



# IPA Newsletter

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## A Letter From The President...

Hello Polka Fans,

Thanks to all of you polka fans who continue to support dances, festivals, and events in your area. USPA, Ocean Beach Park Polka Days, and Polka Fireworks at Seven Springs all had great crowds of fun-loving polka fans. It's great to see the summer off to such a fantastic start. Let's keep the momentum going: support the polka organizations, polka promoters, DJs and IJs all over the country; bring a friend or two to the next polka event. The officers, directors, and promoters cannot do it all by themselves; they need your help to keep polka music moving in a positive direction.

Our 49th annual International Polka Association Festival and Convention is right around the corner. We hope you can join us Labor Day weekend in Buffalo, New York. Our officers and directors are spending many hours preparing for this annual event, and this year's festival is shaping up to be another great one. You'll find lots of details inside this newsletter regarding the festival. We appreciate your support and hope to see you there.

Again, thank you to the Hall of Fame committee: Fred Bulinski, Fred Kendzierski, and Mike Matousek for doing a fabulous job conducting the election process. I would also like to thank the Board of Trustees and electors for their contributions and cooperation.

Don't forget about the IPA picnic coming up on Sunday, August 6 in Hammond, Indiana. The next General Member meeting will be held before the picnic. Details are inside.

Enjoy the rest of your summer, and we hope to see you in Buffalo!

Rick Rzeszutko  
President

## IPA Polka Music Hall of Fame Inductees and Award Winners

### 2017 IPA Hall of Fame inductees

#### *Living Category*

Fred Ziwich  
Andy Fenus

#### *Deceased Category*

Elmer Scheid  
Marge Machay

#### *Pioneer Category*

Ed Kutas, Sr.

### IPA 2016 Polka Music Award Winners

Favorite Band – Lenny Gomulka & Chicago Push (MA)

Favorite Male Vocalist – Lenny Gomulka (MA)

Favorite Female Vocalist – Mollie Busta Lange (OH)

Favorite Polish Polka Album – “Where The Boys Are”  
by The Boys (MD)

Favorite Polish Style Song – “Mary Jane” by The Boys

Favorite International Polka Album – “Squeezebox By Request”  
by Squeezebox (OH)

Favorite International Style Song – “North Shore Polka” by  
Squeezebox and “Church Picnic Polka” by The Dujka Brothers  
(TIE)

Leon Kozicki Award – Joey Sokol

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Dues are \$15.00 per person for all members. You can also purchase a lifetime membership for only \$200.00 per person. If you would like to join the IPA, please send your check or money order to:

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Renew your membership online!!  
Visit: [www.ipapolkas.com/store](http://www.ipapolkas.com/store)

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

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

## 49th Annual IPA Festival & Convention Details

It's almost here! The 49th 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 **Polka Method**. Music begins in the hall at 7:00 PM with **John Gora & Gorale** and **FreezeDried** 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: Fred Ziwich, Andy Fenus, Elmer Scheid, Marge Machay, and Ed Kutas, Sr. 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 **Stephanie & Her Honky Band**. Continuous music begins at 4:30 PM in the hall with **IPA Tribute Band**, **The Project**, and **Lenny Gomulka & Chicago Push** alternating.

Polka Mass 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, will once again be in the courtyard for all friends and family to attend for FREE, beginning at 12:30 PM. Music moves to the hall at 2:00 PM with **The Music Company**, **The Boys**, **The Knewz**, and **Polka Country Musicians** helping to end the weekend with their outstanding musical talents.

Mark your calendars — the 2018 festival 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. Our entire block of rooms has sold out. Select rooms may still be 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 re-assigned. Cancelled rooms will not be re-booked at the special IPA rates.

