



# IPA Newsletter

## A Note From Our President



Hello IPA Members,

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a great Christmas and holiday season celebrating with family and friends. I want to thank you for your continued support of the International Polka Association. We greatly appreciate it.

The board and I have been working hard a getting our events lined up for this upcoming polka season. Our first event, the Warm-up Dance and 53rd Annual Chicago Festival of Bands which was scheduled for January 15 and 16, 2022, had to be rescheduled to March 19 and 20, 2022, because of the Covid 19 surge in our area. Please see the flyer in this newsletter or visit our website for more details and information. Hotel information will be on our website and advertised on Facebook.

Be sure to make you plans now to attend the 16th Annual IPA Hall of Fame® Benefit Dance at the Polish American Citizens Center, in Ludlow, Massachusetts, on March 5 and March 6, 2022, honoring the music of Polka Hall of Fame® member Ray Jay Jarusinski. John Gora and Gorale will be entertaining the crowd on Saturday. Sunday's music will be provided by Lenny Gornulka and his Chicago Push, the Eddie Forman Orchestra, and Dennis Polisky and the Maestro's Men. Please see the flyer in the newsletter for more details and hotel information. You can visit our website was well.

The IPA and Let's Polka USA present the 10th Annual Unity Dance, Sunday April 3, 2022, at the Glendora Banquets in Chicago Ridge, Illinois featuring the music of the IPA Tribute Band with special guest IPA Hall of Famers John Gora and Rick Rzeszutko. Please see flyer inside for more information or visit our website.

We are putting our finishing touches on our 54th Annual International Polka Association® Festival and Convention which will be held over the Labor Day Weekend, Friday, September 2 through

Sunday September 4, 2022.

For the second year, the festival will be held at the beautiful and spacious Doubletree Hotel in Cranberry Twp., PA. The Doubletree Hotel is completely sold out, but the IPA has secured a block of rooms at a discounted rate at the nearby Comfort Inn. The Comfort Inn is within walking distance, just across a parking lot from the Doubletree, making its very convenient for you to still be at the center of the party and all the fun filled events of the weekend. The Room Rate will be \$119.00 a night. Please use the following link <https://www.ipapolkas.com/go/overflow-reservation/> or you can call 724-772-2700 to book your room at the Comfort Inn.

Once again, the IPA is supporting all styles of polka music as set forth in our mission statement. So let's all come together for a weekend full of fun and some new experiences from bands and musicians you may not have seen or heard perform before. Stay tuned for the announcement of the line-up of performers to be announce soon. We will have 3 fun filled days of polka activities for you to enjoy, including a welcome party, pool parties, a polka mass, and the Annual Hall of Fame and Music Awards Banquet. There will also be a pre-festival polka dance on Thursday September 1, 2022, so please plan accordingly when making your reservations.

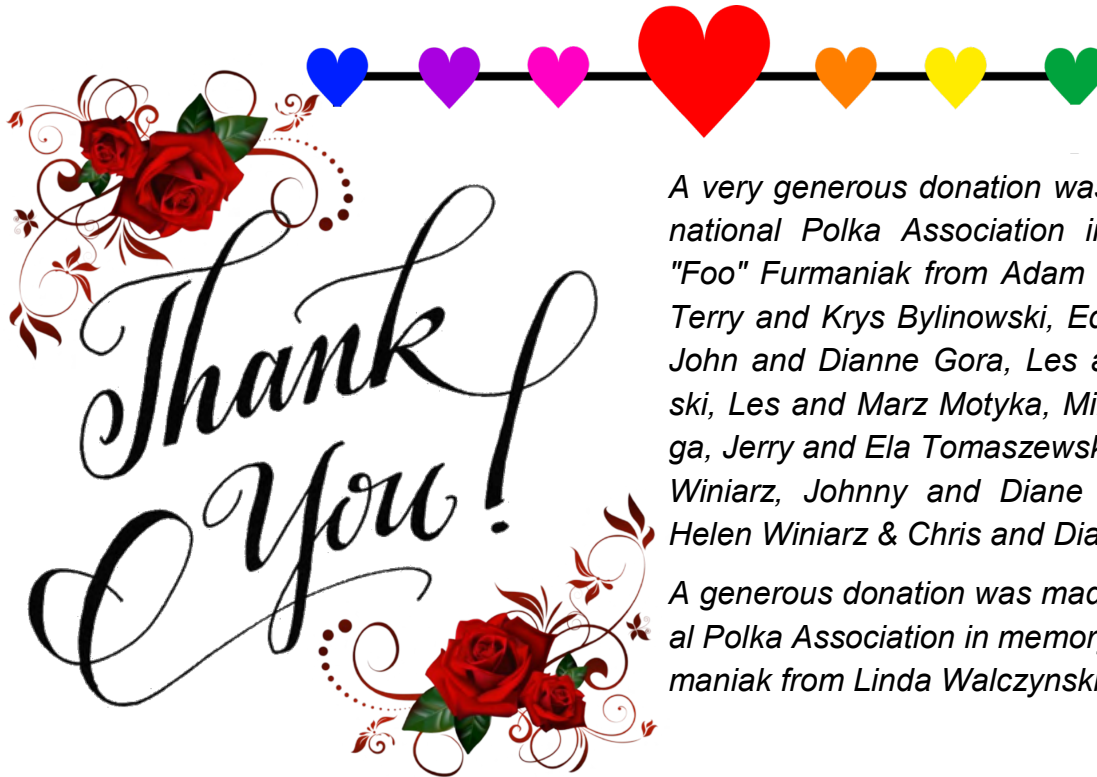
We ask that you visit our website [www.ipapolkas.com](http://www.ipapolkas.com), often to check out our up-and-coming events, join the IPA, renew your membership, purchase an IPA T Shirt, and much more.

