



IPA Newsletter

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A Letter From The President...

Greetings Polka Friends and Fans,

I hope you have all had a great summer thus far, enjoying the weather and the various polka events occurring across the countryside. We had a very successful joint picnic with the Cleveland Polka Association and United States Polka Association on Saturday, August 8 in Hammond, Indiana. It is always nice to see associations joining forces for the betterment of polka music. Both Jimmy Killian's Honky Chicago and Freeze Dried provided great entertainment for those in attendance.

The 47th Annual IPA Festival & Convention is right around the corner. I'd like to thank all of our officers and directors who have worked so hard to make this another entertaining and successful festival. We've added two new events: an IPA Pre-Party on Thursday, September 3 with Polish Happy Hour Buffalo at the Millennium Hotel as well as a Pro-Am Jam to be held on Sunday afternoon, September 6. Read inside for more information on those events.

It is also with great sadness we announce the passing of our IPA Illinois Director, T. Ron Jasinski-Herbert. T. Ron was an IPA Director for over ten years and was very active in many other Chicago-area organizations. No arrangements or obituary were available at the time of this publication; more information will be provided in the November-December newsletter.

As always, we thank you for your continued support of the International Polka Association.

Polkatively yours,

Rick Rzeszutko

IPA Hall of Fame & Award Winners 2015

Chester Budny
Hall of Fame Inductees

Mark Trzepacz

**Pioneer Category:
Florian Chmielewski**

Randy Koslosky

**Favorite Male Vocalist:
Lenny Gomulka**

**Favorite Female Vocalist:
Mollie Busta Lange**

**Favorite Band:
Maestro's Men**

**Favorite Album:
"Love Notes"
by Kevin Adams**

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

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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Renew your membership online!! Visit:
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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, Bonnie Ryniec, 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!

47th Annual IPA Festival & Convention Details

IPA Pre-Party with Polish Happy Hour Buffalo

On Thursday September 3, from 5:00pm–11:00pm polka fans coming in early for the IPA Festival & Convention will be welcomed to a FREE special event, Polish Happy Hour Buffalo's IPA pre-party. This event will be held in the ballroom at the Millennium Hotel in Cheektowaga, NY. It will feature free admission, free Polish food, Polish beer, Polish liqueurs, and giveaways.

Attendees will be greeted to The New Direction Band playing throughout the evening with guest musicians joining in, as well as John Gora DJing the festivities.

Polish Happy Hour Buffalo is the largest attended monthly event in the Western New York area and the largest attended Polish event of its kind in the United States. Each event attracts hundreds of Polish people who get to enjoy and dance to a variety of Polish music. Their largest event attracted approximately 1,000 people.

These events are organized by United Cultural Society Ltd., a 501c(3) tax exempt non-profit organization. The organization is focused on keeping cultures, heritages, and traditions alive. They organize Polish Happy Hour and similar events throughout the United States. In Buffalo alone they are already scheduled through 2020.

Welcome Party

A welcome party will occur on Friday, September 4 from 2:30pm–5:30pm in the courtyard at the Millennium Hotel. An all-start jam band, including many of our own IPA officers and directors, will greet our attendees with some fantastic polka music. We hope you can join us!

Ludowa Nuta Group to Perform

Ludowa Nuta will be providing entertainment in the hotel lobby on Friday, September 6. The "Ludowa Nuta Polish Canadian Folk Choir of Hamilton" is the next generation in the continuum of the tradition of Polish folk music. Although the choir is based in Hamilton, it is a link to the ancestral homeland for the Polish Diaspora in Canada. Through its founder and artistic director, Sławek Dudalski, the choir captures the spirit of Polish folklore and is generously praised for its authenticity, singing in regional dialects and performing in authentic folk costumes. The musical accompaniment is enhanced by unique folk instruments such as trambita, gajdy, cymbaly and a variety of reed instruments, (mountain horn, bagpipes, hornpipes), imported directly from Poland.

IPA Pro-Am Jam Added to Festival

The IPA has added an additional event to the weekend's festivities. A Pro-Am Jam will be held Sunday afternoon, September 6, from 1:45pm–2:45pm. This jam session will feature young musicians and their talents alongside musicians and IPA Hall of Famers.

