



IPA Newsletter

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A Letter From The President...

Hello Polka Fans,

I would like to thank everyone who came to Buffalo on Labor Day Weekend for the IPA Festival & Convention. What a great time we had. Thank you to all of the IPA officers, directors, and volunteers who helped make it a great success; we had a total of nearly 1,400 in attendance over the three-day weekend. Thank you to all of you polka fans who attended and helped add to the fun excitement. This year we featured the youth movement: Polka Method, Randy Koslosky and Kosmix, and the Pro-Am Jam featured over 40 young polka musicians under the age of 21 and did a fantastic job. Please support the young polka musicians and fans who are bringing new life to the polka field.

Thank you to all of the bands and Hall of Famers who entertained us in the ballroom and at the courtyard. We appreciate your time and talent.

Congratulations to the Hall of Fame Class of 2017, and the 2016 Music Award Winners.

Special thanks to Bonnie Ryniec for a great job as banquet chairperson, and her helpers, Carol "T" and Sally. Thanks to Ron Urbanczyk who was the DJ for the event. It was a beautiful event.

I hope everyone can attend next year's festival in Buffalo, where we will be celebrating the 50th anniversary of the International Polka Association. The anniversary committee is working on some special surprises for next year's event.

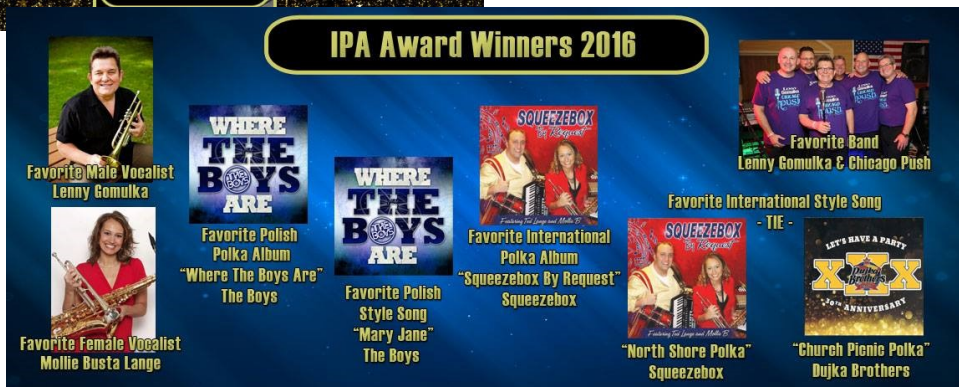
Make plans now to attend our January is National Polka Month Weekend. On Saturday January 13, 2018, our Warm Up Dance will be at Polonia Banquets, featuring Lenny Gomulka and Chicago Push. Sunday January 14, 2018 our annual Chicago Festival of Polka Bands at Glendora Banquets. I hope you can join us for some hot polka music to warm you up in the middle of winter.



Please keep our friends in Texas and Florida in your prayers as they recover from the recent hurricanes.

Thank You and God Bless.

Rick Rzeszutko
President



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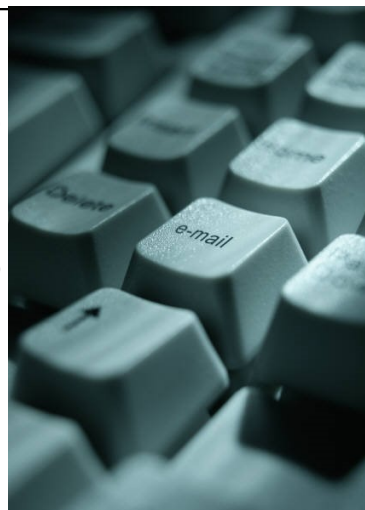
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Please put in the subject line: PLEASE EMAIL MY NEWSLETTER.

**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.

Each show features IPA officers and directors including Rick Rzeszutko, 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!