In closing, as many of you know, my father, John "Foo" Furmaniak, passed away on January 3, 2022, due to the many health issues that he struggled with for several years. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you that have

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reached out to me and my family, offering your condolences and sympathies during this extremely difficult time. To all the IJ's and DJ's that have paid tribute to my dad, Foo, over the last few weeks, Thank You! My mother, Cheryl; brothers John Jr. and JJ; and all of our families have been trying to listen all of the shows and we are so extremely thankful to you for putting these shows together. We have enjoyed listening to all the songs he has sung and bands that

he has performed with over the years. We find comfort in knowing he is no longer in pain or suffering and that he is now in heaven, with that great polka band in the sky performing again with all of his polka buddies and family up there. There hasn't been a day that has gone by that I don't cry because he is gone and miss him so much, but I will cherish every single memory I have with him, and again thank you for all your love and support during this time.



*A very generous donation was made to the International Polka Association in memory of John "Foo" Furmaniak from Adam and Angela Biskup, Terry and Krys Bylinowski, Ed and Wanda Guca, John and Dianne Gora, Les and Alice Kapuscinski, Les and Marz Motyka, Mike and Zusia Papuga, Jerry and Ela Tomaszewski, Greg and Claudia Winiarz, Johnny and Diane Winiarz, Tony and Helen Winiarz & Chris and Dianne Zawisza.*

*A generous donation was made to the International Polka Association in memory of John "Foo" Furmaniak from Linda Walczynski Louie*

## 2022 IPA Newsletter Schedule

<u>Issue</u>	<u>Deadline for Submissions</u>
<b>February - March 2022</b>	<b>January 3, 2022</b>
<b>April - May 2022</b>	<b>March 1, 2022</b>
<b>June - July 2022</b>	<b>May 1, 2022</b>
<b>August - September 2022</b>	<b>July 1, 2022</b>
<b>October - November 2022</b>	<b>September 1, 2022</b>
<b>December 2022 - January 2023</b>	<b>November 1, 2022</b>

# It's Always Sunny in Florida...

Witamy członków!

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a Blessed Christmas and an opportunity to create some cherished memories this holiday season. If your home was anything like ours, polka music played a prominent role during family celebrations and traditions.

Let's continue to support polka music in 2022 by attending our **Snow Bird Dances**:

**Polish American Pulaski Club of Daytona Beach** has sold their club and is currently having Polka dances at **The Elks Lodge, 285 Wilmette Avenue, Ormond Beach**. January 9<sup>th</sup> will be Northern Sounds and January 23<sup>rd</sup> will feature Joey "O" Oberaitis. On January 30<sup>th</sup>, they will have a special dinner dance with Frank Moravcik Band from Cleveland, Ohio. February 13<sup>th</sup> will be Franky K. Band and February 27<sup>th</sup> will feature Polka All Stars. For more information please call (386)-258-7059. For more information please call (386)-258-7059. They are continuing to work on the 2022 dance schedule with the Elks Lodge. You can email the club at [pulaskidaytona-club@yahoo.com](mailto:pulaskidaytona-club@yahoo.com), join their Facebook page, or visit their website: [www.polishamericanpulaskiclubdaytona.org](http://www.polishamericanpulaskiclubdaytona.org)

**German American Club of Marion County** will be celebrating their annual Fasching dance on February 27<sup>th</sup> with Eva Adams band. April 24<sup>th</sup> will be their Spring Fling dance with DJ Ron "The Music Man". For all tickets/info, call Mary (352)-789-6499 or visit their website: [www.gacmarioncounty.com](http://www.gacmarioncounty.com).

