



# IPA Newsletter

## A Note From Our President



Happy New Year!

I would personally like to thank everyone who helped the International Polka Association celebrate January as National Polka Month with the International Polka Association. The weather was definitely not the greatest so we appreciate all who attended.

On Saturday, we had a wonderful time listening and dancing to the fabulous sounds of IPA® Hall of Fame® Inductee, Lenny Gomulka and the Chicago Push. The guys did a great job and their driving through the crazy weather on Saturday morning just shows their love and dedication to the music. Thanks so much guys!

Sunday, the party continued in the early afternoon with 6 of Chicago's finest bands. Thank you Polka Generations, Eddie Korosa and the boys & girl from Illinois, EZ Tones, Music Company, Tony Blazonczyk & New Phaze, and the IPA Tribute Band, for doing such a fantastic job performing throughout the day. We appreciate all of your support each and every year to make this event possible and a huge success, even through the temperatures were below zero this year!

Thank you to the amazing and wonderful staff at the Elements of the Odyssey Banquet Hall for being so welcoming, friendly, kind and easy to work with. We really appreciate it.

To all of our local polka supporters, the polka fans that traveled into Chicago in a snow storm and below zero temperatures from Minnesota, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, and Indiana (sorry if I missed anyone) thank you so much for coming into town to support our events. We appreciate you spending the weekend with us.

Thank you Sally Rzeszutko and Carol T, for always helping at the front door. Don't know what we would do without you.

Last but definitely not the least, to all of the IPA Officers and Directors, thank you for all you do, not only at this weekends events, but all of our events. I am very lucky to have wonderful people serving with me on this board.

We hope everything had a fantastic weekend and hope you will consider joining us again next year.

*Christy*



# It's Always Sunny in Florida...

## Hallo Mitglieder!

Du allen unseren Mitgliedern und Ihrer Familie Gesundheit, Glück und Wohlstand im neuen Jahr! (*Wishing all our members and their families health, happiness and prosperity in the New Year!*)

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and had time to relax and enjoy the holiday season. We attended Pucos's New Year's Eve Extravaganza in Cleveland, Ohio. WOW!! What a great time we had and their team did a wonderful job - from paint and sip, polka trivia, jam parties, yoga, Na Zdrowie bingo and a fantastic band line up! It was an incredible way to ring in the New Year. One additional highlight of the trip was when my wife surprised me with tickets to go see "The Christmas Story House & Museum" - that was **AWESOME!** I have ALWAYS wanted to visit Ralphie's house and she made that dream come true. *And... I didn't shoot my eye out!*  
LOL

## Florida's Snowbird Schedule:

**Polish American Pulaski Club of Daytona Beach** is having Polka dances at (**NEW LOCATION**) **SNPJ Lodge #603 421 North Samsula Drive, New Smyrna Beach**: Sunday, Jan. 7<sup>th</sup> is KeyTones; Jan. 21<sup>st</sup> Hall of Famer Joe Oberaitis; Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> Brewski Bros; Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> Special event featuring Frank Moravcik from Ohio; March 3<sup>rd</sup> Polka All Stars; March 17<sup>th</sup> Jim Wick's Trio; April 7<sup>th</sup> Brewski Bros; April 21<sup>st</sup> KeyTones; May 5<sup>th</sup> Northern Sounds, and May 19<sup>th</sup> KeyTones. For dinner reservations call Harriette (386)-673-6627. For additional info call the club at (386)-258-7059 or visit their FB or website: [www.polishamericanpulaskiclubdaytona.org](http://www.polishamericanpulaskiclubdaytona.org).

**General K. Pulaski Citizens Club in Belleview** 2024 Spring Polka Dinner Dances will include: Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> Northern Sounds; March 10<sup>th</sup> Northern Sounds, April 14<sup>th</sup> Polka All Stars, May 12<sup>th</sup> Northern Sounds, and June 9<sup>th</sup> Northern Sounds. Please contact Brad for more info.

**SNPJ Lodge #603 in Samsula** will be hosting the **Polish American Pulaski Club of Daytona Beach** Sunday dinner/dances for 2024. The **Florida SNPJ Days**

**2024 Festival is Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>**

featuring Frank Moravcik Band from Ohio, along with home-made delicious food, full bar & Jam sessions. For additional info. give Cindy a call at (386)-689-9454. Join their Facebook page, [snpjilodge603@gmail.com](mailto:snpjilodge603@gmail.com) or visit their website: [www.samsulasnpjilodge603.com](http://www.samsulasnpjilodge603.com).



By Brad Turk

## **Polish American Social Club of Vero Beach** 2024 Polka

Dances schedule includes: Jan. 14<sup>th</sup> Frank Moravcik Band from Ohio; Jan 28<sup>th</sup> Polka All Stars; Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> Eddie Forman Orch. (EFO), and March 16<sup>th</sup> SO-FLA-Pa Band. For information, please join their Facebook page, visit their website [www.pacvbusa.org](http://www.pacvbusa.org), email: [pascverobeach@gmail.com](mailto:pascverobeach@gmail.com) or call the club at (772)-778-0039.

