



# IPA Newsletter

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Hello Polka Fans!

We welcome you into another exciting year. This year marks the 50th anniversary of the inception of the International Polka Association. We're in the process of finalizing details for our 50th annual festival and convention to be held in Buffalo, New York on Labor Day weekend. New 50th anniversary IPA apparel will also be available soon; stay tuned for more details.

In the meantime, we'll be celebrating our 50th anniversary this year with events all across the country, beginning January 13-14 in Chicago and January 27 in both Buffalo, New York, and Schulenburg, Texas. March brings two more IPA events — March 10-11 in Ludlow, Massachusetts and March 17-18 in Wausau, Wisconsin. See all the event flyers inside this newsletter for more details.

We would like to sincerely thank all 950 members of our organization; we couldn't do this without you. We encourage you to help us meet our goal of 1,000 members by inviting your friends and family to join the IPA.

Did you know January is National Polka Month? Find your nearest polka dance, and come out and support your favorite bands.

Stay tuned in upcoming newsletters, our webpage and Facebook page for more fun-filled details on this special anniversary year.

Stay warm!

Debbie Dunaj  
IPA Director - Wisconsin  
Newsletter Editor

*January is*  
**NATIONAL**  
**POLKA MONTH**



**IPA Newsletter**

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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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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, 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!

**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



Music by:

**Lenny Gomulka  
& Chicago Push**


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**
**Gennie O  
& The Windy City Brass**
**FreezeDried****Tri-City Drive****IPA Tribute Band****The Music Company**

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

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Join the International Polka Association  
Celebrate January being "National Polka Month"  
at the **3rd Annual "Buffalo"**

**FESTIVAL OF POLKA BANDS**

Saturday, January 27, 2018

6:00 pm – ????

Doors open at 5:30pm

Featuring music by these Buffalo Polka Bands



**BUFFALO CONCERTINA ALL-STARS**  
**BUFFALO TOUCH**  
**THE NEW DIRECTION BAND**  
**PHOCUS**  
**RARE VINTAGE**  
**SPECIAL DELIVERY**

Join the IPA  
\$15.00  
membership fee



Special Guest appearances by IPA Hall of Famers  
(Bands and Hall of Famers subject to availability)

WBBZ-TV will also be taping each band for a future Polka Buzz show.

Admission: \$15.00 - IPA Members \$10.00

No Advanced Tickets – Proceeds to Benefit the International Polka Association

**Potts Banquet Hall**

Clinton &amp; Rossler Plaza

41 S. Rossler Street, Buffalo, NY 14206

For Table Reservations Call:

NY Director Lori Urbanczyk 716.675.6588

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

**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!

\*\*\*FIVE 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!)

**Super 8**

7887 West 79th Street  
Bridgeview, IL 60455  
(708) 458-8008

\$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!**

**POLKA MONTH  
DANCE**

January Is National Polka Month!

Join Us for a Texas-Sized Celebration!

**SAT., JANUARY 27**

7-11PM | Schulenburg KC Hall (405 South St)


**Dujka  
Brothers**

Congratulate Mark  
and John on receiving  
an International Polka  
Association Music Award  
for their recording of  
Church Picnic Polka.

**Support the IPA!**

Help us raise funds for the  
association to promote,  
maintain, and advance public  
interest in polka entertainment.



ADMISSION: \$10/\$5 for IPA Members  
(join at the dance and get \$5 back!) Kids 12 and under: free

DOORS OPEN AT 6PM • SILENT AUCTION  
BURGERS • PLENTY OF PIVO

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This year marks the 50th anniversary of the International Polka Association. We have many exciting events planned for this year, and we hope you're able to join us in Buffalo for our 50th anniversary festival and convention!

#### ***How the International Polka Association Began***

The concept of a national polka convention had been developed and pioneered originally in Chicago. From the popular yearly moonlight dances starting in 1960, which attracted thousands of polka lovers from all sections of the United States and Canada — the first polka convention emerged in 1963. This developed into the International Polka Convention which was presented each succeeding year in Chicago, Detroit and Buffalo, New York.

