



IPA Newsletter

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A Letter From The President

Greetings,

I would like to thank everyone who came to Buffalo, Labor Day Weekend for the IPA Festival. What a great time we had. Thank You to all of the IPA officers, directors and volunteers who helped make it a great success. Thank you to all of you polka fans who attended and helped add to the fun and excitement. We will be back next year— same place, same weekend for hopefully an even bigger and better festival. We are working on the band lineup and finalizing all of the details.

Thank you to The Boys who did a fantastic job at our dance on October 23. I hope everyone had a great time.

Make plans now to attend our “January is National Polka Month” weekend. On Saturday January 14, 2017, Our Warm-Up Dance will be at Polonia Banquets, featuring Lenny Gomulka and Chicago Push making their first Chicagoland appearance in over two years. Sunday January 15, 2017 our annual Chicago Festival of Polka Bands will be at Glendora Banquets. I hope you can join us for some hot polka music to warm you up in the middle of winter.

The holidays are right around the corner. I hope everyone has a blessed Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy new year.

God Bless,
Rick



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We would also like to thank Director Mike Maduzia (IL) for his contributions during his 2-year term of service.

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If you would like your newsletter emailed to you, please send an email to christy-ipa@sbcglobal.net.

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

**IPA RADIO SHOW**

Don't forget to listen to the IPA Radio Show on Sundays, 11:00 a.m.—12 noon Central Time on WPNA (1490 AM) in Chicago or via the internet at www.radiowpna.com. Each show features IPA officers and directors including Rick Rzeszutko, Linda Niewierowski, Laura Mateja, 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

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

Join the International Polka Association

As We Celebrate January Being "National Polka Month"

Festival of Bands - Warm Up Dance

Saturday, January 14th, 2017



Music by:
**Lenny Gomulka
 & The Chicago Push**
 (First Chicago Appearance In Over Two Years!)



Polonia Banquets – 4604 S. Archer Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
 Doors Open at 5:00 PM – Music 6:00 PM – 10:00 PM
 Admission \$15.00 at the door* – Polonia's Kitchen will be open!

48th Annual Chicago Festival of Polka Bands

Sunday, January 15th, 2017

Featuring 9 Top Polka Bands:

Keith Stras & Polka Confetti

**Lenny Zielinski's
 D-Street Band**

Freeze Dried**IPA Tribute Band**

Jim Polaski and The Chicago NuTones
 – a tribute to the Johnny Bomba Orchestra

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

Polka Generations

**Gennie O &
 The Windy City Brass**

Tri-City Drive**The Music Company**

***Special 2-Day Pass for only \$25.00 at the door!**

For information and tickets, call the IPA at 1-800-TO-POLKA
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12th Annual IPA Benefit Dance

Ludlow PACC, 355 East Street, Ludlow, Mass 01056

Saturday, March 11, 2017

7pm to 11pm

Featuring

THE BOYS

Sunday, March 12, 2017

2pm to 7pm

Honoring the Music of New Hall of Fame Inductees

Richie Midura (Connecticut Twins)

And

Stas GolonkaMusic By: **Lenny Gomulka's Chicago Push****Dennis Polisky & The Maestro's Men****Eddie Forman Orchestra****ADVANCE TICKETS ONLY**

No Tickets Held at the Door

Tickets are NOT REFUNDABLE

Saturday \$15 pp

Sunday \$20 pp

For Tickets Call Linda "K" 908-963-0890

Send Check and Self-Addressed Stamped Envelope to:

Linda Kendzierski

50 Totten Drive

Bridgewater, NJ 08807

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 \$125 p/n Code: IPA 2017

We hope you can join us for two upcoming IPA events. The first takes place January 14-15 in the Chicago area. Lenny Gomulka & Chicago Push will be making their first appearance in the Chicagoland area in over two years on Saturday, January 14 at Polonia Banquets. The fun then continues on Sunday, January 15 at Glendora Banquets as nine top Chicago-area polka bands will be performing for your entertainment. Two-day passes will be available for purchase at the door only on Saturday, January 14.

Coming up in March is the 12th annual IPA Benefit Dance in Ludlow, Massachusetts. This benefit dance has raised over \$62,000 since its inception. Saturday, March 11 will include music from The Boys. Sunday, March 12 will be honoring the music of two of our 2016 Hall of Fame inductees, Richie Midura, and Stas Golonka with music provided by Lenny Gomulka & Chicago Push, Dennis Polisky & The Maestro's Men, and the Eddie Forman Orchestra. Tickets MUST be purchased in advance, as this event has sold out nearly every year. See above right flyer for ticket information.