## **Polish American Society of St. Petersburg** has a **Time**

**Change: Dinners 1pm & Dancing 2-5pm.** Upcoming dances include: Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> Polka All Stars; Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> Annual **Paczki Day** event with FL. Generations; Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> Jam-N-Jive, Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> Polka All Stars; March 1<sup>st</sup> (Friday) Jimmy Sturr Band; March 3<sup>rd</sup> Frank Moravcik; March 10<sup>th</sup> Buffalo Touch; March 17<sup>th</sup> Polka All Stars; March 24<sup>th</sup> Northern Sounds; April 1<sup>st</sup> Dyngus Day from 5-8pm with FL Generations; April 7<sup>th</sup> Northern Sounds; April 14<sup>th</sup> Sun State Express; April 21<sup>st</sup> Polka All Stars, and April 28<sup>th</sup> (last dance of the season) featuring Northern Sounds. Please visit their website: [www.polishsociety.org](http://www.polishsociety.org), join their FB page. Dinner reservations call Rita (727)-347-7944, club (727)-894-9908 for more info.

## **Special Events:**

**Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>** - Polish D/D with Pan Franek Zosia & the Polka Towners at St. John the Evangelist Catholic church, 625 111<sup>th</sup> Ave North, Naples. Polish Dinner Dance 4pm-9pm. Call **Erika for more info. (231)-720-8378, Church (239)-566-8740.**

**Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>** - Polka Party with Eddie Forman Orch. (EFO), at Englewood Elks Lodge, 401 N. Indiana Ave., Englewood from 5-9pm. Call (941)-474-1404 for info.



**Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>** – Central Florida's Accordion Festival 2024 featuring Jimmy Horzen & Friends 4-6pm, jam sessions and special guest Accordion players. Time 11-6pm, at [the German American Society of Central Florida, 381 Orange Lane, Casselberry FL. For tickets/info. call Corky \(407\)-616-5344.](#)

**Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup>** – Florida SNPJ Days Festival Featuring Frank Moravcik Band from Ohio at SNPJ Lodge #603, 421 North Samsula Drive, New Smyrna Beach. Fri. 5-8pm, Sat. 12N-5pm. Cindy at (386)-689-9454. Check website: [www.samsulasnpjlodge603.com](http://www.samsulasnpjlodge603.com), or email: [Cjgriswoldcfl.rr.com](mailto:Cjgriswoldcfl.rr.com), [snpjilodge603@gmail.com](mailto:snpjilodge603@gmail.com).

**Feb. 29<sup>th</sup>** - Annual Strawberry Festival in Plant City, FL. will be featuring the Jimmy Sturr band at 10:30am. Check out Jimmy Sturr's Band schedule for more info.

**March 1<sup>st</sup>** - [Jimmy Sturr Band at Polish American Society of St. Petersburg 6-9pm. Tickets/Info. call the club: \(727\)-894-9908.](#)

**March 2<sup>nd</sup>** - Jimmy Sturr Band at Polish American Society of Port St. Lucie 5-9pm. Tickets/Info. call the club: (772)-879-9616, Barb: (772)-871-9551.

**March 24<sup>th</sup>** - Spring Fling Dance at Polish American Society of Port St. Lucie featuring Sunshine State Express & Southern Most Polka Band 12N-5:30pm. Tickets/info. call Ed: (828)-516-7995.

**Please support Florida's Polka IJ's.** Featured on the Polka Jammer Network, 2009 IPA Hall of Famer Joe

Oberaitis with Polkas 101 (Sat.), and Slovenian Polka Blast (Thur.) IPA member Ray Skorka, can be heard on Crankin' Polkas (Fri.). The **IPA members of The Southern FL Polka Assoc. are LIVE on Polish New Castle Radio with High on Polkas (Sat).**

If you would like any additional information about our clubs, polka dances or special events, email me at [bradturk@cox.net](mailto:bradturk@cox.net) or call the **Polka Hot Line:** (352) 875-3961. **Please continue to support LIVE polka music and our clubs!**



You can pay  
your  
IPA membership  
using  
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Polka Party

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



**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2024**

5:00 pm to 9:00 p.m.

