



IPA Newsletter

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A Letter From The President

So how has this winter thing been treating you? Global Warming? Fear not, Spring is just a few weeks away. It's time to gear up for a great spring and summer season of hot polka activities.

I encourage everyone to get out and enjoy as many polka events as possible. Support your local polka bands and promoters, polka organizations, and all of the polka festivals. Purchase all of the new polka recordings that have or will be released soon. Listen to all of the polka DJs and IJs on radio and on the internet. If we work together and cooperate, we can achieve great things.

I would like to thank the new Hall of Fame committee and Trustees for their hard work and dedication. The process of selecting the 2014 Music Award Winners and Hall of Fame Inductees is in full swing. The results will be announced around the end of April.

A great big Thank You to all of the officers and directors for your continued service to the IPA and polka music.

Looking forward to seeing everyone out this Spring and Summer.

Next IPA General Member Meeting:

St. Joseph's Mass & Table

Thursday, March 19

Doors Open 6:30 pm

Meeting 7:00 pm

Polonia Banquets

4604 S Archer Avenue — Chicago, IL

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IPA RADIO SHOW

Don't forget to listen to the IPA Radio Show on Sundays, 11:00 a.m.—12 noon Central Time on WPNA (1490 AM) in Chicago or via the internet at www.wpna1490am.com. Each show features IPA officers and directors including Rick Rzeszutko, Linda Niewierowski, Laura Mateja, Mike Maduzia, Christy Krawisz, John Krawisz, T. Ron Jasinski-Herbert, Dennis Mikolajewski, Keith Pietranczyk, Jerry Wantroba, and Dan Mateja.

The IPA Radio Show is also broadcast on the Polka Jammer Network on Saturdays from 4-5 p.m. Central Time and also available in the Polka Jammer archives. 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!

Jimmy Sturr Appointed as Trustee to Hall of Fame



The IPA welcomes Jimmy Sturr, renowned orchestra leader and 18-time GRAMMY award winner, as the most recently appointed Trustee to the IPA Polka Hall of Fame process. As of November 24, 2014, Mr. Sturr began representing Eastern Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Eastern New York. Currently, eleven Trustees represent various geographic areas across the country. Each of them governs assigned Electors from their jurisdictions who participate in the selection Polka Hall of Fame inductees and polka music award winners each year. The entire academy of Trustees and Electors is comprised of 165 members nationwide. Congratulations to Mr. Sturr who brings a great deal of polka music experience and knowledge to this esteemed body.

IPA Calendar Raffle Winners

The first round of tickets in the IPA calendar raffle were drawn at the IPA Festival of Chicago Polka Bands on January 18. Congratulations to the winners. Each lucky winner receives \$100. Haven't purchased your ticket yet? There are still 44 more chances to win this year! Contact your favorite IPA officer for your chance to win.

January 4, 2015	Kenneth Dunaj	Mosinee, WI
January 11, 2015	Joseph Pusz	Lansing, IL
January 18, 2015	Anne Gierut	Chicago, IL
January 25, 2015	Mashelle Pavay	Naperville, IL
February 1, 2015	Patricia Daigle	Chicopee, MA
February 8, 2015	Fran Russo	Brecksville, OH
February 15, 2015	Linda Kendzierski	Bridgewater, NJ
February 22, 2015	Cecilia Osysko	Cicero, IL

January Dance Thank Yous

The IPA would like to thank all the bands and band members who donated their time and talents to help make the IPA Festival of Chicago Polka Bands a huge success. Please keep them in mind for your future events.

Joe Walega and His Happy Hearts	630-628-0009
Polka Generations	708-305-4836
Bill Gula's Chicago Image	708-977-0227
Keith Stras and Polka Confetti	224-577-6877
Music Company	312-758-7490
IPA Tribute Band	708-403-7991
Freeze Dried	630-334-2941
Jim Polaski and Chicago Nu Tones	708-261-6292

Bob Doszak Receives IPA Certificate of Appreciation

The International Polka Association presented Bob Doszak with a certificate of appreciate for promoting the Illinois Polkafest for the past 27 years. The Illinois Polkafest was held February 6-8 in Schaumburg, Illinois. Below are pictures of Bob receiving the award from President Rick Rzeszutko; displaying the certificate with his son, Chris Doszak; and Bob with IPA officers who were present at the festival. Thank you for promoting this music we all love, Bob!