We thank you for your continued support of the International Polka Association, and we look forward to seeing you at one or both of these upcoming events.

Don Jodlowski IPA Hall of Fame Presentation

Don Jodlowski was inducted into the IPA Polka Music Hall of Fame this past September in the deceased category. Keith was presented with his father's plaque and diamond-encrusted pin at the IPA Dance in Chicago on Sunday, October 23.



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 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 or call at 630-204-1793. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Glendora Celebrates 25 Years



President Rick Rzeszutko and IPA board members presented the Bielanski family with a certificate of appreciation recognizing Glendora Banquets in Chicago Ridge, IL on their 25 years of operation and support of polka music and the International Polka Association. Congratulations, and thank you for your support!

IPA Festival - Raffle Winners

The IPA held a raffle drawing during the festival and convention. Congratulations to the following winners:

First Prize—\$300: Ernie Daigle, Chicopee, MA
 Second Prize—\$150: Walter Berkowicz, Palos Park, IL
 Third Prize—\$100: Lauren Burns, Chicago Ridge, IL
 Fourth Prize—\$50: Thomas Zimbowski, Sunderland, MA

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
September 4	Al Meilutis	Rochester, NY
September 11	Joseph Kubicar	Pittsburgh, PA
September 18	Diane Bulanda	Palos Hills, IL
September 25	Frank Mielneczek	Mauston, WI
October 2	Barbara Lubas	Reading, PA
October 9	Debbie Baye	Northampton, MA
October 16	Dennis Mikolajewski	Lansing, IL
October 23	Judy Krason	Clarendon Hills, IL
October 30	Richie Trentacoste	Orland Park, IL
November 6	Dennis Zielinski	Mosinee, WI
November 13	David Ulczycki	Chicago, IL
November 20	Carolyn Machelski	Depew, NY
November 27	Pat Stanek	Chicago, IL
December 4	John Mikrut Sr.	Oak Lawn, IL
December 11	Kevin Cornnell	West Allis, WI
December 18	Wally Nowak	Ware, MA
December 25	Jim "Wigs" Weglicki	Portland, ME

IPA 2016 Polka Music Awards Notice

Polka Recording Companies and Artists Must Submit Nominations by January 14, 2017

The International Polka Association is preparing to conduct the balloting for the annual Polka Music Awards that will determine the *Favorite Polish Polka Album*, *Favorite International Polka Album*, *Favorite Polish Polka Song*, *Favorite International Polka Song*, *Favorite Male Vocalist*, *Favorite Female Vocalist*, and *Favorite Band* for 2016. Note that the *Favorite International Polka Song* is a new award that recognizes a deserving song from the non-Polish styles such as Slovenian, Czech, German, Dutchmen, etc. Last year, the *Favorite International Polka Album* was added to the list of prestigious awards for 2015.

To ensure all qualified recordings and artists are included on the ballot, recording companies and polka artists must download, complete, and submit the IPA Polka Music Awards Affidavit found on the IPA web site at www.ipapolkas.com. The document is located under the "Hall of Fame/Awards" tab. A physical recording in compact disc (CD) format must accompany the affidavit and mailed to: IPA Polka Music Awards, P.O. Box 91, Dover, DE 19903 postmarked by January 14, 2017. The completed affidavit may also be scanned and emailed to: ipahalloffame@gmail.com, but the CD must still be submitted even if the recording was digitally released. Please note that only recordings released between January 1 and December 31, 2016 are eligible for the *Favorite Polish Polka Album*, *Favorite International Polka Album*, and their respective *Favorite Song* awards. Eligible recording companies and artists may nominate one song for *Favorite Song* award consideration from each released recording. Recordings released in previous years are not eligible, even if re-released as part of a new compilation album.

Prompt action is vital to ensure deserving polka recordings and artists are properly recognized for the good of the entire polka industry. Any questions concerning this process should be directed to Fred Bulinski at ipahalloffame@gmail.com or (443) 956-3087.