In January, 1968 a steering committee comprised of Johnny Hyzny, Leon Kozicki, Joe and Jean Salomon, Eddie Blazonczyk and Don Jodlowski met to discuss plans for the next convention. After a series of meetings they began preparations for the formation of the International Polka Association. The Association was officially chartered by the State of Illinois as a "not for profit" corporation and was registered with the County of Cook (Chicago) in August of 1968.

Since 1968 the International Polka Festival has been presented under the auspices of the International Polka Association. The delegates to the 1968 Convention approved the establishment of the Polka Music Hall of Fame and the presentation of annual Polka Music Awards.

As stated in its charter, the International Polka Association was organized as: "An educational and charitable organization for the preservation, promulgation and advancement of polka music and; to promote, maintain and advance public interest in polka entertainment; to advance the mutual interests and encourage greater cooperation among its members who are engaged in polka entertainment; and to encourage and pursue the study of polka music, dancing and traditional folklore."

The International Polka Association presents many special awards each year to encourage the promotion of polka music. Through the efforts of the IPA, the month of January has been proclaimed as National Polka Music Month and the annual festival has served as a show place for new, deserving polka talent. Many functions under the auspices of the IPA are presented in various states, a weekly radio program has been established and a bi-monthly news bulletin keeps the members informed of the business affairs of the Association, as well as polka related events and news from across the country.

The International Polka Association is also responsible for the continued operation and growth of the Polka Music Hall of Fame and Museum. It is through this branch that the Association has been able to continue its historical, educational and research goals on behalf of the polka music industry.

*History via [ipapolkas.com/about-the-ipa/](http://ipapolkas.com/about-the-ipa/)*



13<sup>th</sup> Annual

# IPA Hall of Fame Benefit Dance 2018

Polish American Citizens Center • 355 East Street, Ludlow, MA 01056

Polish Kitchen Available

2 days!

**SAT**  
**MARCH**  
**10th**  
7pm-11pm  
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**MARCH**  
**11th**  
2pm-7pm  
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Music by  
**EFO**

Music by

### Dennis Polisky & Maestro's Men

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321 Center Street, Ludlow, MA  
\$125 per night Code: IPA 2018

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

Send Self-Addressed Stamped Envelope and  
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23850 Via Italia Circle, Apt. #1104  
Bonita Springs, Florida 34134For Tables of 8 or More Call:  
Carol Blajda 413-549-6997

ADVANCE TICKETS ONLY • NO TICKETS HELD AT DOOR

## IPA Warm-Up Dance

Saturday, March 17, 2018

Dance: 7 PM - 11 PM; Doors open at 6:30 PM  
Admission: \$12 at the doorRib River Ballroom  
3237 E Hwy 29  
Marathon, WI 54448 (10 miles west of Wausau)

## IPA Wisconsin Festival of Polka Bands

Sunday, March 18, 2018

Dance: 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM; Doors open at 12:30 PM

Admission: \$15 at the door

Rib River Ballroom

Music By:

**The Natural Talent (TNT)**  
**Polish Connection**
**Maroszek Brothers**  
**Polkatown Sound**

Special 2-day pass available at the door: \$25\*

\*Receive \$5 off 2-day pass with current IPA membership card

Hotel Info:  
Days Inn & Suites  
4700 Rib Mountain Drive  
Wausau, WI 54401  
715-203-0459

Room Block: IPA Polka Dance  
1 Queen: \$89  
2 Queen/1 King: \$94  
Reservation Deadline: 2/10/18  
Cancellation Deadline: 3/1/18

For more information:  
facebook.com/IPApolkas  
ipapolkas.com  
800-TO-POLKA

### JOIN FESTIVAL OF FRIENDSHIP AND IPA FOR A TRIP TO Wyandotte, Michigan On Saturday, April 28, 2018

\$150 per person (Based on Double occupancy)

\$190 per person (Based on Single occupancy)

