



IPA Newsletter

November-December, 2012

Official Publication of the International Polka Association, Inc.®

Happy Thanksgiving
and Merry Christmas
from all the Officers and Directors
of the International Polka Association

**Bring your Family to the I.P.A.
Breakfast with Santa. Sunday December
2, 2012. Doors Open at 10:30 am ~ 11 am
Breakfast ~ Music 12-3 pm. Santa will
make a Special Appearance!**

Come and join the International Polka Association as we get the holiday celebrations into full swing on Sunday, December 2, 2012.

**IT IS FREE TO ALL I.P.A. CURRENT
MEMBERS AND CHILDREN UNDER 16.
NON MEMBERS PAY ONLY \$10.00 per person.**

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED!

This event will take place at Polonia Banquets, 4604 S. Archer Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. Doors will open at 10:30 am, breakfast will be served at approximately 11:00 am. Santa will make an appearance that afternoon and give each child a gift. There will also be activities for the children. Following the breakfast, polka music and Christmas caroling commence. Musical entertainment this year will be by **Gennie O and the Next Step ~ Featuring IPA Hall of Famer Ted Okrzesik, Sr.** from 12 to 3 pm.

Reservations are required! Everyone must make a reservation by contact Dave Ulczycki at 312-315-2215. **PLEASE CALL AND MAKE YOUR RESERVATION BEFORE NOVEMBER 27, 2012.**

January is National Polka Month

**Join us as we celebrate our 44th Annual
Chicago Festival of Polka Bands.**

Start the weekend off by joining us for the Festival of Polka Bands Warm Up Dance on Saturday ~ January 19, 2013, at Polonia Banquets, 4604 S. Archer Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. Doors will open at 5 pm and Music will be from 6-10 pm, by Lenny Gomulka and the Chicago Push. Admission is \$12.00 payable at the door. Polonia's Kitchen will be open. You can also purchase your Two Day Special Pass for only \$20.00 at this dance. You will save \$4.00 by purchasing the advance tickets and attend both events! For more information or tickets, please contact the I.P.A. at 1-800-TO-POLKA.

The 44th Annual Chicago Festival of Polka Bands will be held on Sunday January 20, 2013, at the Glendora Banquets, 10225 S. Harlem Avenue, Chicago Ridge, Illinois. Doors open at 11:00 am and Music starts at 11:30 am. Performing throughout the day will be:

- **Downtown Sound** • **Tony Blazonczyk's New Phaze**
- **Lenny Gomulka & The Chicago Push** • **Freeze Dried**
- **Lenny Zielinski & the D-Street Band** • **Polka Generations**
- **IPA Tribute Band** • **Eddie Korosa, Jr. & his Boys from Illinois**
- **Bill Gula's Chicago Image**

Admission is \$12.00 per person. Show your IPA membership card and get \$1.00 off the door admission.

IPA Newsletter

The "IPA Newsletter" is the official publication of the INTERNATIONAL POLKA ASSOCIATION, INC.®. The "IPA Newsletter" welcomes submissions from readers and will publish them with consideration to space and time requirements. Pictures are welcome but used only when budget and space constraints allow. All items become the property of the IPA. If you would like a photograph returned, please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

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**Membership**

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:

Christy Krawisz, Financial Secretary

International Polka Association

4608 S. Archer Avenue

Chicago, IL 60632

Phone: 1-630-204-1793

Email: Christy-ipa@sbcglobal.net**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.

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 **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!

I.P.A. SEEKS NOMINATIONS FOR THE JOE JOZWIAK SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

It's that time of year again to get your nominations in for the annual Joe Jozwiak Special Achievement Award. How did this award get started? Who does this award honor?

Many years ago, the late Joseph Jozwiak, a director of the IPA, made a suggestion that an award be bestowed upon an individual or group of individuals who have made a significant contribution or endeavor to enhance the promotion of polka music. After much discussion, the International Polka Association (I.P.A.) voted to honor those worthy individuals with the establishment of the Special Achievement Award. To pay tribute to Joe Jozwiak, following his passing, this award was renamed the Joe Jozwiak Special Achievement Award.

Members of the I.P.A. are invited to send in their nominations to recognize polka personalities who might not otherwise be acknowledged for their dauntless contributions. Nominees can include DJs, Polka Writers, Promoters, Ballroom Operators, etc. Bands and musicians are excluded.