#### Friday, September 1

2:30pm—5:30 pm	<i>Welcome Party with Polka Method</i>
7:00pm—8:00pm	John Gora & Gorale
8:00pm—9:00pm	FreezeDried
9:00pm—10:00pm	John Gora & Gorale
10:00pm—11:00pm	FreezeDried
11:00pm—12:00am	John Gora & Gorale
12:00am—1:00am	FreezeDried

#### Saturday, September 2

11:00am	<i>Hall of Fame &amp; Music Awards Banquet</i>
11:00am—3:00pm	<i>Pool Party with Stephanie &amp; Her Honky Band</i>
4:30pm—5:30pm	IPA Tribute Band
5:30pm—6:30pm	The Project
6:30pm—7:30pm	Lenny Gomulka & Chicago Push
7:30pm—8:30pm	IPA Tribute Band
8:30pm—9:30pm	The Project
9:30pm—10:30pm	Lenny Gomulka & Chicago Push
10:30pm—11:30pm	IPA Tribute Band
11:30pm—12:30am	The Project
12:30am—1:30am	Lenny Gomulka & Chicago Push

#### Sunday, September 3

10:00am	<i>Polka Mass</i>
11:00am	<i>Annual Convention Meeting</i>
12:30pm—1:30pm	<i>Pro-Am Jam</i>
2:00pm—2:45pm	The Music Company
2:45pm—3:30pm	The Boys
3:30pm—4:30pm	The Music Company
4:30pm—5:30pm	The Boys
5:30pm—6:30pm	The Music Company
6:30pm—7:30pm	The Boys
7:30pm—8:15pm	The Knewz
8:15pm—9:00pm	Polka Country Musicians
9:00pm—10:00pm	The Knewz
10:00pm—11:00pm	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 2017. Elections will be held Sunday, September 3, 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 1st Vice President (2-year term): Nominees 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 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 are included within this newsletter and can be returned at the festival if not already returned via mail. Additional tickets will also be available for purchase at the festival.

Drawing will be held Sunday evening, September 3.

Prizes include:

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

## IPA Festival - 3-Day Passes

Three-day passes for the festival will only be available on Friday, September 1 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 Ad Book

The International Polka Association will present its 49th Annual Polka Festival and Convention, Friday-Sunday, September 1-3 at the Millennium Hotel in Buffalo, New York. We are currently in the process of soliciting ads for our 2017 Festival Souvenir Program Book. The ads placed in the Program Book will be viewed by many people and are distributed during the weekend. The Program Book serves as a good channel for individuals to congratulate or memorialize friends and family members. It also serves as a great resource for you to promote a business or venture to other members and guests who will be there from all over the country. We ask for your consideration in taking out an ad in this year's program ad book. Ad rates are as follows:

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

Deadline for submissions is August 4. If you have any questions regarding the Program Book (ads, contract, content criteria, layout, costs, formats, etc.) please contact the Program Ad Book Chairperson:

Keith Pietranczyk  
 polkadancinman@comcast.net  
 630.908.0350

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

## IPA Polka Hall of Fame Inductees

### Fred Ziwich Living Category



Fred Ziwich was born in Cleveland, Ohio on March 10, 1954. He began taking accordion lessons at the age of 5, and could read music before he could read English. Fred started taking clarinet lessons in the 4th grade, began playing the tenor sax in the 8th grade, and learned to play the button box by his senior year in high school. Upon his graduation from Indiana University in 1977, he formed Fred Ziwich and his International Sound Machine (ISM). This was the fruition of his idea to assemble one group of musicians who could generate several bands capable of playing all polka genres. As time went on, Fred became very well known as an exceptionally versatile musician who could perform with groups of any style. In addition to his role as bandleader and arranger, he performed as a studio musician on over 1,200 recorded selections. In 2010, the members of the National Cleveland-Style Polka Hall of Fame recognized Fred with a Lifetime Achievement Award. And, 2017 commemorates the 40th Anniversary of his formation of ISM.

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

### Andy Fenus Living Category



Andrew (Andy) Fenus, along with his brother Steve Fenus, organized The Trel Tones polka band in 1954. Since that time the band has performed at venues across the United States and Canada and appeared on numerous radio and TV shows in Ohio and Pennsylvania, including a three-hour special about polka music on Public Television. The Trel-Tones recorded six albums on such renowned record labels as Bel-Aire of Chicago, IL, WRS of Cleveland, OH, and WAM of Youngstown, OH. In 1981 their "Polka Encounters of the Honky Kind" recording won the United States Polka Association's Album of the Year and in 1984 their "Going Downtown" polka won the USPA's Song of the Year. Currently, the band records on its own Trel-Records label. Due to their popularity, the Trel-Tones have been featured at major polka events that have included the International Polka Association (Chicago) and United States Polka Association (Cleveland) festivals, Bel-Aire Days (Chicago), and Polish Days at Kenwood Park (Pittsburgh) and Idora Park (Youngstown). In the early 1970's, Andy served on the Executive Board of the International Polka Association.

