



IPA Newsletter

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A Note From Our President

Greetings Polka Fans,

It looks like the weather is finally feeling summer like. This is the time of year to look forward to the great festivals, and polka events throughout the country. Wherever you live, I urge you to support all of your local polka activities. Help the festival promoters and polka organizations by attending as many dances, picnics and festivals that feature polka music in your area. Come out and support all of the great bands that put their hearts and souls into performing for you, the polka fans.



The IPA officers and directors are working to make our 51st Festival and Convention another memorable event. Once again, we will be in Buffalo, NY at the Millennium Hotel Labor Day Weekend. Go to our website at www.ipapolkas.com for all the details and information. We hope to see you there.



I would like to take a moment to remember all our brave men and women of the military on this 75th anniversary of D-Day on June 6th. We are truly the "Land of the Free because of the Brave". God Bless all who sacrificed their lives so we can enjoy our freedom.


I hope everyone has a safe and happy summer.

God Bless
Rick Rzeszutko



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| 28 Willie Bohuslav, TX | 29 Ron Urbanczyk, NY | 30 Jeffrey Guyette, RI | | | | |

WINNERS



*Maroszek**Brothers**Celebrate**Playing**Polka**Music*

On Saturday, May 4th the IPA presented The Maroszek Brothers with a “Certificate of Appreciation” for their 45 years of continued efforts in performing and promoting polka music. The band was started by two brothers, Eugene and Mike in 1972 at a New Years Eve Dance. They have produced several recordings over the years, with many original songs that we still enjoy today. Fun fact, bass guitar player, Frank, still plays his original guitar purchased in 1974. He’s had several new cases over the years, but the same guitar goes in them.

The Maroszek Brothers were surprised and honored that the IPA presented them with this certificate. They were grateful to be remembered for their years of dedication by the IPA.

The current members of the band are 4 brothers Eugene, Frank, Alan and Scott, brother-in-law Bruce Brzezczkowski and friend of the family, John Wudtke.

Congratulations to the Maroszek Brothers on 45 years and we look forward to another 45!

~ Contributed by Jill Styczynski
IPA Director, WI





New Release

Boys' Stories

The Boys are proud to announce the release of their latest album, *Boys' Stories*. This new CD features 14 songs that cover a variety of arrangements executed in The Boys' signature polka style. Included are five original polkas and one oberek with original Polish lyrics sung on three of them. The rest of the material is inspired by the works of such artists as Bob Dylan, the Bee Gees, Gordon Lightfoot, Percy Faith and several Country artists. Four vocalists: Frank Liszka, Nicky DiSebastiano, Mike Matousek and Stacey Morris are all featured on this recording along with a dynamic new instrumental to round out the diverse collection of tracks. This may be the most innovative project produced by The Boys thus far.

Boys' Stories will be first available to the public when The Boys share the stage with Jimmy Sturr's Orchestra at Pulaski Park in Three Rivers, MA on June 9, 2019 and will be sold at all live shows thereafter. The CD can be ordered by mail by sending an \$18 check to Mike Matousek, 8372 Williamstowne Drive, Millersville, MD, 21108. It can also be purchased from any of the major polka CD vendors very soon.

For more information, contact Mike at mike@theboysband.com or (410) 729-9697. Follow The Boys on social media at www.facebook.com/FollowTheBoys/ or www.TheBoysBand.com.



Welcome Robert Richmond III

While attending her Music Theory class at Joliet Junior College , Katie Krawisz, daughter of First Vice-President, Christy Krawisz, overheard a classmate talking to their teacher about polka music. Katie eventually approached the student and struck up a conversation about polka music; what style of polka music he prefers; who he likes to listen to; etc. Eventually the conversation evolved to how he was interested in joining an organization in Chicago called the International Polka Association. A stunned Katie introduced herself and offered to get him an application. The following day, Robert was a member of the IPA.

Thanks Katie for being an IPA Ambassador to your college friends and welcome Robert. We look forward to meeting you .