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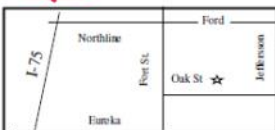
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THE IPA AND LET'S POLKA USA PRESENT THEIR 4TH ANNUAL JOINT DANCE



Sunday, March 22, 2015

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

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

The IPA Tribute Band

and special guest performances by Canadian Hall Of Famer - John Góra
along with the Polish Fiddler, **Patrick Nowak** from Omaha, Nebraska
and Chicago Polka Hall Of Famers!



Admission: \$10.00 payable at the door

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

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

For more information visit www.ipapolkas.com



**The International Polka
Association Presents**



The D-Street Band



**Saturday, April 18th - Doors Open 6:30 PM
Music from 7:00 PM - 11:00 PM**

Rib River Ballroom, 3237 E State Hwy 29, Marathon City, WI 54408
(10 miles west of Wausau on Hwy 29)

Admission: \$12 at the door

Receive \$1 off at the door when you show your IPA Membership Card

For more information, please visit www.ipapolkas.com

Pictures from IPA Warm Up Dance & Festival of Chicago Polka Bands

For complete photo albums of the weekend's event taken by our camera man, Dennis Mikolajewski, visit our website: www.ipapolkas.com.



IPA Co-Founder Don Jodlowski Passes



Don was born on August 30, 1940, to Ted and Florence Jodlowski on the southwest side of Chicago. Don's father was a violinist, and his mother was a piano teacher. Despite his parents better judgment, Don insisted on playing drums. Since Don had a genuine interest, his parents saw to it that he be given professional drum lessons. His families love for polka music was instilled in Don during these musically formative years.

During the 1960's, Don began to make a name for himself. He often was asked to fill in on drums with the likes of Joe Pat (Paterek), Johnny Bomba, Little Richard Towalski, Little Wally Jagiello, The Ampolaires, and Frankie Yankovic. Don also was the permanent drummer for the Polkaliers Orchestra. As their drummer, Don with the Polkaliers, recorded an album on Marion Lush's Dyne Label titled "The Polkaliers".

By this time, Don had apparently made his mark. In 1968, Don, teaming up with Eddie Blazonczyk, Johnny Hyzny, Leon Kozicki, and Joe and Jean Salomon together formed the International Polka Association. As one of the founders, Don initially served as Treasurer of the organization. Through the early years of the IPA's existence, Don held every office except Secretary. When Don was President, he and his Vice President Fred Hudy traveled to Nebraska as ambassadors of the IPA, promoting the organization as well as polka music in general. For their efforts, they were awarded with a commendation from the state of Nebraska.

Around 1970, Don decided to form his own polka band, namely the Vibrasounds. The original group consisted of Fred Dubiel, Mike Januszewski (Janus), Ron Safron, Greg Schultz, and Don on drums. Other musicians who have had the privilege of playing with the Vibrasounds included Don Lucki, Jerry Jendreas, Lenny Kapka, Jim Piotrowski, Rich Glaz, Gene Pasky, Don Ptak, Eddie Madura, Al Martineck, Don Gaida, Gene Paliga, Eddie Nowak, Mel Nocek, and Chet Kowalkowski. The Vibrasounds recorded an album titled "Polka Magic" on Eddie Blazonczyk's Bel-Aire label. Don also played drums on a Richie Gomulka recording titled "Wedding Bells Waltz". "Zosia Polka" was another song recorded by Don on a 45 rpm record.

Don's travels with the Polkaliers and the Vibrasounds took him to New York, Pennsylvania, Michigan, Indiana, and Wisconsin. Locally, the Vibrasounds performed a number of times on WCIU-TV, Chicago's channel 26, for the Eddie Korosa Baby Doll Polka Shows and the Zenon Kwiatkowski's Polka Shows. They also performed for Uncle Henry Cukierka's polka parties held at the Ford City Shopping Mall.