To submit a nomination, complete the form below, include a short biography of the nominees' accomplishments that qualify him or her for this award and mail it to: Joe Jozwiak Special Achievement Award, c/o I.P.A., 4608 S. Archer Avenue, Chicago, IL 60632. Nominations **MUST** be received **NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 1.**

Those already nominated include:

Fran Fierst, Polka Promoter from the state of New Jersey, presenting many polka weekends. **Michelle Genrich**, Officer in the Polka America Corporation and director of polkavid-eos.com from the state of Wisconsin. **Stas Golembowski**, producer of public access TV program "Polka Time with Stas and Annie" from the state of Rhode Island. **T. Ron Jasinski-Herbert**, IPA Director and producer of PoloniaToday.com from the state of Illinois. **Thomas & Shirley Kalinowski**, Polka Promoter and DJ from the state of Maryland. **Butch & Mary Kotowski**, Dance instructors from the state of Maryland. **Dave Magdalik**, DJ & Polka promoter from the state of Florida. **Harold Otto**, DJ & Chairman of Pulaski Polka Days from the state of Wisconsin.

Eddie Ostry, DJ/IJ and polka promoter from Cleveland, Ohio. **Trudy Patek**, President of the Versatones Polka Fan Club of Chicago from the state of Illinois. **John Piotrowski**, Polka promoter from the state of Illinois. **Helen Ptak**, Polka promoter from the state of Connecticut. **John Rivard**, Editor & producer of The Texas Polka News from the state of Texas. **Chuck Stastny**, Former IPA officer, DJ and promoter of polkaconnection.com from the state of Iowa. **Gilbert Ziemski**, Founder of Polkamotion by the Ocean and promoter from the state of Maryland, **Julianne Mossak**, Promoter and Chair for the Minnesota State Polka Festival from the State of Minnesota. **Ernest Daigle**, DJ, Promoter and Director of PACC in Ludlow, Ma from the State of Massachusetts. **Eugene Swick**, Past IPA Director, Promoter and has given several donations to the IPA Hall of Fame and International Polka Association, from the State of California.

Joe Jozwiak Special Achievement Award Nominee

Honoree Name: _____

Signature of Member: _____

Address: _____

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Mail this to: Joe Jozwiak Special Achievement Award, c/o I.P.A., 4608 S. Archer Avenue, Chicago, IL 60632. Signature is required to verify current membership. Also, include a short biography of the nominees' accomplishments that qualify him or her for this award.

PLEASE REMEMBER:

**This form is only for
nominations!**

**Only the I.P.A.
Board of Directors
and Officers will vote
for the winner.**

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 43 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

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO:

Dorothy Bartczak, passed away on September 15, 2012. Deepest sympathy to her husband, Ed Bartczak and the entire Bartczak family.

James Niewierowski, IPA Member, passed away on September 30, 2012. Deepest sympathy to I.P.A. Treasurer, Linda Niewierowski and Rita Niewierowski, his wife.

Helen Talaske, Mother to I.P.A. member Brian Talaske, passed away on October 4, 2012. Deepest Sympathy to the entire Talaske Family.

Delores Jambor, passed away on October 11, 2012. The Jambor Family is a part of polka history in Minnesota. The family ran the Bel-Rae Ballroom ~ Historic to so many. Deepest Sympathy is extended to the entire Jambor Family.

Gene Mikrut, IPA Member, passed away peacefully Oct. 20, 2012. Life-long professional musician. Beloved husband of Annette, loving father of Gina and Rick. Grandfather to 6. Deepest sympathy to the entire Mikrut family.

Our deepest sympathy wishes to all the family and friends of Dorothy, James, Helen, Delores and Gene.

May you rest in Peace.

Would you like your newsletter Emailed to you?

The I.P.A. would like to go GREEN! Help us save money on printing costs and postage!