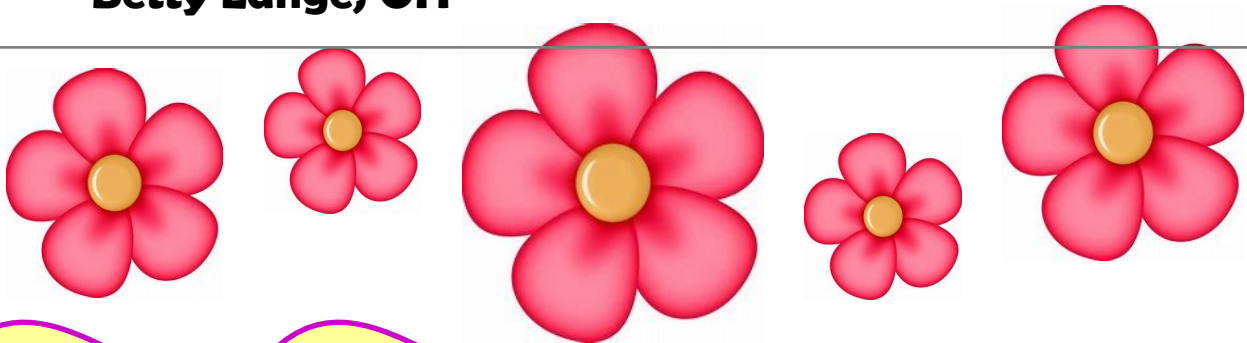
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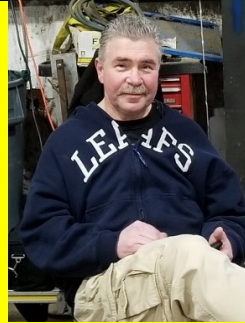
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**11am—Noon
Central Time**

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| 18-May-19 | Peter Danielczuk |
| 25-May-19 | Ed Guca |
| 1-Jun-19 | Keith Pietranczyk |
| 8-Jun-19 | Christy K. and Lynn K. |
| 15-Jun-19 | Laura Mateja and Dennis Mikolajewski (Rick) |
| 22-Jun-19 | Rick Rzeszutko |
| 29-Jun-19 | Peter Danielczuk |
| 6-Jul-19 | Ed Guca |
| 13-Jul-19 | Keith Pietranczyk |
| 20-Jul-19 | Christy K. and Lynn K. |
| 27-Jul-19 | Laura Mateja and Dennis Mikolajewski (Rick) |
| 3-Aug-19 | Rick Rzeszutko |
| 10-Aug-19 | Peter Danielczuk |
| 17-Aug-19 | Ed Guca |
| 24-Aug-19 | Keith Pietranczyk |
| 31-Aug-19 | Christy K. and Lynn K. |
| 7-Sep-19 | Laura Mateja and Dennis Mikolajewski (Rick) |

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| 19-May-19 | Peter Danielczuk |
| 26-May-19 | Keith Pietranczyk |
| 2-Jun-19 | Keith Pietranczyk |
| 9-Jun-19 | Christy K. and Lynn K. |
| 16-Jun-19 | Laura Mateja and Dennis Mikolajewski (Rick) |
| 23-Jun-19 | Rick Rzeszutko |
| 30-Jun-19 | Peter Danielczuk |
| 7-Jul-19 | Laura Mateja and Dennis Mikolajewski (Rick) |
| 14-Jul-19 | Keith Pietranczyk |
| 21-Jul-19 | Christy K. and Lynn K. |
| 28-Jul-19 | Laura Mateja and Dennis Mikolajewski (Rick) |
| 4-Aug-19 | Rick Rzeszutko |
| 11-Aug-19 | Peter Danielczuk |
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We look forward to hearing from you and thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Keith Pietrancyk
51st IPA Program Ad Book Chairperson

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“Bodacious Ditties” features cover tunes such as “Late in the Evening”; “Under The Sea”; the Maverick’s “Fall Apart”; Toby Keith’s “Good To Go To Mexico”; and a special adaptation of the Beatles’ “Norwegian Wood”.

Polka fans will enjoy tunes like “At the Square” with original English lyrics and a fun mash-up of songs we called “Four Donnas... and a Chick”.

No FreezeDried recording is complete without original songs like “Let’s Go Anywhere”; “Booby Trap”; “Let It Rain”; “Chaser Them Blues Away”; and “The Wrong Foot”, a polka in $\frac{3}{4}$ time.

Lastly, don’t miss the dynamic original tune that features the amazing talents of all the guys in FreezeDried called “Jamageddon”.

