PA Newsletter

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A Letter From The President...

Greetings,

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 49th 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.

I would like to thank everyone for your continued support as we enter our 50th Anniversary Year. The committee is planning some great events to help enhance the celebration.

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 Rzeszutko President

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.

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.

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Membership 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: John Krawisz, Financial Secretary International Polka Association PO Box 1484 Plainfield, IL 60585 Phone: 630-204-1793 Email: christy-ipa@sbcglobal.net Renew your membership online! Visit: www.ipapolkas.com/store	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	

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Join the International Polka Association

as we celebrate January being "National Polka Month" and kick off our 50th Anniversary Celebration!

Festival of Bands - Warm Up Dance Saturday, January 13th, 2018





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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!

49th Annual Chicago Festival of Polka Bands

Sunday, January 14th, 2018 Featuring 8 top polka bands:

D Street Band **Polka Generations**

Tony Blazonczyk's New Phaze

Tri-City Drive

FreezeDried **IPA Tribute Band**

The Music Company

Gennie O

& The Windy City Brass

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!

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

For information call the IPA at 1-800-TO-POLKA Visit ipapolkas.com Find us at facebook.com/IPAPolkas



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IPA 49th Festival Of Bands Weekend Extravaganza! Saturday and Sunday, January 13 and 14, 2018

Help Us Kick Off Our 50th ANNIVERSARY!

Special IPA hotel rates:

Sleep Inn Midway Airport 6650 South Cicero Avenue

Bedford Park, IL 60648 (708) 594-0001

\$104.00 per night (plus tax) Thursday thru Monday night (1/11/18 - 1/16/18)

Anyone calling in needs to mention the IPA Polka Rate in order to receive the discounted rate and receive the free parking! Please note: the online rate does NOT include parking!

***F/VE Restaurants located on campus! ***FREE Continental Breakfast ***FREE Parking (valued @ \$17 per car, per night)

3 minutes from Midway Airport 13 minutes from Polonia Banquet Hall (HOME OF THE IPA HALL OF FAME!) 17 minutes from Glendora Banquet Hall (Uber is recommended for easy transportation!)

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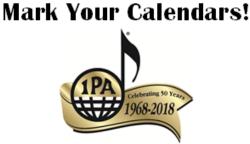
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\$79.00 per night (plus tax) Thursday through Monday night (1/11/18 - 1/16/18)

***FREE Continental Breakfast

17 minutes from Midway Airport 23 minutes from Polonia Banquet Hall (HOME OF THE IPA HALL OF FAME!) 14 minutes from Glendora Banquet Hall (Uber is recommended for easy transportation!)

Make plans now to attend this great two-day event! Arrive earlier and see beautiful downtown Chicago. Remember to ask for the "IPA Polka Rate". Deadline for both hotels is Thursday, December 21, 2017. DON'T DELAY-MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS SOON!



Satarday, March 17, 2018 St. Patrick's Day / Warm Up Dance

Sanday, March 18, 2018 IPA Wisconsin Festival of Polka Bands

Rib River Ballroom

3237 E State Hwy 29 Marathon, WI 10 miles west of Wausau

The International Polka Association warmly welcomes you to our exciting weekend event. Details are being finalized and will be announced very soon. Keep watching facebook.com/ipapolkas or ipapolkas.com for more information. Thank you for your support.

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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 Joe Jozwiak Special Achievement 2003–Peter Hyrcyk Award Winners Award Winners 2004–Gilbert Skudlarczyk, IL 1982–Joe Stuzik, MA 1990–Ann Stanko, CT 2005–Harriet Koziol, Bea Zawada 1983—Joe & Wanda Marcissuk, 1991-Stella Rojak, FL and Stephanie McCracken, IL 1992-Peter & Florence Hyrcyk, IL 2006-David Ulczycki, IL MI 1984—Chuck & Marge Machay, IL 1993–Virginia Seretny, CT 2007-Peter Danielczuk, CT 1985-Tony & Nancy Jankowski, 1994-Keith Stras, IL 2008–Jerry Wantroba, IL PA 1995–Carol Rohwetter, MI 2009–Carol Trzebiatowski, IL 1986–Versatones Fan Club, IL 1996–Martha Adamus, IL 2010-Helen Szubzda Curtin, MA 1987-Rose Marie Tynski, IL 1997-Emily Richards, IL/FL 2011–Linda Niewierowski, IL 1998–unknown 1988–unknown 2012-Ed Szela, MA 2013–Gilbert "Gil" Ziemski, MD 1989–unknown 1999–unknown 2000-Eugene "Gene" Swick, CA 2014-Steve Lltwin, NY 2001–Dianne Rogodzinski Winiarz, 2015–Todd Zaganiacz, MA MA 2016–Jill Czerniak, OH 2002–Kenneth Gill, IL 2017-Les Kapuscinski, Canada

