



IPA Newsletter

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A Letter From The President...

Greetings IPA Members,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for all of your support this past year. Through cooperation comes success.

I would like to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. I hope you get to spend time with your family and friends and thank God for all the blessings we have received throughout the year.

Since this is the last newsletter for this year, I hope everyone has a very Merry Christmas, and lots of health and happiness in the New Year.

I hope to see everyone at our Warm Up Dance and Chicago Festival of Polka Bands in January.

Polkatively Yours,
Rick Rzeszutko

Next IPA General Member Meeting:
Tuesday, November 18
Doors Open 6:30 pm
Meeting 7:00 pm
Polonia Banquets
4604 S Archer Avenue — Chicago, IL

IPA Newsletter

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Membership

Dues are \$15.00 per person for all members. You can also purchase a lifetime membership for only \$200.00 per person. If you would like to join the IPA, please send your check or money order to:

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Renew your membership online!! Visit:
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If you would like your newsletter emailed to you, please send an email to christy-ipa@sbcglobal.net.

Please put in the subject line: PLEASE EMAIL MY NEWSLETTER.

**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!

Annual IPA Polka Hall of Fame and Music Awards Update

It's that time again when nominees for possible IPA Polka Hall of Fame induction and Music Awards consideration need to make the proper, timely submissions. For over 45 years, IPA Polka Hall of Fame and Music Awards Chairman Leon Kozicki has faithfully managed this vital process ensuring the ongoing recognition of deserving polka professionals. As many of you may know, Leon has been beset with some health issues; those who would like to wish him well are encouraged to send a card or letter to: Rosewood Care Center of Joliet, Attn: Patient Leon Kozicki, 3401 Hennepin Drive; Joliet, IL 60431.

In order to maintain the legacy of excellence established by Leon, the IPA Board of Directors has established a Polka Hall of Fame and Music Awards committee to oversee the process, manage the workload, enhance communications, and create efficiencies where possible. This committee is comprised of the 2nd Vice President of the IPA, an IPA Director At Large, and an IPA Trustee to serve as the liaison to the rest of the national Trustees. Fred Kendzierski, Mike Matousek, and Fred Bulinski were chosen as the initial committee members, respectively.

Those who desire to nominate themselves or other candidates for IPA Polka Hall of Fame induction consideration must provide a biography of the nominee, not to exceed two single-spaced pages. This biography must also accompany a completed IPA Polka Hall of Fame Nomination Form that can be downloaded from the IPA website at www.ipapolkas.com. The form is also available by request by writing to: IPA Polka Music Hall of Fame Nomination, P.O. Box 91, Dover, DE 19903. The biography and nomination form must be mailed together to the address above so that the submission is postmarked by December 31, 2014.

Similarly, independent artists, bandleaders, and record labels that desire to submit a polka recording for IPA Favorite CD and/or Favorite Song award consideration must submit a compact disc (CD) of the recording to the attention of: IPA Polka Music Awards Submission at the address above. A letter requesting IPA Favorite CD award consideration must accompany the CD and mailed so that it is postmarked by December 31, 2014. If the artist, bandleader, or record label wants to indicate a particular song for IPA Favorite Song award consideration, the letter must clearly indicate this. All recordings eligible for 2014 awards recognition must have been released during the 2014 calendar year (January 1 – December 31, 2014).

New IPA Website!



Have you visited our new website? Check out www.ipapolkas.com! This new website contains information about the IPA and the Polka Music Hall of Fame. It contains links to photo galleries and information on IPA polka shows. Bands and promoters can upload and promote their upcoming events, on the "Polka Events" page, and friends and IPA members can renew their memberships online, and visit the "IPA Store" page to purchase their favorite items.