IPA Hall of Fame and Awards Banquet Recap

The 48th Annual Polka Music Hall of Fame Installation Banquet and Polka Music Awards presentations took place on Saturday, September 2, 2017. Congratulations to all of the Polka Music Award recipients and to all of the Polka Music Hall of Fame Inductees. It's a pleasure to hear the pride and gratitude in the acceptance speeches of the Award winners. It's especially interesting to hear the commentators tell the stories of the Hall of Fame Inductees, always with an anecdote or two that you might not have known about that person. Needless to say, smiles and laughter as well as tears abound. This year the IPA had the two youngest acceptors for an IPA Polka Music Hall of Fame Inductee, Marge Machay: her 10-year-old twin grandsons John & Zack Mikrut graciously and eloquently accepted the Hall of Fame plaque. They gave heartfelt acceptance speeches on her behalf and recited Marge's farewell message "The Train of Life" that was read at her funeral was read in her memory at the Awards Banquet. There wasn't a dry eye in the house.

On a personal note I would like to thank the entire IPA Board of Directors for their help with this year's Awards Banquet. Everyone in their own capacity lent a hand by way of support, patience and understanding. I'd like to thank the IPA President Rick Rzeszutko for his advice, contributions, and for holding my hand during the past month. Thanks to 1st VP Christy Krawisz for being up early that Saturday morning and helping me by way of her wonderful organizational skills and utilizing her great flag assembly abilities ;). I'd like to thank Fred Bulinski, DJ Ron Urbanczyk, and Diane Pojedynski for their individual help and guidance. Many thanks to Dennis Mikolajewski for his technical assistance and word processing skills. Thank you to Debbie Dunaj and Lori Urbanczyk, my flower-pinning ladies. In particular I'd like to express my gratitude to Carol Trzebiatowski, VP of the USPA; and mom Sally Rzeszutko, two ladies that were of invaluable help to me throughout the entire process; before, during and after the IPA Awards Banquet.

We hope you can join us for our 50th anniversary next year.

Bonnie Ryniec - IPA Director, IL



2018 IPA Festival & Convention - We Need Your Help!

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 Festival - Raffle Winners

Congratulations to our raffle winners. The drawing was held Sunday, September 3 at the IPA Festival and Convention. Thank you to everyone who purchased raffle tickets to support the IPA.

First Prize - \$300:	Jan Collins; Summit, IL
Second Prize - \$150:	Walter Berkowicz Palos Park, IL
Third Prize - \$100:	Marie Kole; Oak Forest, IL
Fourth Prize - \$50:	David Bezdziecki Sterling Heights, MI

2018 IPA Festival - Hotel Info

We will once again be returning to the Millennium Hotel in Buffalo, New York to celebrate the 50th annual IPA Festival and Convention. Rooms are filling up fast; the courtyard rooms are already sold out. Tower rooms are \$119/night plus tax. We hope you can make plans to join us Labor Day weekend: August 31 - September 2, 2018. Millennium Hotel Buffalo: 716-681-2400.

IPA Festival Recap by Helga Leonard

Wow, what an awesome weekend we just had at the 49th Annual IPA Festival and Convention. As always, the event was a huge hit with everyone that I talked to and from watching the crowd, everyone seemed to be having a great time.

I got to the Millennium Hotel in Buffalo, NY on Friday afternoon just in time for the last set of the kickoff party with **Polka Method**. What a great group of young musicians they are. It is so great to see a new crop of musicians coming into the mix and they are all very talented. Watch out some of you established bands – competition is on its way. Later in the evening was **John Gora & Gorale** and **FreezeDried** who always put on a great show. I met up with some old friends from Arizona – Pat Jayo whom I haven't seen (except on Facebook) for about 25 years and Dave and Princess Bonczkiewicz who have The Pulaski Club in Phoenix, AZ that's not to be missed if you are in the area. Check out Dave's Facebook page for some awesome T-Shirts supporting our military. I also spent some fun time with Judy & Al Alijewicz and their friends from New Jersey who introduced me to a Rumchata Fireball.