Joe Jozwiak Special Achievement Award Nominee	PLEASE REMEMBER:
Honoree Name:	This form is only for nominations.
Address:	The IPA Board of
Nominations MUST be received NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 1.	Directors and Officers
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.	will determine the winner.
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Joe Jozwiak Special Achievement Award

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 Bands and musicians are operators, etc. 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 Julianne Financial Secretary, Promoter and Chair for Newsletter Assistant to Polka Music Polka Festival from the Hall of Fame Chairman. State of Minnesota. Award Winning Writer and guest DJ, from the Harold Otto, DJ & Chair-State of Illinois.

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

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

Mossak. Editor, the Minnesota State

> man of Pulaski Polka Days from the state of DJ. Wisconsin.

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

Polka Trudy Patek, President Promoter from the state of the Versatones Polka of New Jersey, present- Fan Club of Chicago ing many polka week- from the state of Illinois.

> John Piotrowski, Polka Golembowski, promoter from the state public of Illinois.

> > Ptak. Polka of Connecticut.

Shirley John Rivard, Editor and Polka producer of The Texas state of Texas.

Butch & Mary Kotowski, Stan Wilgocki, DJ and Dance instructors from promotions for Polish New Castle Radio, polka promoter from New

IPA 2017 Polka Music Awards Notice

Polka Recording Companies and Artists Must Submit Nominations by January 14, 2018

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 2017.* 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.

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 <u>www.ipapolkas.com</u>. 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, 2018. The completed affidavit may also be scanned and emailed to: <u>ipahalloffame@gmail.com</u>, 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, 2017 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 <u>one</u> 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 <u>ipahalloffame@gmail.com</u> 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.

Polka Booster Club of America Celebrates 50 Years

The Polka Booster Club of America, headquartered in central MI, celebrated their 50th anniversary with a banquet and dance in Dearborn, MI on September 17th.

Over 200 members, supporters and friends attended this wonderful event highlighted by a buffett dinner and musical entertainment by two polka bands. The festivities began with the melodic sounds of newly inducted I.P.A. Hall of Famer Fred Ziwich and his International Sound Machine. The polka music continued with the happy snappy sounds of "The Project"; lead by I.P.A. Director, John Zelasko.

During the banquet, the Polka Booster Club of America received an outstanding achievement award by a Michigan State Representative, and the International Polka Association's Certificate of Appreciation. Club President Shirley Siwiec graciously accepted both awards on the organization's behalf.

With over 300 members, the Polka Booster Club of America will continue to promote polka music for many years to come. The I.P.A. salutes and congratulates them on their 50th anniversary, and their contributions to polka music.



Fred Ziwich, Eddie Siwiec, Dennis Mikolajewski, and John Zelasko presenting the certificate of appreciation to Shirley Siwiec. (Photo credit: Debra LaVasseur)

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 11: November 18: November 25: December 2:	"Freddy K" Kendzierski Keith Pietranczyk John & Christy Krawisz Dan & Laura Mateja and Dennis Mikolajewski
December 9:	Bonnie Ryniec and Rick Rzeszutko
December 16:	Peter Danielczuk
December 23:	Ed Guca
December 30:	"Freddy K" Kendzierski
January 6:	Peter Danielczuk

WPNA Radio Shows DJ's

Sundays, 11:00-12 noon Central Time 1490 AM Chicago or online at www.radiowpna.com

November 12: November 19: November 26: December 3:	Peter Danielczuk Keith Pietranczyk John & Christy Krawisz Dan & Laura Mateja and Dennis Mikolajewski
December 10: December 17: December 24: December 31: January 7:	Bonnie Ryniec and Rick Rzeszutko Peter Danielczuk Keith Pietranczyk John & Christy Krawisz 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.

Cindy McHugh (CO) Matt Prochot (IL) Chris Prochot (IL) Jack Walsh (IL) Kathy Prochot (IL) John Michalski (PA) Mike DeArruda (SC) Sue Dunaj-Leder (WI)

LIFETIME MEMBERS

Linda Hurley (VT) Paul Rite (IL)

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.

We currently have 938 members. Help us reach our goal of 1,000; encourage a friend or two to join!