Other live performances included political dinner dances for both the Republican and Democratic parties, rallies for the then Mayor Daley, parades, church functions, and many private engagements. A highlight for Don and the Vibrasounds was their performance at Comiskey Park, home of the Chicago White Sox, now known as US Cellular Field, backing Ed and Marylou Kaye's Vagabond Dancers. Don also ran many of his own dances, and particularly summer picnics at Polonia Grove. Don Jodlowski had entertained in the Chicagoland area and out of town for no less than 30 years.

Also during the 1970's, Don partnered with Don Ptak, and hosted a polka radio show called the "Don and Don Show", on station WTAQ, emanating from Bel-Aire Studios. Later, Don, together with Richie Gomulka, Jim Piotrowski and Ken Kosowski hosted a new polka radio show called the "Polkarama Show". This show broadcasted directly from WTAQ studios and both shows were done LIVE!

Don was married to his wife Sophie in August of 1973. Together, they had a son Keith. After 20 years of being together, Sophie passed away in 1993, after suffering for many years from the ravages of multiple sclerosis. Don now joins his wife Sophie; Don passed away November 15, 2014.

IPA Radio Shows

Don't forget! The IPA broadcasts two weekly polka shows, and both are available to listen to online. Below is the tentative schedule of IPA directors and officers hosting the shows. (DJs/IJs and broadcast times are subject to change.)

Polka Jammer IJs

Saturdays 4:00-5:00 pm, Central Time
www.polkajammernetwork.org

March 7:	Rick Rzeszutko & Mike Maduzia
March 14:	Linda Niewierowski
March 21:	John Zelasko
March 28:	John & Christy Krawisz
April 4:	Dan & Laura Mateja, Bonnie Ryniec, and Dennis Mikolajewski
April 11:	Peter Danielczuk
April 18:	Ed Guca
April 25:	Keith Pietranczyk
May 2:	Freddy "K" Kendzierski

WPNA Radio Shows DJs

Sundays, 11:00-12 noon Central Time
 1490 AM Chicago or online at
www.wpna1490am.com

March 8:	Mike Maduzia & Rick Rzeszutko
March 15:	Linda Niewierowski & Jerry Wantroba
March 22:	John & Christy Krawisz
March 29:	Keith Pietranczyk
April 5:	Dan & Laura Mateja, Bonnie Ryniec, and Dennis Mikolajewski
April 12:	Rick Rzeszutko & Mike Maduzia
April 19:	Linda Niewierowski & Jerry Wantroba
April 26:	John & Christy Krawisz
May 3:	Keith Pietranczyk

Thank You To...

- Judy Krason, Becca Jurevis, Christy Nowakowski, Lindsey Mateja, and John Mikrut for their help working the Split the Pot raffles at the January dances.
- Ronald & Eileen Zywieci for their monetary donation.
- Rich & Barb Benkowski for their monetary donation.
- Stanley & Bonnie Strojny for their monetary donation.
- Mike "Seymour" Rozegnal for donating memorabilia to the IPA Hall of Fame Museum.

In Memoriam

Our deepest sympathies go out to the families and friends of:

- ◇ John Budzinski, IPA member
- ◇ Ann Marie Kezon, former IPA director
- ◇ Eugene "Gene" Baniewicz, IPA member

IPA Online Store

Have you visited our new IPA online store lately? You can renew your membership online or order one of our IPA t-shirts. Be one of the first to sport the NEW blue shirts, or get one of the last red or green t-shirts, available in very limited quantities.

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January Dance Financials

IPA Warm Up Dance:	\$1,084.00 profit
IPA Festival of Chicago Polka Bands:	\$3,702.43 profit

Did You Know?

Did you know the International Polka Association is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization as recognized by the IRS? All donations to the IPA are tax-deductible.

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



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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>,
<http://www.polkajammernetwork.org>,
<http://www.polishnewcastleradio.com>
<http://wbcb1490.com/the-denny-o-polka-show>

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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.