E.F.O. - Eddie Forman Orchestra

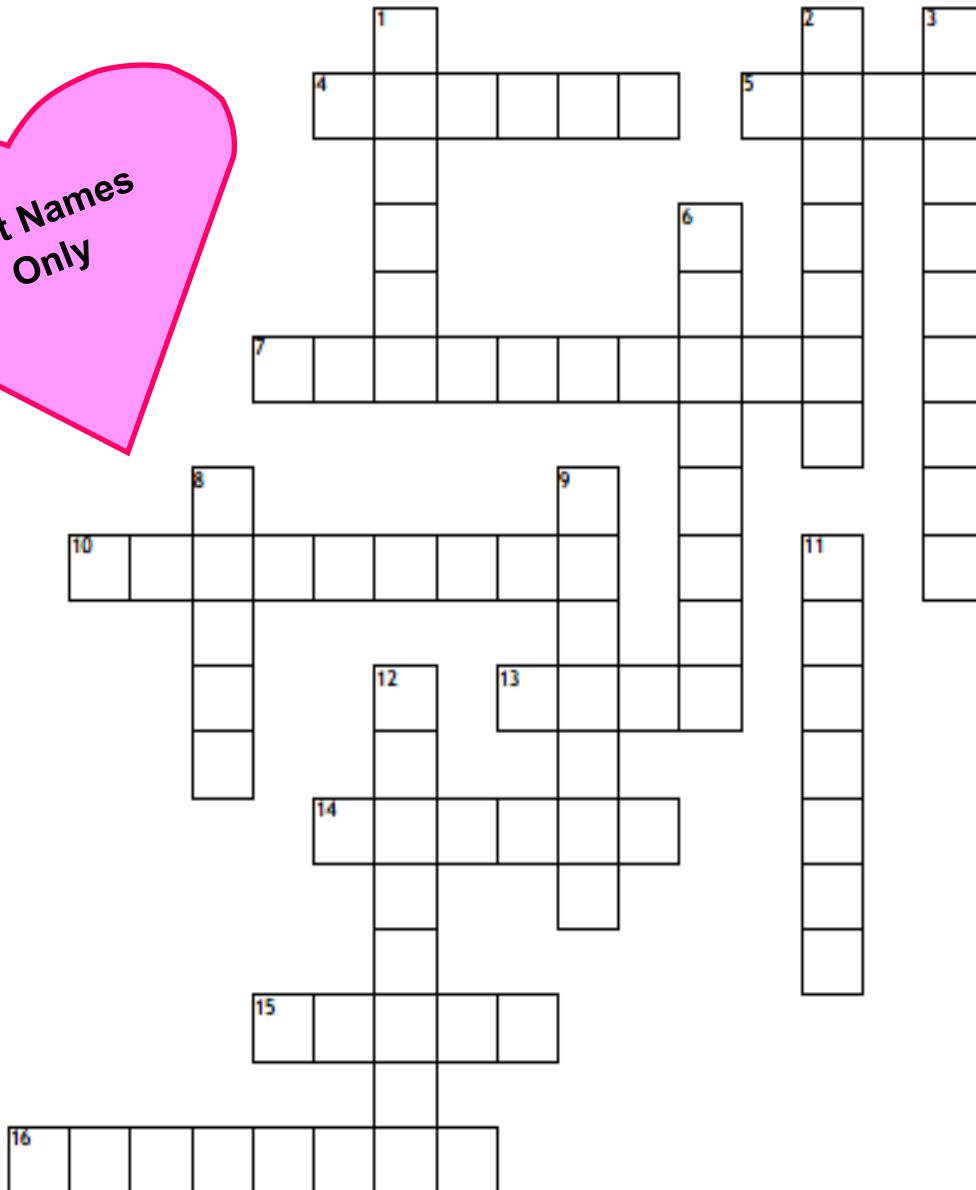
\$16.00 per ticket advanced – \$18.00 at door

Cash or Money Order

Free Dance Lessons at 4:00 pm  
Doors and Kitchen Open at 4:30 p.m. - Food Available

# Polka Band Leaders

Last Names  
Only



## Across

- 4. Who was the leader of The Classix?
- 5. Who is the leader of Gorale?
- 7. Who was the leader of the Versatones?
- 10. Who is the current leader of Music Company?
- 13. Who was the leader of The White Eagles?

14. Who is the leader of The Coal Miners?

15. Who is the leader of The Beat?

16. Who was the leader of The Brass Works?

## Down

- 1. Who was the leader of The Brass Connection?
- 2. Who is the Leader of the Maestro's Men?
- 3. Who was the leader of the Versa J's?

6. Who is the leader of Polka Family?

8. Who was the leader of The Sounds?

9. Who is the leader of Chicago Push?

11. Who was the leader of the Average Polka Band?

12. Who was the leader of The Boys?

IPA Financials as of January 2024

**2023 IPA Wisconsin Festival of Polka Bands – May 6-7, 2023**

Weekend Revenue - \$5,430.00

Weekend Expenses - \$4,694.10

Profit from the Weekend - \$735.90

**2023 IPA Festival and Convention Financial Report – Labor Day Weekend**

Festival Revenue - \$36,721.00

Festival Expenses - \$34,024.07

Profit from the Festival - \$2,696.93

**Hall of Fame Operations and Awards Banquet Report**

Income - \$6,050.00

Expense - \$14,992.87

Includes administrative costs, music awards, HOF plaques, pins, flowers, entertainment, and printing costs.