**General K. Pulaski Citizens Club in Belleview** will be having their Valentine "Sweethearts" dance with the Melotones on February 13<sup>th</sup>. The annual Mother's Day dance will be on May 8<sup>th</sup> also featuring the Melotones. Please contact Brad for more information.

**Polish American Social Club of Vero Beach** rang in the New Year with an eventful dinner dance celebration featuring Northern Sounds band. A great time was had by all! The club will be hosting a

fantastic line up of bands continuing with John Stevens Polka Band on January 9<sup>th</sup>, Alex Meixner Band on January 23<sup>rd</sup> and Eddy Forman Orchestra (EFO) on February 13<sup>th</sup>. For more information join their Facebook page, visit their website: [www.pacvbusa.org](http://www.pacvbusa.org), or call the club (772)-778-0039 for more details.



By Brad Turk

**SNPJ Lodge #603 in Samsula** will be having their annual SNPJ Slovenefest festival February 25<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup>, featuring Frank Moravcik Band from Cleveland, Ohio. Homemade food will be available and cash bar. Jam sessions each day - so bring your instruments! Call Cindy: (386)-689-9454. Join their Facebook page, or visit their website: [www.samsulasnpjilodge603.com](http://www.samsulasnpjilodge603.com)

**Polish American Society of St. Petersburg** will be having their grand opening on February 6<sup>th</sup> featuring Gerry Kryk's All Stars. Northern Sounds will be performing on February 13<sup>th</sup> for the club's 71<sup>st</sup> Anniversary event, followed by Nu Soundz on February 20<sup>th</sup>, and the **BIG Paczki Day** dance with FL Generations on February 27<sup>th</sup>. The March lineup will include: Buffalo Touch from NY on the 6<sup>th</sup>, Polka All Stars on March 13<sup>th</sup>, Northern Sounds on March 20<sup>th</sup> and Frank Svet Orchestra from Ohio on March 27<sup>th</sup>. Please visit their website: [www.polishsociety.org](http://www.polishsociety.org), or check out their Facebook page for more info.

**As a reminder**, Florida's favorite IJ's are: 2009 Hall of Famer Joe Oberaitis with Polkas 101 (Saturday), and Slovenian Polka Blast (Thursday), as well as, Crankin' Polkas (Fridays), with IPA member Ray Skorka. **January is National Polka Month, so go out dancing!**

If you would like any additional information about our clubs, polka dances or special events, please email me at [bradturk@cox.net](mailto:bradturk@cox.net) or call: (352) 875-3961. Please continue to support **LIVE** polka music and visit all of our FL clubs whenever you have the opportunity.





IPA Florida Director Brad Turk (on left), IPA members Eddy Meyers (in middle) and Ray Skorka (on right)

## IPA's POLKA MUSIC IS ESSENTIAL AVAILABLE NOW



*Polka music is Essential* is the latest IPA t-shirt designed by IPA member Hayley Krawisz. Scan the QR code to take you directly to the store to purchase yours now, or you can visit the store at [IPAPolkas.com](http://IPAPolkas.com).

### IPA Statement of Fund Balances as of 12-13-2021

	10/17/2021	12/13/2021
<b><u>CDs</u></b>		
	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b><u>Checking</u></b>		
Bank of America - Credit Card Account	\$76,619.82	\$76,069.04
Bank of America - Festival Account	\$5,528.51	\$5,528.51
PNC - General Checking	\$97,633.87	\$92,428.59
PNC - Hall Of Fame Checking	\$3,101.35	\$2,781.35
<b><u>Total</u></b>	<b><u>\$182,883.55</u></b>	<b><u>\$176,807.49</u></b>
<b><u>Net Change</u></b>		<b>(6,076.06)</b>

