



# IPA Newsletter

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## A Letter From The President

I would like to invite everyone to attend the 48th annual International Polka Association Festival and Convention September 2-4 at the Millennium Hotel in Buffalo, New York. The officers and board of directors have spent many hours preparing for this annual event. We hope everyone has a fantastic time.

I would personally like to thank all of the officers, directors, and volunteers for their hard work and dedication to the IPA. Much of what you do goes unnoticed by most people; I thank you for everything you do for the IPA and polka music.

Thank you to the Hall of Fame committee: Fred Bulinski, Fred Kendzierski, and Mike Matousek. You make a difficult job look easy. Your dedication to the IPA is appreciated. You keep the election process fair and impartial.

Thank you to all of our fantastic DJs, IJs, and polka columnists. Every week, you promote polka music and polka events throughout the country. We could not be successful without your efforts.

Thank you to all of the polka bands and musicians who continue to perform and record the music we all love.

I would like to congratulate our new Hall of Fame class and music award winners. We are proud to recognize your talents and efforts on behalf of the polka music industry.

I think the biggest thank you goes out to all of you great polka fans. Your never-ending support and love of polka music is the main reason all of the polka organizations, polka promoters, and polka musicians continue to perform and run events throughout the country.

I ask all of you to continue to support the music we all love. Polka music needs each and every one of you to keep us moving forward. Support the polka organizations, polka promoters, polka bands, and polka media. By working together, we can achieve great things.

Thank You  
Rick Rzeszutko



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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.radiowpna.com](http://www.radiowpna.com). Each show features IPA officers and directors including Rick Rzeszutko, Linda Niewierowski, Laura Mateja, Mike Maduzia, Christy Krawisz, John Krawisz, 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](http://www.polkajammernetwork.org)

Please call 1-800-TO-POLKA if you are interesting in advertising on the IPA Radio Show. WE NEED SPONSORS!

## 48th Annual IPA Festival & Convention Details

It's almost here! The 48th Annual IPA Festival & Convention will be held Labor Day weekend at the Millennium Hotel, in Cheektowaga (Buffalo), New York. The festivities start at 2:30 PM Friday afternoon with music provided by **Five Officers & A Gentleman**. Can you figure out who the officers are? And who is the gentleman? Music begins in the hall at 7:00 PM with **Michael Costa & The Beat** and **John Gora & Gorale** providing the evening entertainment.

Saturday morning brings the 47th annual IPA Hall of Fame and Music Awards Banquet. Please help us in congratulating our newest Hall of Famers: Don Jodlowski, Stanley "Stas" Golonka, Dean Hansen, Richard Midura, and Carl Finch. Congratulations also to all the award winners chosen by the IPA electors. The courtyard and pool area will begin with music at 11:00 AM with Buffalo's own **Buffalo Concertina All Stars**. Continuous music begins at 4:30 PM in the hall with **IPA Tribute Band, The Boys, and The Knewz** alternating.

Polka Mass with **New Direction** begins the final day of the festival, followed by the annual convention meeting for IPA members. If you are interested in running for a position on the IPA board, please review the board requirements included in this newsletter. Back by popular demand, the Pro-Am Jam, spearheaded by IPA Hall of Famer Randy Koslosky, has been relocated to the courtyard this year for all friends and family to attend for FREE, beginning at 12:30 PM. Music moves to the hall at 2:00 PM with **Eddie Forman Orchestra, Lenny Gomulka & Chicago Push, Music Company, and Polka Country Musicians** helping to end the weekend with their outstanding musical talents.

Mark your calendars — the 2017 and 2018 festivals will once again be held at the Millennium Hotel in Buffalo. We thank you for your support!

### IPA Room Blocks - SOLD OUT!

We are excited to see many of our friends and IPA members at our festival. Both of our room blocks have been sold out. Select rooms are still available at the Millennium Hotel but at their rack rate.

PLEASE NOTE: if you are unable to attend the festival and have a room reserved at the Millennium, please call us at 800-TO-POLKA (800-857-6552) to make arrangements to have your room reassigned. Cancelled rooms will not be re-booked at the special IPA rates.

