



IPA Newsletter

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A Note From Our President

Greetings,

Make plans now to attend our January is National Polka Month Weekend. On Saturday January 19, 2019, Our Warm Up Dance will be at Polonia Banquets, featuring Full Circle with a special tribute to The Tones. Sunday January 20, 2019 Our 50th 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 check out the rest of the newsletter for all future IPA and other polka activities.

I would like to thank the officers and directors who continue to work hard to keep the IPA moving forward in a positive direction. Often times your work goes unnoticed. I appreciate all that you do for the IPA and polka music.

A big thank you to all of our advertisers in the IPA newsletter, and the IPA radio shows. We appreciate your generosity.

The Calendar Raffle is back. Only \$20.00 per ticket and you can win prizes totaling \$5200.00. Additional tickets will be available at our January events, or contact ipapolkas@gmail.com to have some mailed to you.

Special Thanks to Wisconsin Director Debbie Dunaj, who has been the newsletter editor for the last few years. Debbie will be handing the duties over to Lynn Kaminski, our new Financial Secretary, who will be the newsletter editor moving forward.

At this time I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas, and a 2019 filled with health and happiness.

As always, Thank You for your continued support.

God Bless,
Rick

I'd like to take a moment to thank everyone for their kind comments and words of encouragement these past five years as IPA Newsletter Editor. It has been a very time-consuming task, so it means a lot knowing that so many of you take the time to read the newsletters from cover to cover. After five years, it's time for me to focus on other opportunities.

Thank you for your continued support of the newsletter and the IPA.

*Happy Holidays & God Bless,
Debbie Dunaj
IPA Newsletter Editor
WI IPA Director*



Merry Christmas

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**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, Dennis Mikolajewski, Keith Pietranczyk, Jerry Wantroba, and Dan Mateja.

The IPA Radio Show is also broadcast on the Polka Jammer Network on Saturdays from 4-5 p.m. Central Time and also available in the Polka Jammer archives. Be sure to tune in! Visit www.polkajammernetwork.org

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

Join the International Polka Association in celebrating January as **"National Polka Month"**

FESTIVAL OF BANDS—Warm-Up Dance

Saturday, January 19, 2019



Music by: **FULL CIRCLE**
Honoring the music of **"The Tones"**



Polonia Banquets—4604 S. Archer Ave., Chicago, IL
Doors open at 5:00pm Music: 6:00pm—10:00pm

Admission: \$15 at the door

Polonia's Kitchen will be open

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50th Annual Chicago Festival of Polka Bands

Sunday, January 20, 2019



FreezeDried
Music Company
Tony Blazonczyk's New Phaze
The D-Street Band
I.P.A. Tribute Band
Gennie O & the Windy City Brass
Tri-City Drive
Jim Polaski's Chicago Nu Tones
"A Tribute to Polka Hall of Famer Johnnie Bomba"



Glendora Banquets—10225 S. Harlem Ave., Chicago Ridge, IL

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Saturday and Sunday, January 19 and 20, 2019

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IPA HALL OF FAME INDUCTION DANCE



Music by: **Gary's Ridgeland Dutchmen**

Congratulate Gary on his induction into the
International Polka Association - Polka Music Hall Of Fame®

Sunday, March 31, 2019 - Rib River Ballroom

3237 E State Hwy 29, Marathon, WI 54448

Doors Open at 12:00 PM - Music 1:00 - 5:00 PM

Admission - \$10 at the door.



IPA Polka Hall of Famer, Johnnie Bomba, Passes

Johnnie Bomba was born in Chicago. While in the 4th grade at Sacred Heart School. He started playing clarinet with the school band. In 7th grade he already played with local dance bands, and in 8th grade formed his own group. In De La Salle High School he was the first chair alto clarinetist in the concert band. He formed a 15-piece dance band and played dance halls, ballrooms, and hotels.

During World War II, Johnnie was with the 30th Division Special Services where he led the band drum and bugle corps, and helped put on stage and USO shows. He also worked on in counter-intelligence, landed in France on D-Day plus 2, and was in six major battles.

After his discharge he returned to the band, and it was then he became really devoted to polka music. In 1948 his band played live WGES radio broadcasts on Sundays, and later, also on Thursday evenings. It was then that Walter Dana contacted Johnny to record. His band was the first Midwestern band to record, introducing his Chicago style to Polka lovers in the East.