Saturday morning I attended the IPA Awards Banquet to enjoy the induction into the IPA Polka Hall of Fame of some dear friends – **Fred Ziwich** and **Andy Fenus** (Living Category) and **Marge Machay** (Deceased Category) along with **Elmer Scheid** (Deceased Category) & **Edward Kutas Sr.** (Pioneer Category). Also receiving awards were **Lenny Gomulka & Chicago Push** for "Favorite Male Vocalist" & "Favorite Instrumental Group", **The Boys** for "Favorite Polish Polka Album" & "Favorite Polish Style Song", **Mollie Busta Lange** for "Favorite Female Vocalist", **Squeezebox** for "Favorite International Style Album" & "Favorite International Style Song", **The Dujka Brothers** also for "Favorite International Style Song", & **Joey Sokol** for the "Leon Kozicki Award". Congratulations to all the recipients – all well deserved!!!

While the banquet was going on, the pool got lively with **Stephanie and her Honky Band**. During the afternoon Randy & I decided to sneak off and head to Niagara Falls on the US side. What an amazing wondrous site it always is.

Later we came back to hear the always awesome sounds of **The Project**, **The IPA Tribute Band** and **Lenny Gomulka & Chicago Push**. This evening I got to do a little visiting with Delphine & Paul Kuhar, Judy & Kevin Kwiatkowski, and our favorite foodie Mike Gryczko. By the end of our visit Paul & I had solved all the world problems starting with putting more POLKA into the world. I also got to spend a little time with our returning MOT (missing on trumpet) – Jeff Mlecsko. Jeff is doing amazing and even ran the board for FreezeDried on Friday night. It was also great seeing Sandy & Matt Lewandowski. Sandy looks great for all she's been thru this year. Then off for some midnight snacks with Dave & Stacey Morris, Frankie Liszka, Nick DiSebastiano, Vicki & Randi Zebrowski, & Ann Marie Matousek while Mike hid beneath blankets ignoring us pretending to sleep.



Sunday brought some spiritual comfort at the **Polka Mass** with music by **Kosmix**, another youth polka band inspired by **Randy Koslosky** and his kids. Then the **Annual IPA Convention Meeting** filled some vacant positions. Congratulations to those who joined, giving of their time so selflessly.

The afternoon brought us tunes by the pool with the **Pro-Am Jam** where youth mixed it up with all the great veteran musicians. What other music genre' do you get to play with your favorite band member/idol? Grabbed some brunch at Polish Villa II – always have to stop in there. Saw owner Ed Kutas & his uncle Larry Kutas Jr. at the dance later on. Later in the afternoon we enjoyed the sounds of **The Music Company** and **The Boys** and in the evening it was **PCM & The Knewz**. We were all helping Jimmy Weber (now playing with The Knewz) celebrate his birthday and Kim

Weber had made up some "Jimmy-faces-on-a-stick" for the crowd – what fun. Great seeing you Kimmer – all too short.

All too soon the weekend was over and everyone was saying goodbye. I know I speak for all of us there in saying a great big **"THANKS"** to all of the IPA members who make this whole weekend possible for all of us!!! Don't forget – **IPA will be celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2018** so go ahead and book your rooms now to be there.

Til next year – Polka On and Make it Strong!

Leon Kozicki Award Winner - Joe Sokol

Joe Sokol is the 2017 recipient of the Leon Kozicki Trustee's Award. This award is presented to a "side-man" who has made significant contributions to a polka band.

Joe Sokol performed with the Happy Louie band for 25 years, playing saxophone and clarinet. From 1971 to 1995, Joe provided the musical stylings that helped make the sound of the Happy Louie Orchestra unique and captivating to polka fans throughout the nation.