For his many accomplishments in the polka industry, Andrew Fenus 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

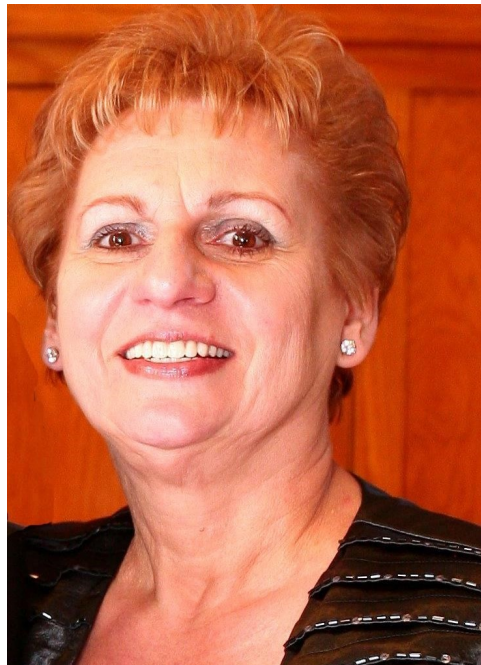
### Elmer Scheid Deceased Category



Elmer Scheid was born on October 4, 1921 in New Ulm, MN. At the young age of 8 years old, he learned to play the concertina from his father and performed his first professional dance event with the John Fritsche Band at the age of 14. Elmer later played with the Six Fat Dutchmen and the Babe Wagner Band, which he managed from 1949 to 1951. He then created his own band, Elmer Scheid and his Hoolerie Band, and is considered one of the pioneers of the “hoolerie” sound where a concertina and clarinet play together in higher registers reminiscent of the ländler of Bavaria and Austria. Many German-style bandleaders, including Johnny Gag and Jerry Schuft, emulated that sound. The Hoolerie Band won the popularity contest at the Mari-gold Ballroom in Minneapolis in 1958 and was the only Minnesota band invited to perform at Milwaukee’s National Polka Fest in 1968. During their 50-year career, Elmer and his band produced 15 albums on national record labels that included Epic, Decca, Polka City, Pleasant Peasant, Czech Records, Oxboro, and Soma. His last recording was released in 1986. In 1995, Elmer was inducted into the Minnesota Music Hall of Fame. He passed away at the age of 90 in 2012.

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

### Marge Machay Deceased Category



Since 1968, Marge Machay and her predeceased husband Chuck, owned and operated Polonia Ballroom and Grove. A Chicago landmark, its name was changed to Polonia Banquets in the 1980’s as renovations were made to broaden the business and better accommodate its patrons. For almost a half century, Marge leveraged the facility to help sustain and promote polka music and dancing. Crowds from all over the country would travel to enjoy the top polka talent from the USA and Canada featured at Polonia Banquets. The Machays showcased week-end-long picnics and events that included the International Polka Association’s Festival and Convention and Bel-Aire Polka Days produced by Eddie Blazonczyk. Now under the management of the Machay family, Polonia Banquets still operates as a hub for world-class polka entertainment while its second floor serves as the IPA Polka Music Hall of Fame Museum. In addition to managing her business, Marge also served for many years on the IPA Executive Board.

For her many accomplishments in the polka industry, Marge Machay 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

Edward Kutas, Sr.  
Pioneer Category

Edward Chester Kutas, Sr. was a well-known and important promoter of polka music in Buffalo and Western New York. He was the owner and operator of the historic Warsaw Inn on Broadway in the heart of the Polish East Side. For many years, Ed had a vision for a polka convention to be conducted in Buffalo and urged his friend Johnny Hyzny of Chicago to bring his International Polka Convention to the Nickel City. His dream was realized when in 1965, the largest polka organization of its time, conducted an unbelievably successful convention in Buffalo with over 8,000 people attending. Ed was instrumental in proving a polka event and organization of national scale was possible. His efforts help lay the groundwork for the formation of the International Polka Association in 1968. Ed's legacy is demonstrated by his family's continued support of polka music through their promotions and management of the Polish Villa, Buffalo's well-known centerpiece of Polish heritage. For his many accomplishments in the polka industry,

Edward Chester Kutas, Sr. has been deemed deserving by the electorate of the International Polka Association for induction into the Polka Music Hall of Fame®.