In 1951 he was named "Midwest Polka King" by ballroom proprietors and record distributors. His band played steady weekly engagements at the Aragon and Trianon Ballrooms for two years. With television coming into its own, Johnnie Bomba's Orchestra was featured on the Howard Moto's Polka Parade weekly on WGN-TV. Appearances followed on Rudy Orisek's International Café, the Ron Terry Show, and other television programs. He also had his own radio show on stations WOPA in Oak Park, Illinois. In 1978, his band had a featured a role in the movie "F.I.S.T." starring Sylvester Stallone, playing Hungarian and Lithuanian music.

Johnnie Bomba passed away September 13 at the age of 96.



"The Mule," Starring Clint Eastwood, Features Squeezebox

"The Mule," starring Clint Eastwood, opened nationwide in theaters on Friday, December 14. The movie, based on a true story, is about a man in his 80s named Earl Stone (Eastwood) who searches for alternate work as a result of his flower business facing foreclosure. Offered a job to drive, Earl accepts, unknowingly signing on as a drug courier.

This movie also features a scene starring new IPA Hall of Fame inductee, Mollie Busta Lange, with Squeezebox. Filmed over the course of a day in Georgia in June, Mollie B and Squeezebox were hand-selected for the scene, as Clint Eastwood has watched "Mollie B Polka Party" and is a huge fan of Mollie's. Mollie and Ted also co-wrote a song that was selected by Eastwood to be used in the movie. The band is featured as part of a scene celebrating Earl Stone (Eastwood), who paid for renovations to a local Michigan VFW he was a member of which had recently been destroyed by a fire.

Squeezebox personnel includes IPA Hall of Famer Mollie B, IPA lifetime member Ted Lange, IPA member Joe Poper, and Dana Lindblad. "The Mule" also stars Bradley Cooper, Laurence Fishburne, and Dianne Wiest. Check your local listings for showtimes in your area.

Written by: Debbie Dunaj
Contributors:
Ted Lange, Dana Lindblad



50th Anniversary Celebration in Chicago

What better place to pay homage to an organization that reached such a significant milestone than to go back to where it all started? Adorned in black and gold, Polonia Banquets in Chicago, looked beautiful as it welcomed everyone to the 50th Anniversary Celebration of the International Polka Association® on Sunday, October 28th, 2018.

Dressed to the nines, those who attended the event were seated at gold lamé covered tables. Each table was beautifully set with a lighted centerpiece that included 45s from musical groups that entertained over the years. Each place setting was decorated with the 50th Anniversary stemless wine goblet filled with gold wrapped orange candy and tied with a gold ribbon. The glass sat upon a hand-crafted, custom made coaster bearing the image of the 50th Anniversary logo. Tying everything together was the International Polka Association Golden Anniversary program book that listed all of those who served as officers and directors, Hall of Fame® inductees, award winners, queens, entertainers, and locations of the International Polka Association® conventions.

The day began with a Polka Mass celebrated by Fr. Bob Roll where he shared stories of days gone by and prayed for those who were no longer with us. After the mass, the Mistress of Ceremonies, Christy Krawisz, 1st Vice President of the I.P.A., welcomed everyone to the gala. She spoke of the Founding Fathers; introduced the current and past officers and directors; and recognized Hall of Famers and their families, as well as past I.P.A. queens, in attendance. She also welcomed dignitaries from other polka organizations and those who served on the 50th Anniversary Committee. Christy then introduced Tish Blazonczyk, wife of Eddie Blazonczyk, and the last remaining immediate relationship to the Founding Fathers of the International Polka Association®. Mrs. Blazonczyk gave a toast that brought tears and laughter; and it was fitting for her to be the one to lead those gathered in raising their glass. Polonia's famous family style menu was served shortly thereafter along with delicious cupcakes with the I.P.A logo, crafted by Jenny Ruitenbergh, daughter of Hall of Famer, Stas Bulanda.

While the music, provided by The Boys, played on, those in attendance were able to walk around a side room and look at more than 15 poster boards collaged with pictures and watch a video with more than 900 more memories. People laughed, wiped a few tears, and even took pictures of the pictures. Special acknowledgments from dignitaries were also on display. In addition, a photo booth was on hand for people to be able to take home more special memories. The photo booth was provided by Glen Hudy, son of Hall of Famer and past I.P.A. President, Fred Hudy.