<b>2021 Festival &amp; Convention Report</b>		
<b>September 3rd to September 5th, 2021</b>		
<b>Annual Festival Revenue</b>		
Ad Book Revenue	4,882.00	
Door Admission Income	24,890.00	
Raffle Sales	1,025.00	
Room sales credit from Hotel	2,760.00	
Split the Pot	2,569.00	
Vendor Commission	400.00	
<b>Total Annual Festival Revenue</b>		<b>36,526.00</b>
<b>Annual Festival Expenses</b>		
Ad Book	1,943.94	
Advertising & Marketing	1,125.00	
Band Expense	24,200.00	
Printing	422.00	
Decorations and Give-Aways	1,557.69	
Raffle Tickets	78.04	
Insurance	1,600.00	
Lifeguard	80.00	
Food for Board members	110.93	
Wristbands	81.77	
<b>Total Annual Festival Expenses</b>		<b>31,199.37</b>
<b>Profit from Festival</b>		<b>5,326.63</b>
<b>HOF Report</b>		
Banquet Sales	4,980.00	
<b>Total Hall Of Fame Income</b>		<b>4,980.00</b>
<b>Hall Of Fame Operational Expense</b>		
Banquet Flowers & Entertainment	765.85	
Hall of Fame Operations (E-Ballot)	226.31	
HOF Banquet ( Luncheon charge)	6,821.53	
Pins & Awards (** 2 years worth of costs)	5,569.45	
Postage, Supplies & Giveaways	170.18	
Printing	245.00	
<b>Total Hall Of Fame Operational Expense</b>		<b>13,798.32</b>
<b>Net loss on HOF Awards and Banquet</b>		<b>(8,818.32)</b>



Niel E. Stoppa II, MI  
Troy Gawlak, OH  
Judy Trifone, MA  
David Gocłowski, CT  
Alfred Grajek, IL  
Mark Kupiec, IL  
Andrea Arman, ID  
Erin Hvizdak, ID  
Donald Tomczak Sr., WI

Vincent Zandi, CA  
Spencer Carlson, MI  
Michael Pisarski, PA  
Carlene Moloney, NJ  
Stan Soltys, MI  
Don Cialkoszewski, KY  
Sandra Schuster, ND  
Margaret Zotkiewicz, OH  
Bob Wojtowicz, MA

Michael Kott, IL  
James Sefcik, FL  
Kaila Blaskowski, WI  
Thomas Lawton, PA

Tony Kowalski, MI



*Thank you*

*Rest in Peace*

Let's Polka USA Club

Barb Haselow

John "Foo" Furmaniak

## International Polka Hall of Fame® Member and Former IPA Director, John “Foo” Furmaniak, passes away at 73

Contribution by Keith Stras

The polka world has said goodbye to yet another polka giant. A gentleman who spent over 50 years playing, performing, traveling, recording, and writing polka music. John “Foo” Furmaniak passed away on Monday, January 3, 2022, at the age of 73.

When a representative for the Mort Herald Accordion School visited John’s grade school in 1958, John became infatuated with the accordion. John came home from school that day and asked his parents to purchase him one so he could learn how to play. So, for the very first time he strapped on his student accordion and John’s grandfather, Paul, who loved polka music would have John come to his house on Sunday’s and listen to the polka shows and say, “play the harmonia with the radio.” John would listen and start to play along with the polkas, waltzes, and obereks playing on the radio.

Two years later, Paul decided to buy John a full-sized accordion. John wanted something unique, as he wanted an accordion with the sound of a bass guitar on the left hand. They looked at the Cordovox but John didn’t like that sound, so Grandpa Paul took John to the Italo American Accordion Company and John fell in love with the base guitar sound produced by the left hand.

John’s dad, affectionately known to many as “Pa Foo” had a co-worker’s son who played drums. Together with Frank Alberts and John, they formed the *Dial-A-Tones*, first starting as a two-piece group then growing to four. They played various social events and in 1968, John’s musical career was interrupted when he enlisted into the Army to serve the country from 1968 to 1971. During his time serving, John wed Frank’s sister, Cheryl, and had their first child, a girl name Christy.

