



IPA Newsletter

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A Letter From The President...

Greetings,

I hope everyone had a Christmas filled with family fun, good health, and good times.

A great big thank you to all IPA officers and directors for the great job on the Christmas Party and Polka Jammer Show. I think all of the members and their families had a great time sharing the day with each other. The kids did a great job singing along with the band, and Santa was fantastic.

January is National Polka Month. All roads lead to Chicago for the Warm Up Dance and 47th Annual Chicago Festival of Polka Bands on the weekend of January 16th and 17th. (See flyer inside.) Please join us to get 2016 off to a upbeat start.

I hope the new year brings everyone health, wealth, and happiness along with an unending amount of polka fun. I hope you all can continue to support polka events, polka organizations, and polka promoters in your area. We need YOU, the polka fan, wherever you live, to make an effort to attend the dances and festivals as often as you can. Please continue to support the bands and purchase their recordings and enjoy the music at home or in your car. Remember, by working together, we can achieve great things.

Have a great 2016!

Rick

Next IPA General Member Meeting:

Tuesday, January 19

Doors Open 6:30 pm

Meeting 7:00 pm

Polonia Banquets

4604 S Archer Avenue — Chicago, IL

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Month!**

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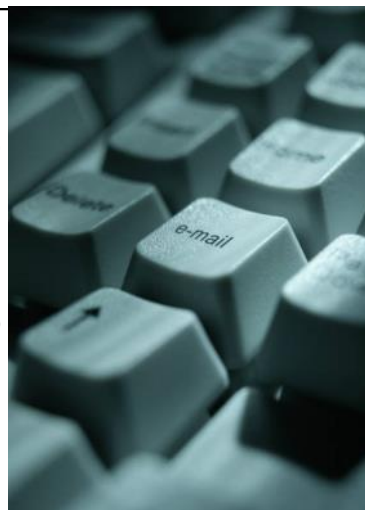
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**IPA RADIO SHOW**

Don't forget to listen to the IPA Radio Show on Sundays, 11:00 a.m.—12 noon Central Time on WPNA (1490 AM) in Chicago or via the internet at www.radiowpna.com. Each show features IPA officers and directors including Rick Rzeszutko, Linda Niewierowski, Laura Mateja, Mike Maduzia, Christy Krawisz, John Krawisz, Patrick Henry Cukierka, Bonnie Ryniec, 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 Warm Up Dance & Chicago Festival of Polka Bands

Join the International Polka Association

As We Celebrate January Being
"National Polka Month"

Festival of Bands - Warm Up Dance

Saturday, January 16th, 2016



Polonia Banquets - 4604 S. Archer Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
Doors Open at 4:00 PM - Music 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Admission \$12.00 at the door - Polonia's Kitchen will be open!

47th Annual Chicago Festival of Polka Bands

Sunday, January 17th, 2016

Featuring 8 Top Polka Bands:

The Polka Beaches	Great Lakes Sounds
Polish Connection	Keith Stras & Polka Confetti
Freeze Dried	Jim Kilian Polka Band
IPA Tribute Band	Ampol Aires

Glendora House - 10225 S. Harlem Avenue, Chicago Ridge, Illinois
Doors Open at 11:30 AM - Music Starts 12:00 PM
Admission \$12.00 at the door - Mary's Kitchen will be open!

***Special 2-Day Pass for only \$20.00!**

For information and tickets, call the IPA at 1-800-TO-POLKA
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Band Schedule January 17, 2016

12:00-1:00	Jim Kilian Polka Band
1:00-2:00	The Polka Beaches
2:00-3:00	Keith Stras & Polka Confetti
3:00-4:00	Ampol Aires
4:00-5:00	Freeze Dried
5:00-6:00	Polish Connection
6:00-7:00	IPA Tribute Band
7:00-8:00	Great Lakes Sounds

We hope to see many of our members, friends, and supporters in a few short days. Two-day passes will be available for purchase at the door on Saturday.