### Friday, September 4

2:30pm—5:30 pm	<i>Welcome Party with Five Officers &amp; A Gentleman</i>
7:00pm—8:00pm	Michael Costa & The Beat
8:00pm—9:00pm	John Gora & Gorale
9:00pm—10:00pm	Michael Costa & The Beat
10:00pm—11:00pm	John Gora & Gorale
11:00pm—12:00am	Michael Costa & The Beat
12:00am—1:00am	John Gora & Gorale

### Saturday, September 5

11:00am	<i>Hall of Fame &amp; Music Awards Banquet</i>
11:00am—3:00pm	<i>Pool Party with Buffalo Concertina All Stars</i>
4:30pm—5:30pm	IPA Tribute Band
5:30pm—6:30pm	The Boys
6:30pm—7:30pm	The Knewz
7:30pm—8:30pm	IPA Tribute Band
8:30pm—9:30pm	The Boys
9:30pm—10:30pm	The Knewz
10:30pm—11:30pm	IPA Tribute Band
11:30pm—12:30am	The Boys
12:30am—1:30am	The Knewz

### Sunday, September 6

10:00am	<i>Polka Mass with New Direction Band</i>
11:00am	<i>Annual Convention Meeting</i>
12:30pm—1:30pm	<i>Pro-Am Jam</i>
2:00pm—2:45pm	Eddie Forman Orchestra
2:45pm—3:30pm	Lenny Gomulka & Chicago Push
3:30pm—4:30pm	Eddie Forman Orchestra
4:30pm—5:30pm	Lenny Gomulka & Chicago Push
5:30pm—6:30pm	Eddie Forman Orchestra
6:30pm—7:30pm	Lenny Gomulka & Chicago Push
7:30pm—8:15pm	Music Company
8:15pm—9:00pm	Polka Country Musicians
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*(schedule subject to change)*

## 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 2016. Elections will be held Sunday, September 4, during the IPA Convention in Buffalo, New York.

**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 2nd 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:

- 2nd Vice President
- Financial Secretary
- Treasurer
- 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 Festival - 3-Day Passes

Three-day passes for the festival will only be available on Friday, September 2 at the door. Passes will be \$50 for the weekend and will be available at a specially designated table on Friday evening.

Daily admission prices:

Friday: \$15  
Saturday: \$20  
Sunday: \$20

## IPA Calendar Raffle Winners

Congratulations to the winners in the 2016 IPA calendar raffle. There still are many, many more chances for you to win \$100! If you haven't yet purchased a ticket, contact an IPA board member for your chance to win.

January 3	Mary Jo Pavilion	Palos Park, IL
January 10	Art Kalena	Hemet, CA
January 17	Ed Nicoski	Melrose Park, IL
January 24	Halle Sweis	Homer Glen, IL
January 31	Tom McGuire	Boswell, PA
February 7	Bev Lorek	Parma, OH
February 14	Mark Bushinski	Jackson, MI
February 21	Jenna Pearl	Park Ridge, IL
February 28	Alan Bush	Elmhurst, IL
March 6	Jean Nottoli	Orland Park, IL
March 13	Larry Stec	Wyandotte, MI
March 20	Ed Sienkowski	North Judson, IN
March 27	John Gembka	Depew, NY
April 3	Carolyn Baras	Eureka, MO
April 10	Cheryl Furmaniak	Bolingbrook, IL
April 17	Arlene Talbot	Fox Lake, IL
April 24	Ed Nicoski	Melrose Park, IL
May 1	Michael Skalecki	Mosinee, WI
May 8	Carol Kasproicz	Chicago, IL
May 15	Dave Raccis	Wilbraham, MA
May 22	Nancy Szmyd	Glen Ellyn, IL
May 29	Ruth Lietz	Mosinee, WI
June 5	Myna Sadowski	Seven Fields, PA
June 12	Gary Zepka	Green Bay, WI
June 19	Michael Rozegnal	Grand Rapids, MI
June 26	Raymond Skorka	Emerson, NJ
July 3	Judy Krason	Clarendon Hills, IL
July 10	Joseph Kubicar	Pittsburgh, PA
July 17	Jacob Sweis	Homer Glen, IL
July 24	John Tokarz	Chicago, IL
July 31	Richard Sendra	Orland Park, IL
August 7	Joe Kalinowski	Holden, MA
August 14	Steve Smith	Wylie, TX
August 21	Andy (Day) Dziagwa	Elmhurst, IL
August 28	Richard Sendra	Orland Park, IL