For more information, and to sign up your youngster, visit ipapolkas.com.

Thursday, September 3

5:00pm–11:00pm

*IPA Pre-Party with
Polish Happy Hour
Buffalo*

Friday, September 4

2:30pm–5:30pm

*Welcome Party with
All-Star Jam Band*

7:00pm–8:00pm

Polka Family

8:00pm–9:00pm

The Knewz

9:00pm–10:00pm

Polka Family

10:00pm–11:00pm

The Knewz

11:00pm–12:00am

Polka Family

12:00am–1:00am

The Knewz

Saturday, September 5

11:00am

*Hall of Fame & Music
Awards Banquet*

11:00am–3:00pm

*Pool Party with The
Buffalo Touch*

4:30pm–5:30pm

*Dennis Polisky & The
Maestro's Men*

5:30pm–6:30pm

IPA Tribute Band

6:30pm–7:30pm

*Polka Country
Musicians*

7:30pm–8:30pm

*Dennis Polisky & The
Maestro's Men*

8:30pm–9:30pm

IPA Tribute Band

9:30pm–10:30pm

*Polka Country
Musicians*

10:30pm–11:30pm

*Dennis Polisky & The
Maestro's Men*

11:30pm–12:30am

IPA Tribute Band

12:30am–1:30am

*Polka Country
Musicians*

Sunday, September 6

10:00am

*Polka Mass with New
Direction Band*

11:00am

*Annual Convention
Meeting*

1:45pm–2:45pm

Pro-Am Jam

3:00pm–4:00pm

*Tony Blazonczyk's New
Phaze*

4:00pm–5:00pm

*Lenny Gomulka &
Chicago Push*

5:00pm–6:00pm

Freeze Dried

6:00pm–7:00pm

*Tony Blazonczyk's New
Phaze*

7:00pm–8:00pm

*Lenny Gomulka &
Chicago Push*

8:00pm–9:00pm

Freeze Dried

9:00pm–10:00pm

*Tony Blazonczyk's New
Phaze*

10:00pm–11:00pm

*Lenny Gomulka &
Chicago Push*

11:00pm–12:00am

Freeze Dried

(schedule subject to change)

IPA Polka Hall of Fame Inductees

Florian Chmielewski Pioneer Category



Florian Chmielewski is the product of a family that has been synonymous with polka music for six generations. One of 15 children, he was born in Sturgeon Lake, MN on February 10, 1927. As he progressed from a dairy farmer, to County Commissioner, to Minnesota State Senator, Florian always maintained his love for the accordion. At age 18, he received his first accordion in 1945 and began to lead a band. Florian's children later joined the band that went on to produce 40 albums. After performing with his brothers on his weekly radio shows, Florian also broadcasted the Chmielewski Funtime TV show for the next 35 years, seen nationwide.

Now in its 38th year, Florian started the Chmielewski International Polkafest, and established Funtime Tours. After receiving nine Minnie Grammys from the Minnesota Music Academy, he was inducted in the MN Music Hall of Fame and the Ironworld USA Hall of Fame, along with his daughter Patty. Most recently, Florian received an Honorary Doctorate of Law and Music Degree for his 26 years in the MN State Senate and his dedication to polka music.

In recognition of these and other achievements, the Electorate has determined Florian Chmielewski to be inducted into the Pioneer Category of the Polka Music Hall of Fame®.

Chester Budny Deceased Category



Born on May 20, 1921 in the "Old Polish" Fleet Avenue neighborhood of Cleveland, OH, Chester Budny became one of the city's great southside musicians of the 1940s and 1950s. At the young age of 4, he displayed a keen interest in music and was given a violin at age 6. Later at the age of 12, Chester bought himself a drum. Since the young artist loved to sing while he played he became known as "The Singing Drummer." He performed in the St. Stanislaus marching band and later played drums in the U.S Army.

After returning from World War II, Chester formed "The Chester Budny Orchestra" that specialized in Slovenian style polka music. His big band performed at numerous venues, appeared on Dutch Television, and recorded on the Bravo, Dart, and Columbia Records labels from 1949 through 1953.