Thank you to Christy Krawisz, daughter of Hall of Famer, John Furmaniak; Lori Lewandowski, daughter of Hall of Famer and past I.P.A. President, Fred Hudy; Sally Sendra, Miss I.P.A. 1969-1970; Basia Adams, Miss I.P.A. 1987-1988; Lynn Kaminski, I.P.A. Financial Secretary and Miss U.S.P.A. 1998-1999; Bonnie Ryniec, I.P.A. Director; and Diane Pojedynski for everything they put into making this year so memorable. They gave selfishly of their time and talents for the greater good of the 50th Anniversary Celebration for all to enjoy. A special thank you to the family of Leon Kozicki, one of the Founding Fathers, whose donation helped make the day possible and to Les Kapuscinski for, once again, capturing so many special moments. Sto Lat to the International Polka Association ®. Here's to another 50 years.

Written by: Lynn Kaminski

Visit Our IPA Website!

Be sure to visit the official website of the International Polka Association; ipapolkas.com for everything polka! The website is packed with interesting features including a detailed history of the International Polka Association and our Hall of Fame Museum.

You can browse through the biographies of all I.P.A. Polka Hall of Fame members. Next, scan the list of the various I.P.A. Award winners including all of our annual music award categories, the Joe Jozwiak award, the Leon Kozicki award, and the I.P.A. Certificates of Appreciation.

After that, you can click on our polka events calendar. There you can view many upcoming polka happenings from across the country and Canada! In fact, all promoters and band leaders are encouraged to add their events into our calendar by simply clicking on "Submit an Event" located under the "Polka Events" tab. This is a complimentary service provided by the I.P.A. , so please do

not hesitate to take advantage of this opportunity to advertise!

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Written by: Dennis Mikolajewski

Certificates of Appreciation



IPA Hall of Famer and Past President Keith Stras presented a Certificate of Appreciation to the Dynatones, in recognition of their efforts of promoting and performing Polka Music for over 50 years.



PA 1st Vice President, Christy Krawisz along with President, Rick Rzeszutko and New Financial Secretary, Lynn Kaminski presenting America's Polka Sweetheart Stephanie, with a Certificate of Appreciation for promoting 50 years of polka music at the Lone Tree Manor in Niles, IL.



On October 7th, President Rick Rzeszutko presented Judy Stringhill a Certificate of Appreciation in recognition of her efforts of promoting Polka Music for over 50 years.



Wisconsin IPA Director Debbie Dunaj presented a Certificate of Appreciation to the Pulaski Polka Days committee in celebration of their 40th annual Pulaski Polka Days festival in Pulaski, WI.



A Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Michael Nowakowski and Sunshine Records during the IPA Festival in Buffalo, recognizing 35 years of promoting and distributing polka music.

IPA Summer Picnic

The International Polka Association held its annual family picnic on Saturday, August 4th, 2018. I.P.A. Members, their families, and polka friends from New York, Michigan, Indiana and Illinois enjoyed the music of Gennie O and the Windy City Brass along with Tony Blazarczyk's New Phaze. The weather was nice and warm with temperatures exceeding 90 degrees. But that did not hinder anyone from having a great time and dancing to the music.

I.P.A. Secretary Keith Pietranczyk and Mike "King Dupa" Nowakowski sweated off a few pounds cooking their "freshly made" delectable food items that included Bratwurst Burgers, Tacos, Polish sausage, and Keith's signature Mac N' Cheese!

Our Hosts for the day, were our friends from the Hammond Mohawks Club. Alan, Danny and Pete kept everyone well hydrated and made sure we were all comfortable under the shade of the large tents they provided.

Thank you to everyone who attended our picnic and made it a wonderful success. We are already looking forward to our picnic next year, so please tell your friends and family to join us. There is always room for more!

Written by: Dennis Mikolajewski



Welcome New Members!

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Doris Lokre, WI
Irene Alch, FL
Joe Gilewski, SC
Robert Hoffman, FL
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Members are very important to the International Polka Association! If your membership is up for renewal, please send your renewal and dues as soon as possible. Membership dues are \$15.00 per year or \$200.00 for a lifetime membership. Renew online at www.ipapolkas.com.

In Memoriam

We mourn the passing of IPA member Eleanore Lewandowski. May she rest in peace.