## IPA Festival - Raffle Tickets

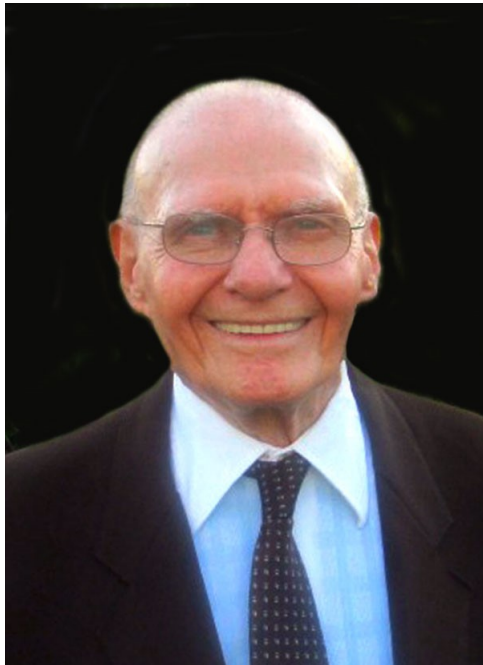
The IPA will be holding a raffle drawing during the festival and convention. Tickets are \$1 each or a book of 6 for \$5. Raffle tickets were mailed in a separate mailing last month and can be returned at the festival if not already returned. Additional tickets will also be available for purchase at the festival.

Drawing will be held Sunday evening, September 4.

Prizes include:

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

## IPA Polka Hall of Fame Inductees

Richard Midura  
Pioneer Category

Richard Midura was born on August 12, 1935 in Chicopee, MA. Known as the “Pioneer of Polka Clarinet Improvisation” by his peers, he lent his smooth clarinet and saxophone mastery to the live performances and recordings of the most prominent eastern-style polka bands of his day. Richard’s unique playing style influenced generations of polka clarinetists. Over his career he toured with Ed Swierand’s Aristocrats, Al Soyka, and Gene Wisniewski, and performed and recorded with Eddie Siwicki, Al Cocoa, Walt Solek, Ray Henry, and the Connecticut Twins. On June 7, 1956, Richard appeared on national television performing the “Clarinet Polka” on *The Ed Sullivan Show*. Later in life, he helped raise money for polka broadcasting by hosting radio shows on WMUA in Massachusetts.

For his many accomplishments in the polka industry, Richard Midura has been deemed deserving by the electorate of the International Polka Association for induction into the Polka Music Hall of Fame®.

Don Jodlowski  
Deceased Category

Don Jodlowski was born on August 30, 1940 into a musical family that lived on the southwest side of Chicago, IL. His family’s love for polka music inspired him to take drum lessons at a young age. Don developed his skills so that by the 1960s he was drumming with bands that included Joe “Pat” Paterek, Johnny Bomba, Li’l Richard Towalski, Li’l Wally Jagiello, The Ampol Aires, and Frankie Yankovic. He was the regular drummer for the Polkaliers, who recorded an album on Marion Lush’s Dyno label, and the leader of the Vibrasounds, who recorded “Polka Magic” on Eddie Blazonczyk’s Bel-Aire label. In 1968, Don teamed up with Eddie Blazonczyk, Johnny Hyzny, Leon Kozicki, and Joe & Jean Salomon to form the International Polka Association. He held various offices on the executive board over many years. In the 1970s, Don co-hosted the “Don and Don” and “Polkarama” radio shows.

For his many accomplishments in the polka industry, Don Jodlowski has been deemed deserving by the electorate of the International Polka Association for induction into the Polka Music Hall of Fame®.



## IPA Polka Hall of Fame Inductees

Carl Finch  
Living Category

Carl Finch was born in Texarkana, TX on November 29, 1951. He began performing at the early age of 4 years old by singing in church choirs and later spent his high school years forming and playing in rock bands in northeast Texas. Carl minored in music at University of North Texas and formed Brave Combo in Denton, TX in 1979. This began a 35-year legacy of playing original and innovating arrangements of music that incorporated diverse dance styles including polka, Latin American, and Caribbean. The band was nominated for GRAMMY awards seven times, winning twice in 1999 and 2004 and had its music featured in various movies and television programs. An animated version of Brave Combo was even featured in an episode of the acclaimed TV series, *The Simpsons*. A renowned guitarist, keyboardist, accordionist, vocalist, recording artist, record producer, and bandleader, Carl Finch has enjoyed a remarkable music career.