- 1: Kevin Adams; Wally Stanczyk; **Charles Curtin**
- 2: Ted Matuszko; Walter Rognerud; Sylvester Wienclaw; Matt Prochot
- 3: Mark Trzepacz; "Ray Jay" Jarusinski
- 4: Jane Honn
- 5: Nance Dulaj; JoAnn Mancl; Gennie Okrzesik
- 6: James Polaski
- 7: Linda Jelinek; Arlene Krzeminski
- 8: Anne Gierut; Jill Styczynski; Bill Ellis
- 9: Frank Styfurak; Anthony Szczur
- 10: Thomas Zimnowski: Gina Howes: Joe Sokol
- **11:** Nicholas Grabarek
- **12:** Pat Klesel; Kathy Cernosek
- **13:** Ray Jurusinski; Jeff Mytych; Peter Wojcik
- 14: June Sherry Ingram: Dennis Ostopowicz: Robert Kujawa
- 15: Sue Szela; Irene Lizzio; Carl Lucas; Andrew Vensko: Kathie Warco
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- 18: Marty Dzik
- 19: Pat Maduzia
- 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; 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;; Dianne Canning; Mark Grochowski
- 30: Matt Jaworski; Diane Trina; **Ray Barsukiewicz**

- 1: Joseph J. Dembeck, Jr.
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- 3: Karl Koch; Joseph Rupnik; Jennifer Dziadosz; James Sajkowicz, Jr.;
- 4: Darryl Troczynski: Duffy O'Neill: Barbara Fudalla
- 5: Chris Rose
- 6: Dick Zavodny; Becca Jurevis; Sandy Berestka; Kathy Raczkowski
- 7: Walter Nowak; Myrna Filipczak;
- 8: Rocco Naples; Steve Coblish; Darlene Kender; Alex Meixner; Kathy Futa; Jack Walsh
- 10: Bev Koziej; Frank Piotrowski
- 11: Neil Makatenas; Richard Kujawa
- **12:** John Springer
- 13: John Piotrowski
- 14: Olivia Piatkowski
- 15: Darrell Weltin; Daniel Okrzesik; Logan Stanczewski
- 17: Mark Janson; Stanley Sulikowski; Ted Okreszik, Jr.; Dennis Motyka
- 18: Ken Kendra; Marla Kunke; Ray Budzilek, Jr.
- 19: Diane Pojedynski
- 20: Jessica Jurevis
- 21: Pam Drust
- 22: Paul Wanas; Mary Valcik
- 23: Ronald Bies; John S. Mikrut, Carol Kibelbek
- 24: Stanley Kunysz
- **25**: Joseph Niemietz
- 26: Richard Wisniewski; Linda Mitchkoski; Maria Kula; Stanley Papuga
- 27: Raymond Naczas: Claude Wiatrowski: Gary Rhamy; Helga Leonard; Jessica Agin
- 28: Sue Dunaj-Leder
- 29: Marsha Bulinski; Mary Masse; Louis Stewart. Jr.
- 31: Kathy Blazonczyk; Gerry Gorak; Joey Husain

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



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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/ Nickleity Express 3 to 6 pm MEMBERS \$15.00, NON-MEMBERS \$200, 00, NIDS 7-14 - \', price, Under 7 "FREE" / RESERVATIONS REQUESTED 602-909-4965, 602-275-9329

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" \$0.00 ea. 2 for \$90.00 More info (602) 788-9556

Sun. Nov. $5^{th},$ 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" RESERVATIONS REQUESTED 602-909-4965, 602-275-9329

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 (For more info. HAUNA ROZNOWSK), CORRESPONDENCE SECRETARY AT 602-421-6502.)

www.pulaskiclubaz.org. www.facehook.com/pulaskiclub.az Admission: \$8.00 members/\$10.00 guests (unless noted) Doors open 1hr. before event Bands & Times subject to change 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 <u>www.freddykjrmusicscholarship.com</u> 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 1999 - William Lomnychuk, Reading, Pennsylvania 1998 - John Daigle, Chicopee, Massachusetts



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January 13-14: IPA Warm-Up Dance and Festival of Chicago Polka Bands	One Issue Full Page\$75.00 per issue Half Page\$55.00 per issue	
March 10-11: IPA Hall of Fame Benefit Dance Ludlow, Massachusetts	Quarter Page\$40.00 per Issue Eighth Page\$25.00 per issue Three Issues	
March 17-18: IPA Warm-Up Dance and Festival of Wisconsin Polka Bands Marathon, Wisconsin	Full Page \$67.00 per issue Half Page \$45.00 per issue Quarter Page \$36.00 per issue Eighth Page \$22.00 per issue Six Issues \$22.00 per issue	
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IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS!!		

As reminders for membership renewals are mailed out, it would be greatly appreciated if these could be returned <u>as soon as</u> <u>possible</u>. Not only are these fees used to allocate printing and mailing expenses, but for various other causes. So please return your renewals in a timely matter.

