



IPA Newsletter

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A Letter From The President...

Greetings;

The summer polka season is upon us. I hope everyone is enjoying the warmer weather. It's time to get out and support all of the great polka events that will be taking place this summer.

Congratulations to Barb Haselow and the USPA on another fantastic USPA Festival, as well as Rich & Wally Dombrowski on an outstanding Ocean Beach Festival.

I would like to invite everyone to keep supporting each and every polka organization, polka promoter, church and town festivals that support polka music in your area. Listen to all of the polka radio and internet shows and support the DJs and IJs who bring you great music and information.

Visit our website, www.ipapolkas.com, and our calendar of events to keep up on all of the activities, wherever they may be. You can enter your event to be included on our website.

Congratulations to the newly elected IPA Polka Hall of Famers who will be inducted Labor Day weekend at our festival in Buffalo. I hope everyone can attend this fantastic event. More information about the Hall of Fame inductees will be in the September - October newsletter.

I would also like to invite everyone to attend the CPA-IPA-USPA Picnic taking place Saturday August 8, 2015 at the Hammond Mohawks Picnic Grove, located at 4040 Calumet Ave. in Hammond, Indiana. Two bands will be playing for your listening pleasure: Freeze Dried and Jimmy Killian & Honky Chicago.

Have a fun and safe summer,
Rick

IPA Hall of Fame & Award Winners 2015

Chester Budny
Hall of Fame Inductees

Mark Trzepacz

Pioneer Category:
Florian Chmielewski

Randy Koslosky

Lenny Gomulka
Favorite Male Vocalist:

Mollie Busta Lange
Favorite Female Vocalist:

Maestro's Men
Favorite Band:

Love Notes
Favorite Album:
by Kevin Adams

"The Roads We Travel"
Favorite Song:
by Polka Country Musicians

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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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****NEW****

Renew your membership online!! Visit:
www.ipapolkas.com/store

2014-2015 IPA Officers and Directors**Officers:**

President: Rick Rzeszutko (IL)
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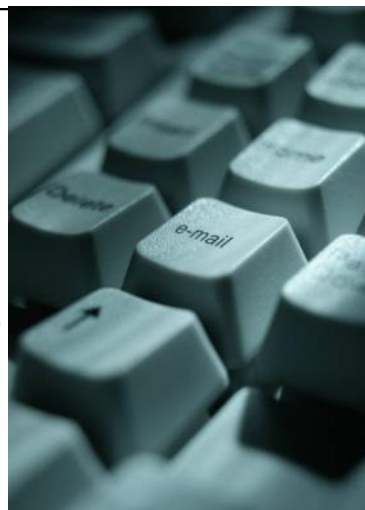
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Dennis Mikolajewski (IL)
Keith Pietranczyk (IL)
Bonnie Rynec (IL)
Ed Szela (MA)
Lori Urbanczyk (NY)
John Zelasko (MI)

Would you like your newsletter emailed to you?

The IPA would like to go green! Help us save money on printing costs and postage.

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, 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!

IPA Ad Book

The International Polka Association will present its 47th Annual Polka Festival and Convention, Friday-Sunday, September 4-6 at the Millennium Hotel in Buffalo, New York. We are currently in the process of soliciting ads for our 2015 Festival Souvenir Program Book. The ads placed in the Program Book will be viewed by many people and are distributed during the weekend. The Program Book serves as a good channel for individuals to congratulate or memorialize friends and family members. It also serves as a great resource for you to promote a business or venture to other members and guests who will be there from all over the country. We ask for your consideration in taking out an ad in this year's program ad book. Ad rates are as follows:

Full Page Ad - \$65
 Half Page Ad - \$40
 Qtr. Page Ad - \$30
 Well Wishers - \$1 per line

Deadline for submissions is August 7. If you have any questions regarding the Program Book (ads, contract, content criteria, layout, costs, formats, etc.) please contact the Program Ad Book Chairperson:

Keith Pietranczyk
 polkadancinman@comcast.net
 630.908.0350

Thank you for your continued support of the International Polka Association.