For his many accomplishments in the polka industry, Carl Finch has been deemed deserving by the electorate of the International Polka Association for induction into the Polka Music Hall of Fame®.

Dean Hansen  
Living Category

Dean Hansen was born in Ithaca, NE in April of 1933 into a farming family of German ancestry. He was stricken with polio at the age of four and suffered paralysis of his right leg. Fearing his condition would prevent Dean from ever farming, his parents introduced him to music by buying him an accordion. After several surgeries he was able to walk and take music lessons from various teachers including Fritz Poppe, who influenced Dean's distinctive style. He quickly developed his skills and went on to tour with the Herb Molter Polka Band in 1951, The Sparta Band in 1953, and The Eddie Janak Band in 1958. In 1971, Dean joined the Ernie Kucera Band and recorded several albums. In 1979, Dean formed a family band with his children and other skilled musicians. His musical excellence and reputation as an exceptional bandleader resulted in his induction into the Sokol Omaha Polka Hall of Fame in 1989.

For his many accomplishments in the polka industry, Dean Hansen has been deemed deserving by the electorate of the International Polka Association for induction into the Polka Music Hall of Fame®.

## IPA Polka Hall of Fame Inductee

## Leon Kozicki Award

Stanley "Stas" Golonka  
Living Category

Stanley "Stas" Golonka was born in 1944 into a Polish family in Chicago. He was raised in a Polish neighborhood, attended a Polish school, and listened regularly to Polish radio programs. Inspired by the music of Li'l Wally, Stas developed his vocal and drumming skills and formed his first band, The Polka Diamonds, in the late 1950s. After his return from service in the U.S. Army in 1967, Stas resumed his musical career and performed with polka greats that included Li'l Wally and Marion Lush. In the late 1970s, he formed his most well-known band, The Chicago Masters. The group went on to tour nationally and record nine albums where Stas' Dean Martin-like vocals and energetic rhythms helped him become known as "The King of Honky." His music achieved national acclaim by being included on a compilation recording called "Deeper Polka," produced by the Smithsonian Institute.

For his many accomplishments in the polka industry, Stanley "Stas" Golonka has been deemed deserving by the electorate of the International Polka Association for induction into the Polka Music Hall of Fame®.

## Eric Parks



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 an 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."

This year's recipient of the Leon Kozicki Trustees Award is Eric Parks. Eric has been a member of the Jimmy Sturr Orchestra for over 40 years. During that time he was the leader of the Jazz Knights at West Point. He served in the military for 20 years. He retired as a Sgt. Major. He has recorded over 100 of albums with the Jimmy Sturr Orchestra as the lead trumpet player and trumpet soloist. Eric continues in music today as a music teacher in upstate New York. His contributions and accomplishments in the polka industry have set the standards for excellence very high.

## IPA Hall of Famer David "Scrubby" Seweryniak Passes

An explosive entertainer, polka dynamite, and charged with TNT describes one of the 1994 Polka Music Hall of Fames inductees. Born on the Fourth of July and growing up on the East Side of Buffalo, known as the city's Polonia, "Scrubby" was exposed to polka music at a very early age.

When he was six he started to play the accordion, first by ear, then with formal lessons. Later in his early teens, he went to see Li'l Wally perform. He was in awe with the performance he had given to the crowd at a local dance, his vocals and concertina and the Chicago style of music was something to which he had taken affection. At age sixteen, he started to play the concertina, and that has been his main instrument for over thirty years.

Back in 1965, Scrubby formed his own band known as the Dave Seweryniak Trio. In 1968 he was introduced to Larry Trojak, who at the time was the leader of Buffalo's Casino's. That same year, Scrubby joined Larry's band and the name was changed to Larry Trojak's Dynatones. In 1970, Larry was called to the service, and Scrubby took over leadership of the band and led the band for 20 years.



Throughout his polka career, Scrubby & The Dynatones have won numerous awards from The IPA, USPA, Disc-Jockey's and others to name a few. Scrubby has been decorated with many male vocalists awards through the years. In 1992 their album entitled "When the Band Plays a Polka" was nominated by NARAS to receive the prestigious Grammy Award. For a brief period of time (1985-87), Scrubby was a member of the Sunshine Polka Band. The group has recorded several albums.

His performances on stage from the donning of a muumuu, to a Dracula Cape have been unequaled by anyone in the polka field. Scrubby credits Liberace with his costume antics on stage, remarking "Let me slip into something a little more comfortable." His love for polka music not only consisted of playing and singing, but also to help form the Buffalo Polka Boosters, which celebrated 25 years in 1995.