Thank You

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

- Natalie Boyd
- Joe Oginsky

Important Dates to Remember

January 19: IPA Warm-Up Dance
Polonia Banquets; Chicago, IL

January 20: IPA Festival of Chicago Polka Bands
Glendora Banquets; Chicago Ridge, IL

March 9-10: IPA Hall of Fame Benefit Dance
Ludlow PACC; Ludlow, MA

March 31: IPA Hall of Fame Induction Dance
Rib River Ballroom; Marathon, WI

April 13: IPA Warm-Up Dance
Rib River Ballroom; Marathon, WI

April 14: IPA Festival of Wisconsin Polka Bands
Rib River Ballroom; Marathon, WI

August 31 - September 1: IPA Festival & Convention
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2018 Freddy K Jr. Scholarship Award Winner

Zachary Piatkowski of Canastota, New York, was the recipient of the Freddy K. Jr. Scholarship Award for 2018. He accepted his check of \$1,000 at the IPA Polka Festival in Buffalo, New York this past September. Zachary plays saxophone, clarinet, piano and drums and was President of the Canastota High School Band. He was born into a Polka World starting with his Grandmother's Family Polka Band. His Uncle Rob and Father Al have their own band as well as playing with the Dynatones, Eddie Blazonczyk's Versatones, Jimmy Sturr, John Gora, The Freddy K Band and many others. Zack's Grandfather Don Tomko was an accordion player and his uncle Donny Tomko is a drummer who plays with The Beat and was a member of the Freddy K Band, among others. So, Zack grew up going to the polka dances wherever his father and uncles played. He loved the music which was a big part of his Polish Heritage. Zachary himself is a member of the Polka Method and fills in with the Piatkowski Brothers Band, Box On and The Enzian Bavarian Band. Besides all that, he works at Subway.



Donna Piatkowski, Al Piatkowski, Zach Piatkowski, with Freddy & Linda Kendzierski.

Zachary graduated eighth in his class of 115 students at Canastota High School and was accepted to four universities. He was on the High Honor Roll in High School and was a member of the National Honor Society. He is attending SUNY Polytechnic Institute in Utica, New York majoring in Nursing. Zachary was a unanimous choice by the judges to win this year's scholarship award.

The Freddy K. Jr. Music Scholarship Committee is now accepting requests for applications for the 2019 Scholarship award. Applicants must be high school seniors who have been accepted to an accredited college and play a musical instrument. The award is presented at a Polka Festival of their choice each summer.

Anyone who is interested in applying for the scholarship award can contact the Scholarship Committee at:
The Freddy K. Jr. Scholarship Fund
23850 Via Italia Circle, Apt #1104
Bonita Springs, Florida 34134

Thank You Notes

Hi Christy, Just wanted to congratulate you and your committee for the wonderful event you organized on October 28th. It was awesome. Very elegant and first class all the way. The atmosphere, the food and the music ----- what more could anyone ask for.

Once again congratulations on an amazing job.

Carol Trzebiatowski, Vice President of United States Polka Association



International Polka Association President and Board of Directors:

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for the warm hospitality you showed Frank Franz and I at the social gathering at the Holiday Inn Express Hotel on Saturday, October 27, 2018. Your gala dinner and dance on Sunday, October 28, 2018 surpassed what I envisioned. It was obvious to all who attended that great time and effort was put into making the event a big success; your organization did an outstanding job!

Thank you again and best wishes,

Elaine Mekruit

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September 14, 2018

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Dear Officers,

Congratulations on an outstanding, most enjoyable 50th Anniversary Convention. Your hard work, time and effort was most definitely recognized in every detail of the Convention this year. The welcome bags were fabulous. The balloons and decorations made for a very festive atmosphere. The picture boards and video slide shows were a wonderful tribute to IPA events, bands, officers, queens and polka fans over the past fifty years. The "Here's A Gift" CD production was incredible. The daily give away trinket gifts and cupcakes were a special touch. The banquet was exceptional and so emotional this year. The table decorations and souvenir glasses were outstanding. Thank you to all of you for everything you did to make this a memorable IPA 50th Anniversary Celebration to be Proud of!