In 1951, Chester received top honors from WJMO Radio's Paul Nakel by being named Cleveland's "Polka King." In his golden years, his polka sound even embraced the Polish style. In 2010, Chester Budny was inducted into the Cleveland Polka Hall of Fame.

In recognition of these and other achievements, the Electorate has determined Chester Budny to be inducted into the Polka Music Hall of Fame®.

IPA Polka Hall of Fame Inductees

Randy Koslosky Living Category



Randy Koslosky has made significant contributions to the polka industry as a performer, songwriter, studio musician, producer, and creator of unique polka productions. Born in Pittsburgh in 1962, Randy has been actively performing polka music since 1976. He started with a band formed along with his brother that later became known as Energy. He also performed regularly with The Sounds and later joined Henny & the Versa J's. With these bands, he has been part of several award-winning and Grammy-nominated recordings.

As a songwriter Randy composed hundreds of songs, most of which were recorded by over twenty different bands. Several of his songs received awards and honors from the International Polka Association, United States Polka Association, and other polka organizations.

As a studio musician, Randy was first invited to record with The Sounds in 1987. He has recorded over 1,200 songs on more than 100 recordings with over 45 bands.

Randy has been a pioneer as the creator of many unique polka productions, including events that have helped to foster the involvement of the younger generation of polka fans.

In recognition of these and other achievements, the Electorate has determined Randy Koslosky to be inducted into the Polka Music Hall of Fame®.

Mark Trzepacz Living Category



Born on November 3, 1956 in Buffalo, NY, Mark Trzepacz was 15 years old when he started taking trumpet lessons. Remarkably, he was performing in his first band only seven months later. Growing up in Buffalo's heavily-Polish East Side, Mark's passion for polka music was a foregone conclusion. First playing in smaller combos, he quickly became an in-demand commodity, graduating to some of the nation's biggest bands. It was during his tenure with The Dynatones, however, that he truly made his impact on the polka industry. Armed with a combination of crisp horn work, solid yet heartfelt vocals, and an ability to connect with the audience, Mark endeared himself to crowds at most of the nation's premier polka clubs, dances, and festival for decades.

A Grammy-nominated musician, he also promoted polkas through his work as an arranger, composer, recording engineer, producer (engineering and producing many award-winning recordings for other notable polka artists as well), record label and studio owner, promoter and disc jockey. Today, Mark continues to demonstrate his unwavering commitment to the promotion and preservation of polka music.

In recognition of these and other achievements, the Electorate has determined Mark Trzepacz to be inducted into the Polka Music Hall of Fame®.

The New Leon Kozicki Trustees Award - Tom Kula

Over the years, the IPA Polka Hall of Fame® and Music Awards processes have rightfully recognized deserving polka musicians who attained prominence in the polka industry for their musical achievements that helped promote polka music and broaden its audience. Because of their highly visible roles, bandleaders, or “front men and women,” usually received most of the recognition for their groups’ success that may have contributed to their winning individual awards or their eventual inductions into the Polka Hall of Fame. Unfortunately, exceptionally talented band mates who also contributed greatly to the success of their groups, often never received their due recognition.



To address this situation, the IPA Polka Hall of Fame and Music Awards Committee collaborated with the body of Trustees to establish a new annual award to recognize these deserving “side men or women” of notable polka bands. To honor the legacy of the long-time Chairman of the IPA Polka Hall of Fame, Leon Kozicki, the committee and Trustees also recommended the award be titled “The Leon Kozicki Trustees Award.” The IPA Board of Directors approved the establishment of the award effective this year.