International Polka Association CHRISTMAS PARTY

Sunday December 7, 2014

Polonia Banquets
4604 S. Archer Avenue; Chicago, Illinois



Doors open at 12:30 pm
Lunch 1:00 pm
Music begins at 2:00 pm



Music by: Santa's Helpers
And a special appearance by Santa

Reservations are required!
Please contact Linda Niewierowski
(312-342-3959 or plkaqueen25@att.net)
to make your reservation no later than November 28, 2014.

**CURRENT IPA MEMBERS AND CHILDREN UNDER 16 YEARS OLD
ARE FREE**

NON-MEMBERS ADMISSION: \$10.00 per person (includes lunch)

Merry Christmas
Wesolych Swiat Bozego Narodzenia

CHRISTMAS RADIO SHOWS FOR WPNA AND POLKA JAMMER NETWORK
WILL ALSO BE RECORDED DURING THE CHRISTMAS PARTY.

47th Annual 2015 Festival & Convention Sept. 4-6, 2015



The Knewz
Freeze Dried
Polka Family
The Buffalo Touch
IPA Tribute Band



Polka Country Musicians
Tony Blazonczyk's New Phaze
Lenny Gomulka & Chicago Push
Dennis Polisky & The Maestro's Men

Millennium Hotel – Buffalo, NY

IPA Room Rates:

Tower Rooms \$99/Night

Courtyard Rooms \$109/Night

Call 716-681-2400 for reservations

More info:
www.ipapolkas.com

Join the International Polka Association

As We Celebrate January Being
"National Polka Month"

Festival of Bands - Warm Up Dance

Saturday, January 17, 2015



Music by:

Freeze Dried



Polonia Banquets – 4604 S. Archer Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
Doors Open at 5:00 PM – Music 6:00 PM – 10:00 PM
Admission \$10.00 at the door – Polonia's Kitchen will be open!

46th Annual Chicago Festival of Polka Bands

Sunday, January 18, 2015

Featuring 8 Top Polka Bands:

Freeze Dried

**Keith Stras and
Polka Confetti**

IPA Tribute Band

Bill Gula's Chicago Image

Music Company

Polka Generations

**Jim Polaski & The
Chicago NuTones – A Tribute
to The Johnnie Bomba Band**

**Joe Walega and his
Happy Hearts**

Glendora House – 10225 S. Harlem Avenue, Chicago Ridge, Illinois
Doors Open at 11:30 AM – Music Starts 12:00 PM
Admission \$15.00 at the door – Mary's Kitchen will be open!

Show your IPA Membership Card at the door and receive \$1.00 off admission!
For information and tickets, call the IPA at 1-800-TO-POLKA

INTERNATIONAL POLKA ASSOCIATION 2015 Calendar Raffle

\$5,200 in Prizes – One \$100.00 Winner Each Week

\$20.00 Per Ticket

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City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____

2015 IPA Calendar Raffle

It's that time of year again! Enclosed in this newsletter are two IPA calendar raffle tickets. Sell them to your family and friends, or keep them for yourself for your chance to win! The raffle is a little different this year compared to past years. We will draw one \$100 winner per week for the entire year, same amount given away as previous years but more money for each person to win. Winners are put back into the drawing for more chances to win.

Please complete the bottom portion of the raffle tickets and mail them to the address listed. If you would like to purchase additional raffle tickets, please contact President Rick Rzeszutko. They will also be available for purchase at all the IPA functions.

Thank you for your continued support of the IPA, and good luck!



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IPA/USPA Joint Dance Pictures



Dick Pillar Celebrates 50 Years of Polka Broadcasting

Dick Pillar Polkabration Shows are celebrating their 50th year of polka radio broadcasting and will begin their 51st year in January 2015.

Pillar, (IPA Polka Hall Of Famer 1974) continues to promote polka events with his latest event commemorating the 16th year of the Annual Christmas Polkabration at the Aqua Turf Banquet Hall in Plantsville, CT on December 2, 2014.

2015 will begin Pillar's 58th year in the polka industry.