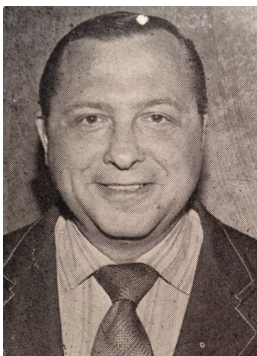
Before entering the Boston Conservatory of Music in 1971, Joe toured Europe with the Concordia Wind Ensemble. Upon his return to the United States, he joined Happy Louie and Julcia to become an integral and important member of this musical family.

Joe graduated from the Boston Conservatory of Music while playing polka music with Happy Louie. Today, Joe Sokol continues his musical career as a teacher.



The Board of Trustees commends Joe for his contributions to the polka world and deem this award fitting recognition for his contributions.

IPA Co-Founder, Leon Kozicki Passes



Leon J. Kozicki was born on July 4, 1930 in Chicago. He attended grammar school at St. Peter and Paul's at which time he first became exposed to music when his father presented him with a button accordion one Christmas. As a youngster he became ill with pneumonia and upon recovery the doctor recommended a wind instrument to help develop and strengthen his lungs. He tried the trumpet but settled with the clarinet on which he became very proficient. While in grammar school he formed his first band, the Rhythm Kids. While at Holy Trinity High School he formed another band. His group played showers, weddings, dances and numerous charitable engagements. During World War II, he played for bond rallies, flag dedication events and at veteran hospitals. He also played many of the night spots on Polish Broadway (Division Street) with his associate Joe Koldon. Leon with all his activities, found time to marry Virginia Klockowska, on May 31, 1952. Shortly after their marriage, he entered the U.S. Army where he served in a Special Services Band overseas for 18 months. The band had occasions to tour many of the Asian countries. During these visits, the band known as the

"Sophisticats" played for King of Siam, King Bhumidial (now known to us as Thailand). After his discharge from the service he attended DePaul and Loyola University. While in the pursuit of his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Sociology, he formed a group known as Lee's Dynatones. This group appeared on many radio and television programs. In 1957 he produced his own radio program on WOPA.

He was instrumental in the formation of the first polka publication in the country, "Polka Guide", and served as its editor. His untiring efforts in traveling and contacting various deejays, promoters and band leaders throughout the country for a common cause bears witness to his enormous devotion to the Polka field. He was one of the first to nationalize polka music.

In 1968 Leon's dream was fulfilled when he and a few of his friends formed the nucleus of the International Polka Association. He served as its first president. In conjunction with the organization of IPA, Leon thought it should be fitting that polka personalities be justly recognized and rewarded for their contributions in the field. Simultaneously the Polka Music Hall of Fame was established.

Having a full time job as Director of Intake of the Cook County Juvenile Center and doing research work in the field of Polka music, one would think Leon at this time would sit back and relax for a while. No, not Leon – he will not rest until the Polka Music and Polka Hall of Fame recipients are properly enshrined in the IPA's own Polka Music Hall of Fame. Leon was inducted into the IPA Polka Music Hall of Fame in 1977.

Leon passed away on July 19, 2017 at the age of 87. May he rest in peace.