Candidates for The Leon Kozicki Award must meet the following criteria: 1.) must not have been inducted into the IPA Polka Hall of Fame nor be listed on the current year’s ballot (note: receiving this award would not disqualify deserving candidates from subsequent Polka Hall of Fame consideration); 2.) Must have at least 15 years of dedicated, significant service to the same prominent musical group and/or leader; and 3.) May not be deceased. Each year during the Hall of Fame/Awards cycle, the IPA Polka Hall of Fame Committee develops a short list of potential award candidates. The list is shared with the Trustees who vote to determine their choice of the most deserving candidate. The winner is contacted by the PHOF Committee and invited to attend the annual IPA Polka Hall of Fame and Music Awards Banquet to receive the award. If necessary, the award is presented at another time and location to accommodate the needs and preferences of the recipient. A plaque similar to The Joe Jozwiak Award is presented to the winner with a replica submitted for display in the IPA Polka Hall of Fame Museum. The award winner or representative receives a complimentary ticket to the banquet if he or she is able to attend.

The inaugural recipient of The Leon Kozicki Trustees Award is Tom Kula. Tom performed with the original Ampol Aires for over 50 years and continued appearing with the New Ampol Aires for an additional 13 years. His extraordinary musical talents and contributions to this legendary musical group epitomize the intent of this award. The International Polka Association extends hardy congratulations and heartfelt appreciation to Tom Kula for his remarkable polka career.

IPA / CPA / USPA Family Picnic Photos



IPA Hall of Famer Jolly Joe Timmer Passes



Jolly Joe Timmer of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, has a radio show, television show, polka band, music store and picnic grove all strongly promoting polka music. When asked when and how he became involved in polka music Joe said, "My time started after high school, 1948.

Before he had a band, he used to go dancing every Saturday night at the Lincoln Hall in Miller Heights, Pennsylvania. He danced every polka, waltz and oberek. Prior to that, when he was a little boy, his mother took him to clubs that had polka music. He liked the music and started playing. The Jolly Joe Timmer Orchestra has seven albums to its credit.

Jolly Joe's House of Music is located in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. The store is stocked with numerous items dealing with polka music and also carries a large selection of records and tapes from artists across the country.

He began events at Timmer's Grove located in Point Phillips, Pennsylvania, in 1970. The grove features polka music by some of the country's best bands on a regular basis. They serve home cooked foods and the grove is heated for the winter months and has picnic tables out for summer picnics.

Another area Joe is active in polka promotion is his record company. Rave Record Company has recorded many bands and many styles of polka music including Polish, German and Austrian styles.

Jolly Joe was inducted into the IPA Polka Hall of Fame in 1990. He passed away on July 27 at an assisted-living facility in Nazareth, PA.

IPA bio taken from: <http://www.ipapolkas.com/blog/otw-portfolio/jolly-joe-timmer-living-category-inducted-1990/>

IPA Hall of Famer Bernie Goydish Passes

Bernie Goydish has been an active member of the polka community for more than 28 years. He is a musician, bandleader, promoter, record manufacturer, distributor, and polka disc jockey. He introduced more young new polka bands to the field than anyone else. His Sunday polka radio show is the longest running in New Jersey, 18 years. He has unselfishly donated thousands of hours to polka oriented charitable functions and organizations. Through the use of his polka radio show, he has helped raise over \$100,000 for the Heart Association, the Cancer Society, and has aided many organizations as well as individuals.

Bernie is an innovator in the polka industry. He introduced the polka weekend concept in the New York Castskills, and now over 15 promoters have taken the idea and are doing the same. With his Polka Spree By The Sea promotions in Wildwood, New Jersey, more than \$20,000 has been awarded in scholarships. His other promotions have taken place in Florida, Atlantic City, Las Vegas as well as many local Jersey locations.



Bernie was born in Tresckow, Pennsylvania, attended Penn State, Rutgers, MIT, Princeton, and Missouri Universities. He holds a Bachelor of Science and Accounting degrees and is currently responsible for the chemical control management systems at RCA Research Laboratories in Princeton, New Jersey.

Bernie was inducted into the IPA Polka Music Hall of Fame in 1984. He passed away in late June.

Bio taken from: <http://www.ipapolkas.com/blog/otw-portfolio/bernie-goydish-living-category-inducted-1984/>

Official Notification of Proposed Change to By-Laws

The following proposed change to our by-laws has been reviewed by the IPA Board and will be brought to a vote at our General Membership meeting being held on Sunday, September 6th at 11:00 A.M. at the Millennium Hotel – Buffalo, as part of our annual convention. All members present at the meeting will be given an opportunity to vote on this proposed change and it will require a 2/3 majority in order to pass.