Advanced 3-Day Pass

An advance 3-day pass is available for purchase. Daily admission is \$15 at the door; the 3-day pass is \$50.00 and must be purchased by August 18. Purchased passes will be waiting at the admission table.

Mail payments to:

Linda Niewierowski
 1916 N Hermitage Avenue
 Chicago, IL 60622
 plkaqueen25@att.net
 312-342-3959

IPA Board Requirements

Listed below are the requirements for candidacy for the IPA Board of Directors. Also listed are the positions that are up for re-election in 2015.

All Positions: Nominees shall not occupy any appointed or elected office of any other polka association. No nomination shall be valid unless agreed to by the nominee, either orally or in writing, at the time of the nomination.

President (1-year term) and 1st Vice President (2-year term): Nominee must have served at least two or more years on the Executive Board.

The following positions are a 2-year term and require nominees to be a member in good standing for one full year:

- 1st Vice President
- Secretary
- Sergeant-At-Arms
- 3 Illinois Directors
- 3 Non-Illinois Directors

Requirements: Nominees must have the capability to communicate using e-mail **and** dial-in conference calls. Meetings are generally held on Tuesdays, but flexibility in this regard is appreciated.

Raffle Tickets

The IPA will be holding a raffle drawing during the festival and convention. Tickets are \$1 each or a book of 6 for \$5. Tickets can be returned in the envelope included in the newsletter or turned in at the festival.

Additional tickets will also be available for purchase at the festival. Please send in money and ticket stubs no later than August 18.

Drawing will be held Sunday evening, September 6.

Prizes include:

First Prize:	\$300
Second Prize:	\$150
Third Prize:	\$100
Fourth Prize:	\$50

Please join the
Cleveland Polka Association (CPA)
United States Polka Association (USPA)
And
International Polka Association (IPA)
As we unite for our
First Family Picnic



SATURDAY August 8, 2015

Hammond Mohawks Picnic Grove—Outside
4040 Calumet Avenue, Hammond, IN 46320

Directly off of the Indiana Toll Road Exit 5, Calumet Avenue
Only 30 minutes from Chicago

Music by:
Freeze Dried
And Jimmy Killian's Honky Chicago

Gates open at 2:00 pm ~ Music from 3-9 pm

Admission: \$15.00

Cash Bar

Food Available for purchase
Grilling by "Chef Keith"

Rain or Shine as we will be under tents

**JOIN THE USPA AND THE CPA ON A BUS
TRIP FOR A JOINT PICNIC WITH THE IPA!**



Join us to attend the IPA/USPA/CPA picnic on Saturday, August 8th

MUSIC BY FREEZE DRIED AND JIMMY KILLIAN

Mohawks Picnic Grove Hammond, IN * Doors open at 2pm * Dancing from 3:00 - 9:00pm
Food and beverages available for purchase, table snacks allowed. NO DRUG.

Bus will depart from Lakeland Bus Lines 13315 Brookpark Road, Cleveland, Ohio promptly
at 7am on Saturday, August 8th. **PLEASE TRY TO ARRIVE BY 6:30AM.** One stop in Toledo, Ohio
and will return approximately 7pm on Sunday, August 9th.

Price: \$192/Single Occupancy * \$284/Double Occupancy

Includes: Bus transportation including coffee/tea/dishes, light lunch, drinks and a ton of polka fun
Overnight lodging at Ramada Hammond Hotel 4141 S. Calumet Ave., Hammond, IN with
microwaves/fridge in each room
Admission to dance
Transportation to 10am Catholic Church Service before departure back to Ohio

PAYMENT DUE IN FULL ON JULY 1, 2015 * All checks should be written out to USPA

USPA: Barb Viner 3335 W. 155th St. Cleveland, Ohio 44111 (216) 476-0510

CPA: Elaine Melnick 3314 Wakes Ave. Parma, Ohio 44134 (216) 496-0223

Name of Traveler #1: _____
Name of Traveler #2: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

IPA Calendar Raffle Winners

The list keeps growing, and there are still more chances to win. Congratulations to the following calendar raffle winners. It's still not too late to purchase your raffle tickets; there are still many more more chances to win. Contact an IPA board member to purchase your tickets.