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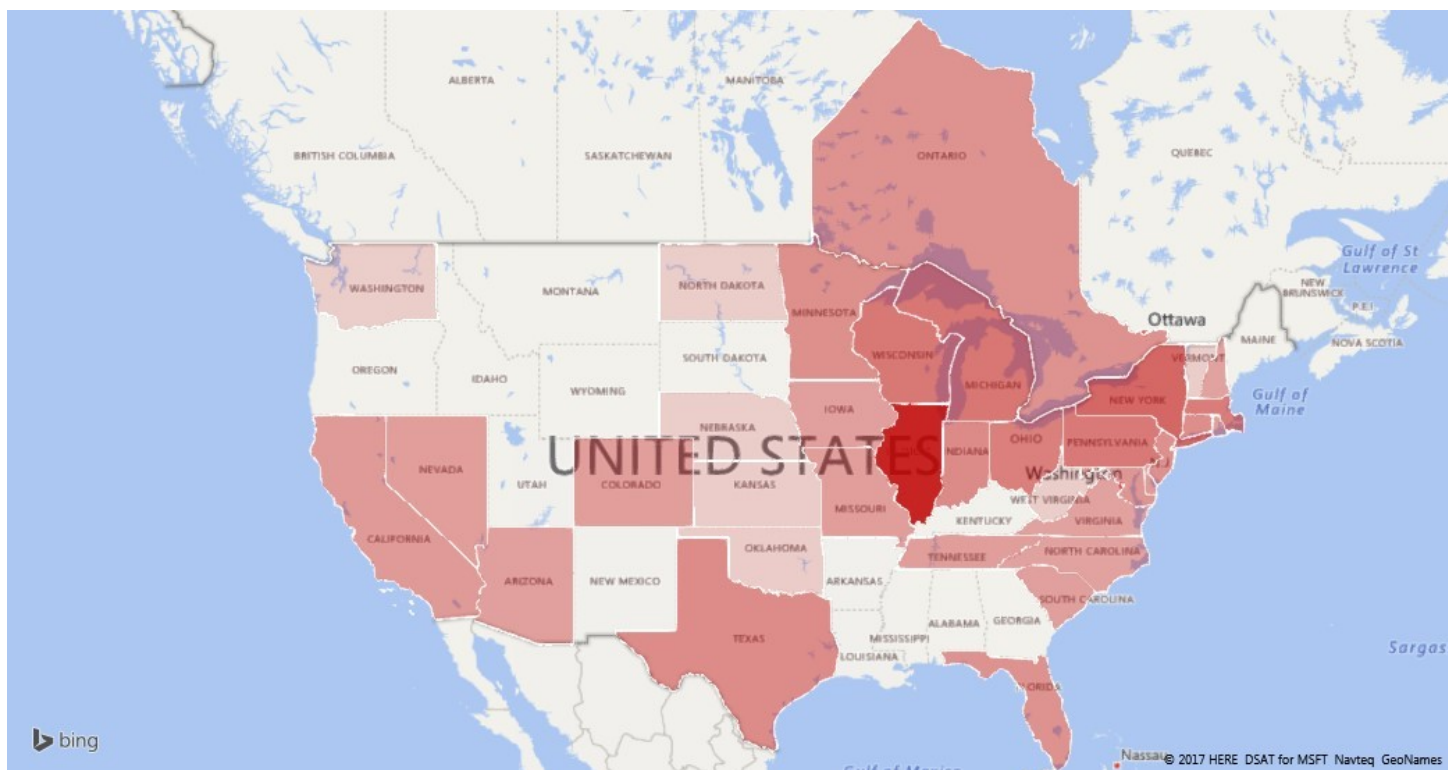
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1)	Illinois	252
2)	New York	108
3)	Michigan.....	74
4)	Wisconsin.....	69
5)	Pennsylvania.....	66
6)	Massachusetts	60
7)	Ohio	55
8)	Indiana	32
9)	Texas	30
10)	Connecticut.....	26

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Colorado	4	North Carolina	2
Connecticut	26	North Dakota	1
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District of Columbia	1	Oklahoma	1
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Illinois	252	Rhode Island	4
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Iowa	3	Tennessee	4
Kansas	1	Texas	30
Maryland	12	Vermont	1
Massachusetts	60	Virginia	2
Michigan	74	Washington	1
Minnesota	25	West Virginia	1
Missouri	4	Wisconsin	69
Nebraska	1	Canada	19
Nevada	4	Netherlands	1
New Hampshire	2	Poland	1

IPA Festival & Convention Photos

We cannot thank our official photographer, Les Kapuscinski, nearly enough for all of the hard work he has done for the IPA and the festival and convention. These are just very few of the many, many pictures Les had taken throughout the course of the festival weekend. For more pictures, check out ipapolkas.com and facebook.com/ipapolkas. You just might find yourself in a picture or two!