If you have a computer and would like your Newsletter emailed to you (pdf form), please send an email to:
Christy-ipa@sbcglobal.net

PLEASE PUT IN THE SUBJECT LINE
~ "PLEASE EMAIL MY NEWSLETTER"

THANK YOU

I.P.A. Financial Report

IPA Festival and Award Banquet August 2-5, 2012

Income: \$21,684.96 ~ Expenses: \$25,645.60
LOSS: \$ 3,960.64

IPA Picnic- August 19, 2012

Income: \$2,970.00 ~ Expenses: \$1,777.00
Profit: \$1,193.00

POLKAMOTION BY THE OCEAN 2012

Polkamotion by the Ocean 2012 will certainly go down as a most memorable event! From September 13 through 16, record crowds of enthusiastic polka fans poured into the Rehoboth Beach Convention Center and danced, ate, and drank for four fun-filled days! Thursday night's crowd was the best yet for that day since Polkamotion moved to Rehoboth Beach while Friday and Saturday nights brought in large, festive audiences. And, the spectacular weather provided perfect beach days all week. Sincere thanks go out to all the members of The Nu Tones, Polka Family, Lenny Gomulka and Chicago Push, Henny & The Versa J's, Eddie Forman Orchestra, The Boys, the IPA Tribute Band, Jimmy Weber and The Sounds, Dennis Polisky and the Maestro's Men, and the Tommy Thomas Trio who performed so admirably. Hats off to "Jolly Rich" Anton who coordinated the Annual Polkamotion Open Golf Tournament, and all the hard-working volunteers who helped conduct the Wednesday night DJ party, and staffed the door, bar, and kitchen in the hall. Our loyal ticket sellers and promoters, and many polka DJs, IJs, and reporters did a great job publicizing the event. Plus, we can't say enough about the helpful convention hall staff. Most of all, our hearts go out to all the wonderful folks who traveled from near and far to make our 33rd Polkamotion by the Ocean a resounding success. From the first drive of the golf tournament on Wednesday morning to the last polka played in the hall on Sunday afternoon, folks just seemed to joyfully soak up the experience at our polka panacea by the sea.

As Polkamotion by the Ocean in Rehoboth Beach, DE continues to grow, we're all the more encouraged and eager to start the work in making next year's polka fest even better. So folks, please mark these dates on your calendars: September 12 – 15, 2013, and plan to grace us with your company again, won't you? We promise another stellar polka band line-up, delicious home-made Polish-American food, all your favorite refreshing libations, and a cozy, family-friendly atmosphere, all at affordable prices. It was a true joy to share the company of such dear polka people! Hope to see you at our 34th Polkamotion by the Ocean!

Mike Ziemski, Mike Matousek and the entire Polkamotion family

Polka at the Tropicana Laughlin

Polka's at the Tropicana Laughlin will be held on January 10-12, 2013. Music by the Varitones and Polka Power Sacramento. This event will be held at the Tropicana in Laughlin Nevada. Much more events planned.

Please call 1-800-343-4533 for more information.

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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See Flyer on page 15

**Polka United ~ Uniting Everything
Related to Polka Music**

Visit their Website www.polkasunited.com

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).

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Monday, December 31, 2012

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Reception: 7pm

Glendora's Famous Family Style Dinner: 8pm

Music and Dancing: 9pm - 1am

Champagne Toast at Midnight - Cash Bar

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Table reservations for groups of ten only.

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Chicago, IL 60634

Reserve online at www.polkadj.com

(Fee applies)

773-889-6811

Tony Blazonczyk's

3rd Annual

New Years Day

Polka Party!

January 1st, 2013

Music BY:

Tony Blazonczyk's

New Phaze

The D-Street Band

The I.P.A. Tribute Band

Doors Open: 12 pm

Music: 1 - 5 pm

Admission \$10.00

www.new_phaze.com

815-530-5917

Overnight accommodations with shuttle service at

Days Inn, 9625 S. 76th Avenue, Bridgeview, IL 60455

Rate: \$72+tax, 708-430-1818, ask for the "Polka" Rate

Glendora Banquets

10225 S. Harlem

Chicago Ridge, Illinois

Deadline for Polka Music Hall of Fame

Potential new candidates for consideration as nominees of the International Polka Association's Polka Music Hall of Fame for next year, must submit their qualifications by the **December 1, 2012** deadline. This should include eleven (11) copies of their biography with age and date of starting in polka music.

Candidates must have been active for 25 years as a musician, bandleader, DJ, recording artist, vocalist, etc. They must have gained prominence on a regional to national level and list outstanding awards, accomplishments and achievements.