If you're coming in from out-of-town, the Super 8 in Bridgeview has a special rate of \$69.88+tax per night when you mention POLKA. Phone: 708-458-8008.

IPA Hall of Fame Benefit Dance

2 Days
February 20th & 21st

Ed Szela & Freddy K
Present

11th Annual IPA Hall of Fame Benefit Dance

Ludlow PACC, 355 East Street, Ludlow, Mass 01056

Saturday, February 20, 2016
7pm to 11pm

Featuring
THE KNEWZ

Sunday, February 21, 2016
2pm to 7pm

Honoring Polka Legend
LENNY GOMULKA
Music By: Lenny Gomulka's Chicago Push
Dennis Polisky & The Maestro's Men
Eddie Forman Orchestra
All Star Tribute Band



ADVANCE TICKETS ONLY
No Tickets Held at the Door
Tickets are NOT REFUNDABLE

Saturday \$15 pp
Sunday \$20 pp

For Tickets Call Ed Szela 413-567-1961

Send Check and Self-Addressed Stamped Envelope to:

Ed Szela
104 Williston Drive
Longmeadow, Mass 01106

For Tables of 8 or More Call:
Carol Blajda
413-549-6997

Polish Kitchen Available

Rooms Available at Holiday Inn Express
321 Center Street, Ludlow, Mass
Call - 413-589-9300 \$115 p/n Code: IPA

The 11th annual IPA Hall of Fame Benefit Dance in Ludlow, Massachusetts, hosted by IPA Director Ed Szela and First Vice President Fred Kendzierski, is quickly approaching. Get your tickets now, as this event is quickly selling and has sold out nearly every year. Contact Ed Szela to get your advanced tickets for the February 20-21 weekend; tickets will not be held at the door.

Music will be provided by five fantastic polka bands, including a tribute to IPA Polka Hall of Famer, Lenny Gomulka.

A special hotel rate of \$115+tax per night is available at the Holiday Inn Express in Ludlow when you mention the code IPA. Phone: 413-589-9300.



IPA Buffalo Festival of Bands

Help the International Polka Association celebrate January being "National Polka Month" at the 1st Annual Buffalo Festival of Bands on Saturday, January 23rd, 2016, from 6:30 pm – 12:30 am at the Potts Banquet Hall, 41 S. Rossler Street, in Cheektowaga, NY. Doors open at 6:00 pm, music will be provided by eight Buffalo polka bands.

There will also be special guest appearances by local IPA Hall of Famers: (subject to availability) Dave "Scrubby" Seweryniak, Fred Bulinski, Stephanie Pietrzak, John Gora, Eddie Guca, Johnny Karas, Michael Nowakowski and Mark Trzepacz.

The IPA will also be making a special tribute to Danny Potts for his 25 years of promoting polka music in the Buffalo area.

Admission is \$10.00 for IPA members and \$15.00 for non-members. For table reservations, call New York IPA Director, Lori Urbanczyk at (716) 675-6588. The public is welcome, so come early and enjoy a full evening of Buffalo's best polka sounds.

Join the International Polka Association
Celebrate January being "National Polka Month"
at the 1st Annual "Buffalo"

Festival of Bands – Warm Up Dance

Saturday, January 23rd, 2016
6:30 pm – 12:30 am
Doors open at 6:00pm
Featuring music by these Eight Buffalo Polka Bands

PHOCUS
THE NEW DIRECTION BAND
RARE VINTAGE
CONCERTINA ALL-STARS
BUFFALO TOUCH
SPECIAL DELIVERY
"Original" KREW BROTHERS
THE KNEWZ

Admission: \$15.00 - IPA Members \$10.00

Special Guest appearances by these IPA Hall of Famers
(subject to availability)
Dave "Scrubby" Seweryniak, Fred Bulinski, Stephanie Pietrzak, John Gora,
Eddie Guca, Johnny Karas, Michael Nowakowski, Mark Trzepacz
Special IPA Tribute to Danny Potts for his 25 years of Polka Promotions in Buffalo NY

Potts Banquet Hall

Clinton & Rossler Plaza
41 S. Rossler Street, Buffalo, NY 14206

For Table Reservations Call:
NYS Director Lori Urbanczyk 716.675.6588 or Ron Urbanczyk 716.675.6588
visit : www.ipapolkas.com

2016 IPA Calendar Raffle

Don't forget! The first drawing of the 2016 calendar raffle will occur on Sunday, January 17, during the Chicago Festival of Polka Bands, so turn in your raffle tickets ASAP if you haven't done so already. Tickets will also be available for purchase at the dance.