Polka Party

at Englewood Elks Lodge
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Saturday, February 10, 2018

5:00 pm to 9:00 p.m.

E.F.O. - Eddie Forman Orchestra

\$16.00 per ticket advanced – \$18.00 at door

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❖ **Doors and Kitchen Open at 4:30 p.m. - Food Available**

In Memoriam

We extend deepest sympathies to the friends and family of the following IPA members who have recently passed away. May they rest in peace.

Ed Zebrak; Millersville, Ohio
Leon Kozicki; Chicago, Illinois
Robert Jankowski; Neenah, Wisconsin

Thank You!

Thank you to the following individuals for their donations to the International Polka Association:

Ron Zywiciel; Elgin, Illinois
Stanley Martin, Sr; Athens, Michigan
Ted Jedrzejewicz; Hamilton, Ontario, Canada
Mike "Seymour" Rozegnal; Grand Rapids, Michigan

In Recognition - Mark Janson

Mark Janson was presented a Certificate of Appreciation in recognition of his efforts to promote polka music by producing the Summer Music Fest in Frankenmuth, Michigan for the past 30 years. Congratulations on celebrating 30 years, and thank you for everything you do for polka music.

Presenting the award to Mark, IPA Favorite Female Vocalist, Mollie B and IPA Lifetime Member, Ted Lange.

Photo credit: Betty Lange



IPA Radio Shows

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

Polka Jammer IJs

Saturdays 4:00-5:00 PM, Central Time
www.polkajammernetwork.org

September 9:	Keith Pietranczyk
September 16:	John & Christy Krawisz
September 23:	Dan & Laura Mateja and Dennis Mikolajewski
September 30:	Bonnie Ryniec and Rick Rzeszutko
October 7:	Peter Danielczuk
October 14:	Ed Guca
October 21:	Fred Kendzierski
October 28:	Peter Danielczuk
November 4:	Ed Guca

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September 10:	Keith Pietranczyk
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September 24:	Dan & Laura Mateja and Dennis Mikolajewski
October 1:	Bonnie Ryniec and Rick Rzeszutko
October 8:	Peter Danielczuk
October 15:	Keith Pietranczyk
October 22:	John & Christy Krawisz
October 29:	Dan & Laura Mateja and Dennis Mikolajewski
November 5:	Bonnie Ryniec and Rick Rzeszutko

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.

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We currently have 928 members. Help us reach our goal of 1,000; encourage a friend or two to join!

Thank You!

The officers and directors would like to extend a heartfelt THANK YOU to everyone who gave their time to help us at our 49th annual festival and convention. The weekend was a success because of great volunteers who offer to lend a helping hand. From the door sales, security, raffles, banquet, Mass, elections, to the Pro-Am Jam, we could not have done this without your help!

Special thanks to Mike "Seymour" Rozegnal for his donation towards the pizza party for the kids following the Pro-Am Jam.

To the writers, promoters, IJs, DJs, and especially our members, thank you for your continued support!

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September

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- 2: Allen Bassel; Mike Evan; Lorraine Ciesla;
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- 3: David Strok;
- 4: Ken Pienta; Gerald Ladosky
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- 10: Jeffrey Guyette; Johnny Waichulis
- 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; Jeff Heinz
- 14: Butchie Jasiewicz ; Eugene Thoms;
Robert Cynor, Jr.; Jim Miller
- 15: Rob Piatkowski; Deb DePont; Joe Bosch;
Gerrie Barsukiewicz; Joyce Bohuslav; Pat Jayo
- 16: Dave Gajda; Lenny Gomulka; Natale Lucas, II
Mary Ann Jarusinski
- 17: John Borkowski; Geri Fornek
- 18: Kenneth Larson; Dan Mateja; Stanley Mikrut;
Corinne Turk
- 19: Paul Pietrucha
- 20: Judy Rosinski
- 21: Val Szymanski; Greg Skibiski
- 22: John Paczkowski, Jr.; Shirley Sains; Peter Hrycyk
- 23: Ted Kiewicz; Andrew Kuczmarski
- 24: Eddie Sienkowski; Donna Cotrupe;
William Michael Machacek; Jo Ann Kielur
- 25: Kevin Kwiatkowski; Joseph Ryndak
- 26: Ed Haynack; Dan Czerniak; Bob Wolinski
- 27: Mike Nowakowski
- 28: Lori Young; Bernadine Jura
- 29: Bev Kizior; Dolores Lybik; Gary Hvdik;
Willie Bohuslav
- 30: Walter Dragon