All entries must be submitted to: Leon Kozicki, Chairman-Polka Music Hall of Fame, 13405 Tall Pines Lane, Plainfield, IL 60544, Telephone: 815-372-9263.

All questions concerning eligibility should be submitted to him.

The Lake Geneva Polka Fest at Harbor Shores Resort Hotel- Downtown Lake Geneva, Wisconsin A Honky Style, Hopping Happening Hoedown! ~ November 23-25, 2012

The Polka Bands: America's Polka Sweetheart: Stephanie Pietrzak from Buffalo, New York and her Honky Band, The King of Honky: Stas Golonka and his Chicago Masters from Chicago, Roger Majeski and his Harmony Kings from Mosinee, Wisconsin and Kevin Altenburg's Honky Review from Parts Unknown.

Package includes:

Welcome "Goody Bag" from the Lake Geneva Area Visitor and Convention Bureau

Two nights accommodations at Harbor Shores Resort Hotel

Welcome Cocktail Party with Patrick Henry - Friday at 4pm

Dinner - Friday and Saturday at 6pm, then music from 7:30pm-12am

Continental Breakfast - Saturday and Sunday

Lake Geneva Polka Fest at Harbor Shores admission - Friday and Saturday

Plenty of fun things to do both in and out of the hotel!

Dance on Frank Napiwocki's beautiful wood floor.

Sunday Check-out Party with music from 11am-12pm!

Admission to Glendora Banquets in Chicago Ridge, Illinois on Sunday from 2-6pm
for Patrick Henry's Party featuring Eddie Korosa Jr. and the Boys from Illinois

**Package price: \$235 per person, Single Occupancy ~ \$149 per person, Double Occupancy
\$125 per person, Triple Occupancy ~ \$110 per person, Quad Occupancy**
(Taxes not included)

Only a limited number of room packages will be available. Advance sales only.

For reservations call Harbor Shores Reservations direct and ask for the Polka Fest Package at:

(888) 746-7371 ~ Harbor Shores on Lake Geneva ~ 300 Wrigley Drive ~ Lake Geneva, WI
www.harborshoreslg.com

For general festival information, call Patrick Henry 800-659-6811

For all of my fun events, go to: www.polkadj.com

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50'S & 60'S

SUNDAY NOV 11, 2012

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For info and reservations call

Helenrae 216-256-8379

Fran Russo (I.P.A. Ohio Director) 440-526-3357

Special room rates!

Bring your memories & stories to share... we will!



Join the IPA at their annual
"CALENDAR KICK OFF DANCE"

Sunday November 11, 2012

Glendora Banquets

10225 S. Harlem Av. Chicago Ridge, IL.

Doors open 12:30pm Music 1pm-6pm

Admission \$11 at door/\$1 off w/ Valid IPA membership card

Music By:

Bernie Gorak's.....Polka Generations

&

Lenny Zielinski's...."D" Street Band

Raffles, plus a whole afternoon of polka fun!!

Mary's Kitchen will be open *

More info:

IPA 800-TQ-POLKA www.internationalpolka.com

Bernie 815-690-7649 www.polkagenerations.com

Lenny 312-914-0680 www.dstreetband.com

JOIN THE I.P.A.

For a Post-Thanksgiving Dance

Saturday November 24, 2012

at the

**PRCU Hall, 1430 Oak Street,
Wyandotte, Michigan**



**Featuring:
IPA Tribute Band**

Members: Dan and Laura Mateja,
Rick Rzesutho, Ray Rzesutho
Len Zielinski, Tony Blazonczyk
and Johnny Krawisz

Music from 7 pm - 11 pm

Admission: \$12.00 payable at the Door

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

Special Room Rates at the Red Roof Inn, 21230 Eureka Road, Taylor, MI

Phone: 734-374-1150

Rate: \$59.99 (plus tax)

MUST MENTION THE CODE: "POLKA" to get the Special Rate

Or

LaQuinta Inn, 12888 Reech Road, Southgate, Michigan

Phone: 734-374-3000 ~ \$55.00 Room Rate

Must Mention: Dave Ulczycki (312-315-2215)

Raffles ~ Membership Table
T-Shirts and CD's for Sale

International Polka Association

Breakfast with Santa

Sunday December 2, 2012

Polonia Banquets

4604 S. Archer Avenue, Chicago, Illinois



Doors open at 10:30 am

Breakfast 11:00 am

Music from 12-3 pm



Music by: Gennie O and the Next Step

Featuring IPA Hall of Famer Ted Ohrzesih, Sr.