Welcome New Members!

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2014 Freddy K Jr. Scholarship Award Winner

Jenna Libera of Charlton, Massachusetts, was the recipient of the Freddy K. Jr. Scholarship Award for 2014. She accepted her check of \$1,000 at Ocean Beach Park, New London, Connecticut this past June. Jenna graduated from Shephard Hill Regional High School in Dudley, Mass where she studied Advanced Placement Chemistry, Advanced Placement Biology, Advanced Placement Literature and Advanced Placement Spanish among her other courses, and was Student Council President, Freshman Advisory Coordinator, on the Honor Roll all four years of high school and on the National Honors Society, Tri-M Music Honors Society, Accelerated Calculus level and had Advanced Math & Science MCAS scores. She graduated 35 out of 269 students.

Jenna has been listening to and performing polka music her whole life. She has traveled with her parents to many dances and festivals where she met many of her closest friends, and she owes her own identity to her Polish heritage and polka music. She plays trumpet and piano, and she sings and writes her own original compositions. Jenna will be attending Clark University in Worcester, Massachusetts this fall where she will be majoring in neuroscience. The Freddy K Jr. Music Scholarship Committee is proud of our judges this year who chose Jenna to be the recipient of this year's award. She is a credit to all the young people in our music industry.

The Freddy K. Jr. Music Scholarship Committee is now accepting requests for applications for the 2014 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
Bridgewater, NJ 08807

Or you can download an application on our website www.freddykjrmusicscholarship.com



Jenna Libera receiving scholarship check from Fred Kendzierski at Ocean Beach Park Polka Days, June 2014.



Jackie, Linda, and Jenna Libera with Fred & Linda Kendzierski at Ocean Beach Park Polka Days.



IPA Birthdays



March

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

April

- 1: Helenrae Budzilek
- 2: Simon Buzalski
- 3: Bob Derks
- 4: Timothy Haselow; Felicia Reilly;
Mary Lou Czerniak
- 5: Steven Smith; David Straup Slick
- 7: Betty Downey; Barbara Ann Adams;
John Zelasko, Sr.
- 8: Tom Reznickervitz, Erik Bogdon
- 9: Michelle Genrich; Cynthia Ann Loring;
Veronica Grocholski
- 10: Anthony Szalkus
- 11: Roger Malinowski; Konrad Minehart
- 12: Linda Skarr
- 13: Louella Kundert
- 14: George Walker
- 16: Chris Valcik; Ed Vatauvuk
- 17: Ronald Biskup; Mack Martin;
Diane Nowakowski; Steve Meisner;
Margaret Zotkiewicz-Dramczyk
- 18: Peter Wendinger
- 19: Mitch Gorz
- 20: Cherie Trzepacz
- 22: Leonard Cioch; Johnetta Vinka;
Ken Maykowski; Richard Trentacoste
- 23: Brian Szumigalski
- 24: Roberta Matuszko
- 25: Sally Rzeszutko; Brian Urbanczyk;
Marie Brado
- 26: Gary Osga; Gloria Bonnin
- 27: Rev. Phillip Grib; Michael Schrader;
Frieda Mocny; Linda Walczynski-Louie
- 28: Eric Kurowski; Joseph Price
- 30: Donna Stewart

If you wish to have your birthday listed, please send an email to: christy-ipa@sbcglobal.net or send it to: John Krawisz, IPA Birthdays, PO Box 1484 — Plainfield, IL 60585

Franz Klaber Orchestra Celebrates 85 Years

This is a special year for the Franz Klaber Orchestra, as known as the Klaberheads. 2015 marks the 85th anniversary of this family-led band.

The Franz Klaber Orchestra is Hamilton, Ohio's oldest band. The FKO is a popular band at Oktoberfests and other German functions. The original Franz Klaber Orchestra was founded in 1930 and led by Franz Klaber, a German immigrant from the Saxony region of Germany, who taught himself to play stringed instruments even before he had an instrument. He used to fasten a string to a windowsill and pluck out tunes! He taught himself to play mandolin and violin, and later, the saxophone.