## 48th Annual IPA Polka Music Hall of Fame and Music Awards Banquet

Saturday, September 2nd

10:00 AM Cocktails

11:00 AM Luncheon

Tickets are \$40 per person by advance reservation only. Reservations for the banquet must be made before August 18, 2017 by sending a check or money order with the reservation form below to:

**Polka Music Hall of Fame and Awards Banquet**

Linda Niewierowski

1916 N Hermitage Avenue

Chicago, IL 60622

312-342-3959

plkaqueen25@att.net

### 2017 Polka Music Hall of Fame and Music Awards Banquet

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Banquet Tickets \_\_\_\_\_

## IPA Radio 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)

July 15: Keith Pietranczyk  
 July 22: Dan & Laura Mateja and  
 Dennis Mikolajewski  
 August 5: TBA  
 August 12: Peter Danielczuk  
 August 19: Ed Guca  
 August 26: 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)

July 16: Keith Pietranczyk  
 July 23: Dan & Laura Mateja and  
 Dennis Mikolajewski  
 July 30: Bonnie Ryniec and Rick Rzeszutko  
 August 6: Linda Niewierowski and Jerry Wantroba  
 August 13: John & Christy Krawisz  
 August 20: Keith Pietranczyk  
 August 27: Dan & Laura Mateja and  
 Dennis Mikolajewski

## 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.

## 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.

## Welcome New Members!

Clarence Kellermann (TN) Mike Reynolds (WI)  
 Joe Heger (WI) David Michalak (NY)  
 Linda Malachin (OH)  
 Mike Janus (IL)  
 Joey Falch (WI)  
 Bryan Koslosky (MI) **LIFETIME MEMBERS:**  
 Lawrence Kutas (NY) Larry Stec  
 Stanley Papuga (MA) Kelly Stec  
 Jerry Wantroba III (IL) Edward Ostry  
 Don Maduzia (IL) Joseph Heier  
 Denise Gliwa (IL)  
 Andrew Vensko (PA)

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).

**We currently have 920 members. Help us reach our goal of 1,000; encourage a friend or two to join!**

## Thank You!

Thank you to the following individuals for their donations to the IPA:

- Lisa Jakubowski, in memory of Edward Jakubowski
- Natalie and Stanley Szufnarowski

## Pro Am Jam at IPA Festival

Back by popular demand! Once again this year, the IPA will be hosting a Pro Am Jam for young adults at the IPA Festival on Sunday afternoon, September 3 from 12:30 - 1:30 PM at the Millennium Hotel in Buffalo, New York. All young adults under the age of 18 are encouraged to participate. This jam session will include polka musicians, some IPA Hall of Famers, and most importantly, young musicians who can help keep this music we all love alive. And best of all, this event is FREE to all participants and attendees.

For more information, and to register online, visit [ipapolkas.com](http://ipapolkas.com).



## IPA Supports!

The IPA has proudly supported numerous festivals throughout the past several years. We have provided monetary donations to many festivals and organizations including: Ocean Beach Park Polka Days, New London, Connecticut; National Polka Festival, Ennis, Texas; Illinois Polka Festival, Schaumburg, Illinois; Summer Music Festival, Frankenmuth, Michigan; Wisconsin Dells Polish Fest, Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin; Pulaski Polka Days, Pulaski, Wisconsin, and the Cleveland Polka Association Golf Outing, Cleveland, Ohio.

We also support online polka radio, and have donated to Polka Jammer Network, Polish New Castle Radio, and 247PolkaHeaven.com. We made a monetary contribution to help support "Polka!" a documentary on the history of polka music in Wisconsin, created by Wisconsin Public Television.

We thank you for your continued support of the International Polka Association and ask that you continue to support polka music by attending festivals, dances, and supporting your favorite bands, halls, and polka promoters.

For more information on the above-mentioned events, see the information below.