Proceeds to benefit the American Heart Association

Featuring Lenny Gomulka & Chicago Push  
AND  
The Music Company

Includes:

- ❖ Deluxe Motor Coach
- ❖ Juice, Rolls, Refreshments, and Sandwiches on the Bus
- ❖ Refreshments and Sandwiches at the Hotel
- ❖ Overnight Stay at the Comfort Suites
- ❖ Admission to the Dance
- ❖ Breakfast at the Hotel

Leave Glendora House at Saturday at 9am  
and return Sunday at approx. 3pm

For reservations, call Dave at 312-315-2215  
Deposit \$25 due at time of reservation  
Balance DUE April 10<sup>th</sup>

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_  
KING OR DOUBLE BED: \_\_\_\_\_  
ROOMING WITH: \_\_\_\_\_

SEND TO:  
FESTIVAL OF FRIENDSHIP  
4604 S. Archer Ave., Chicago, IL 60632

## IPA Chicago Festival of Polka Bands Band Schedule

Sunday, January 14, 2018

11:30 - 12:20	D Street Band
12:30 - 1:20	Windy City Brass
1:30 - 2:20	Polka Generations
2:30 - 3:20	Tony Blazonczyk's New Phaze
3:30 - 4:20	IPA Tribute Band
4:30 - 5:20	The Music Company
5:30 - 6:20	FreezeDried
6:30 - 7:20	Tri-City Drive

For full details on the Chicago weekend, see flyer on page 3. Hotel reservation dates have been extended. Call now if you haven't reserved your room yet. We hope to see you in Chicago, January 13-14!

## Joe Jozwiak Special Achievement Award

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. The award is given 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.

We would like to congratulate this year's recipient of the Joe Jozwiak Special Achievement Award, Norb Ciesla.

If you are at a polka dance and a guy with a video camera tells you he is a priest - you are probably talking to Norb Ciesla (aka Father Norb) from Orland Park, IL, President of the Let's Polka USA. Club. Norb is married to Lorraine, his wife for over 57 years.

Polka music is a passion for Norb. It is not unusual for a dance you are at today, to be on YouTube that night for your viewing and listening pleasure. Today Norb has posted over 10,300 videos and will exceed 5,000,000 hits by the end of January.

Words from Norb Ciesla:

"It has been a great honor to follow the footsteps of founder Mike and continue to share that great polka music with old and new friends across the world. The internet has given me a chance to share the fun we have with family and friends at our dances while enjoying music from excellent polka musicians that play for our club. I really try to capture the fun and joy that polka music brings to people's lives. It is very hard to be sad when a great polka is playing. You just want to get up and dance. Nothing makes me happier than seeing some of our senior members dancing with some of our younger members and carrying the polka joy forward into the next generation. You know you are at a polka dance because there are no iPhones - instead the kids are interacting, dancing and having fun. It is a great honor to receive the Joe Jozwiak award. I extend my thank you to the IPA, the great bands we get to listen to, the great friends and families I have met over the years throughout the United States. I also would like to thank "Polka Hall of Famer", Richie Gomulka and his wife for the privilege of being on the Polka Jammer Internet Show as a guest. Best wishes to everyone for 2018!"

Norb will be presented the Joe Jozwiak Special Achievement Award at the IPA Chicago Festival of Polka Bands on Sunday, January 14. Congratulations to Norb, and thank you for your contributions to polka music.



## 2018 IPA Festival & Convention - We Need Your Help!

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

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

## IPA 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 [www.ipapolkas.com](http://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, 2018. The completed affidavit may also be scanned and emailed to: [ipahalloffame@gmail.com](mailto: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, 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 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](mailto:ipahalloffame@gmail.com) or (443) 956-3087.

## IPA Polka Hall of Famer Matt Wasielewski Passes

Matt Wasielewski, musician, band leader, vocalist, song writer, composer, master of ceremonies, radio disc jockey, promoter and record distributor, started his polka career in 1957 when he formed his Polka Jets band. Seven years with the same musicians, his group was playing three to four jobs a week. Through the next few years, Matt added more musicians to the group which eventually developed into a six-piece band. Much in demand, the booking of some jobs were one to two years in advance. In 1968, they cut their first album.