One \$100 winner will be drawn each week.

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



INTERNATIONAL POLKA ASSOCIATION
2016 Calendar Raffle
\$5,200 in Prizes – One \$100.00 Winner Each Week
\$20.00 Per Ticket

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IPA Calendar Raffle Winners

Congratulations to all the winners in the 2015 IPA calendar raffle. Don't forget to send in your raffle tickets for your chance to win in 2016!

January 4	Kenneth Dunaj	Mosinee, WI	June 21	Jim Nash	Berwyn, IL
January 11	Joseph Pusz	Lansing, IL	June 28	Nancie Eppers	Berwyn, IL
January 18	Anne Gierut	Chicago, IL	July 5	Karen Danielczuk	Ansonia, CT
January 25	Mashelle Pavay	Naperville, IL	July 12	Rick Rzeszutko	Chicago, IL
February 1	Patricia Daigle	Chicopee, MA	July 19	Mary Kay Dench	Romeoville, IL
February 8	Fran Russo	Brecksville, OH	July 26	Irene Kentorski	Plainfield, IL
February 15	Linda Kendzierski	Bridgewater, NJ	August 2	Sally Sendra	Orland Park, IL
February 22	Cecilia Osysko	Cicero, IL	August 9	Mike Matousek	Millersville, MD
March 1	Ed Zavaski, Jr	Wallingford, CT	August 16	Jacob Dill	Odenton, MD
March 8	Michael R. Bobrowsky	Seymour, CT	August 23	Darlene Kender	Crown Point, IN
March 15	Karen Stanczyk	Stevens Point, WI	August 30	Ed Zavaski, Jr.	Wallingford, CT
March 22	Bill Gliwa	Lemont, IL	September 6	Linda Niewierowski	Chicago, IL
March 29	Rhonda Wiet	Palos Park, IL	September 13	Joan Pyzik	Berwyn, IL
April 5	Rob Czech	West Springfield, MA	September 20	Larry Stec	Wyandotte, MI
April 12	Frieda Mocny	Lockport, IL	September 27	Deborah Russo	Parma, OH
April 19	Richard F. Berkowicz	Justice, IL	October 4	Nancy Noltkamper	Cleveland, OH
April 26	Richard E. Leach	Milton, WI	October 11	Sidney Pearl	Chicago, IL
May 3	Rick Kunke	Minooka, IL	October 18	Stanley Zagorski	Countryside, IL
May 10	Helen Dec	Tinley Park, IL	October 25	Pamela Drust	Orland Park, IL
May 17	Sue Cosentino	Oak Lawn, IL	November 1	Andy Day	Elmhurst, IL
May 24	Susan Jurevis	Chicago, IL	November 8	Sandy Schuster	Minot, ND
May 31	Diane Bulanda	Oak Lawn, IL	November 15	Wally Maduzia	Lockport, IL
June 7	John Demerski	Bristol, CT	November 22	Richard Sendra	Orland Park, IL
June 14	Fred Kendzierski	Bridgewater, NJ	November 29	Jackie Koziel	Tinley Park, IL
			December 6	Edward Vatauk	Johnstown, PA
			December 13	Gerry Gorak	Orland Park, IL
			December 20	Eugene Kasproicz	Chicago, IL
			December 27	Bob Guyette	Webster, MA



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Polka Party

at Englewood Elks Lodge
401 N. Indiana Avenue, Englewood, FL.
Elks Lodge #: 941-474-1404

Saturday, February 6, 2016
5:00 pm to 9:00 p.m.
E.F.O. - Eddie Forman Orchestra
\$16.00 per ticket advanced – \$18.00 at door
Cash or Money Order
Doors and Kitchen Open at 4:30 p.m. - Food Available

Welcome New Members!