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 (IPA) 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 IPA 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 IPA; PO Box 57758; Chicago, IL 60657. Nominations **MUST** be received **NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 1.** The IPA Board of Directors and Officers will then determine a winner.

Those already nominated include:

Laura Bethke, Past IPA Financial Secretary, Newsletter Editor, Assistant to Polka Music Hall of Fame Chairman, Award Winning Writer and guest DJ, from the State of Illinois.
Ernest Daigle, DJ, Promoter and Director of PACC in Ludlow, MA from the State of Massachusetts.
Fran Fierst, Polka Promoter from the state of New Jersey, presenting many polka week-ends.
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.
Julianne Mossak, Promoter and Chair for the Minnesota State Polka Festival from the State of Minnesota.
Harold Otto, DJ & Chair-man 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 and 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.
Stan Wilgocki, DJ and promotions for Polish New Castle Radio, polka promoter from New York.
Todd Zaganiacz, current president of Polka Jammer Network, DJ/IJ, owns music label, The Music Zone, from the state of Massachusetts.

Joe Jozwiak Special Achievement Award

Below is a partial list of the IPA special achievement winners. When the IPA building was sold, some of the documentation became lost. If you were or know who was awarded for the years unknown, please contact President Rick Rzeszutko at musico@comcast.net.

Special Achievement Award Winners	Joe Jozwiak Special Achievement Award Winners	
1982—Joe Stuzik, MA	1990—Ann Stanko, CT	2002—Kenneth Gill, IL
1983—Joe & Wanda Marcissuk, MI	1991—Stella Rojak, FL	2003— <i>unknown</i>
1984—Chuck & Marge Machay, IL	1992— <i>unknown</i>	2004— <i>unknown</i>
1985—Tony & Nancy Jankowski, PA	1993—Virginia Seretny, CT	2005—Harriet Koziol, Bea Zawada and Stephanie McCracken, IL
1986—Versatones Fan Club, IL	1994—Keith Stras, IL	2006—David Ulczycki, IL
1987— <i>unknown</i>	1995—Carol Rohwetter, MI	2007—Peter Danielczuk, CT
1988— <i>unknown</i>	1996—Martha Adamus, IL	2008—Jerry Wantroba, IL
1989— <i>unknown</i>	1997—Emily Richards, IL/FL	2009—Carol Trzebiatowski, IL
	1998— <i>unknown</i>	2010—Helen Szubzda Curtin, MA
	1999— <i>unknown</i>	2012—Ed Szela, MA
	2000—Eugene “Gene” Swick, CA	2013—Gilbert “Gil” Ziemiński, MD
	2001—Dianne Rogodzinski Winiarz, MA	2014—Steve Litwin, NY



Joe Jozwiak Special Achievement Award Nominee

Honoree Name: _____

Signature of Member: _____

Address: _____

Nominations **MUST** be received **NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 1**.

Mail this to: Joe Jozwiak Special Achievement Award, c/o IPA, PO Box 57758, Chicago, IL 60657. Signature is required to verify current membership. Also, include a short biography of the nominee's accomplishments that qualify him or her for this award.

PLEASE REMEMBER:

**This form is only for
nominations.**

**The IPA Board of
Directors and Officers
will determine the
winner.**

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

November 1:	Freddy "K" Kendzierski
November 8:	Rick Rzeszutko and Mike Maduzia
November 15:	Linda Niewierowski, Jerry Wantroba, and/or Rick Rzeszutko and T. Ron Jasinski-Herbert
November 22:	John & Christy Krawisz
November 29:	Dan & Laura Mateja, Rick Rzeszutko, and Dennis Mikolajewski
December 6:	Peter Danielczuk
December 13:	Ed Guca
December 20:	Keith Pietranczyk
December 25:	IPA CHRISTMAS SHOW
December 27:	Freddy "K" Kendzierski