Article XI of our current by-laws provide for a process to change our by-laws once a year, at our annual General Meeting, by an in-person vote. This by-law was drafted over 40 years ago at a time when the annual General Meeting was likely to have a majority of members present, and representation from diverse locations. We know that this is just not the case and has not been for several years. The Annual General Meeting at the convention is poorly attended and does not reflect a majority of the membership. Hence, the implied assumption that a vote taken of those members in attendance at the annual meeting is in some way more reflective of the general membership is no longer valid.

Here's how our current Article XI reads on the issue of amendments:

Article XI (Amendments)



Section 1. Amendments to the by-laws may be made by the membership. Amendments must be proposed in writing and submitted prior to the annual meeting. All amendments so presented must be approved by a two-thirds (2/3rds) vote of the membership present and voting at the annual meeting.

Section 2. The annual meeting in August shall be considered the yearly by-law meeting.

The proposed amendment would change Article XI to make it read as follows:

Section 1. Amendments to the by-laws may be made by the membership. Amendments must be proposed in writing or email to the Executive Board and published for consideration in at least one issue of the newsletter. All amendments so presented must be approved by a 2/3rds vote of the membership who choose to vote. Voting on proposed amendments will be conducted at least once per year in conjunction with the annual meeting. The voting process will include acceptance of votes by mail, electronically over the Internet, and/or in person at a designated meeting. Voting on proposed amendments may be conducted more frequently at the discretion of the Executive Board.

Section 2. (The original section 2 will be stricken as it is no longer relevant)

**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

**Great Music
Great Foods
New Friends**



**Pals & Gals We hope to see you again
when FRANK MORAVCIK will play for
us on Sat. Oct 3, 2015 A great evening
at a bargain price. Bring a friend.**

Mark your calendar NOW

Thank You Notes

Thank you to the Cleveland Polka Association for their monetary donation to the IPA.

Thank you for your gift of \$50.00 to our organization. The advancements we have made can be attributed in many ways to people like you who have generously supported our mission. We are grateful for your generosity and hope that you will take great pride in the important difference that your gift makes.

You have made this gift in memory of Bernie Goydish. On behalf of our entire organization, thank you again for your generous gift.

Sincerely,
Stephen J. Toal
Chief Development Officer
Deborah Hospital Foundation
Brown Mills, NJ

Thank you for your participation and support of the Lisa Biskup Memorial Foundation. As a major goal of Lisa's foundation, we urge you to be a registered donor in your respective state. Remember, you never know whose life you can save or enhance.

Ron & Sue Biskup
Lisa Biskup Organ & Tissue Donor Foundation
www.lisabiskupmemorial.com

Thank you to the following individuals for their donations in memory of IPA Hall of Famer, John Demerski: Kenneth & Allison Tracz; Robert & Barbara Hodsdon; Stephanie Fitol; Dorothy Paczkowski; Josephine Anderson; and Lorraine Matosovich.

Thank you to Ed "Weasel" and Christine Wolinski for their donation in the memory of IPA Hall of Famer and Christine's father, Bernie Goydish.

Thank you to Bud Beyer for his monetary donation to the IPA.

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.



IPA End of Year Financials

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INTERNATIONAL POLKA ASSOCIATION STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES - CASH BASIS FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 31, 2015

OTHER EXPENSES	
PROGRAM SERVICES	
Award Fees	\$352.00
Band Expense	27,631.00
Gifts Given	5,450.00
Radio Show Expense	11,065.00
TOTAL PROGRAM EXPENSES	\$44,498.00
MANAGEMENT & GENERAL	
Internet Fees	1,250.00
License & Permits	28.00
TOTAL MANAGEMENT & GENERAL	\$1,278.00
International Polka Association Statement Of Financial Position- Cash Basis As of May 31, 2015	