Kathy Weglicki
Jim Weglicki
Theresa Parker
Les Motyka
Norma Machay

Frank Stanger
Kyle Masiewicz

LIFETIME MEMBER:
Steven Sopko

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. Renew online at www.ipapolkas.com.

In Memoriam

The IPA extends their deepest sympathy to the family and friends of IPA member Diana Walk.

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

January 2:	Keith Pietranczyk
January 9:	Fred Kendzierski
January 16:	Mike Maduzia and Rick Rzeszutko
January 23:	Linda Niewierowski and Jerry Wantroba
January 30:	John Zelasko
February 6:	John & Christy Krawisz
February 13:	Bonnie Ryniec, Dennis Mikolajewski, and Dan & Laura Mateja
February 20:	Peter Danielczuk
February 27:	Ed Guca
March 5:	Keith Pietranczyk

WPNA Radio Shows DJ's

Sundays, 11:00-12 noon Central Time

1490 AM Chicago or online at

www.radiowpna.com

January 3:	Keith Pietranczyk
January 10:	Bonnie Ryniec, Dennis Mikolajewski, and Dan & Laura Mateja
January 17:	Mike Maduzia and Rick Rzeszutko
January 24:	Linda Niewierowski and Jerry Wantroba
January 31:	John & Christy Krawisz
February 7:	Keith Pietranczyk
February 14:	Bonnie Ryniec, Dennis Mikolajewski, and Dan & Laura Mateja
February 21:	Mike Maduzia and Rick Rzeszutko
February 28:	Linda Niewierowski and Jerry Wantroba
March 6:	John & Christy Krawisz

IPA Calendar of Events

- January 16: IPA Warm-Up Dance
- January 17: IPA Chicago Festival of Bands
- January 19: IPA General Member Meeting
Polonia Banquets—Chicago
- January 23: IPA Buffalo Festival of Polka
Bands—Cheektowaga, NY
- February 20: IPA Hall of Fame Benefit Dance
Ludlow, MA
- February 21: IPA Hall of Fame Benefit Dance
Ludlow, MA

Upcoming IPA Bus Trips

FESTIVAL OF FRIENDSHIP AND IPA BUS TRIP FOR LOL DANCE In Grand Rapids, Michigan Saturday, March 5, 2016

\$115 per person (Based on Double occupancy)

\$143 per person (Based on Single occupancy)

Includes:

- ❖ Deluxe Motor Coach
- ❖ Juice, Rolls, Refreshments, and Sandwiches on the Bus
- ❖ Refreshments and Sandwiches at the Hotel
- ❖ Overnight Stay at the Comfort Inn
- ❖ Admission to the Dance
- ❖ Breakfast at the Hotel

Music by:

Hip Pockets ❖ *Signal Point Band* ❖ *Gerry Kaminski's Polka*
Diddlestix ❖ *The Knewz* ❖ *Michigan Connection Reunion*
Phocus Polkas ❖ *Dynabrats* ❖ *Dynatones*

Bus departs Glendora at 9am and returns Sunday at 1:30pm

For reservations, call Dave at 312-315-2215

Deposit \$25 due at time of reservation

Balance DUE February 10th

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

KING OR DOUBLE BED: _____

ROOMING WITH: _____

SEND TO:

FESTIVAL OF FRIENDSHIP

4604 S. Archer Ave., Chicago, IL 60632

JOIN FESTIVAL OF FRIENDSHIP AND IPA FOR A TRIP TO Wyandotte, Michigan On Saturday, April 30th

\$130 per person (Based on Double occupancy)

\$170 per person (Based on Single occupancy)

Featuring Polka Country Musicians
Pan Franek and the Polka Towners

A Concertina Parade Tribute featuring:
Al Piatkowski, Lenny Gomulka, Ray Jarusinski,
Mitch Biskup, & Jackie Libera