Time	Event	Website
February	Illinois Polka Fest	<a href="http://illinoispolkafest.com">illinoispolkafest.com</a>
April	Wisconsin Dells Polka Fest	<a href="http://dellspolkafest.com">dellspolkafest.com</a>
May	National Polka Festival	<a href="http://nationalpolkafestival.com">nationalpolkafestival.com</a>
June	Ocean Beach Park Polka Days	<a href="http://oceanbeachparkpolkadays.com">oceanbeachparkpolkadays.com</a>
July	Pulaski Polka Days	<a href="http://pulaskipolkadays.com">pulaskipolkadays.com</a>
July	Cleveland Polka Association golf outing	<a href="http://cpapolkas.com">cpapolkas.com</a>
August	Summer Music Fest	<a href="http://frankenmuthfestivals.com">frankenmuthfestivals.com</a>
online	"Polka!" - Wisconsin documentary	<a href="http://wptschedule.org/Polka">wptschedule.org/Polka</a>
online	Polka Jammer Network	<a href="http://polkajammernetwork.org">polkajammernetwork.org</a>
online	Polish New Castle Radio	<a href="http://polishnewcastleradio.com">polishnewcastleradio.com</a>
online	247 Polka Heaven	<a href="http://247polkaheaven.com">247polkaheaven.com</a>

## In Recognition - International Music Association

International Music Association - May 21, 2017

In recognition of 35 years of polka promotion in the Toledo, Ohio area, the International Polka Association would like to offer our congratulations and thanks to the current and past officers of the International Music Association (I.M.A.) for their efforts in keeping polka music alive.

Thank you, and congratulations on your 40th anniversary.





# IPA Birthdays



## July

- 1: Adam Biskup
- 2: Judy Nowak
- 3: Ken Yash; Keith Wesolek
- 4: Hank Haller; Leon Kozicki; Mike Reynolds
- 5: Jan Sweet
- 6: Steve Litwin; Rita Niewierowski; Erika Danner;  
Jennifer Bulanda Rutenberg; Tom Frydryk;  
Dennis Polisky
- 7: Andrew Putz; Felix Sobecki; Benita Szymanski;  
Jerry Romanowski
- 8: Eugene Retka; Carl Prushinski
- 9: Bea Zawada; John Wisneski
- 10: Jerry Wantroba; Brian Talaske;  
Thomas Mazurowski
- 11: John Kupka
- 12: William Mueller
- 13: Theresa Pawlicki; Marie Marek; Stas Golonka;  
Mark Komar
- 14: William Stasila; Ronald Ziemba; Sophie Skinger
- 15: Arthur Kalena; Wally Dombrowski; Laurie Pala;  
Robert Moon
- 16: Thomas Hartwig; Cheryl Furmaniak
- 17: Thomas Kalinowski; Pat Mikos
- 18: Steve Swiader; Maggie Zabielski; Lori Yash
- 19: Sue Conway; Sue Skurzewski; Bill Gliwa
- 20: Gary McKee; Randy Cernosek
- 21: Donna Piatkowski; Ron Potenski
- 22: Bonnie Potoniec; Steven Sopko;  
Richard Rogers; Roman (Travers) Truskolaski
- 23: Carol Dzieglowicz
- 24: Richard Stech
- 25: Eddie Labuda
- 26: Karen Mikrut; Ed Nicoski
- 27: John Gora, Dr. Ann Hetzel Gunkel; Mary Alice  
Pavey
- 28: Lorraine Matusovich; George Rosinski; Miroslaw  
Antas; Paulina Zielinski; James Patak
- 29: Kathy Urbanczyk; George Hess;  
Jane Gelineau; Peter Bezler; Ron Raczkowski
- 30: Bob Sendra
- 31: Len Fornek