Sincerely,

Tish & Kathy Blazonczyk

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IPA Birthdays



November

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- 3: Mark Trzepacz; "Ray Jay" Jarusinski
- 4: Jane Honn
- 5: Nance Dulaj; JoAnn Mancl; Gennie Okrzesik
- 6: James Polaski
- 7: Linda Jelinek; Arlene Krzeminski; Stan Simms
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- 22: Sally Sendra; Myna Sadowski;
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Marlene Rohal; Charlie Tansek;
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- 25: Mitch Moskal; Mary Wolski; Lynn Thull;
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- 26: Andrew Dziagwa
- 27: Carol Stasila; Sandy Lewandowski
- 28: Kathy Weglicki; David Bezdziecki
- 29: Angela Biskup;; Dianne Canning;
Mark Grochowski; Frania Yakima
- 30: Diane Trina; Ray Barsukiewicz

December

- 1: Joseph J. Dembeck, Jr.
- 2: Eileen Kumpon
- 3: Karl Koch; Joseph Rupnik;
Jennifer Dziadosz; James Sajkowicz, Jr.;
Alice Kovarek
- 4: Darryl Troczynski; Duffy O'Neill;
- 5: Chris Rose
- 6: Dick Zavodny; Becca Jurevis;
Sandy Berestka; Kathy Raczkowski
- 7: Walter Nowak; Myrna Filipczak;
- 8: Rocco Naples; Steve Coblisch; Darlene Kender;
Kathy Futa; Jack Walsh ; Diane McClellan
- 10: Bev Koziej; Frank Piotrowski
- 11: Neil Makatenas; Richard Kujawa
- 12: John Springer
- 13: John Piotrowski
- 14: Olivia Piatkowski
- 15: Darrell Weltin; Daniel Okrzesik;
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- 16: Chet Kizewski
- 17: Mark Janson; Ted Okreszik, Jr.; Dennis Motyka
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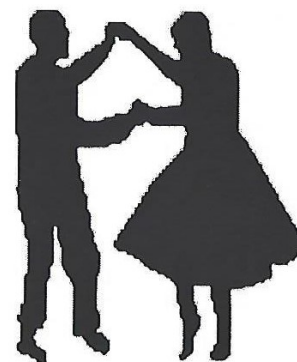
Time: 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Place: Englewood Elks Lodge

401 N. Indiana Avenue

Englewood, FL

Phone: 941-474-1404



Info: \$16.00 per ticket in advance -- \$18.00 at the door

****Cash or money order only**** Doors and Kitchen open at 4:30 pm – Food available

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Press Release

Holy Toledo '19 Hotel Reservations Update

Renaissance Currently Full; Additional Group Room Rate Established at Park Inn by Radisson

Toledo, OH, November 3, 2018: TOPOMO, LLC announced today, that due to a high volume of Holy Toledo '19 reservations, the Renaissance Toledo Downtown Hotel is currently reserved to capacity. An additional block of rooms has been established for Holy Toledo attendees at the Park Inn by Radisson, located at 101 North Summit Street in Toledo, OH. Just a 5 minute walk or complimentary shuttle bus ride to the Holy Toledo Polka Days Festival.



With a welcoming atmosphere and a complimentary local shuttle, the Park Inn by Radisson in downtown Toledo, OH is ideal for business and leisure guests alike. The Park Inn features 294 comfortable hotel rooms with amenities like cable and satellite TV, a coffeemaker, a microwave, a refrigerator, Free Wireless High-speed Internet, and an on-site fitness center.

The Park Inn by Radisson Hotel features non-smoking rooms. The **Holy Toledo Group Rate is \$109 per night plus applicable taxes** for a Standard Double or a Standard King room. All reservations must be made by calling the Park Inn by Radisson Reservation Line at 419-241-3000 and the Holy Toledo Group Code is **1904HTPDRB**. In addition, a waiting list has been established for the Renaissance Toledo Downtown Hotel, for more information please contact Joe Zalewski directly at 419-351-5031 or via email at joez@holytoledopolkadays.com

The revival of Holy Toledo Polka Days is scheduled for April 5, 6 & 7, 2019. Holy Toledo '19 will be held at the Renaissance Toledo Downtown Hotel, located at 444 N Summit Street in Toledo, Ohio. For more information about Holy Toledo Polka Days, visit the website at www.holytoledopolkadays.com

About Renaissance Parking: There is no RV parking available on the Hotel property or in the immediate downtown Toledo area. The hotel has Valet parking, currently \$22 for 24 Hours with full in and out privileges. Directly across the street from the hotel, the Vistula Parking Garage, offers self-parking currently \$8 for 24 hours. The Vistula parking facility is linked by an underground concourse to the Renaissance Toledo Downtown Hotel.

About Park Inn by Radisson Parking: There is no RV parking available on the Hotel property or in the immediate downtown Toledo area. The Park Inn by Radisson is connected to the Seagate Parking Garage which has 375 underground parking spaces and self-parking currently \$10 for 24 hours.

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