Includes:

- ❖ Deluxe Motor Coach
- ❖ Juice, Rolls, Refreshments, and Sandwiches on the Bus
- ❖ Refreshments and Sandwiches at the Hotel
- ❖ Overnight Stay at the Comfort Suites
- ❖ Admission to the Dance
- ❖ Breakfast at the Hotel

Leave Glendora House at 9am and return Sunday at approx. 3pm

For reservations, call Dave at 312-315-2215

Deposit \$25 due at time of reservation

Balance DUE April 10th

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

KING OR DOUBLE BED: _____

ROOMING WITH: _____

SEND TO:

FESTIVAL OF FRIENDSHIP

4604 S. Archer Ave., Chicago, IL 60632

Did You Know?

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

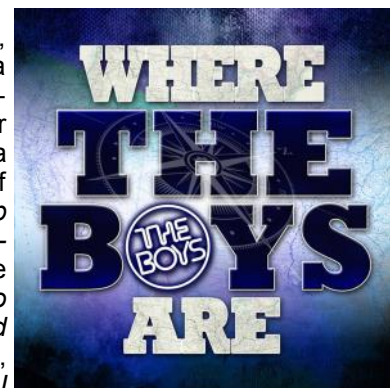
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Discover "Where The Boys Are" – The Boys' New Release

PRESS RELEASE: The Boys have announced the release of their brand new CD, **"Where The Boys Are,"** as of January 1, 2016. The 15 tracks on this album include a new, original composition, eight innovative arrangements, and six classic polka selections that exemplify the high-energy, signature sound of The Boys. Polka Hall of Famer Frank Liszka composed and sings his original: *Mary Jane*, a catchy, exuberant polka that instantly grabs the listener. He also rearranged and sings the powerful classics of *Blue Ohio Dreamer*, *Uphill Climb*, *I'm Gonna Live It Up*, *Love Of A Lifetime*, and *Stop The World and Let Me Off*. Frank's duet with Stacey Morris, the USPA's *Female Vocalist of the Year*, on *Love Makes the World Go Around* is really something special. The Boys' renditions of the *My Girl/Modern Girls Polka Medley*, *Where Did The Boys Go Oberek*, *Mr. Pan Polka* (featuring reed work by guest artist Eddie Siwiec), *Mom and Dad Know Best Waltz*, and *Flirting Polka* would have made Eddie Blazonczyk Sr., Li'l Wally, and Frank Wojnarowski mutually proud! Al Puwalski is featured on his arrangement of *I Don't Believe I'll Fall In Love Today*; while Mike Matousek sings his arrangement of *I'll Never Find Another You*. Last but not least, Dave Morris is featured on the fun and lively: *I Wish I Was A Millionaire Polka*. Throughout the album you'll hear harmonies sung by Frank, Al, Mike Evan, and Mike Matousek.



DJs and IJs interested in receiving a promotional copy of *Where The Boys Are* should send an email request to mike@TheBoysBand.com that provides their polka show name, call letters/Internet network, and mailing address. Polka fans can order the CD by sending an \$18 check, payable to "Mike Matousek" at 8372 Williamstowne Dr., Millersville, MD 21108. At last, you can discover *Where The Boys Are*!

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.

Joe Jozwiak Award Winner

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 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.

We are proud to announce this year's winner is Jill Czerniak Krzeszewski from Strongsville, Ohio. Jill has been a long-time polka supporter, promoter, former IPA director and president of the Cleveland Polka Association.

The award will be presented to Jill at the IPA Chicago Festival of Polka Bands. Please help us in congratulating Jill on this very well-deserved award.