IPA Polka Music Hall of Fame Nominations

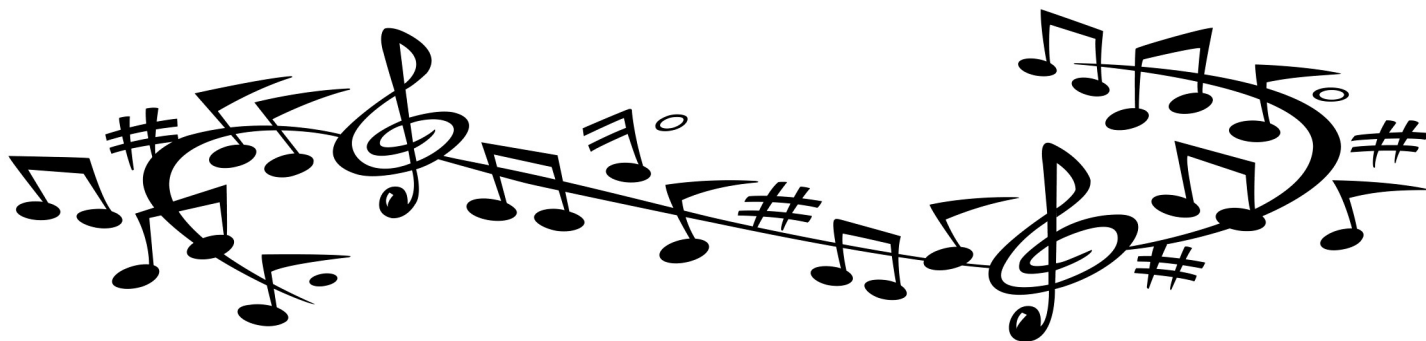
Those who desire to nominate themselves or other candidates for IPA Polka Hall of Fame induction consideration must provide a biography of the nominee, not to exceed two single-spaced pages. This biography must also accompany a completed IPA Polka Hall of Fame Nomination Form. The form can be found at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



Joe Jozwiak Special Achievement Award

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

Special Achievement Award Winners	Joe Jozwiak Special Achievement Award Winners	
1982—Joe Stuzik, MA	1990—Ann Stanko, CT	2003—Peter Hycyk
1983—Joe & Wanda Marcissuk, MI	1991—Stella Rojak, FL	2004—Gilbert Skudlarczyk, IL
1984—Chuck & Marge Machay, IL	1992—Peter & Florence Hycyk, IL	2005—Harriet Koziol, Bea Zawada and Stephanie McCracken, IL
1985—Tony & Nancy Jankowski, PA	1993—Virginia Seretny, CT	2006—David Ulczycki, IL
1986—Versatones Fan Club, IL	1994—Keith Stras, IL	2007—Peter Danielczuk, CT
1987—Rose Marie Tynski, IL	1995—Carol Rohwetter, MI	2008—Jerry Wantroba, IL
1988— <i>unknown</i>	1996—Martha Adamus, IL	2009—Carol Trzebiatowski, IL
1989— <i>unknown</i>	1997—Emily Richards, IL/FL	2010—Helen Szubzda Curtin, MA
	1998— <i>unknown</i>	2011—Linda Niewierowski, IL
	1999— <i>unknown</i>	2012—Ed Szela, MA
	2000—Eugene “Gene” Swick, CA	2013—Gilbert “Gil” Ziemiński, MD
	2001—Dianne Rogodzinski Winiarz, MA	2014—Steve Litwin, NY
	2002—Kenneth Gill, IL	2015—Todd Zaganiacz, MA
		2016—Jill Czerniak, OH



Joe Jozwiak Special Achievement Award Nominee

Honoree Name: _____

Signature of Member: _____

Address: _____

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

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

PLEASE REMEMBER:

**This form is only for
nominations.**

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

Joe Jozwiak Special Achievement Award

Those already nominated include:

It's that time of year again to get your nominations in for the annual Joe Jozwiak Special Achievement Award. How did this award get started? Who does this award honor?

Many years ago, the late Joseph Jozwiak, a director of the IPA, made a suggestion that an award be bestowed upon an individual or group of individuals who have made a significant contribution or endeavor to enhance the promotion of polka music. After much discussion, the International Polka Association (IPA) voted to honor those worthy individuals with the establishment of the Special Achievement Award. To pay tribute to Joe Jozwiak, following his passing, this award was renamed the Joe Jozwiak Special Achievement Award.

Members of the IPA are invited to send in their nominations to recognize polka personalities who might not otherwise be acknowledged for their dauntless contributions. Nominees can include DJs, polka writers, promoters, ballroom operators, etc. **Bands and musicians are excluded.**

To submit a nomination, complete the form below, include a short biography of the nominees' accomplishments that qualify him or her for this award and mail it to: Joe Jozwiak Special Achievement Award, c/o IPA; PO Box 57758; Chicago, IL 60657. Nominations **MUST** be received **NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 1.** The IPA Board of Directors and Officers will then determine a winner.