In addition, he has always been active in the promotion of, and willing to lend a helping hand to, many in the industry. His wish is to continue to make contributions to the polka industry, either by performing on stage or behind the scenes. He also hopes to expose more and more younger people into the wonderful world of polka music, either by becoming musicians or promoting polkas as an enthusiastic way of life.

In August, 1994, his buddy, Larry Trojak, and many of his friends and family from the Buffalo area were on hand to see the one, the only, "Scrubby" inducted into polka music's elite group. The International Polka Association's Polka Music Hall of Fame welcomed its newest member, Dave "Scrubby" Seweryniak.

Scrubby passed away on July 22 after a lengthy, courageous battle with cancer.

IPA Hall of Fame bio: <http://www.ipapolkas.com/blog/otw-portfolio/dave-scrubby-seweryniak-living-category-inducted-1994/>

### IPA 50th Anniversary

In preparation for our 50th anniversary in 2018, we are looking for photos from IPA events throughout the years. Please help us by submitting your photos of your experiences at IPA events. Any help you can give us would be greatly appreciated.

You can scan and email them to [christy-ipa@sbcglobal.net](mailto:christy-ipa@sbcglobal.net) or mail a copy that will not be returned to: IPA 50th Anniversary Photos; PO Box 1484; Plainfield, IL 60585.

### IPA January Dance - Raffles

January is National Polka Month, and the IPA will be hosting its 48th annual Chicago Festival of Polka Bands once again. We are asking for donations for our raffle table at this event.

If you are interested in making a donation, please email [christy-ipa@sbcglobal.net](mailto:christy-ipa@sbcglobal.net) or call at 630-204-1793. Your help is greatly appreciated.



## 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](http://www.polkajammernetwork.org)

September 3: Ed Guca  
September 10: Keith Pietranczyk  
September 17: Freddy "K" Kendzierski

### WPNA Radio Shows DJ's

Sundays, 11:00-12 noon Central Time

1490 AM Chicago or online at

[www.radiowpna.com](http://www.radiowpna.com)

September 4: Keith Pietranczyk  
September 11: Bonnie Ryniec, Dennis Mikolajewski,  
Dan & Laura Mateja  
September 18: Mike Maduzia and Rick Rzeszutko

## Welcome New Members!



Henry Sokolowski (PA)	Ron Rotenski (KS)
Chase Stanczewski (NY)	Alan Pala (IL)
Logan Stanczewski (NY)	Nicholas Sancomb (WI)
Gerald Hanyzewski (IL)	Matthew Kasprzyk (MI)
Tim Okrzesik (IL)	Sharon Claye (MI)
Gintare Okrzesik (IL)	
A. J. Okrzesik (IL)	<b>LIFETIME MEMBER:</b>
Paulina Zielinski (IL)	Chester Sterczek (IL)
Chris Turecek (CT)	Thomas Lewandowski (IN)
John Sakal (NY)	Ken Yagelski (VA)
Robert Cynor (WI)	

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](http://www.ipapolkas.com).

## IPA Picnic Photos



## IPA Fall Dance

### Sunday, October 23


### 2:00 - 6:00 PM

### Glendora Banquets

### 10225 S. Harlem Avenue - Chicago Ridge, IL

**Admission: \$15 at the door**

For more information, visit  
[ipapolkas.com](http://ipapolkas.com) or  
[facebook.com/ipapolkas](https://www.facebook.com/ipapolkas)



## Thank You

Dear International Polka Association,

On behalf of the board of trustees, staff and our patients, I would like to thank you for your thoughtful gift of \$50.00 in memory of David "Scrubby" Seweryniak. We are most appreciative of your kindness.


As one of Western New York's most prominent community focused health organizations, we are dedicated to caring and supporting all people facing a serious illness. Since 1978, we have cared for almost 70,000 patients and their loved ones throughout Erie County. We believe that treating people holistically in whatever setting they choose is the best approach to care.

Thank you again for your thoughtful support. Your contribution is an essential ingredient in preserving the compassionate care of Hospice, and for this we are very grateful. As our increased efforts in the community perpetuate, we hope we can continue to depend on your support.