IPA Birthdays



January

- 1: Jeanne Szela; Bill Gula
- 2: Cecilia Osysko, Eugene Sadus;
Stephen Binkiewicz; Wandzia Kaluzny,
Donna Ingot
- 3: Ernest Daigle; Kevin Kurdziel;
Dawn Rosinski; Adam Hembel
- 4: Jerry Fabian; Rick Kunkel
- 5: Nancy Szmyd; Kenny Konopka
- 6: John Freidhoff, Michele Troczynski
- 7: Suellen Gomulka; Candy Bonnin;
Erv Wisniewski; Stephen Kaminski
- 8: Laura Mateja
- 9: Jeff Yash
- 10: Pat Stanek; Debbie Jones; Les Motyka
- 11: Frank Liszka
- 12: Vince Ashman; Richie Dombrowski
- 13: Barbara Szydowski
- 14: Elaine Nowak; Stanley Raiczky;
Mike Cielecki
- 15: David Dobrzinski; Joseph Kubicar;
John Jaworski
- 17: DeeDee Ogradny; Al Piatkowski;
John C. Mikrut; Zachary Mikrut
- 18: Lucille Marsolek; Brian Kapka; Duane Mijal
- 19: Hayley Krawisz
- 20: Richard Tady; Martin Barty
- 21: Jeff Maroszek; Linda Niewierowski
- 22: Chet Dragon; Ann Marie Matousek;
Jim Pietrarczyk
- 23: Diane Pukal
- 24: Matt Wasielewski
- 25: Craig Marsolek; Walter Maduzia
- 26: Laura Bethke
- 28: Sharon Heiman; Ray Kanoza
- 29: Mary Anne Robinson
- 30: Chet Dombrowski
- 31: Richard Leach

February

- 1: Robert Guyette; Wanda Guca
- 2: Don Hedeker; Jody Maddie
- 5: Don Haderle; Fred Bulinski ;
Gene Mikolajewski
- 6: Richie Gomulka; Norbert Ciesla;
Tim Quinnell; Gerard Soliwoda
- 7: Eddie Biegaj
- 8: Barbara Haselow; Hank Kaliszewski;
Christine Kotowski; Edward Kutas
- 9: Evelyn Benbenek; Al Jelinek; Ron Zywiiciel
- 10: Fredolin Willfahrt; Frank Delaney
- 11: Lois Faber
- 12: Walter Groller; Mario Joseph Kozak
- 13: Gerry Kaminski; Ronald Lietz; Mike Fudalla
- 14: Jerry Hyzy, Fred Kendzierski;
- 15: Leonard Klamut; Frank Stetar
- 16: Irene Czajka; Lori Ebel; Chris Zelasko
- 18: James Sajkowicz; Linda Hurley;
Ken Foldenauer; Andy Koralewicz
- 19: Anna Borowski
- 20: Becky Livermore; Terry Popek; Linda Pezo;
Joseph Kapinos
- 22: Steve Rodgers; Sandy Mikrut;
Mary Koralewicz
- 23: Jerry Halkoski
- 24: Eddie Zavaski, Jr ; Frank Kutrowski
- 25: Trudie Mergen; Tim Jagodzinski;
Ashley Styczynski
- 26: Edward Pudlo; Jane Schultz;
Thaddeus Szymanski; Keith Werwas
- 27: Robert Fidler; Charlotte Tyk;
Dennis Mikolajewski

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

*12 Day Spring Tour***POLAND****2016***with Mitch Biskup & Lenny Gomulka*
experience the northern region...**May 20th - May 31st***Departing from New York, Chicago & Toronto***Warsaw • Gdansk • Sopot • Gdynia****Torun • Mazurian Lakes area****Kashubian region • Bialystok****3 nights in VILNIUS, LITHUANIA***For more information contact:***Mitch Biskup**
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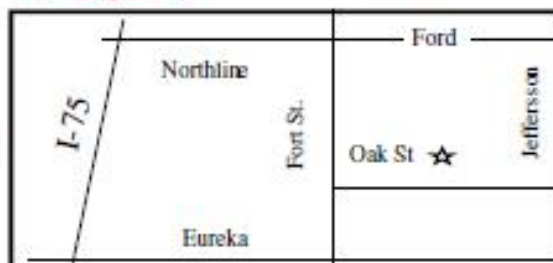
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