A few months after being out of the service, John

and Cheryl stopped at a bar

called “Brothers Two Lounge” on Chicago’s south side. Jerry Zahara was on the bandstand and John said to Cheryl, “I’m going to get some guys and start the band back up and play on stage again.” The *Dial-A-Tones* reformed and recorded two albums between 1971 and 1976. John wrote two hits “Kiss the Girls and Make Them Cry” and “Let’s All Go Dancing”. He also assisted in the writing and arranging of “Pots and Pans Polka.” During this time, John and Cheryl welcomed their second child, a son named John Jr.

After the *Dial-A-Tones* broke up in 1977, John was asked to join future fellow Hall of Famer, Ted Okrze-sik, Sr. who was bringing his teenage sons up through the ranks as polka musicians and form a band. John suggested they name the band the *Windy City Brass*. The band consisted of John, Ted Sr., his sons Ted, Jr and Danny, and John’s friend, Stas Bulanda. Ted’s wife, Gennie “O”, started singing with the band as well. John recorded two albums with the *Windy City Brass* and performed with them from 1977 until 1980. During that time, John and his wife, Cheryl, also welcomed a third child, another son, named Jason.

In 1980, John was overwhelmed to be asked by Marion Lush to join “The White Eagles”. John was now able to incorporate the left-hand electronic bass with a top name band. John felt that if he was going to play left-hand bass on the big stage then he had to perfect it so he listened to Eddie Blazonczyk and Marion Lush records to learn to play all the runs the proper way. John became known as having one of the “best left hands” in the business as he refined the use of the electronic left-hand on the accordion to the point that it became indistinguishable from an actual bass guitar.





John performed with Marion Lush from 1980 to 1984 traveling extensively throughout the United States.

In 1986, with John's children getting older and wanting to watch and coach them in sports, John began filling in locally with the likes of

Li'l Richard, Jimmy Mieszala, Stas Golonka, and others. One day, John and fellow Hall of Famer Stas Bulanda, decided they wanted to start a band. John once again struck gold when he suggested to call the band, *Average Polka Band*. From 1986 to 2000 the APB recorded thirteen recordings and was nominated for a Grammy® in 1989. John wrote hit song after hit song for the band such as "APB Opening Theme", "My Concertina", "Dance Hall Blues", "I'm Gonna Love You Forever", "Happy Birthday Wish", and after the September 11 tragedy, "A Place for Peace"

In 2000, the Average Polka Band broke up but that didn't last too long because after a few months, the performing itch struck once again and John and Stas decided to start another group. This time, John suggested that Stas go back on concertina and the band would play more honky style music. Once again, John thought of a band name and Stas agreed so they decided to name the band "Dyno Chicago". John self-taught himself the piano and even recorded piano on various selections on the two CDs recorded between 2000 to 2003. Once again, John want to get away from traveling and decided to start another band, this time with fellow Hall of Famer Wally Maduzia. "One More Tyme" recorded one CD an performed together from 2001 to 2007.

In 2007, John's longtime friend, Stas Bulanda, asked John if he would be interested in rejoining Stas' band, now called "Old School Review". John accept-

ed and performed with Stas once again on stage from 2008 to 2009.

In 2010, after the passing of Stas, John was approached by Tony Blazonczyk to join his band "New Phaze". John accepted and while performing with New Phaze, he co-wrote the 2012 IPA Song of the Year, For the Love of the Music. Another song he wrote while performing with New Phaze was about his long-time friend, Stas Bulanda, called "Phone in Heaven".

John continued to perform on stage until his health would no longer allow it.

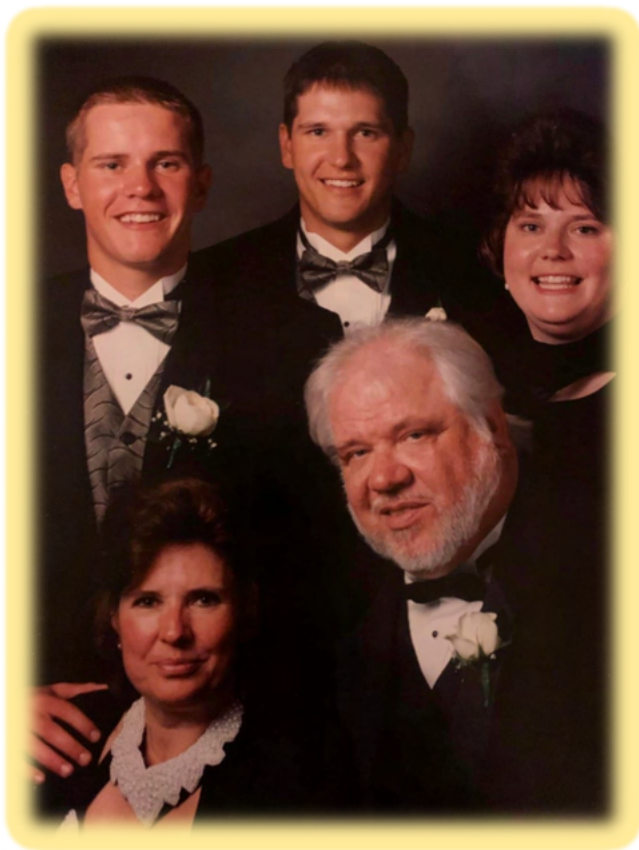
Johnny Foo's passion for polka music had no boundaries. A Polka Hall of Famer inducted in 2013, a father, a grandfather, and the consummate professional; John was a gentleman who had a true love for polka music for over 50 years and we the polka fans loved him right back. He wrote and co-wrote over 20 songs and recorded 23 albums and CDs.