January 4	Kenneth Dunaj	Mosinee, WI	March 15	Karen Stanczyk	Stevens Point, WI
January 11	Joseph Pusz	Lansing, IL	March 22	Bill Gliwa	Lemont, IL
January 18	Anne Gierut	Chicago, IL	March 29	Rhonda Wiet	Palos Park, IL
January 25	Mashelle Pavay	Naperville, IL	April 5	Rob Czech	West Springfield, MA
February 1	Patricia Daigle	Chicopee, MA	April 12	Frieda Mocny	Lockport, IL
February 8	Fran Russo	Brecksville, OH	April 19	Richard F. Berkowicz	Justice, IL
February 15	Linda Kendzierski	Bridgewater, NJ	April 26	Richard E. Leach	Milton, WI
February 22	Cecilia Osysko	Cicero, IL	May 3	Rick Kunke	Minooka, IL
March 1	Ed Zavaski, Jr	Wallingford, CT	May 10	Helen Dec	Tinley Park, IL
March 8	Michael R. Bobrowsky	Seymour, CT	May 17	Sue Cosentino	Oak Lawn, IL
			May 24	Susan Jurevis	Chicago, IL
			May 31	Diane Bulanda	Oak Lawn, IL
			June 7	John Demerski	Bristol, CT
			June 14	Fred Kendzierski	Bridgewater, NJ
			June 21	Jim Nash	Berwyn, IL
			June 28	Nancie Eppers	Berwyn, IL

IPA Hall of Famer John Demerski Passes

John Demerski is a life-long resident of Forestville, Connecticut. He attended Butler University, the University of Hartford, Central Connecticut State University and has a degree in Industrial Management.

John served in the U.S. Army Infantry and in the Connecticut Army National Guard. He was believed to be the youngest Infantryman to ever attain the rank of Master Sergeant at the time of his honorable discharge.

John entered the field of polka music in August of 1965 and for the 42 years before his induction into the Polka Hall of fame made many contributions to the industry. His band, the Villagers Orchestra, established an outstanding record of personal engagements in the United States, as well as in Canada. They entertained at all of the major festivals, many resorts in the Catskills, as well as in the local halls and ballrooms in the Connecticut and Massachusetts area.



The Villagers recorded six polka albums under the ROLA Recording and Publishing Company, which is owned by John. Many original arrangements done by John include "Rola Polka," "Pretty Things Oberek," "Villagers Polka" and "Palooka." One of the most popular orchestral arrangements by John was the "Strolling Girl Waltz," recorded by the Villagers Orchestra on their very first album.

John was instrumental in the founding of the Polka Digest Magazine, serving as the manager and editor-in-chief. This publication enjoyed wide circulation in the polka world and was cited for excellence by Billboard Magazine.

Not only does he produce and host five hours of weekly polka programming over radio station WNTY in Southington, Connecticut, but he can also be heard on the Internet radio outlet <http://www.thejammer.org>.

Another one of John's ventures was organizing and managing the Villagers Travel Club. This was a way to transport fans to major polka events and weekends through the United States and Canada.

Yet another area John became involved with was a mail order outlet. He founded the Polka Peddler Enterprises, which began with mail orders, but quickly expanded into a large store in his hometown of Forestville, Connecticut. Polka Hits Distributors was formed as a division of Polka Peddler Enterprises.

John also was selected as a judge for four consecutive years at the annual Harvest Moon Ball Dance Championships.

In collaboration with Frank Knight of station WHYN-TV in Holyoke, Massachusetts, John and Frank produced a Top Polka Band Awards Show airing for two straight years. John also organized and ran numerous polka dances around the Connecticut area.

John has served as past member of the Board of Directors of the International Polka Association, Assistant to the President of the United States Polka Association, and as Chairman of the Connecticut Regional Committee for three terms.

John passed away June 2, at the age of 80.