And a special appearance by Santa

**Reservations are required! You must contact Dave Ulczycki at
312-315-2215 to make your reservation no later than
November 25, 2012.**

CURRENT IPA MEMBERS AND CHILDREN UNDER 16 YEARS OLD

ARE FREE

NON-MEMBERS ADMISSION IS \$10.00 per person

**Merry Christmas ~
Wesolych Swiat Bozego Narodzenia**

November 27, 2012 ~ THE NEXT
I.P.A GENERAL MEETING AT POLONIA
BANQUETS. Dinner 6:30 PM—Meeting 7 PM.
 (Meeting moved from 3rd Tuesday to 4th Tuesday due to the Thanksgiving Holiday.)

FREE FOOD

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 guests' 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 VII!"**

America's Concertina King, Jersey Polka Richie Presents "A Concertina Christmas".

Featuring 19 Selections ~ 14 Koledy songs sung in ENGLISH and Polish, plus 5 Christmas Polkas and Waltz's, ALL Featuring the Concertina.

CD's are only \$12.00 (Postage paid)

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THANK YOU'S

Thank you to Mike Matousek and Mike Ziemski for allowing us to promote the I.P.A. at Polkamotion by the Ocean in Rehoboth Beach .

In the Mail:

"On behalf of the John Sabaly Circle No. 1 Polish Highlanders of America, I extend our gratitude for your generous donation. All monies will be distributed to the orphan and children rehab organization in the Southern part of Poland. Churches in the region needing funds for repair will be included in this years program. I extend my personal Thank You for your kindness to those in need."
Sincerely, Chet Kowalkowski, President.

"From all the Officers of the Pulaski Club and as the Chairman of the Board I want to thank you, you made our Casino night event a success, thank you once again for your donations and support."

David M. Bonczkiewicz

T.K. Frank's Best Sellers - CD's

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BLIHOUDE, OTTO

"Gamel'ots Story"

BLOUNT, STAN - "It's About Time"

BOBINSKI, RICH

"Forever in Time" NEW

THE BOYS

"A New Day" NEW ~ "Classics" NEW

BUDZILEK, RAY

"Happy Polka Tunes with Jimmy Sturr"
 "Cleveland Style Polkas"
 "The Cleveland Sound"

BUFFALO KNEWZ

"4th Edition" NEW
 "Got Knewz" ~ "Knewz Flash" NEW

BULANDA, STAS & OLD SCHOOL

"Glory Days" NEW
 "Shout Out"

CHESKY, LARRY

"One Stage Polkas"
 "Wonderful World of Polkas"
 "New Sounds in Polkas"
 "Polish Dolls"

COCOA, AL

"Fun House Polkas"

CONCERTINA ALL STARS

"Dancing With The All Stars" NEW
 "Concertina Hero"

CONCERTINA SESSIONS

"30th Anniversary"

CYMAN, JAN

"Party Time Polkas" NEW

DARLAK, JERRY & BUFFALO TOUCH

"America's Most Requested Polkas" NEW
 "Touch This"

"Polkas in Black and White"

"Untouched Live in Las Vegas"

"Let the Good Times Roll"

"For our Polka Friends"

"Flirty Squirly: Dyngus Day Party Hits" New

"Back in Touch" NEW

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FORMAN, EDDIE

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FORNEK, STEVE

"Package of Polkas" NEW

GOLDEN TONES

"A Bunch of Polkas" NEW

GOLUNKA, STAS & CHICAGO MASTERS

"The King's Treasurers" New

GORA, JOHN & GORALE

"Bulletproof Polkas" NEW

"Polka Playin' Fool" NEW

GROLLER, WALT

"We Speak The Language Of Music"
 "Polka Radio" (NEW)

HAPPY LOUIE

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"Your Polka Sweethearts" "

"Happy Memories" "

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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 presentations for recording and performance. Please join the IPA in helping to keep our music and Hall of Fame alive.