John Furmanik was survived by his wife of 52 years, IPA Secretary, Cheryl; daughter, IPA President, Christy Krawisz and her husband John; son John Jr and his wife Doreen; and son Jason and his wife Jen; along with six beautiful granddaughters and one grandson.

***"I wish there was a phone in heaven so we could reminisce for a while. I know you are in a better place. I miss you so. Why did you go? I wish there was a phone in heaven. I miss your calls every day. Your laugh, your smile, please stay awhile."***









# Hello from sunny Arizona!

We were certainly excited to be entertaining our floor! At the TV corner we heard "oohs and wonderful polka fans that have come over from ahhs" about the different plays of the football the "cold country" to dance away to the sounds game (a typical playoff game!). Up on stage, of **Lenny Gomulka and the Chicago Push**. As Lenny entertained everyone with his longtime you know, Lenny Gomulka & Chicago Push are career song favorites "Say hello to Someone in a 12-time Grammy nominated band and have Massachusetts", "Lovely Girl", "Clarinet Polka", received more than 50 music awards including "Hug My Baby at Night" and many others. "Favorite Male Vocalist" and "Favorite Band".

On Friday, January 14th, 2022, the IPA sponsored our "Meet and Greet" to welcome our out-of-town guests as well as Lenny and the other members of the band. It was heartwarming to see all the smiling happy faces that gathered around the tables to catch up on "family and polka" news. Of course, we were also talking about the upcoming football game on Saturday and the guys were offering tips and tricks on getting our TV tuned properly!

The weekend started with guests enjoying our hall which was still decorated for the Christmas holidays and people reminisced about the decorations and traditions they remembered as kids "back home" and when is the right time to take down the decorations ... what laughs, and good memories were shared. Out on the dance floor we had a lively debate about which style of polka dancing is the most popular; Chicago style vs Cleveland style vs Push style and we all agreed that all the styles were polkas no matter how many hops and twists you did on the dance

Our thanks go out to **Don & Gail Haderle** for making the weekend possible; Thank you, Darrel and Bo from California for driving out, David & Princess for booking the band (and providing their equipment); our kitchen ladies, Halina and Basia, for making their pierogi platter on Saturday and their golabki plate on Sunday; and to Rose for making chrusciki (angel wings) for dessert.

We hope to keep the warm weather going through February while we eagerly await the next polka band, **Mike Costa and The Beat**, the weekend of February 18-20, 2022. Book your airline ticket now; we are holding a block of rooms at the Holiday Inn & Suites across the street from the Pulaski Club of Arizona for our guests.

See you soon!

Kaz Tysiac, President









# The Pulaski Club

Pulaski Wisconsin's  
hottest polka band

presents  
2022

"Way Out West" Polka Dance Fest.

**Saturday Night 5pm to 9pm**  
**Sunday 2pm to 6pm**

(doors open 1 hr. before event)

**\$15.00 admission at the door, kids under 12 FREE**  
(table reservations of 8 or more contact Nickelcity Dave 602.741.8214)

Kick off the festivities Friday night, March 18<sup>th</sup> "Meet & Greet" sponsored by the I.P.A. (International Polka Association) with the Variety Soundz of DJ "Nickelcity Dave" @ 6pm. FREE Admission (CD giveaways, polka trivia, dancing, polka jam!, bar food, snacks and drink specials all night long).



Featuring  
T.N.T.

