the exotic ports of St. Thomas, Antigua, Tortola and Nassau! Tortola and Antigua are new ports for Full Circle cruises and are well known for their beautiful beaches. In addition to Full Circle, Jimmy Weber & The Sounds and The Boys will provide the best in live polka music. As usual, there will be lots of fun and games with our polka DJ Kenny Olowin as well. Those famous private cocktails parties are bound to keep everyone's spirits high, too! And, to fulfill your Sunday obligation, Father Tom Aleksa will conduct a Polka Mass at sea. The ship has many fantastic amenities that include the new Punchliner Comedy Brunch that lets you enjoy some of George Lopez's own recipes while you laugh, the Carnival Waterworks® - an onboard waterpark that features a 4-deck high Twister Waterslide, and the new Red Frog Rum Bar at poolside. Of course there's lots of shopping, multiple pools and relaxing spas, all kinds of themed lounges, top-notch theater productions, gourmet meals, and so much more. Full Circle cherishes the wonderful polka people that continue to bless them with their company each year. If you'd like to be part of their next tropical adventure, please contact Helga Leonard at (724) 234-2033 or helga@adreamtrip4u.com. By the way, there is a special discount for past Full Circle cruisers and those who book early. Visit

www.GoneFullCircle.com and www.polka-cruise.com for more information. Fulfill your dream in 2013 with Full Circle's "Polka Cruise with the Stars VI!"

38th Annual Seven Springs Fall Polka Festival

The 38th annual Fall Polka Festival, featuring 9 of the nation's top polka bands, will take place at the Seven Springs Mountain Resort, Champion, Pennsylvania, Friday through Sunday, November 2-4, 2012. Bands to appear include: Tony Blazonczyk's New Phaze and Henny & The Versa J's on Friday, Darrell Weltin's New Brass Express, The Boys, Stephanie and her Honky Band, and The Diddle Stix on Saturday and Polka Family Band, Jimmy K & Ethnic Jazz and Ray Jay & the Carousels on Sunday.

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Jacquelyn "Jackie" Ann Schmid, a longtime organizer and supporter of the Dyngus Day polka events at the VFW Hall in Cheektowaga, N.Y., died in July 23, 2012. Active in the Buffalo area, she was Executive Assistant to Congressman Brian Higgins, V.P. of the Patriotic Commission, Dyngus Day Committee, V.P. of the Democratic Party Committee, member of the Pulaski Association, Assistant Parade Coordinator and member of the Cheektowaga Symphony Orchestra.

Jim Kozel, passed away September 1, 2012. Jim was an accordion player from Cleveland, Jim appeared on all of Georgie Cooks classic recordings (Keystone, Five Points, Love's Joy, Turnpike Polka, etc.) While in College, Jim also performed occasionally with Frank Yankovic in the 1940's. He was known as "Mr. Nice and Easy" Sympathy wishes to his wife of 63 years, Vicki, and to his three daughters and their families.

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Pulaski High School Red Raider Marching Band Presentation

On Thursday, June 28, 2012, Sheryl Rodgers, on behalf of the International Polka Association, presented Mr. D. Thomas Busch and the entire Pulaski High School Band-Pulaski, WI, a recognition plaque, congratulating them on their successful performance at the 2012 Rose Bowl festivities, which included performing the Red Wing Polka. Mr Busch continues to be a strong advocate of including all styles of music in the school program.

The plaque read as follows: "International Polka Association wants to recognize the Pulaski High School Red Raider Marching Band, under the direction of D. Thomas Busch for their performance of the Red Wing Polka at the 123rd Annual Pasadena Tournament of Roses Parade on Monday January 2nd, 2012. Your support of Polka Music is Greatly Appreciated." IPA-Presented June 28, 2012. Sheryl also presented a \$200.00 donation check from the IPA, to the Pulaski Music Boosters Club for their continued excellent work in supporting the Pulaski Music Program. These presentations took place at the Pulaski Band's annual summer "Concert on the Concourse", which was moved inside this year because of weather conditions.

\$5200.00 IN PRIZES TO BE AWARDED



2012 - 2013 CALENDAR RAFFLE

IMPORTANT DRAWING DATES

NOVEMBER 11, 2012 DECEMBER 2, 2012 JANUARY 20, 2013 FEBRUARY , 2013 KICK OFF DANCE IPA BREAKFAST WITH SANTA IPA FESTIVAL OF POLKA BANDS IPA BOARD MEETING

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Total Revenues \$102,886.00 Total Expenses \$78,087.00

Change in Net Assets \$ 24,799.00

Certificates of Deposit

Archer Bank \$32,317.00 Seaway (First Suburban) \$87,142.00 Prospect Bank \$85,621.00

2012 August 19, 2012 IPA Summer Picnic

Income \$2970.00 Expenses \$1777.00

Total Profit \$1193.00

Total attendance 165 people

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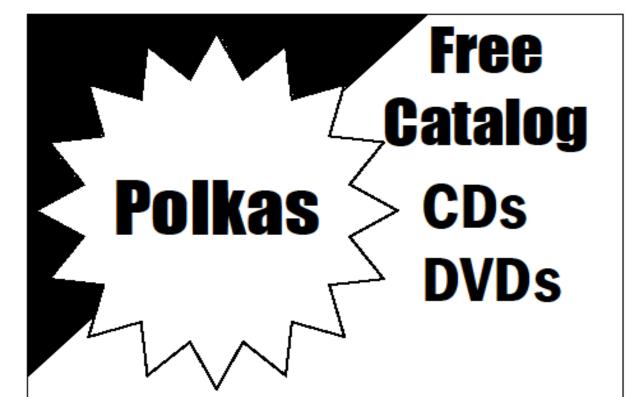
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A very heartfelt "Thank You" to our Executive Producer—Gene Swick, who without hesitation was eager to lend his support to this project. We appreciate you very much. A big thank you to all the IPA Officers and Directors for their support and encouragement. 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 presen-tations for recording and performance. Please join the IPA in helping to keep our music and Hall of Fame alive.

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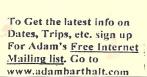
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