Revenues	
Annual Festivals	\$56,347.00
Investment Income	753.00
Memberships	9,505.00
Miscellaneous Income	2,801.00
Newsletter Ads	2,174.00
Radio Show Ads	2,775.00
Raffles	2,182.00
T Shirt Sales	1,318.00
Total Revenue	\$77,855.00
Expenses	
Accounting Fees	600
Advertising	\$3,481.00
Award Fees	\$352.00
Band Expense	27,631.00
Gifts	5,450.00
Internet Fees	1,250.00
License & Permits	28.00
Miscellaneous Expense	999.00
Postage	1,708.00
Printing	4,514.00
Radio Show	11,065.00
Rent	6,600.00
Telephone	101.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$63,779.00
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	\$14,076.00

Assets

Current Assets

General Checking/ PNC/Seaway	28,627.00
Certificates Of Deposit	
Hall Of Fame	9,549.00
Prospect	86,109.00
Seaway	59,506.00

Total Assets **183,791.00**



IPA Calendar Raffle Winners

The list keeps growing! Congratulations to the following calendar raffle winners. It's still not too late to purchase your raffle tickets; there are still several chances to win \$100. Contact an IPA board member to purchase your tickets.

January 4	Kenneth Dunaj	Mosinee, WI
January 11	Joseph Pusz	Lansing, IL
January 18	Anne Gierut	Chicago, IL
January 25	Mashelle Pavey	Naperville, IL
February 1	Patricia Daigle	Chicopee, MA
February 8	Fran Russo	Brecksville, OH
February 15	Linda Kendzierski	Bridgewater, NJ
February 22	Cecilia Osysko	Cicero, IL
March 1	Ed Zavaski, Jr	Wallingford, CT
March 8	Michael R. Bobrowsky	Seymour, CT
March 15	Karen Stanczyk	Stevens Point, WI
March 22	Bill Gliwa	Lemont, IL
March 29	Rhonda Wiet	Palos Park, IL
April 5	Rob Czech	West Springfield, MA
April 12	Frieda Mocny	Lockport, IL

April 19	Richard F. Berkowicz	Justice, IL
April 26	Richard E. Leach	Milton, WI
May 3	Rick Kunke	Minooka, IL
May 10	Helen Dec	Tinley Park, IL
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
July 5	Karen Danielczuk	Ansonia, CT
July 12	Rick Rzeszutko	Chicago, IL
July 19	Mary Kay Dench	Romeoville, IL
July 26	Irene Kentorski	Plainfield, IL
August 2	Sally Sendra	Orland Park, IL
August 9	Mike Matousek	Millersville, MD
August 16	Jacob Dill	Odenton, MD
August 23	Darlene Kender	Crown Point, IN
August 30	Ed Zavaski, Jr.	Wallingford, CT

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

September 5: Freddy "K" Kendzierski
 September 12: Mike Maduzia and Rick Rzeszutko
 September 19: Linda Niewierowski and Jerry Wantroba
 September 26: John Zelasko
 October 3: John & Christy Krawisz
 October 10: Bonnie Ryniec, Dennis Mikolajewski,
 and Dan & Laura Mateja
 October 17: Peter Danielczuk

WPNA Radio Shows DJs

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

September 6: Linda Niewierowski and Jerry Wantroba
 September 13: John & Christy Krawisz
 September 20: Keith Pietranczyk
 September 27: Bonnie Ryniec, Dennis Mikolajewski,
 and Dan & Laura Mateja
 October 4: Mike Maduzia & Rick Rzeszutko
 October 11: Linda Niewierowski and Jerry Wantroba
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A Note of Thanks

On April 19th my son, Joe, presented me with a plaque for the appreciation of keeping polka music alive. I want to thank you for that. It was for my 70th year as a bandleader. As you know, I am one of the early members of the IPA, 1986.

My son, Joe, presented the plaque to me at the 40th Vienna Ball. This was one of my creations for the benefit of the Sacred Heart Missions and ran for 39 years. I'm glad that he and his wife, Ellen, took it over. It is always a great affair.

I have a history of being part of the polka field. Seventy years you learn a lot, see a lot, try many different things.

Thanks for keeping the IPA going. In today's world it's not easy with the media frowning on polka-type music. I played concerts in middle schools. The young people in those classes were a joy to play for and had a lot of fun.