The first version of the Franz Klaber Orchestra consisted of a five piece band of fellow German-Americans that played a lot of German folk songs at gatherings and festivals of the Deutscher Hausverein, the local German Society. Franz Sr.'s vision was a band that mixed popular music with traditional German songs. Franz's daughter Mary Ann sang in the band, and Bill and Franz Klaber, Jr. both joined the band while they were in junior high school. At the age of 24, Franz took over the band when his father died in 1963 (and played a gig the very next day after Franz Sr.'s untimely death).

Franz Jr. took his father's musical passion and built upon it; leaving his own indelible mark by expanding the band, its repertoire, and instilling an enthusiasm and showmanship that is truly unique. Under his leadership, the band affectionately became known as the Klaberheads. It's a name that is used for the band as well as the fans! In 2006 he suffered a stroke and, through his unbelievable determination and courage, was able to make a comeback and resume performing with the band. Through therapy he was able to recover from his paralysis and regain his speech and the ability to walk. He even regained the ability to play his trombone and sing! While he was recovering, he turned over the group to his daughter, Erika Klaber.

Erika has continued with her father and grandfather's vision, and has put her own imprint on the group as well. At her father's urging, she began to play her steel drum in the band. No one could have imagined how well this beautiful instrument would blend with German music! With a Masters degree in Music Education and Ethnomusicology, Erika has been able to expand the musical repertoire, even adding some original music to the line-up. The fourth generation of Klabers are making their mark as well. Erika's daughter, Emily Muench, performs regularly with the band, and several of Franz's and Bill's children and grandchildren have been apprentice and active members.

The Klaberheads have not only kept a family tradition alive, but have helped keep German Heritage alive musically in Southwest Ohio, as well. Because of the foundation Franz Sr. laid down, and Franz Jr. helped build upon, the Klaberheads have expanded their operating territory and have performed at Disney's Epcot Center, Yuenglings Oktoberfest in Bethlehem, PA., Oktoberfests in Cincinnati, Columbus, Cleveland, Indianapolis, Lexington, Minster, Maysville, Owensboro, and most recently, the Wurstfest in New Braunfels, Texas.

In August, September, and October, you will find the Klaberheads at your nearest Oktoberfest beer tent, leading the charge in fun. But the rest of the year, the band takes on a completely different musical appearance and make up. The Klaberheads perform at all types of venues from conventions, summer concert series, and dances. They even host their own New Year's Eve dance – a popular event in Hamilton that draws a sell-out crowd. From crowd participation numbers to the horn driven tunes of Chicago and Michael Buble, from Big Band to rock 'n roll, the Klaberheads are accomplished musical entertainers that bring a high-energy connection to the audience. Versatility is what makes this talented group of musicians the band that's in demand. The Klaberheads are the band for ALL SEASONS!

The Franz Klaber Orchestra is turning 85 and we're having a party to celebrate! For tickets, visit www.klaberheads.com or call 513-218-6017. Tickets are \$20 pre-sale, \$25 at the door. Price includes soft drinks and snacks. Cash bar. Tickets are non-refundable. Enjoy an evening of reminiscing about the past, celebrating the present, and looking forward to the future!





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APRIL 24-26, 2015

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Polka Country Musicians

from Connecticut (Friday & Saturday)

Tony Blazonczyk's New Phaze

from Illinois (Friday)

Mollie B!

from the Mollie B Polka Party on RFD-TV (Friday)

The Knewz

from New York (Saturday & Sunday)

Craig Ebel & DyVersaCo

from Minnesota (Saturday)

Benjamin Gaboda & Polka Pak

from Wisconsin (Saturday)

T-N-T: The Natural Talent

from Pulaski, Wisconsin (Saturday)

Chad Przybylski

from Pulaski, Wisconsin (Sunday)

Special Appearance by:

Larry Trojak!

Saturday Bus Trip from Central Wisconsin with Polka Pak.