WPNA Radio Shows DJ's

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

November 2:	Linda Niewierowski, Jerry Wantroba, and/or Rick Rzeszutko and T. Ron Jasinski-Herbert
November 9:	Linda Niewierowski, Jerry Wantroba, and/or Rick Rzeszutko and T. Ron Jasinski-Herbert
November 16:	John & Christy Krawisz
November 23:	John & Christy Krawisz
November 30:	Keith Pietranczyk
December 7:	Keith Pietranczyk
December 14:	Dan & Laura Mateja, Rick Rzeszutko, and Dennis Mikolajewski
December 21:	Dan & Laura Mateja, Rick Rzeszutko, and Dennis Mikolajewski
December 28:	Rick Rzeszutko and Mike Maduzia

Note of Thanks...

President Rzeszutko and officers:

Camille and I thank you sincerely for the nice plaque for our 20th anniversary of K & C. Most of all thanks for your support over the years.

Keith & Camille Stras

Notes of Thanks...

Thank you very much for your kindness in remembering Ken Gill with the \$50 contribution in his memory. Ken's brother-in-law, Joe Wilson, has been notified of your kindness.

Such thoughtfulness in memory of your Past President is important as it is the mission and work of the PMA, which remains vibrant and active.

Thank you for his donation, and for all that the IPA is doing to keep polka music alive!

Good wishes to you all!

Gratefully,
 Maria Ciesla
 President, Polish Museum of America

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Officers, Directors, and Members of the International Polka Association for the Certificate of Appreciation for the 25 years of broadcasting on WNRC with the Polka Festival Polka Show.

The years have gone by quickly. The support I have received over the past 25 years from my family, friends, and listeners makes this extremely special. I share this Certificate with them all. I always believed that if I made one person happy by doing this show, my job was done.

Again, thank you for your kind words.

Musically Yours,
 Robert P. Guyette
 Polka Festival & Polka A Go Go
 WNRC Nichols College Radio

Just wanted to thank all of you for inducting me into the International Polka Hall of Fame. Everything was beyond my expectations. This was the highlight of my musical and broadcasting career, one I will never forget.

Thank you for your hospitality and kindness shown to me, my family, and all our fans and friends from Texas. Everyone went out of their way to make our stay in Ohio a very memorable occasion and for helping any one of us at any time. We are so grateful for arranging for us to have Mass on Saturday evening; that was so very much appreciated.

Playing with the IPA Tribute Band was just terrific; they are a very talented group of men. Again thank you, and hope to see you in the future.

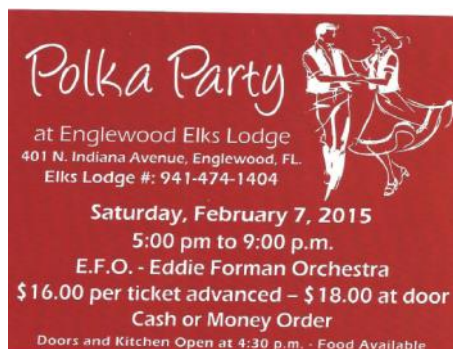
Sincerely,
 Alfred Vrazel
 2014 IPA Polka Music Hall of Fame Inductee

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.

Have you moved? Have you updated your email address? Would you like your birthday listed in the newsletter? Would you like your newsletter emailed to you?

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



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[facebook.com/ipapolkas](https://www.facebook.com/ipapolkas)

Can't get enough polka on regular broadcast radio? The alternative is polka internet radio, where the music never stops. Most, if not all, archive their shows as MP3 files, so that you may download and listen at your leisure. Some of the polka sites you should be aware of are:

<http://www.247polkaheaven.com>,
<http://www.polkajammernetwork.org>,
<http://www.polishnewcastleradio.com>
<http://wbc1490.com/the-denny-o-polka-show>

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Welcome New Members!