The Polka Jets Orchestra won many awards through the years including four trophies for first place at the Battle of Bands, along with two second place trophies over six years at Idora Park Ballroom, a very popular polka spot in Youngstown, Ohio. They also played 11 consecutive festivals at this same ballroom.

In 1982, Matt joined the Bud Hundenski Orchestra as vocalist and traveled with the band for seven years. He then regrouped the Polka Jets and performed for several more years before disbanding the group. He still occasionally does some jobs with Bud Hundenski's Corsiars. Between the two bands, Matt has performed in about 10 states and also in Canada. Matt recorded six albums with his Polka Jets and did the vocals on three albums with Bud. His band has made several TV appearances over the years. He was a guest vocalist on two recordings with the New Tradition.

Matt had been an emcee many times, including at some of the polka festivals: Seven Springs in Champion, Pennsylvania, and the Jimmy Sturr Christmas Show in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He, along with his band, volunteered on many occasions to contribute their time to worthy causes such as Children's Hospital, cancer benefits, and personal benefits for fellow musicians.

Matt was inducted into the IPA Polka Music Hall of Fame in 1998; passed away on November 17, 2017 at the age of 82. May he rest in peace.

Full hall of fame bio: <http://www.ipapolkas.com/blog/otw-portfolio/matt-wasielewski-living-category-inducted-1998/>





**2017 Festival & Convention Report**

<b>Annual Festival Revenue</b>		
Ad Book Revenue	2,893.98	
Donation & Miscellaneous Income	280.00	
Door Admission Income	20,720.00	
Raffle Sales	2,446.00	
Room sales credit from Hotel	2,340.00	
Split the Pot	1,955.00	
<b>Total Annual Festival Revenue</b>		<b>30,634.98</b>
<b>Annual Festival Expenses</b>		
Ad Book	1,820.99	
Advertising	114.00	
Band Expense	19,345.00	
Printing	684.75	
Pro Am Jam	305.25	
Raffle Mailing - Printing	689.59	
Raffle Payouts	600.00	
Wristbands	2.51	
<b>Total Annual Festival Expenses</b>		<b>23,562.09</b>
<b>Profit from Festival</b>		<b>7,072.89</b>
<b>HOF Report</b>		
Banquet Sales	3,265.00	
<b>Total Hall Of Fame Income</b>		<b>3,265.00</b>
<b>Hall Of Fame Operational Expense</b>		
Banquet Flowers & Entertainment	467.00	
Hall of Fame Operations	1,158.95	
HOF Banquet	3,837.42	
HOF Reception	1,141.58	
Pins & Awards	3,543.63	
Printing	50.00	
<b>Total Hall Of Fame Operational Expense</b>		<b>10,198.58</b>
<b>Net loss on HOF Awards and Banquet</b>		<b>(6,933.58)</b>

**Welcome New Members!**

Marvin Welch (KY)  
 Claire Esker (IL)  
 John Struziak (MA)  
 Dolores Kozlauska (MA)  
 Tyler Janson (MI)  
 Zachary Janson (MI)  
 Stan Wilgocki (NY)  
 Michael Costa (NJ)

**LIFETIME MEMBER**

Jeff Tomczak (MN)

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

**IPA Radio Shows**

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

**Polka Jammer IJs**

Saturdays 4:00-5:00 PM, Central Time  
[www.polkajammernetwork.org](http://www.polkajammernetwork.org)

January 6: Peter Danielczuk  
 January 13: Ed Guca  
 January 20: "Freddy K" Kendzierski  
 January 27: Keith Pietranczyk

**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)

January 7: Dan & Laura Mateja and  
 Dennis Mikolajewski  
 January 14: Bonnie Ryniec and Rick Rzeszutko  
 January 21: Peter Danielczuk  
 January 28: Keith Pietranczyk