Keep it going and God Bless the staff at the IPA.

Sincerely,
 Walt Groller

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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, October 20

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



IPA Birthdays



September

- 1: John Prytko, Jr.
- 2: Allen Bassel; Mike Evan; Lorraine Ciesla; John Mikrut, Robert Liput, Jr.
- 3: David Strok; Joe Scharf
- 4: Ken Pienta;
- 5: John Krawisz; Emigene Lahucik; Stephanie McCracken;
- 6: Susan Jurevis; Jim Brado
- 7: Jeanne Henderson; Joe Kalinowski
- 8: Daniel Nawrot; Brad Turk; Hilda Ellis
- 9: John Mikos
- 11: Lori Urbanczyk; Gilbert Skudlarczyk
Cindy Zelasko; Sharon Creman; Barbara Vinez; Justin Binkiewicz; Mary Jean Sweeney; Elizabeth Putz
- 12: Richard Berkowicz; Rich "Sudzy" Cerajewski; Julie Gebhardt; Ronald Gregg
- 13: Ania Piwowarczyk; David Bonczkiewicz; Eileen Daniloff
- 14: Butchie Jasiewicz ; Eugene Thoms; Robert Cynor, Jr.
- 15: Rob Piatkowski; Deb DePont; Joe Bosch
- 16: Dave Gajda; Lenny Gomulka
- 17: John Borkowski; Geri Fornek
- 18: Edward Jakubowski; Kenneth Larson; Dan Mateja; Stanley Mikrut; Mikah Maduzia
- 19: Stanley Szczsponik; Paul Pietrucha
- 20: Judy Rosinski
- 21: Val Szymanski
- 22: John Paczkowski, Jr., Shirley Sains
- 23: Ted Kiewicz
- 24: Louis Aidinovich; Eddie Sienkowski; Donna Cotrupe
- 25: Kevin Kwiatkowski; Joseph Ryndak
- 26: Ed Haynack; Dan Czerniak;
- 27: Mike Nowakowski
- 29: Bev Kizior; Dolores Lybik; Gary Hvdik; Willie Bohuslav
- 30: Walter Dragon

October

- 1: Frank Gentile, Jr; Eleanore Lewandowski; Deb Mancl
- 2: Jim Kilian; Annette Mikrut
- 4: Karen Hudy; Kayla Rosinski; Ray (Melvin) Rzeszutko
- 5: Dr. Robert Dutka; Bruno Mikos; John Gembka
- 6: Gary Brueggen; Michael Krupa; Richard Kula; Bob Borowski
- 7: Lindsey Mateja; Dave Raccis
- 9: Craig Ebel; George Mergen; Dave Morris; Keith Stras
- 10: Trudy Patek
- 11: Marie Jagiella; James Krzeszewski
- 12: Therese Bruzdziński
- 13: Jake Mikrut
- 14: Gene Swick
- 15: Michael Ziemiński; Alan Smaka
- 16: Dawn Mikrut Bartolini; Andrew Makarewicz
- 17: Fran Fierst; Christy Krawisz; Dennis Trina; Alice Szczur
- 19: Tish Blazonczyk; Ed Tylka; Floyd Grocholski; Carolyn Machelski
- 20: John Punola
- 22: Bernice Baniewicz; Paulina Minehart; Arthur Larson
- 23: Patricia Walker; Arnold Checkalski; Chris Hedrich
- 25: Denise Finan; Henry Lewandowski; Randy Koslosky
- 26: Brent Iskra
- 27: Linda Lee Brown;
- 28: Victor Merinsky
- 29: David Walter; Paul Raczkowski
- 30: Howard Van Orden

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

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In Memorium

We mourn the loss of the following members of our IPA family:

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Bernie Goydish, IPA Hall of Famer



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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.