Val Janson
Alfred Vrazel
Bernice Vrazel
Charles Townsend
Patricia Wojnowski
William Howard
Corinne Turk
Bernard Krygowski
Arlene Talbot
Arthur Larson

Jim Kilian
Dennis Trina
Ed Nicoski
Kenneth Sosnowski
Richard Kula
Maria Kula
Mona Kaminski
Mary Masse
Paul Rite

Members are very important to the International Polka Association! If your membership is up for renewal, please send your renewal and dues as soon as possible. Membership dues are \$15.00 per year or \$200.00 for a lifetime membership.

IPA Calendar of Events

- November 18: IPA General Member Meeting
Polonia Banquets—Chicago
- December 7: IPA Christmas Party
Polonia Banquets—Chicago
- January 13: IPA General Member Meeting
Polonia Banquets—Chicago
- January 17: IPA Warm-Up Dance
Polonia Banquets—Chicago
- January 18: IPA Chicago Festival of Bands
Glendora Banquets—Chicago

In Memoriam

The IPA extends their deepest sympathy to the family and friends of IPA member Jeannette Matejka.

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.

Polonia 50th Anniversary Celebration

Congratulations to Marge Machay and Polonia Banquets on celebrating 50 years in business. An anniversary celebration was held November 1-2. Over 500 people attended the celebration with Lenny Gomulka & Chicago Push on Saturday and over 300 people with the Music Company and Tony Blazonczyk's New Phaze on Sunday. Marge and her late husband, Chuck, purchased Polonia Grove in 1964, and has made Polonia a mainstay and hub of polka music in Chicago. The International Polka Association would like to congratulate Marge on a such a wonderful accomplishment and thank the Machay family for their continued support of the International Polka Association.



Getting to Know Your IPA Board Members



John Zelasko, Director - Michigan

John Zelasko began playing drums at age 5 and started accordion lessons by age 8. John's father, John Zelasko Sr., was the leader and accordion player for the Polka Cavaliers (The Cavaliers) for 39 years until the band retired in 2006. John Jr. played his first job on accordion with the Polka Cavaliers when he was 8 and joined the band, full-time, by the time he was 10. He began playing the trumpet in junior high school and moved to the trumpet with his dad's band when he started high school. It was right around this time that John started playing the concertina. John joined and traveled with The Brass Connection (accordion) during his senior year of high school and later joined The Dynasticks, which led to the formation of Prime Drive. In 1993 and 1994, John fulfilled his childhood dream to travel and perform with Eddie Blazonczyk's Versatones. Since then, John has played with Gerry Kaminski's Merry Makers, The Dynatones, Polka Country Musicians and Change of Pace. He is a current member of The Knewz and also performs with The Project. John has also recorded on over 30 albums to date.

John's main polka musical influences have been his father and The Cavaliers and Eddie Blazonczyk's Versatones. There are many polka musician "heroes" that have influenced John over the years. Some of them include Richie Sendra, Rich Tokarz, and Al Piatkowski (accordion), Lenny Gomulka, Bill Kalinowski and Jimmy Weber (trumpet) and Jerry Darlak, Mike Fudalla, Paul Fudalla, and Pete Dardzinski (concertina).

John and his wife, Pam, have a son, Jacob, and daughter, Jenna. They reside in Grand Rapids, MI.

In addition to polka music, John loves to golf, and some of his other interests include graphic design/website design, photography, videography, audio recording/engineering, and anything to do with technology. John owns his own business, Z Tech Solutions, which specializes in small business IT support and website design.

John is eager to get started with the International Polka Association to help out in any way he can to promote and preserve the music that we love.



John Krawisz - Financial Secretary

I was previously on the IPA board from 1995-1997 as Director. I was elected again in 2010 as a director and was voted in as Financial Secretary at this year's convention.

My parents introduced me to polkas at a young age. I started playing accordion at the age of 6 years old. My first accordion was purchased by my grandma. I took accordion lessons from Chester Kordelewski who was the accordion player with the great Johnnie Bomba Orchestra. I took lessons from him for approximately 10 years.