October

- 1: Frank Gentile, Jr; Eleanore Lewandowski;
John Heger
- 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
- 8: Brian Lesiewicz
- 9: Craig Ebel; Dave Morris; Keith Stras;
Barb Benkowski; Lynn Chwojdak; Andy Fenus
- 10: Trudy Patek
- 11: Marie Jagiella; Joseph Morgiewicz
- 12: Therese Bruzdinski
- 13: Jake Mikrut; Mike Charney
- 14: Gene Swick; Dwayne Morawa
- 15: Mike Ziemski
- 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;
Linda Libera; Chris Hedrich; Mona Kaminski
- 24: Peggy Kidwiler; Joe Brozowski
- 25: Denise Skorik; Henry Lewandowski;
Randy Koslosky
- 26: Brent Iskra
- 27: Linda Lee Brown
- 28: Victor Merinsky; Dale Cribbins; Mike Pucowski
- 29: David Walter; Paul Raczkowski
- 30: Zach Piatkowski
- 31: Kaila Blaskowski

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Polkamotion Returns to Rehoboth Beach in 2018!

Polkamotion by the Ocean®, the fantastic four-day polka festival held at the beautiful ocean-front town of Rehoboth Beach, DE, returns to the newly-renovated Convention Center from September 12 – 15, 2018!

Marking its 13th year in Rehoboth Beach and 38th year overall, the festival features some of the nation's top polka bands. The lineup includes host band, **The Boys** (MD), featuring Polka Hall of Famers Frankie Liszka and Mike Matousek, the **Polka Country Musicians** (CT), featuring Polka Hall of Famer Wally Dombrowski, **The Knewz** (NY), featuring multiple USPA Favorite Male Vocalist award-winner, Andy Bojczuk, Polka Hall of Famer **Jimmy Weber and The Sounds** (NJ) making their only reunion appearance of the year, **The Beat** (NJ), featuring the signature songs of Mike Costa, the **Eddie Forman Orchestra** (MA), featuring Polka Hall of Famer Eddie Forman celebrating his 50th anniversary in the polka business, **The Nu-Tones** (PA), featuring nine-time USPA Favorite Female Vocalist award-winner Stacey Morris, **Old School** (OH), featuring top polka musicians and their incomparable honky-style sound, and **Crab Town Sound** (MD), featuring guest Polka Hall of Famers Fred Bulinski and Freddy K, and other polka stars.

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Pulaski Club of Arizona 2017 Activities Schedule

4331 E. McDowell Rd, Phoenix, Az. 85008
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Sun. Sept. 10th, **Membership Drive / Veterans Appreciation Dance**
(FREE to Members and Veterans, 1st Responders, Gov. Employees)
Membership Meeting 12:30, Nickelcity Express 2 to 5 pm

Sun. Oct. 8th, **Pulaski Day Dinner / Dance**
Dinner 1 to 3 pm, Dance w/ Nickelcity Express 3 to 6 pm
MEMBERS \$15.00, NON-MEMBERS \$20.00, KIDS 7-14: ½ price, Under 7 "FREE" /
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SAT. Oct. 21st, (non-Polka Event) Skorpion Band 7pm – 2am
INFO: Mary Kiselus (602) 526-7321