Laura Bethke, Past IPA Financial Secretary, Newsletter Editor, the Minnesota State Assistant to Polka Music Festival from the Hall of Fame Chairman, State of Minnesota.

Award Winning Writer and guest DJ, from the State of Illinois.

Ernest Daigle, DJ, Promoter and Director of PACC in Ludlow, MA from the State of Massachusetts.

Fran Fierst, Polka Promoter from the state of New Jersey, presenting many polka week-ends.

Stas Golembowski, producer of public access TV program "Polka Time with Stas and Annie" from the state of Rhode Island.

Thomas & Shirley Kalinowski, Polka Promoter and DJ from the state of Maryland.

Butch & Mary Kotowski, Dance instructors from the state of Maryland.

Dave Magdalik, DJ & Polka promoter from the state of Florida.

Julianne Mossak, Promoter and Chair for the Minnesota State Polka Festival from the State of Minnesota.

Harold Otto, DJ & Chairman of Pulaski Polka Days from the state of Wisconsin.

Eddie Ostry, DJ/IJ and polka promoter from Cleveland, Ohio.

Trudy Patek, President of the Versatones Polka Fan Club of Chicago from the state of Illinois.

John Piotrowski, Polka promoter from the state of Illinois.

Helen Ptak, Polka promoter from the state of Connecticut.

John Rivard, Editor and producer of The Texas Polka News from the state of Texas.

Stan Wilgocki, DJ and promotions for Polish New Castle Radio, polka promoter from New York.

Mark Your Calendars!

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

January 14-15: IPA Chicago Festival of Polka Bands

March 11-12: IPA Benefit Dance; Ludlow, MA

International Polka Association Statement of Financial Position Cash Basis as of May 31, 2016

Total Revenues	\$70,027.00
Total Expenses	\$55,878.00
Change in Net Assets	\$14,149.00

IPA Events – Profit and Loss Statement

2015 Festival and Convention	\$4,269.68 (Profit)
2015 Christmas Party	\$-1,032.00 (Loss)
2016 January Festival Warm Up Dance	\$1,702.00 (Profit)
IPA Festival of Bands	\$1,431.00 (Profit)
IPA Benefit Weekend; Ludlow, MA (This Event has raised \$62,366.40 total to date.)	\$6,246.33 (Profit)
IPA Benefit Dance; Buffalo, NY	\$3,516.00 (Profit)
IPA/Let's Polka USA Unity Dance (This amount was split between the two clubs.)	\$1,609.00 (Profit)

Helen "Zosia" Tomsic Obituary



Helen Tomsic (Dudek) aka "Zosia" went to heaven on April 18, 2016 at age 96. Born in Chicago in 1920, she lived in the Brighton Park area for 65 years. She worked for the Chicago Park District as supervisor at several parks. She also sang the national anthem for dedications all over the city. As "Zosia" she had an International Polka hour radio show and was on WGN 4 times a year. She sang with many polka groups around the city and is featured on 2 polka CD's — "Picnic Polkas" and "Polka All Stars". She is especially remembered for the song she made famous, "Zosia Polka." In 1977 she was recipient of the Antonina Blazonczyk award. She moved to San Diego, CA in 1987 to be near her daughter JoEllen and son-in-law Jim LaRue and two grandchildren. She is at rest with husband Joseph in Resurrection Cemetery.

Happy Holidays!



IPA Radio Shows

Don't forget! The IPA broadcasts two weekly polka shows, and both are available to listen to online. Below is the tentative schedule of IPA directors and officers hosting the shows. (DJs/IJs and broadcast times are subject to change.)

Polka Jammer IJs

Saturdays 4:00-5:00 PM, Central Time

www.polkajammernetwork.org

November 12:	Ed Guca
November 19:	Freddy "K" Kendzierski
November 26:	TBA
December 3:	Linda Niewierowski and Jerry Wantroba
December 10:	John & Christy Krawisz
December 17:	Keith Pietranczyk
December 24:	Dan & Laura Mateja and Dennis Mikolajewski
December 31:	Bonnie Ryniec and Rick Rzeszutko

WPNA Radio Shows DJ's

Sundays, 11:00-12 noon Central Time

1490 AM Chicago or online at

www.radiowpna.com

November 13:	Keith Pietranczyk
November 20:	Dan & Laura Mateja and Dennis Mikolajewski
November 27:	Bonnie Ryniec and Rick Rzeszutko
December 4:	Linda Niewierowski and Jerry Wantroba
December 11:	John & Christy Krawisz
December 18:	Keith Pietranczyk
December 25:	Dan & Laura Mateja and Dennis Mikolajewski
January 1:	Bonnie Ryniec and Rick Rzeszutko

Thank You

Thank you to the following members for their monetary donations:

Ed & Rosanna Kutas (Polish Villa II; Buffalo, NY)
Ted Jedrzewicz

Welcome New Members!