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Rehoboth Beach city officials recently informed Polkamotion by the Ocean promoters Mike Matousek and Mike Ziemski that a major construction project to renovate the Rehoboth Beach City Hall facility will make the Convention Hall unavailable for all events beginning in November of 2015 through early 2017. Please note that this 12 – 15 month project will prevent Polkamotion from being conducted in the hall only in 2016, interrupting the twelve consecutive years the festival has taken place in the facility. Fortunately, the project will not affect this year's Polkamotion festival that will be conducted from September 16 – 20, 2015. Since the construction project will be finished in early 2017, Polkamotion will resume its regular annual schedule in the hall beginning on September 13 - 17, 2017.

Matousek and Ziemski will be looking for feedback from this year's Polkamotion polka fans as to whether they should attempt to arrange some kind of polka music at another facility in Rehoboth Beach next September for those who plan their annual vacations during the usual festival week.

Please forward any feedback to mike@polkamotion.com, this Facebook site, or share your thoughts in person at this year's festival.



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2015 Freddy K Jr. Scholarship Award Winner

Adam Winiarz of Norton, Mass. was the recipient of the Freddy K. Jr. Scholarship Award for 2015. He accepted his check of \$1,000 at the Ocean Beach Park, New London, Connecticut polka festival this past June. Adam plays bass and guitar. He also is an accomplished golfer and volunteers as a Youth Mentor for the First Tee of Massachusetts teaching underprivileged children the game of golf and the life enhancing values that come along with it. Through his efforts and abilities he has earned the national designation of The First Tee Scholar Class of 2015. Along with his family, he organized a golf tournament to help raise money for cancer research entitled "Birdies for Babcia" and raised \$10,000 for the Jimmy Fund. He has been attending polka festivals and dances for most of his life and plans to spend the summer attending Polka Fireworks at Seven Springs and Summer Music Fest in Frankenmuth as well as the local dances at.

Adam has been accepted to and will be attending the University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth in Massachusetts majoring in Business.

The Freddy K. Jr. Music Scholarship Committee is now accepting requests for applications for the 2016 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



L-R: Dianne Winiarz, Linda Kendzierski, Adam Winiarz, Fred Kendzierski, and Tim Winiarz.



Fred Kendzierski awarding Adam Winiarz the 2015 Freddy K Jr. Memorial Scholarship.



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Our featured bands this year are 2 of the best bands on the polka scene - "The NuTones" from PA and "DynaBrass" from MI. **Stacey Morris** - current **USPA Female Vocalist of the Year** (her 7th win for this award) is the leader of **The NuTones**. **Jeff Mleczo** is the leader of the **DynaBrass** and has been **USPA Male Vocalist of the Year** twice. We will also have the "Polka Dreams All-Star Band" featuring some of the biggest & hottest polka stars in the country - **IPA Polka Hall of Famer - Eddie Siwiec** (New Brass Express, TPM), **Jeff Mleczo** (DynaBrass, TPM), **Dave Morris** (The Boys, The Nu-Tones, The Sounds), **Rich Zebrowski**, (Nu-Tones, TBC, The Sounds, and just recently joined Lenny Gomulka & Chicago Push), **Paul Krywy** (DynaBrass, New Brass Express, Big Daddy Lackowski, Duane Malinowski, Kielbasa Kings, and currently playing full time with The George Brothers Band playing rock & roll oldies), and just added to round out the band is **Richie Kois** (Polka Country Musicians, The NuTones, Eddie Blazonczyk & the Versatones, John Gora & Gorale, Eddie Biegaj & Crusade). We will certainly have the "best of the best" live polka music all week long on one of the biggest dance floors at sea.

We'll also have a **Polka Jam** session where **YOU** can be the star. And we will have some fun **themes** such as "Hawaiian Night", "Red & White Night", "Ladies Night Out", "Sports Night" and more. The day after we get off the ship is "Super Bowl Sunday", so we want to start the party early and get ready to root for your favorite team.

As usual, our affable polka **DJ @ Sea - Kenny Olowin** will join us to host his fun-filled parties and spin some of your favorite polka tunes, and our **Priest @ Sea - Father Tom Aleksa** will be there to conduct an uplifting **Polka Mass**. In between all the polka excitement, our adventures will take us to the exotic tropical islands of **Grand Turk, St. Maarten, St. Thomas** and Princess' private playground **Princess Cays®**!

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