Sat. Oct. 28th, **COUNTRY WESTERN JAMBOREE** 5pm – midnight
(Fund raiser for victims of domestic violence, proceeds to cameo foundation)
Happy hour 5pm, dinner 6pm, music 7pm by "Reign in Country"
\$50.00 ea. 2 for \$90.00 More info (602) 788-9556

Sun. Nov. 5th, Membership Meeting 12:30, John Filipczak & AZ Classics 2 to 5 pm

Fri. Nov. 17th, **Meet and Greet**, DJ Nickelcity Dave 6pm "FREE"
Sat. Nov. 18th, & Sun. Nov. 19th, **Buffalo Concertina All Stars (Buff.)**
2 to 6pm (both days) \$12.00 at the door

Sat. Nov. 25th (non-Polka Event) "Andrzejki" Skorpion Band 7pm – 2am
INFO: Mary Kiselus (602) 526-7321

Sun. Dec. 10th, **Christmas Dinner & Dance**
Dinner 1 to 3pm Dance 3 to 6pm Nickelcity Express
MEMBERS \$15.00, NON-MEMBERS \$20.00, KIDS 7-14: ½ price Under 7 "FREE"
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Sun. Dec. 17th, **Shine like a Diamond Talent Show III** 2 pm – 5pm
(Fund raiser, door prizes, raffle, FREE Appetizers) (INFO: Rose (480)233-7836

Sun. Dec. 31st, **Annual New Year's Eve Celebration** 7pm – 2am
INFO: Mary Kiselus (602) 526-7321

Polish Woman Heritage Group of Az. Seminar (women only) 7pm
Thursday Sept. 14th, Oct 12th, Nov. 9th, Dec. 14th
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9/21/2017

\$1000 FREDDY K JR MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP AWARD



The Freddy K Jr. Music Scholarship Committee is now accepting requests for applications for the 2018 Scholarship award. Applicants must be high school seniors who have been accepted to an accredited college and play a musical instrument. Anyone who is interested in applying for this year's award can download an application on our website at www.freddykjrmusicscholarship.com or contact the Scholarship Committee at the following address:

The Freddy K Jr. Scholarship Fund
23850 Via Italia Circle, Apt #1104
Bonita Springs, Florida 34134

Freddy K Jr. played trumpet in his father's band, **The Freddy K Band**, when he died in an automobile accident in July of 1997. Music, especially Polka Music, was Fred's life and passion. His personality, sense of humor and love of Polka Music affected all who knew him. The Music Scholarship Fund was set up to carry on where Fred left off by promoting polka music through the gift of a \$1,000 Scholarship to a deserving student every year. Each award will be given at one of the polka Festivals during the summer.

WINNERS OF \$1000 SCHOLARSHIPS

- 2017 – Veronica Prytko, Millbury, Massachusetts
- Joseph Blackburn, Troy, New York
- 2016 – Olivia Piatkowski, Canastota, New York
- 2015 – Adam Winiarz, Norton, Massachusetts
- 2014 – Jenna Libera, Charlton, Massachusetts
- 2013 – Eva Snyder, South Hadley, Massachusetts
- 2012 – Justin Kohan, Orchard Park, New York
- 2011 – Stephen Piatkowski, Canastota, New York
- 2010 – Kassandre Dardzinski, Saugus, Massachusetts and
Anita Marie Thomas, Balto, Maryland
- 2009 – David Raccis, Wilbreham, Massachusetts
- 2008 – Christopher Wanyo, Shillington, Pennsylvania
- 2007 – Kevin Martin, Hudson, New Hampshire
- 2006 – Lanelle Raccis, Wilbreham, Massachusetts
- 2005 – Nick Koryluk, Hicksville, New York
- 2004 – Michael D. Riel, II, Chicopee, Massachusetts
- 2003 – Ryan Ogrodny, White Oak, Pennsylvania
- 2002 – Brian Romianik, Millville, New Jersey
- 2001 – Melissa Mocadlo, Stevens Point, Wisconsin
- 2000 – Andrew Krystopolski, Wilmington, Delaware
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