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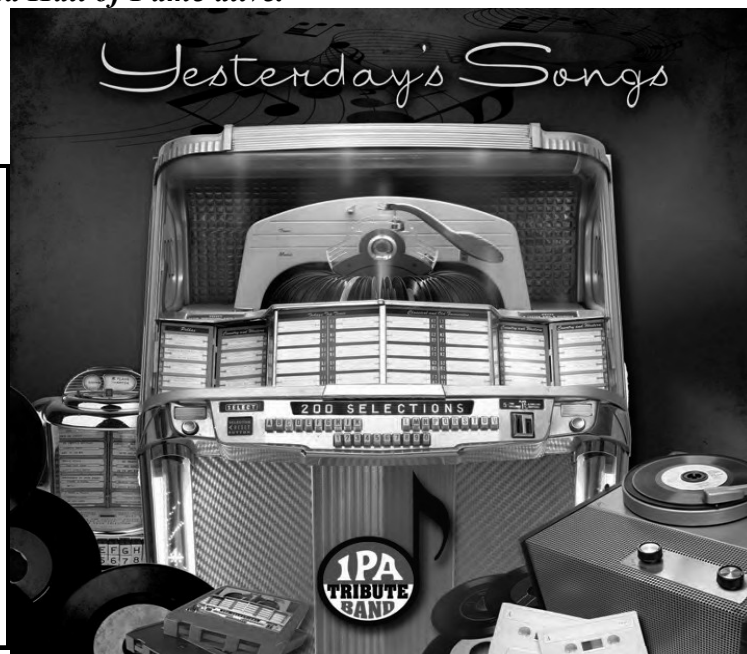
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Pictures from Polkamotion by the Ocean
by: Rena Blazonczyk

Top Left: IPA Hall of Famer Freddy K with the IPA Tribute Band
Top Right: IPA Hall of Famer Mitch Biskup with Laura Mateja and the IPA Tribute Band
Bottom Right: IPA Hall of Famer Fred Bulinski with the IPA Tribute Band.

*Not all Hall of Famers that performed are pictured.

LISA MARIE BISKUP ORGAN and TISSUE FOUNDATION
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A check in the amount of \$1,000 was presented by Ron Biskup to the Freddy K Jr. Scholarship Fund at the USPA Polka Convention in Cleveland, Ohio in May. The Scholarship Fund provides a check of \$1,000 each year to a high school senior, involved in the polka industry, who plays an instrument and will be attending college in the fall.

The sole purpose of the Lisa Marie Biskup Foundation is to be a major supporter of the University of Michigan Transplant Center's Camp Michitanki. Lisa, herself, was heart transplant recipient, and at her death was one of only a few recipients to become a donor, donating her liver and corneas.

The Foundation in Lisa's memory, allows children with organ transplants to attend Camp Michitanki for a week in the summer where they can just be children. Every penny brought in by the annual Lisa Biskup Memorial Polka Dance, as well as any individual contributions and donations made to the Foundation, is spent on Camp Michitanki.

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2012 Freddy K Jr. Scholarship Award Winner, Justin Kohan

Justin Kohan of Orchard Park, New York, was the recipient of the Freddy K. Jr. Scholarship Award for 2012. He accepted his check of \$1,000 at the Cheektowaga Polish American Arts Festival in Cheektowaga, New York this past July. Justin is an accomplished trumpet player and has received numerous awards and scholarships, including the John Philip Sousa Award, Buffalo Musicians Association Scholarship, Erie County Music Educators Scholarship, Joseph Sugar Memorial Scholarship for Outstanding Musicianship and The Louis Armstrong Jazz Award among others. He was a member of the Jazz Ensemble, Concert Coral, Orchestra, Symphonic Band, Wind Ensemble and Marching Band at Hamburg High School in New York. Justin is also a member of the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra. In 2007, he toured Europe as a member of the American Music Abroad program and performed concerts throughout Switzerland, France, Germany and Austria. Even with all of his accomplishments, he still has a love of polka music, which was instilled in him through his parents, Mark and Kyle Kohan who have their own polka band and from six of his uncles who have had or play in polka bands throughout the Buffalo area.