Hall of Fame bio taken from: <http://www.ipapolkas.com/blog/otw-portfolio/john-demerski-pioneer-category-inducted-2007/>

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

July 4:	Freddy "K" Kendzierski
July 11:	Mike Maduzia and Rick Rzeszutko
July 18:	Linda Niewierowski and Jerry Wantroba
July 25:	John Zelasko
August 1:	John & Christy Krawisz
August 8:	Bonnie Ryniec, Dennis Mikolajewski, and Dan & Laura Mateja
August 15:	Peter Danielczuk
August 22:	Ed Guca
August 29:	Keith Pietranczyk
September 5:	Freddy "K" Kendzierski

WPNA Radio Shows DJs

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

July 5:	John & Christy Krawisz
July 12:	Keith Pietranczyk
July 19:	Bonnie Ryniec, Dennis Mikolajewski, and Dan & Laura Mateja
July 26:	Mike Maduzia and Rick Rzeszutko
August 2:	Linda Niewierowski and Jerry Wantroba
August 9:	John & Christy Krawisz
August 16:	Keith Pietranczyk
August 23:	Bonnie Ryniec, Dennis Mikolajewski, and Dan & Laura Mateja
August 30:	Mike Maduzia & Rick Rzeszutko
September 6:	Linda Niewierowski and Jerry Wantroba

In Memoriam

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

- ♦ John Demerski, IPA Hall of Famer
- ♦ Gil Ziemski, 2013 Joe Jozwiak Special Achievement Award Winner

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.

Check out www.ipapolkas.com/store today!



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.

NEXT IPA GENERAL MEMBER MEETING

Tuesday, July 21

Polonia Banquets - Chicago, IL
 Doors Open 6:30 pm
 Meeting 7:00 pm



IPA Birthdays



July

- 1: Adam Biskup
- 3: Ken Yash
- 4: Hank Haller; Leon Kozicki
- 5: Jan Sweet;
- 6: Steve Litwin; Rita Niewierowski;
Jennifer Bulanda; Tom Frydryk; Bob Figur-
ski; Erika Danner
- 7: Andrew Putz; Felix Sobecki;
Benita Szymanski; Jerry Romanowski
- 9: Bea Zawada; John Wisneski
- 10: Mona Sus; Jerry Wantroba; Brian Talaske;
- 11: John Kupka
- 12: Jacob Dill
- 13: Theresa Pawlicki
- 14: William Stasila; Ronald Ziemba
- 15: Arthur Kalena; Wally Dombrowski
- 16: Thomas Hartwig; Cheryl Furmaniak
- 17: Thomas Kalinowski; Pat Mikos
- 18: Steve Swiader; Hedy Wozniak;
Maggie Zabielski; Lori Yash
- 19: Sue Conway
- 21: Donna Piatkowski
- 22: Bonnie Potoniec
- 23: Carol Dzieglowicz
- 25: Eddie Labuda
- 26: Karen Mikrut; Ed Nicoski
- 27: John Gora, Dr. Ann Hetzel Gunkel
- 28: Lorraine Matusovich; Bob Wojtowicz;
George Rosinski
- 29: Kathy Urbanczyk; George Hess;
Jane Gelineau; Peter Bezler
- 30: Bob Sendra
- 31: Len Fornek