**The Natural Talent**  
**March 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022**  
"Spring fling polka weekend"

This is a Non B.Y.O.B. affair the Pulaski Club has a full bar available, and the Polish Kitchen will be open.

Hotel reservations: Holiday Inn & Suites Phoenix Airport North  
1515 N. 44<sup>th</sup> St. Phoenix, Az 85008  
(p) 602-358-0909 (ask for reservation # Pulaskiclub )  
[www.hiphoenixsuites.com](http://www.hiphoenixsuites.com)

The Pulaski Polish / American Club at 4331 E. McDowell Rd. Phoenix Arizona 85008, 602.275.9329  
[www.facebook.com/pulaskiclubfuntime](https://www.facebook.com/pulaskiclubfuntime) page [www.pulaskiclubaz.org](http://www.pulaskiclubaz.org)



## The Polka World mourns the loss of USPA President Barb Haselow

The Officers, Directors and Members of the International Polka Association® would like to extend our condolences and deepest sympathies to the entire Haselow family and all the members of the United States Polka Association (USPA). Barb was the President of the USPA for almost 20 years and was an asset to our industry. She will be missed by many.

Barbara Haselow (nee Wagner) age 72 beloved wife of 53 years to Timothy. Dear mother of John Haselow (Sandy) and Cindy Fisher. Loving Nana of Kelsie (fiancé Tim), Camryn and Amy. Great Nana of Audrey, Lizzie, and Matthew. Daughter of the late Frank and Jean (nee Kobialka). Sister of the late Claudia Ginley. Dear aunt of Jean Wagner and many other nieces and nephews.

## Polka Party

**FEATURING: EFO - Eddie Forman Orchestra**  
**Saturday, February 12, 2022**

**\$16 per ticket in advance**

**\$18 at the door**

Cash or Money Order

**Doors and Kitchen Open at**



**Place: Englewood Elks Lodge**  
**401 N. Indiana Avenue**  
**Englewood, FL**



## Joseph “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 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, IJ's, polka writers, promoters, ballroom operators, etc. **Bands and musicians are excluded.**

To submit a nomination, simply copy and paste this URL <https://www.ipapolkas.com/joe-jozwiak-nomination/> and fill out the submission form. You may also mail in a short biography of the nominee's accomplishments that qualify the nominee for this award along with the form below.

Nominations **MUST** be received **NO LATER THAN MARCH 1, 2022** The IPA Board of Officers and Directors will then determine a winner.

Honoree Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Member: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominations **MUST** be received  
**NO LATER THAN MARCH 1, 2022**

Signature, email and phone number of member is required to verify current membership. Please include a short biography of the nominee's accomplishments to qualify him or her for this award.

Scan the QR code to take you directly  
to the above URL to submit your  
nomination.