Please visit our website at www.freezedriedband.com for more information and some fun trivia. Also, follow us on Facebook @freezedriedband and Twitter @freezedriedband.

Thank you for the support you have showed to FreezeDried over the years. We hope you will enjoy “Bodacious Ditties” as much as we do. **FreezeDrowie!**



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY JUNE



June 1 – Michael Skalecki; Ron Buczko;
Krysta Latawiec; Alicia Bliznik

June 2 – Jack Sanocki; Keith Werwas, Jr.

June 3 – Bernie Gorak, Sr; Eric Cieslak

June 4 – Richard Sendra; Bob Jakubielski;
Waldemar Rudziecki

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Richard Biela

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Debbie Dunaj

June 8 - Ted Jedrzejewicz; Greg Dybas;
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June 9 - Lambert Lasecki

June 10 – John Baras; Eugene Kasprowicz;
Dale Kivinen; Johnny Karas; Tom Lakowicz;
Jasiu Klocek

June 11 – Wayne Drust; Eddie Ostry;
Thomas Rokosz;

June 12 – Virgil Herrmann; Chet Kowalkowski

June 13 – Walter Berkowicz; Henry
Sokolowski; Richard Bernier; Pamela Reed;
Teddy Gomulka; Leon Matczak

June 14 – Judy Kwiatkowski; Jon Deitz

June 15 – Kevin Cornell; Carol Benamati;
Linda Ryndak

June 16 – Aaron Slivinski; Michelle
Morgiewicz

June 17 – Irene Alch; Micheal Kott

June 18 – Kevin Weinstock; Dave Walczak

June 19 – Tony Crispo; Bernard Krygowski

June 20 – Bud Beyer; Karen Dekoski; Paul
Rite; Joey Falch

June 21 – Dan Gury

June 22 – Joanne Kozleski Jones;
Robert Krupka; Jerry Rymanowski

June 23 – Ed Krupinski; David DeFields;
Mark Smoko

June 24 – Kenneth Dunaj; Mollie Busta;
Jay Skiba; Julie Matus

June 25 – Dave Parcheta

June 26 – Mary Ann Makatenas; John Filip-
czak; Joe Zalewski; Wayne Machnicki

June 27 – Joseph Wondolowski

June 28 – Julcia Dusseault; Frank Blajda

June 29 – Ron Urbanczyk; Bob Frydryk

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Proposed Language Changes

to the International Polka Association's By-Laws

to be voted on at the Festival & Convention 2019

Under Article IV

Current: This allocation of elected officers shall be maintained until August, 2015 when it may be revised at the annual meeting.

Change to: This allocation of elected officers shall be maintained until it may be revised at the annual meeting.

Under Article VIII – Meetings

Current: The annual meeting of this association shall be held each August, and should coincide with the annual festival at a time and location to be determined by the executive board.

Change to: The annual meeting of this association shall be held at the Annual Festival & Convention at a time and location to be determined by the executive board.

Article X, Section 1 – Election of Officers

Current: The election of officers of the International Polka Association shall be by secret ballot at the annual convention meeting in August of each year according to established tradition and custom.

Change to: The election of officers of the International Polka Association shall be by secret ballot at the annual convention of each year according to established tradition and custom.

Article X, Section 3 – Election of Officers

Current: The officers who have been elected shall assume office on September 1 of the year elected

Change to: The officers who have been elected shall assume office as soon as they take their oath office.

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TSgt Nick Kenneally, Mollie B, and Ted Lange. Mollie was presented a flag that flew over Southwest Asia in her honor.



Alex Meixner added a fiddle to the band with Paddy King.



Danny Zapletal, IPA Southwest Trustee, and Carl Finch of Brave Combo, IPA Hall of Famer.



New King & Queen Louis Stewart and Elaine Rosquist with the "Bohemian Princess" Theresa Cernoch Parker.



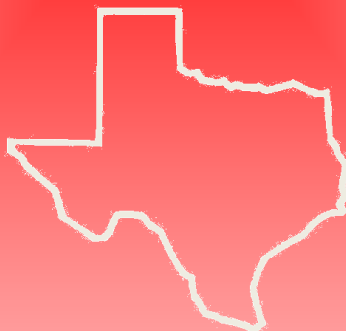
Lots of families celebrated their Czech heritage in costume, like Mark and Ashley Hermes and family. Mark is the leader of The Czechaholics and manager of the Texas Czech Heritage & Cultural Center in La Grange. Mark and Ashley were also the NPF King & Queen in 2009.