Renda Pietrkiewicz, MI	John Davis, OH
Ken Houston, IN	Carol Prushinski, FL
Gina Monteleone, IL	Andrew Kuczmariski, NY
Adam Hembel, WI	Michael Suchecki, NY
Julie Misek, MI	John Cieplik, MA
Douglas Glon, IN	Stas Golonka, IL
Bob Houston, FL	Casey Kliszak, NY
Mike Marek, OH	Debbie Rymanowski, NY
Marie Marek, OH	Jerry Rymanowski, NY
Dale Cribbins, MI	Lori Lewandowski, IL
Peter Hyczyk, IL	Bill Dobrucki, NY
Mary Alice Pavey, IN	Ed Kutas, NY
John Lesniewski, NY	Rosanna Kutas, NY
Jon Peters, IL	Jessica Agin, IL
Diane Kapka, IL	Christina Curley, NY
Lenny Kapka, IL	Waldemar Rudziecki, Poland
Larry Trojak, MN	Johnny Waichulis, IL
Johnny Karas, FL	Bernadine Jura, IL
Alice Koziel, PA	Maggie McCaughey, IL
Bob Koziel, PA	Dianne Canning, CT
Linda Libera, MA	Eileen Uba, IL
Jennifer Pijanowski, NY	Zen Esula, IL
Carol Benamati, PA	
Jan Dressler, NY	
Mary Ann Jarusinski, PA	LIFETIME MEMBER:
Al Volek, PA	Ron Urbanczyk, NY
Bob Frydryk, MA	Fred Ziwich, OH
James Kaminski, NY	

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 Greg Butch.



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IPA Festival & Convention Pictures

We thank our official IPA photographer, Les Kapuscinski from Canada for taking literally thousands of pictures during the IPA festival and convention. For more photos, visit our website and Facebook page.





IPA Birthdays



November

- 1: Kevin Adams; Wally Stanczyk;
Charles Curtin
- 2: Ted Matuszko
- 3: Mark Trzepacz; "Ray Jay" Jarusinski
- 4: Jane Honn
- 5: Nance Dulaj; JoAnn Mancl
- 6: James Polaski
- 7: Linda Jelinek
- 8: Anne Gierut; Jill Styczynski; Bill Ellis
- 9: Frank Styfurak; Anthony Szczur
- 10: Thomas Zimnowski
- 11: Nicholas Grabarek
- 12: Pat Klesel
- 13: Ray Jurusinski; Jeff Mytych
- 14: June Sherry Ingram; Dennis Ostopowicz;
Robert Kujawa
- 15: Sue Szela; Irene Lizzio; Carl Lucas
- 17: Chris Tanski; Paul Futa, Jr.
- 18: Jeannette Prchal; Marty Dzik
- 19: Pat Maduzia; Dr. Mike Middleton
- 20: Barry Juhasz; Whitey Ryniec
- 21: Troy Gawlak; Wally Raczkowski;
Renda Pietrkiewicz
- 22: Sally Sendra; Myna Sadowski;
Sylvia Skowronek; Nicholas Sancomb
- 23: Sandy Simunek; AJ Okrzesik;
Robert Wojnowski
- 24: Diane Hamlin; Anita Herrmann; Josephine
Malinowski; Walter Procanyn;
Marlene Rohal; Charlie Tansek
- 25: Mitch Moskal; Mary Wolski; Lynn Thull;
Peter Danielczuk; Andrew Galarneau
- 26: Andrew Dziagwa
- 27: Carol Stasila; Sandy Lewandowski
- 28: Kathy Weglicki
- 29: Angela Biskup; Debra Bizon;
Dianne Canning
- 30: Matt Jaworski; Diane Trina;
Ray Barsukiewicz