## August

- 1: Mary Lesniak; Sandy Schuster;  
Frank Stanger; Gary Stewart
- 2: Chuck Stastny; Patty Daigle; Tony Blazonczyk
- 3: Mike Stapinski; Maria Dipyatic
- 4: Susan Matysiewicz; Kathleen Zielinski;  
Happy Louie Dusseault; Lynn Kaminski;  
Bonnie Ryniec
- 5: Rose Marie Tynski; Dianne Zawisza; Max Kawa;  
Wally Czaska
- 6: MaryAnn Jukubielski; Marcia Muscato
- 7: John "Foo" Furmaniak; Ed Guca; Camille Hjelm;  
Pete Jend
- 8: Walter Mendel
- 9: Kelly Stec; John Cieplik
- 10: Helen Curtin; Jim Kucharski; Bob Houston
- 11: Dave Ulczycki; John Robinson; David Michalak;  
Keith Pietranczyk
- 12: Leonard Wolski
- 13: Carol Forman; Steve Zalewski
- 14: Wanda Kowalik; Barry Niccolai; Marcia Kitrys
- 15: Ed Svoboda; Edward Burczy; Michelle Bojczuk
- 17: Tim Wolter; Cheryl Rognerud
- 18: Carol Trzebiatowski; Valerie Nidoh
- 19: Mike Matousek
- 20: Ken Machelski; Patricia Huch
- 21: Mike Maduzia; Tony Petkovsek;  
Wesley Matus; Carolyn Baras; Tammy Arnes;  
Gregorio Martinez, Jr.
- 22: Julianne Mossak; Michelle Eron;  
Katie Greene-Schultz
- 23: Stas Golembewski; Randy Vokral
- 25: Rose Marie Sukacz; Steve Wejrowski
- 26: Mary Ann Moon
- 27: Martin Babich
- 28: Joyce Fornek; Judy Krason; Pat Wagner
- 29: Doug Dunaj; Keith Gennerman
- 30: Dianne Winiarz; Grazyna Danielczuk
- 31: Sue Biskup

If you wish to have your birthday listed, please  
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# I.P.A. SUMMER PICNIC



**SUNDAY August 6, 2017**

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

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

**Music by:**  
**Polka Generations and Tri-City Drive**

Gates open at 12:30 pm  
Music from 1-7 pm

Admission: \$12.00  
Receive \$2 off if you show your IPA Membership Card

Cash Bar  
Food Available for purchase  
Grilling by "Chef Keith"

Rain or Shine as we will be under tents

## IPA GENERAL MEMBER MEETING

The next IPA General Member meeting will be held at 12:30 PM on Sunday, August 6 at the Hammond Mohawks Picnic Grove, before the IPA Summer Picnic.



# 39th Annual Pulaski Polka Days July 20-23, 2017



## PULASKI POLKA DAYS GROUNDS

(15 miles West of Green Bay, WI on Hwy 29 & 32)

Event held rain or shine. All entertainment and activities subject to change without notice.

**Thursday • July 20, 2017**

**Admission \$2.00**

Children Under 12 are free w/ guardian  
Music from 5PM-11PM

**Friday • July 21, 2017**

**Admission \$15.00**

Children Under 12 are free w/ guardian  
Music from 2PM-1:15AM

**Saturday • July 22, 2017**

**Admission \$15.00**

Children Under 12 are free w/ guardian  
Music from 1PM-1AM

**Sunday • July 23, 2017**

**Admission FREE**

Children Under 12 are free w/ guardian  
Music from 12:30PM-6PM

## "Live" Polka Music All Weekend Long!

## Polish Food & Souvenirs Available



### Fireworks at Dusk • Thursday

Thanks to American Tradition Fireworks Inc.

### Kids Fun Area

Polka Days Grounds

### Free Polka Lessons

Friday: Tent #1: 2PM-3:30PM

Saturday: Tent #1: 12:30PM-2PM

### Arts & Crafts Fair

Saturday & Sunday, July 22 & 23, 2017

Call Janet or Suzanne: 920-822-3279

### Polka Trot 5K • Saturday

Pulaski Middle School

8:30AM: 5k Run/Walk

9:30 1/2 Mile Kids Run

Pre-register by Email: pascswim@gmail.com

or call Megan 920-764-1676

### Dance Contest

Saturday @ 6:00 p.m. Tent #2 Richard Blaha: 414-257-1340

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### Miss Pulaski Polka Days Contest

Email Kayla: kla2148@gmail.com • Phone: 920-619-2148

### Porkie & Pancake Breakfast

Sunday • 8AM-11AM

Polka Days Grounds

### Polka Worship Service

Sunday • Polka Days Grounds • Tent #2

\*\* Bring a lawnchair

Lutheran 8AM - Pastor Larry Yaw

Catholic Polka Mass - 9:30AM

### Huge Parade • Sunday

Sunday July 23, 2017 at 11am

Downtown Pulaski to Polka Days Grounds

Call Wayne: 920-822-5456

**Over \$2000 Cash To Be Raffled • Sunday • 5PM • Polka Grounds • Need Not Be Present To Win!**

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