At the age of 10, Ray "Melvin" Rzeszutko and I, who both attended St. Pete and Paul School, formed a two piece band called the Little Tones. After that I was the leader of CMA - Chicago's Milwaukee Avenue and currently am the leader of Freeze Dried.

I have performed with and have filled in with many polka bands including Little Tones, Jimmy Mieszala's Music Explosions, Chicago's Milwaukee Avenue, Downtown Sound, Marion Lush, Eddie Blazonczyk's Versatones, Polka Family, John Gora and Gorale, Polka Country Musicians, Scrubby and the Dynatones, Stas Bulanda's Average Polka Band, Li'l Wally, Bruno Mikos, Bratwurst Brothers, Music Company, IPA Tribute Band and Freeze Dried. I play accordion, piano, concertina, clarinet, trumpet, sax, and bass.

I was born in Chicago, Illinois and moved to the suburb of Oak Lawn at the age of 13. I currently reside in Plainfield, Illinois, with my wife and two daughters, Katie and Hayley. I also have two older daughters, Holly and Tiffany.

I am the owner of Graphic Pallet and Transport, which will be celebrating its 20th year in 2015. I enjoy playing polka music and occasional trips to the casino, hence getting one of my many nicknames, "Johnny Casino." I enjoy playing ice hockey and am a big fan of the Chicago Blackhawks! I also enjoy spending time with my wife and kids, partaking in my daughters' sports activities and enjoy working with them to make a splash in the musical industry.

My goal is to help with the perseverance of polka music.



IPA Birthdays



November

- 1: Kevin Adams; Wally Stanczyk;
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- 2: Ted Matuszko
- 3: Mark Trzepacz
- 4: Jane Honn
- 5: Nance Dulaj; Robert York; JoAnn Mancel
- 6: James Polaski
- 7: Linda Jelinek
- 8: Anne Gierut
- 9: Eugene Baniewicz; Sheila Miehle;
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- 10: Thomas Zimnowski
- 12: Richard Kuciemba
- 13: Ray Jarusinski; Jeff Mytych
- 14: June Sherry Ingram; Dennis Ostopowicz;
Robert Kujawa
- 15: Sue Szela; Diane Kapka
- 18: Jeannette Prchal; Marty Dzik
- 19: Pat Maduzia
- 20: Barry Juhasz; Whitey Ryniec
- 21: Troy Gawlak
- 22: Sally Sendra; Myna Sadowski;
Sylvia Skowronek
- 23: Sandy Simunek; AJ Okrzesik;
Robert Wojnowski
- 24: Diane Hamlin; Anita Herrmann; Josephine
Malinowski; Walter Procanyn;
Marlene Rohal
- 25: Bruno Burdzy; Mitch Moskal; Mary Wolski;
Lynn Thull; Peter Danielczuk
- 26: Michaeline Drust; Andrew Dziagwa
- 27: Sandra Lewandowski; Carol Stasila;
Val Bakowski
- 28: Richard Wojcik
- 29: Lenny Kapka; Angela Biskup
- 30: Matt Jaworski; Diane Trina

December

- 3: Karl Koch; Joseph Rupnik
- 4: Julie Thoms; Darryl Troczynski; Duffy O'Neill;
Barbara Fudalla
- 5: Chris Rose
- 6: Dick Zavodny; Rebecca Jurevis
- 7: Walter Nowak; Seth Drzewicki;
Myrna Filipczak
- 8: Rocco Naples; Steve Coblisch;
Darlene Kender
- 10: Bev Koziej; Frank Piotrowski
- 11: Marge Machay; Neil Makatenas;
Ed Slomkowski; Jim Nash; Richard Kujawa
- 12: John Springer
- 13: John Piotrowski
- 14: Duane Malinowski
- 15: Darrell Weltin; Daniel Okrzesik
- 16: Gary Sroka
- 17: Mark Janson; Stanley Sulikowski;
Ted Okreszik, Jr.
- 18: Ken Kendra; Renee Gold; Marla Kunke
- 19: Johnnie Bomba
- 20: Jessica Jurevis
- 21: Pam Drust
- 22: Paul Wanas
- 23: Ronald Bies; John S. Mikrut, Carol Kibelbek
- 24: Stanley Kunysz
- 25: Joseph Niemietz
- 26: Richard Wisniewski; Linda Mitchkoski;
Maria Kula
- 27: Raymond Naczas; Claude Wiatrowski;
Gary Rhamy; Helga Leonard
- 29: Noreen Steenbock; Marsha Bulinski;
Mary Masse
- 30: Jan Zima
- 31: Kathy Blazonczyk; Joey Hussain;
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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, T. Ron Jasinski-Herbert, Dennis Mikolajewski, Keith Pietranczyk, Jerry Wantroba, and Dan Mateja.