Sincerely,

Patrick T. Flynn  
 President  
 Hospice Foundation of WNY


## POLKA PARTY



Date: Saturday, February 11, 2017

Time: 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Place: Englewood Elks Lodge  
 401 N. Indiana Avenue  
 Englewood, FL  
 Phone: 941-474-1404



Info: \$16.00 per ticket in advance -- \$18.00 at the door  
 \*\*Cash or money order only\*\*

Doors and Kitchen open at 4:30 pm - Food available

## Thank You

Thank you to the following members for their monetary donations:

Stanley & Natalie Szufnarowski  
 Joan Ogrodnik  
 Dave Mac Murray  
 Earnie Boyd  
 Bud Beyer

## Mark Your Calendars!

We hope to see you at our upcoming IPA events throughout the country:

September 2-4: IPA Festival & Convention  
 Millennium Hotel—Buffalo, NY  
 October 23: IPA Dance with The Boys  
 Glendora Banquets;  
 Chicago Ridge, IL  
 January 14-15: IPA Chicago Festival of Polka  
 Bands  
 March 11-12: IPA Benefit Dance; Ludlow, MA



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# IPA Birthdays



## September

- 1: John Prytko, Jr.; Greg Butch; Rosanna Kutas
- 2: Allen Bassel; Mike Evan; Lorraine Ciesla; John Mikrut
- 3: David Strok;
- 4: Ken Pienta; Gerald Ladosky
- 5: John Krawisz; Emigene Lahucik
- 6: Susan Jurevis; Jim Brado; Rich Zebrowski
- 7: Jeanne Henderson
- 8: Daniel Nawrot; Brad Turk; Hilda Ellis; William Antonowicz; Gerald Hanyzewski
- 9: John Mikos
- 10: Jeffrey Guyette
- 11: Lori Urbanczyk; Gilbert Skudlarczyk; Sharon Creman; Mary Jean Sweeney; Elizabeth Putz
- 12: Richard Berkowicz; Rich "Sudzy" Cerajewski; Julie Gebhardt; Ronald Gregg
- 13: Ania Piwowarczyk; David Bonczkiewicz; Eileen Daniloff; Cary Haraburda
- 14: Butchie Jasiewicz ; Eugene Thoms; Robert Cynor, Jr.; Jim Miller
- 15: Rob Piatkowski; Deb DePont; Joe Bosch; Gerrie Barsukiewicz; Joyce Bohuslav
- 16: Dave Gajda; Lenny Gomulka; Natale Lucas, II
- 17: John Borkowski; Geri Fornek
- 18: Kenneth Larson; Dan Mateja; Stanley Mikrut
- 19: Stanley Szczspomik; Paul Pietrucha
- 20: Judy Rosinski
- 21: Val Szymanski; Greg Skibiski
- 22: John Paczkowski, Jr., Shirley Sains
- 23: Ted Kiewicz
- 24: Louis Aidinovich; Eddie Sienkowski; Donna Cotrupe; William Howard; William Michael Machacek
- 25: Kevin Kwiatkowski; Joseph Ryndak
- 26: Ed Haynack; Dan Czerniak; Bob Wolinski
- 27: Mike Nowakowski
- 28: Lori Young
- 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
- 3: Mike Rozegnal
- 4: Karen Hudy; Kayla Rosinski; Jean Pala; 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; Dave Morris; Keith Stras; Barb Benkowski; Lynn Chwojdak
- 10: Trudy Patek
- 11: Marie Jagiella; James Krzeszewski
- 12: Therese Bruzdziński
- 13: Jake Mikrut; Steven Harris; Mike Charney
- 14: Gene Swick; Dwayne Morawa
- 15: Michael Ziemiński
- 16: Dawn Mikrut Bartolini; Andrew Makarewicz
- 17: Christy Krawisz; Dennis Trina; Alice Szczur
- 19: Tish Blazonczyk; Ed Tylka; Floyd Grocholski; Carolyn Machelski
- 20: John Punola
- 21: Alan Pala
- 22: Bernice Baniewicz; Arthur Larson
- 23: Patricia Walker; Arnold Checkalski; Chris Hedrich; Mona Kaminski
- 24: Peggy Kidwiler
- 25: Denise Finan; Henry Lewandowski; Randy Koslosky
- 26: Brent Iskra
- 27: Linda Lee Brown;
- 28: Victor Merinsky
- 29: David Walter; Paul Raczkowski
- 31: Kaila Blaskowski

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