Marty Gazarek of New Boston, Michigan, brought his "stand-up" bass to jam with Czech & Then Some at the Polka On! Pre-Party.



Frank Oborny, Clovis, NM, made a sign especially for polkabeat.com and Texas Polka News. Theresa Cernoch Parker was all polka smiles!



Everyone gets into the red-white-and-blue spirit at the St. John Picnic.



Volunteers at the Praha Picnic get the fried chicken ready for thousands of plates.



Jam sessions at church picnics often include up-and-coming musicians like Wes Matus, left, and his grandson, playing with John Dujka at the Dubina picnic.

PRAY. PICNIC. POLKA ON!

By Theresa Cernoch Parker
Texas Polka News

Howdy, y'all! Texas is HOT and not just the temperature. We just experienced a smokin' good time at the 53rd Annual National Polka Festival in Ennis. It was an amazing weekend with 15 polka bands playing in three halls and for downtown street dances. We kicked off the fun with a Polka On! Pre-Party with music by Czech & Then Some. Louis Stewart of Moulton, Texas, and Elaine Rosquist of Loveland, Colorado, won the dance contest and were crowned festival King & Queen.

SqueezeBox with Ted Lange (new IPA Hall of Famer) and Mollie B (2018 IPA Hall of Famer) was a crowd favorite. A special presentation was made to Mollie B by TSgt Nick Kenneally. He presented Mollie a flag that was flown in her honor on an Air Force mission in Southwest Asia last September by the 779th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron as they supported America's war on terrorism. She also received a certificate from the Air Force signed by the six men of the Chrome 65 crew. TSgt Kenneally first became aware of Mollie B through his parents who attend Jim Busta Band's polka Mass in Farley, Iowa. They also enjoy the "Mollie B Polka Party" TV show. Additionally, TSgt Kenneally shared that his squadron have come to enjoy YouTube videos of Mollie B and SqueezeBox.

More Hot Times

It's church picnic season in Texas with lots of great food, social activities, and of course, POLKA! I thought I would mention a few of the picnics that have passed the century mark in celebrations.

Sts. Peter & Paul Parish, Plum, Texas (near La Grange), June 30. 122nd annual celebration. Features a Polka Mass, dinner with the famous Plum sausage and fried chicken, and music by The Czechaholics.

St. John the Baptist Picnic, St. John, Texas (near Schulenburg), July 4th. 131 years. Features Mass in one of the area's designated Painted Churches, fried chicken dinner with the famous St. John stew, fireworks, and music by the Shiner Hobo Band, Red Ravens, Dujka Brothers, Texas Dream.

Sts. Cyril & Methodius Feast, Dubina Texas (near La Grange). 163rd year. Features a Polka Mass in the Painted Church with "Dubina-Style" fried chicken and sausage dinner, classic car show, and music by Mark Halata & Texavia and Lost Cause. To keep the party going from the St. John Picnic to the Dubina Picnic, Texas Polka News is sponsoring Stars, Stripes & Polka On! dance at the KC Hall in Schulenburg on Saturday, July 6. TPN subscribers get in half price and receive a free drink ticket. The Czechaholics will provide the great music.

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Praha, Texas (near Schulenburg). 164th year. Another one of the area's painted churches recently restored and given a Texas historical marker. Always held on the feast day of the assumption – Aug. 15. Features famous Praha stew and fried chicken dinner and music by The Praha Brothers, Dujka Brothers, and All Around Czechs. FYI: Last year, almost 7,000 dinners were served.

There are many more picnics during the summer and into the fall. The Sunday of Labor Day Weekend has NINE church picnics listed on the polkabeat.com Church Picnics page. Find out more about the history of the picnics through articles in the Texas Polka News by Editor Gary E. McKee. Coming in the July issue – the history of St. John Picnic.



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Don't forget to listen to the IPA Radio Show on
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Each show features IPA officers and directors including Rick Rzeszutko, Laura Mateja, Christy Krawisz, Lynn Kaminski, Dennis Mikolajewski, Keith Pietranczyk, Jerry Wantroba, and Brad Turk.

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!**



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