**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.





# IPA Birthdays



## January

- 1: Jeanne Szela
- 2: Cecilia Osysko, Eugene Sadus;  
Stephen Binkiewicz; Wandzia Kaluzny,  
Donna Inglot
- 3: Ernest Daigle; Kevin Kurdziel; Debbie Parat;  
Dawn Rosinski; Adam Hembel;
- 4: Jerry Fabian; Rick Kunke
- 5: Nancy Szmyd;
- 6: John Freidhoff, Michele Troczynski
- 7: Suellen Gomulka; Candy Bonnin;  
Erv Wisniewski; Stephen Kaminski
- 8: Laura Mateja; Rudy Ozmy
- 9: Jeff Yash
- 10: Pat Stanek; Debbie Jones; Les Motyka;  
Brian Chenkus
- 11: Frank Liszka
- 12: Vince Ashman; Richie Dombrowski
- 13: Barbara Szydowski
- 14: Elaine Nowak; Stanley Raiczky;  
Mike Cielecki
- 15: David Dobrzinski; Joseph Kubicar;  
John Jaworski
- 17: DeeDee Ogrodny; Al Piatkowski;  
John C. Mikrut; Zachary Mikrut
- 18: Lucille Marsolek; Brian Kapka; Duane Mijal
- 19: Hayley Krawisz; Debbie Gardner
- 20: Richard Tady; Teresa Bagrowski;  
Goran Lukic
- 21: Jeff Maroszek
- 22: Ann Marie Matousek; Jim Pietranczyk
- 23: Diane Pukal; John Davis
- 25: Craig Marsolek; Walter Maduzia;  
Bill Dobrucki
- 26: Laura Bethke
- 28: Sharon Heiman; Ray Kanoza; Don Maduzia
- 29: Mary Anne Robinson
- 30: Chet Dombrowski
- 31: Richard Leach

## February

- 1: Robert Guyette; Wanda Guca
- 2: Don Hedeker; Jody Maddie
- 5: Don Haderle; Fred Bulinski;  
Gene Mikolajewski
- 6: Richie Gomulka; Norbert Ciesla;  
Tim Quinnell
- 7: Eddie Biegaj
- 8: Barbara Haselow; Hank Kaliszewski;  
Christine Kotowski; Edward Kutas
- 9: Evelyn Benbenek; Al Jelinek; Ron Zywieci
- 10: Fredolin Willfahrt; Frank Delaney;  
Lisa Zapiec
- 12: Walter Groller; Mario Joseph Kozak;  
Curt Pollmann
- 13: Gerry Kaminski; Mike Fudalla
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# Polka Party

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We sincerely thank you for your contributions and support of the International Polka Association.

## In Memoriam

We extend our sympathies to the family of IPA member Earnie Boyd. May he rest in peace.



### Pulaski Club of Arizona 2017 Activities Schedule

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Sun. Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>, **Membership Drive / Veterans Appreciation Dance**  
(FREE to Members and Veterans, 1<sup>st</sup> Responders, Gov. Employees)  
Membership Meeting 12:30, Nickelcity Express 2 to 5 pm

Sun. Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>, **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. 21<sup>st</sup>, (non-Polka Event) Skorpion Band 7pm – 2am  
INFO: Mary Kiselus (602) 526-7321

Sat. Oct. 28<sup>th</sup>, **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. 5<sup>th</sup>, Membership Meeting 12:30, John Filipczak & AZ Classics 2 to 5 pm

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

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

Sun. Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>, **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. 17<sup>th</sup>, **Shine like a Diamond Talent Show III** 2 pm – 5pm  
(Fund raiser, door prizes, raffle, FREE Appetizers) (INFO: Rose (480)233-7836

Sun. Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>, **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. 14<sup>th</sup>, Oct 12<sup>th</sup>, Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>, Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>  
(For more info, HALINA ROZNOWSKI, CORRESPONDENCE SECRETARY AT 602-421-6502.)

[www.pulaskiclubaz.org](http://www.pulaskiclubaz.org) [www.facebook.com/pulaskiclubaz](https://www.facebook.com/pulaskiclubaz)  
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