Justin is attending the New England Conservatory of Music (NEC) this fall where he will major in Trumpet Performance. He plans to complete understudies at NEC, followed by graduate studies at The Juilliard School of Music in New York City and then a doctorate from the Eastman School of Music. Justin was a unanimous choice by the judges to win this year's scholarship award.

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
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Pictured above: Kyle Kohan, Mark Kohan, Justin Kohan, Freddy and Linda Kendzierski.

On the Road with the IPA Tribute Band

By: Christy Krawisz

One of the many perks to being married to a Polka Musician, is being able to travel to some wonderful states to meet more wonderful polka people and making new friends. For years, I have heard people talk about Polkamotion by the Ocean. My father, John Furmaniak, played at this festival with Marion Lush back in the early 80's, but I never attended the festival.

Well the day finally arrived, the day I was able to attend Polkamotion by the Ocean. The IPA Tribute Band (minus Tony Blazonczyk and his wife Rena, they flew) packed all the equipment in the band trailer and got in our new RV on Thursday September 13th for a 15 hour drive to Rehoboth Beach, Delaware. The ride went by pretty fast. We were able to make sandwiches and really only stopped to get gasoline in the RV. It was great, we were even able to watch the Chicago Bears vs. the Green Bay Packers on the TV. (Even though the Packers won), it was nice. We arrived at the Condominium we rented at 1 am where we met up with Tony and Rena. We unloaded the RV, talked for a little while and then all went to sleep. The next morning (Friday) we decided to head over to Ocean City, Maryland to check out a place called Secrets. It was a great Restaurant/Bar located on the water. We were also able to see where the Original Polkamotion by the Ocean was held, before it was moved to Rehoboth Beach. We spent most of the day in Ocean City and then headed back to shower and head to the convention center. WOW, what a great time. We heard great polka music, saw a lot of old friends, and made some new ones too. When the night was over, we headed back to the Condo to chat some more and then once again, to sleep (for only a short time, as we got in very late). Saturday morning, most of us got up and headed to Rehoboth Beach to catch some sun and do some sightseeing. We headed back to the Condo in the early afternoon, as the IPA Tribute band was performing in the early evening. The girls decided to let the guys shower and head to the festival, and the girls would stay back and get ready and head to the festival in enough time for Laura to do a sound check and finish helping the guys get ready for their big performance. Little did we know that the power in our Condo would go out, for no reason at all. Imagine the terror in our eyes as we have no power for our hair dryers and curling irons, and have to get to the festival, very quickly. We had no choice but to get dress and head over to the festival and get ready in the bathrooms at the hall. Very interesting, but it all worked out in the end. The IPA Tribute Band did a wonderful job and also called up some IPA Hall of Famers that evening. The IPA also had a membership table set up at the front entrance and we were able to sign up some new members and sold some IPA T-shirts. The IPA Tribute band did a great job not only to promote the International Polka Association, but also made more people aware of all the

wonderful, talented musician, bands and vocalist the polka industry has, by performing songs from some Hall of Famers, Favorite Bands and Favorite Vocalist. Later that night, a bunch of us went to a Mexican restaurant when the band was done performing to celebrate Tony and Rena Blazonczyk's 5th Anniversary. There were so many laughs and Lenny Zielinski was dancing with the owner and waitress. This was Priceless! That evening, when returning to our Condo, we entered into a Meat cooler! As Tony and Rena headed back to our Condo to check on the power earlier that evening, and Tony decided to turn the air conditioning down to 50 degrees. We froze our Dupa's off. Sunday morning, (Still frozen) we all woke up to make the 15 hour drive back to Chicago. What a wonderful time and a wonderful festival. If you have never attended Polkamotion by the Ocean, please try your best to attend. You won't be disappointed.

There are a lot more stories, but sometimes "What happens in Rehoboth, Stays in Rehoboth!"

(See more pictures on page 15)



At Secret's in Ocean City, Maryland



At Mexican Restaurant in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware

HAPPY BIRTHDAY ~ STO LAT - IPA MEMBERS!

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December 17 – Mark Janson; Stanley Sulikowski;
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December 23 – Ronald Bies; John S. Mikrut, Carol Kibelbek
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December 25 – Joseph Niemietz;
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December 31 – Kathy Blazonczyk; Thomas Duda; Joey Hussain; Gerry Gorak



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