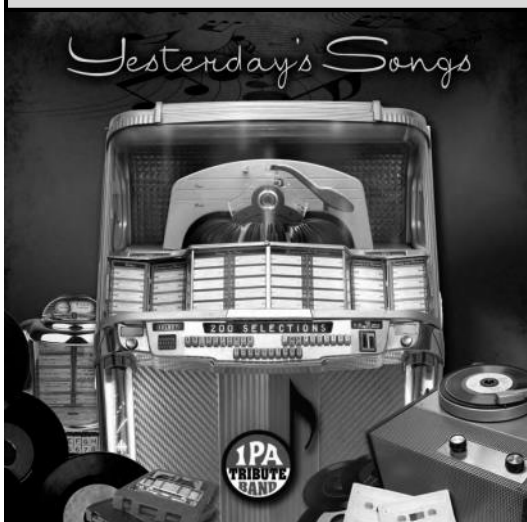
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Distributor and Co-Producer is Jimmy K Polkas, 440-846-0404 or visit www.jimmykpolkas.com.

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
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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.



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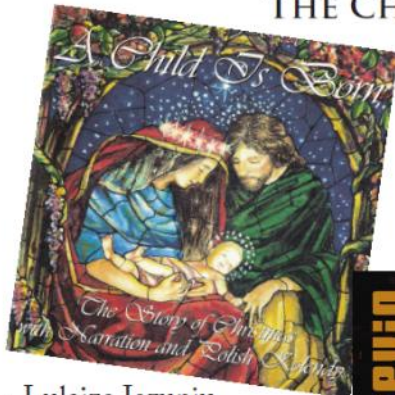
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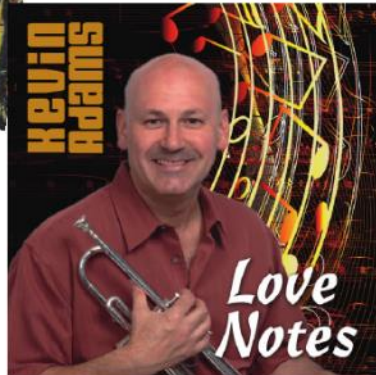
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From the warm welcome at the door on Friday night, to the Saturday morning reception and banquet, continuing through Saturday night's Trumpet Tribute, all the way to Sunday it was a non-stop, full-on polka party.

I meant it when I said in my acceptance speech that I will do everything I can to promote this organization and what it stands for. I am truly grateful to be recognized by you in this way. It proves to me once again, as I said: "... that sometimes hard work, dedication, perseverance, a little luck, discipline, and honing your craft is rewarded". That is an encouraging message that I'll take with me for the rest of my life, and one that I'll continue to pass on to others.

Thank you once again, Officers, Directors, Trustees and Electors for all the planning and preparation that went into making this an unforgettable event.

—Kevin Adams, 2014 Inductee: IPA Polka Music Hall of Fame.





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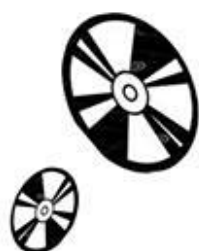
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