August

- 1: Mary Lesniak; Sandy Schuster;
Maryann Cuglewski
- 2: Chuck Stastny
- 3: Mike Stapinski
- 4: Susan Matysiewicz; Kathleen Zielinski;
Happy Louie Dusseault; Lynn Kaminski;
Bonnie Ryniec
- 5: Rose Marie Tynski; Dianne Zawisza;
Max Kawa
- 6: Jeff Veverka; MaryAnn Jukubielski;
Marcia Muscato
- 7: John "Foo" Furmaniak; Edward Guca;
Bob Zima; Camille Hjelm; Berne Locke;
Pete Jend; Jason Gadomski
- 8: Tom Piotrowski
- 9: Kelly Stec
- 10: Helen Curtin; Jim Kucharski
- 11: Chester Kmiec; Dave Ulczycki;
John Robinson; Keith Pietranczyk
- 12: Leonard Wolski
- 13: Carol Forman; Steve Zalewski
- 14: Wanda Kowalik; Barry Niccolai; Marcia Kitrys
- 15: Ed Svoboda; Edward Burczy;
Michelle Bojczuk
- 16: Diana Walk
- 17: Tim Wolter
- 18: Carol Trzebiatowski
- 19: Michael Matousek
- 20: Ken Machelski; Patricia Huch
- 21: Mike Maduzia; Tony Petkovsek;
Carolyn Baras; Tammy Arnes
- 22: Julianne Mossak; Michelle Eron;
John Nalevanko
- 23: Stas Golembewski; Randy Vokral
- 24: Connie Hvizdos
- 25: Rose Marie Sukacz; Steve Wejrowski
- 26: Mary Ann Moon
- 27: Martin Babich
- 28: Joyce Fornek; Judy Krason; Pat Wagner
- 29: Doug Dunaj; Keith Gennerman
- 30: Dianne Winiarz; Grazyna Danielczuk;
- 31: Sue Biskup

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

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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Welcome New Members!

Tony Rozek, Jr. – LIFETIME MEMBER

Mary Koralewicz

Andy Koralewicz

Thomas Petrak

Antoinette Petrak

Dan McGrath

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 and can be renewed online at our website, ipapolkas.com.

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

POLKA & Variety Dinner Dance Oct 3, 2015 6pm- 10pm

Music - Dinner - Dancing - Beer

TICKETS \$30, Tables of 10, dance & dinner also free beer. You can bring your favorite wine or spirits; Soft drinks and beverage mixes available

CALL FR. MICHAEL 732-826-4442, for ticket info. Dinner begins at 6pm, ST JOHN BAPTIST CHURCH, 145 Broad St. Perth Amboy, NJ 08861

Featuring **FRANK MORAVCIK BAND**

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.



EXTRAVAGANZA!

Featuring Two of the Nation's Top Polka Bands!



The Knewz • Buffalo, NY

Alternating
With:



The Boys • Baltimore, MD

Saturday, October 10th, 2015

THE MEADOWS CASINO

210 Racetrack Road – Washington, PA 15031

Cash Bar • Doors Open at 6:00 PM - Dancing 7:00 PM - 12:00 AM

Admission \$20.00 at Door/\$18.00 in Advance by 10/01/15

Price of Admission Includes Buffet Coupon and Slot Pay Benefits

16 & Under FREE – Must be Accompanied by Adult

Chinese Raffle * Door Prizes * 50/50 Boards

Hotel Information on Back of Flyer

Special Room Rates

Walking Distance from Casino

Contact us for bus trip information.



Welcome Party & Cornhole Tournament – OPEN BAR

Must pay admission to dance to attend Welcome Party and Open Bar

LIVE POLKA MUSIC REMOTE – POLKAJAMMER NETWORK

The Meadows Casino • Saturday, October 10th, 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Cornhole Tournament Entry Fee: \$10/person

Cash prizes will be awarded to top 3 teams.

For more information, please contact:

Patty (330) 503-4429 or Jill (440) 319-1877

2015Oktoberfest@gmail.com



Hyatt Place Pittsburgh - South Meadows Racetrack & Casino

212 Racetrack Rd
Washington PA 15301
Call 888-492-8847

\$ 120.00/Night – 1 or 2 bedded rooms
on Oct 9th & 10th

Mention: "Oktoberfest Polka Group"

Country Inn & Suites by Carlson - Washington

245 Meadowlands Blvd
Washington, PA 15301
Call 724-884-1450

\$ 169.99/Night – King bedded rooms
only available on Oct 9th & 10th

Mention: "Oktoberfest 2015 Group"

Cambria Suites - Meadows Racetrack & Casino

451 Racetrack Rd
Washington, PA 15301
Call 724-223-5555

\$152.90/Night – King or 2 Queen bedded
suites on Oct 9th & 10th

Mention: "Oktoberfest Group"