Call Betty at 715-498-4171 or e-mail: towpro210@att.net

3-Day Weekend Bus Trip from Chicago & S.E. Wisconsin

or general festival information

Call Patrick Henry at 773-889-6811 or e-mail: polkadj@sbcglobal.net

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Weekend Package Available:

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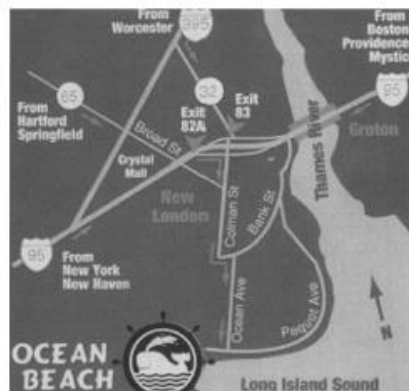
Admission: Fri. \$17, Sat: \$18, Sun: \$10

Weekend Pass: \$40, Kids Under 16: Free!

with guardian. Plus Tax where applicable.

Polka Festival Location

98 Neptune Avenue
New London, CT



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SCHEDULE OF BANDS



Wednesday, June 24

7 pm – 10 pm
On The Boardwalk

Polka Country Musicians

Open To The Public
FREE Admission
\$6.00 Parking Fee



Thursday, June 25

10 am – 4 pm
In The Pavilion
6 pm – 12:30 am
In The Ballroom

D-Street

Matt's All Star Jam Band

Jimmy Sturr Orchestra

Polka Family

\$20.00 Adults
Kids 16 & Under FREE
When Accompanied By An Adult

Friday, June 26

10 am – 4 pm
In The Pavilion
5:30 pm – 1 am
In The Ballroom

Polka Country Musicians

The Boys

The Knewz

Eddie Forman

IPA Tribute Band

\$20.00 Adults
Kids 16 & Under FREE
When Accompanied By An Adult



Beach Party On The Boardwalk

7 pm - 10 pm

D-Street

Saturday, June 27

9:30 am – 3:30 pm
In The Pavilion
5 pm – 1 am
In The Ballroom

Polka Country Musicians

The Boys

The Knewz

Lenny Gomulka &

The Chicago Push

Maestro's Men

IPA Tribute Band

\$22.00 Adults
Kids 16 & Under FREE
When Accompanied By An Adult



*Band Line-Up Subject To Change
By state law, you may not bring your
own food or beverages into the ballroom.*

Food Concessions Available Daily – Special Drink Prices Throughout The Weekend

New Time for IPA Polka Show on WPNA!

The IPA Radio Show has moved to a full hour-long show in Chicago!

IPA Radio Show is now broadcast on Sundays, beginning at 11:00 a.m.—12 noon Central Time on WPNA (1490 AM) in Chicago or via the internet at www.wpna1490am.com.

Each show features IPA officers and directors including Rick Rzeszutko, Mike Maduzia, Linda Niewierowski, Laura Mateja, Christy Krawisz, John Krawisz, Dennis Mikolajewski, Keith Pietranczyk, Jerry Wantroba, Dan Mateja, and Bonnie Ryniec.

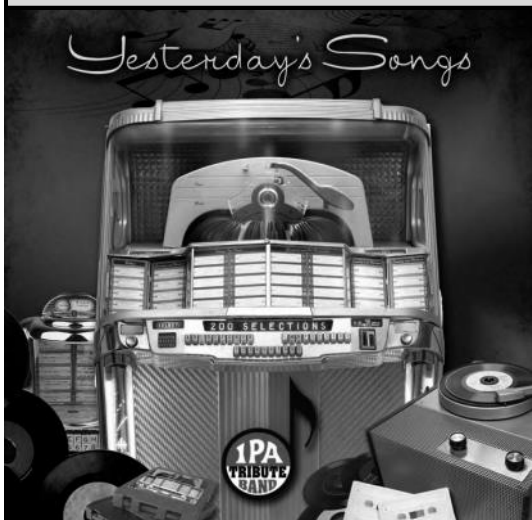
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To purchase a copy of this CD, please send a check or money order made payable to the IPA, for \$18.00 (\$15.00 plus \$3.00 postage and handling). Mail it to: International Polka Association, PO Box 57758, Chicago, IL 60657.

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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