December

- 1: Joseph J. Dembeck, Jr.
- 3: Karl Koch; Joseph Rupnik;
Jennifer Dziadosz; James Sajkowicz, Jr.;
- 4: Darryl Troczynski; Duffy O'Neill;
Barbara Fudalla
- 5: Chris Rose
- 6: Dick Zavodny; Rebecca Jurevis;
Sandy Berestka
- 7: Walter Nowak; Myrna Filipczak;
Marek Kutrowski; Seth Drzewicki
- 8: Rocco Naples; Steve Coblisch;
Darlene Kender; Alex Meixner; Kathy Futa
- 10: Bev Koziej; Frank Piotrowski
- 11: Neil Makatenas; Ed Slomkowski; Jim Nash;
Richard Kujawa
- 12: John Springer
- 13: John Piotrowski
- 15: Darrell Weltin; Daniel Okrzesik;
Logan Stanczewski
- 17: Mark Janson; Stanley Sulikowski;
Ted Okrzesik, Jr.; Dennis Motyka
- 18: Ken Kendra; Marla Kunke
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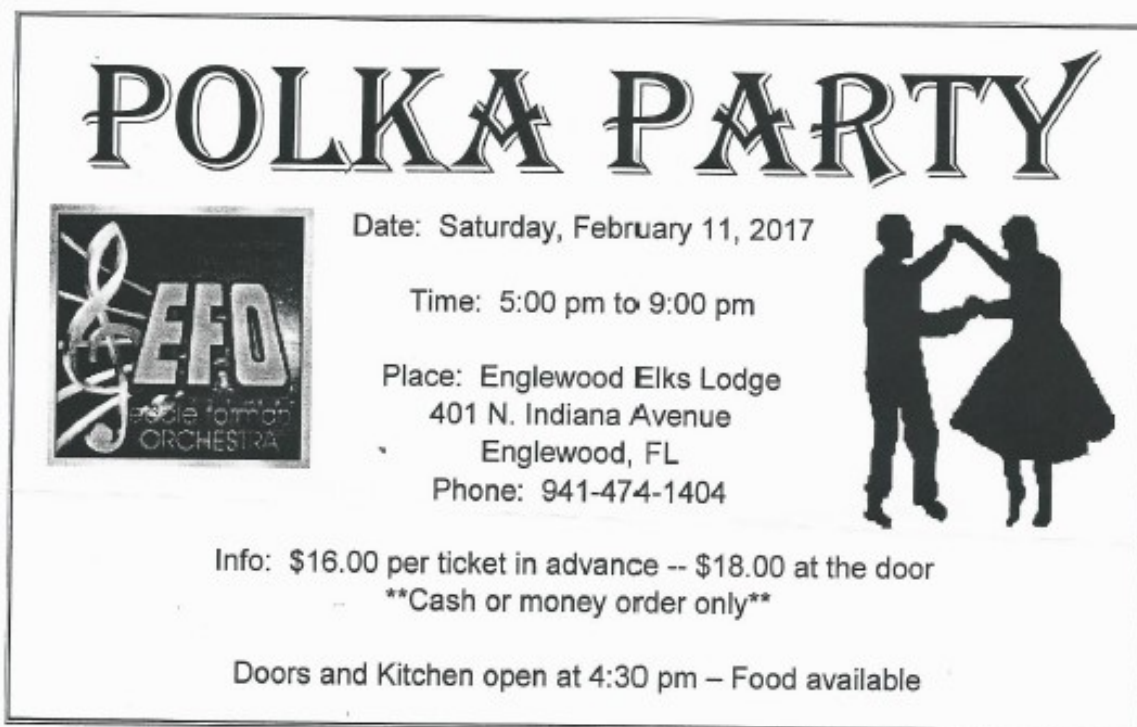
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Freddy K. Jr. Scholarship Award

2016 Freddy K Jr. Scholarship Award Winner, Olivia Piatkowski

Olivia Piatkowski of Canastota, New York, was the recipient of the Freddy K. Jr. Scholarship Award for 2016. She accepted her check of \$1,000 at the International Polka Association Convention in Buffalo, New York this past September. Olivia plays piano and has a wide range of interests including softball, volleyball, field hockey, and especially polka dancing. She has been attending polka festivals and dances for most of her life and spent the summer attending all the polka festivals including Polka Fireworks at Seven Springs and IPA Polka Convention, as well as the local dances in and around her home. She has made many long-lasting friendships attending polka dances.

Olivia graduated from Canastota High School on the High Honor Roll and has been accepted to and will be attending the Roberts Wesleyan College in Syracuse, New York majoring in Nursing.

The Freddy K. Jr. Music Scholarship Committee is now accepting requests for applications for the 2017 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:

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