Pulaski, WI

37th Annual

PULASKI POLKA DAYS

THURSDAY - FRIDAY • July 16 - 19, 2015

Featured Bands:

Hausers Hot Shots • Dyversaco • Polka Family • Keith Stras & Polka Confetti
New Brass Express • Music Connection • Jerry Voelker & The Jolly Gents
Polka Country Musicians • Roger Majeski • TNT Band • Maroszek Brothers
The Knewz • Dyna Brass • Aaron Socha Livewire • The Goodtime Dutchmen
Wendinger Band • Polish Connection • Chad Przybylski • Carol & The Keynotes
The Boys • Box On Band • New Generation • Polka Dynamics • Concertina Rich

🎵 ***"LIVE" Polka Music All Weekend Long!*** 🎵

POLISH FOOD AND SOUVENIRS AVAILABLE!

Events:

Campsites • Cash Raffle • Kids Fun Area
Dance Contest • Polka Trot 5K • HUGE Parade
Arts & Crafts Fair • Fireworks at Dusk • Polka Worship Service
NEW Free Polka Lessons • Porkie & Pancake Breakfast

For More Information: www.PolkaDays.com



Come see what's brewing at



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A NEW ULM FESTIVAL

July 17 - 19, 2015

New Ulm, MN

Brown County Fairgrounds

507-359-2222

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Entertainment

Alpensterne • Austrian Express
Alex Meixner • Concord Singers
Kris & the Riverbend Dutchmen
Larry Olsen Band • Wendinger Band
Music Connection • Leon Olsen Show
Maleks Fishermen • Danny Witucki and
Mein Heimatland Musikanten
Barefoot Becky & the Ivanhoe Dutchmen



Three stages of entertainment

Fun for all ages!

Craft Fair • Food & Beverage

Barrel Rolling • Stein Holding

Thursday, July 16
Pre-fest with Viva Knieval
& Church of Cash

Group Tickets Available
Contact Bavarian Blast



Kraut Eating Contest

Wiener Dog Races

& Family Entertainment!

Camping available onsite

Where the music & beer flows like the Minnesota River

Bavarian Blast Marks 10 Years of FUN! (see ad pg. 14)

Building on New Ulm's reputation for a great time, the third weekend in July (July 16-19) is once again full of music and fun. With plenty of food and drink (Ethnic and American) and ample seating under the huge tents or around the tree-lined grounds at the Brown County Fairgrounds, it is another guaranteed good time.

Old-time, polka, and exciting show bands will be playing all weekend long - many with a German twist. Well-known names include Alex Meixner, Alpensterne and The Concord Singers, with other fine players such as, Dan Witucki and Mein Hiemetland Musikanten, Austrian Express and the New Ulm Municipal Band.

For a more modern twist, don't forget the Thursday night "Pre-Fest" entertainment with the Church of Cash and Viva Knieval. Watch Sunday's big parade beginning at 12:30pm and finish out the day at the fest grounds.

In addition to the daily craft show on the grounds, on Saturday they can watch or participate in:

- *the fun barrel-rolling competition
- *the popular stein-holding challenge
- *the always-popular, sauerkraut-eating competition

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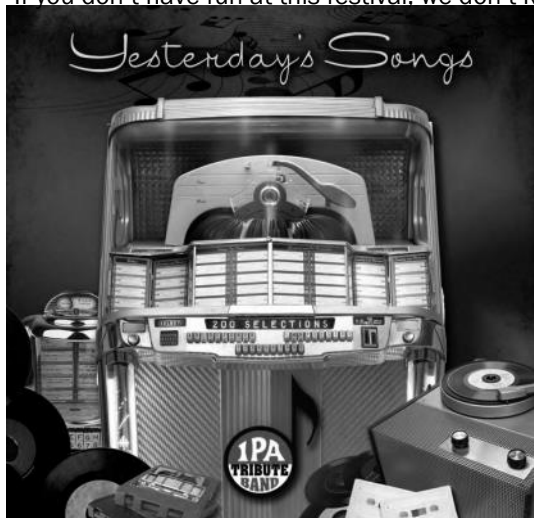
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