# HAPPY BIRTHDAY February



**1<sup>st</sup>** – Robert Guyette; Wanda Guca

**2<sup>nd</sup>** – Don Hedeker; Jody Maddie;  
Lynn Maynard

**4<sup>th</sup>** – Rena Kapka

**5<sup>th</sup>** – Don Haderle; Fred Bulinski;  
David Matuszewski

**6<sup>th</sup>** – Richie Gomulka; Ryan Lucotch

**7<sup>th</sup>** – Greg Chwojdak

**8<sup>th</sup>** – Edward Kutas; Hank Kaliszewski

**9<sup>th</sup>** – Ron Zywiciel; Evelyn Benbenek; Al  
Jelinek

**10<sup>th</sup>** – Fredolin Willfahrt;  
Florian Chmielewski; Patty Kuzniar

**11<sup>th</sup>** – Jim Stanish

**12<sup>th</sup>** – Walter Groller; Mario Kozak; Dean-  
na Hoffman

**14<sup>th</sup>** – Fred Kendzierski;  
Lisa Jakubowski; Ray Szymanski

**15<sup>th</sup>** – Frank Stetar

**16<sup>th</sup>** – Lori Lachner; Nikolas Horodecki

**17<sup>th</sup>** – Richard Thornton;  
Joyce Beilfuss; Marianne Gideon

**18<sup>th</sup>** – James Sajkowicz; Linda Hurley;  
Ken Foldenauer; Al Volek;

**19<sup>th</sup>** – Anna Borowski; Tyler Janson;  
Helen Bobeck; Eric Krause; Erik Bates

**20<sup>th</sup>** – Becky Livermore; Terry Popek;  
Linda Pezo; Vincent Zandi

**22<sup>nd</sup>** – Steve Rodgers; Sandy Mikrut;  
Cathy Coblisch; Mark Jirikovec

**23<sup>rd</sup>** – Jerry Halkoski; Jan Dressler;  
Steve Piatkowski

**24<sup>th</sup>** – Eddie Zavaski, Jr; John Lesniewski;  
Frank Proszowski; Sandy Bodgon

**25<sup>th</sup>** – Trudie Mergen; Tim Jagodzinski;  
Kathleen Labuda-Zink; Linda Swiderski;  
Gerry Kryk; Alex Alijewicz;  
Ashley Styczynski; Kathy Konek

**26<sup>th</sup>** – Thaddeus Szymanski;  
Keith Werwas

**27<sup>th</sup>** – Robert Fidler; Charlotte Tyk;  
Dennis Mikolajewski; Rhonda Lackowski

**29<sup>th</sup>** – Joe Dipyatic

**\*\*12/31** – Gail Cerva



# March

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*Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>, & 20<sup>th</sup>, Mike Costa & The Beat*

*Mar. 19<sup>th</sup>, & 20<sup>th</sup>, The Natural Talent (T.N.T.)*

*Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>, & 13<sup>th</sup>, Dennis Polisky & Maestro's Men*

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## **WINNERS OF \$1000 SCHOLARSHIPS**

### **2021- Syrena Prytko, Millbury, Massachusetts**

- 2020 – Lucas Yash, Webster, Massachusetts
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- Joseph Blackburn, Troy, New York
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- 2015 – Adam Winiarz, Norton, Massachusetts
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- 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
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8/4/21	Chris Tanski, NY	\$40	9/19/21	Peter Wendinger, MN	\$40
8/5/21	Roberta Polovick, IN	\$40	9/20/21	Rita Sajkowicz, CT	\$40
8/6/21	Alice Szczur, IL	\$40	9/21/21	Walter Wartolec, WI	\$40
8/7/21	Gerry Krysa, NY	\$40	9/22/21	Cathy Coblish, NY	\$40
8/8/21	John Lesniewski, NY	\$40	9/23/21	Donna Carron, MD	\$40
8/9/21	Jessica Agin, IL	\$40	9/24/21	Francis Kapusinski, PA	\$40
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8/11/21	Sally Rzeszutko, IL	\$40	9/26/21	Mary Ann Moon, CT	\$40
8/12/21	Elizabeth Rozek, NY	\$40	9/27/21	Milo Michael Montella, CA	\$40
8/13/21	Judith Alijewicz, NJ	\$40	9/28/21	Thomas McGuire, PA	\$40
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8/16/21	JJ Furmaniak, IL	\$40	10/1/21	Lori Lewandowski, IL	\$40
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8/18/21	Dorothy Tetreault, CT	\$40	10/3/21	Ted Szywala, TX	\$40
8/19/21	Sean Byrne, NY	\$40	10/4/21	Mark Hamlin, IN	\$40
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8/26/21	C.W. Benson, TX	\$40	10/11/21	Keith Wesolek, NY	\$40
8/27/21	Gerry Gorak, IL	\$40	10/12/21	Sandra Pratas, Canada	\$40
8/28/21	Diane Nowakowski, IL	\$40	10/13/21	Kim Rozek, NY	\$40
8/29/21	Deborah Kapuschinski, PA	\$40	10/14/21	Bob Kalin, PA	\$40
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8/31/21	Gary Rhamy, OH	\$40	10/16/21	Ronald Nitka, WI	\$40
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11/8/21	Mike Samars, IL	\$40	11/23/21	Judy Meilutis, NY	\$40
11/9/21	Joanne Kozleski, IL	\$40	11/24/21	Sally Sendra, IL	\$40
11/10/21	Robert Banoczi, CO	\$40	11/25/21	James Pietranczyk, IL	\$100
11/11/21	Karen Weinstock, WI	\$40	11/26/21	Edward Lipka, DE	\$40
11/12/21	Marcia Cornnell, WI	\$40	11/27/21	Larry Skowronek, IL	\$40
11/13/21	Noah Montella, CA	\$40	11/28/21	Denis Banach, IN	\$40
11/14/21	Karen Danielczuk, CT	\$40	11/29/21	Wanda Wyborski, FL	\$40
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