Net Loss of HOF Awards and Banquet **\$8,942.87**

**2024 – IPA Chicago January Festival Weekend**

Festival Revenue - \$5,405.00

Festival Expenses - \$5,820.26

Net Loss - **\$415.26**

**IPA Statement of Funds as of January 12, 2024**

Total money in all accounts - \$193,402.78







**Congratulations to IPA  
Member Andrew  
Kuczmarski, his wife  
Theresa, and Big Brother  
Matthew, on the birth of**



**Joshua John Kuczmarski**

**Born on  
October 30, 2023  
7lbs, 5 oz.**





**The International Polka Association and Let's Polka USA**

present the

**12th Annual**

**UNITY/ST. PATRICK'S DAY DANCE**

**Sunday, March 17, 2024**



**Royalty West Banquets**

**8675 S. Archer Ave.**

**Willow Springs, Illinois**

**Doors open at 12:30 pm**

**Music from 1 pm - 5 pm**



**BY THE IPA TRIBUTE BAND**

Featuring Polka Music Hall of Famer **Rick Rzeszutko** and  
special guest vocalist Polka Music Hall of Famer from Canada

**John Gora**



**Admission \$20**

Food will be available for purchase

Visit [www.ipapolkas.com](http://www.ipapolkas.com) or [www.letspolkausclub.com](http://www.letspolkausclub.com) for more information



## **SAVE THE DATE**



### **56th Annual International Polka Association Festival & Convention**

**August 29, 2024 - 7-11 pm - Kick Off Party  
at the Cranberry Elks Lodge—Band TBD**

**August 30 — September 1, 2024  
Labor Day Weekend  
DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel—Pittsburgh Cranberry  
724-776-6900**

#### **3 Fun-filled days of Polka Entertainment by:**

Lenny Gomulka & the Chicago Push, John Gora &  
Gorale, IPA Tribute Band, Michael Costa & The Beat,  
Klancnik & Friends, Crusade, Frank Liszka & Blue Magic,  
Maroszek Brothers, Polka Family, The Natural Talent,  
EZ Tones, The Zolkas Polka Band, Special Delivery,  
and The Kosmix  
(Bands subject to change)

Welcome Party, Hall of Fame and Music Awards Banquet,  
Pool Parties, Polka Mass, Election of Officers and Directors  
plus much, much more!

More details and information to follow.  
Visit our website: [www.ipapolkas.com](http://www.ipapolkas.com)

Be sure to listen to the IPA Radio Show:  
Polka Jammer Network  
Sunday's 11am to 12 pm (CT)







# Wisconsin Spring Into Polkas

**Saturday May 4, 2024**

**6pm-10pm**

*Doors open at 5:30 pm*

## ADMISSION

**Saturday: \$20**

**Sunday: \$20**

\*18 and under free  
with paid adult

For more  
information visit  
[ipapolkas.com](http://ipapolkas.com) or  
scan the code.



## DynaBrass

\*All bands subject to change  
without notice.



**Sunday May 5, 2024**

**12 pm – 5 pm**

*Doors Open at 11:30 am*

## Pulaski Area Festival of Bands



The New Generation



The Mix



Zander and his  
Music'Ray'Makers



Aaron Socha & Livewire



Maroszek Brothers

## LOCATION

Townline Pub & Grill  
2544 Lineville Rd.

Suamico, WI 54313

\*Food and Drink  
available for purchase.

## Rooms Available

Country Inn & Suites  
2308 Lineville Rd.

Green Bay, WI 54313

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17<sup>th</sup> Annual

# IPA Hall of Fame Benefit Dance 2024



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



2 days!

**SAT  
MARCH  
9th  
7pm-11pm  
ADMISSION \$15**

featuring  
**Polka  
Country  
Musicians**



**SUN  
MARCH  
10th  
2pm-7pm  
ADMISSION \$20**

Honoring the music of  
**The Krew  
Brothers**

of Buffalo, New York  
Music by



**Lenny Gomulka**



**Eddie Forman  
Orchestra**



**Dennis Polisky  
& Maestro's Men**

## FOR TICKETS

Call Ernie Daigle 413-519-7014

Send Self-Addressed Stamped Envelope and  
Check Made Payable to Ernest Daigle to:

Ernest Daigle  
12 Whittin Ave.  
Chicopee, MA 01013



or call:

Patty Daigle 413-592-0367

Peter Danielczyk 203-231-1819

For Tables of 8 or More Call:

Carol Blajda - 413-549-6997



**Rooms Available**

Call: 413-589-9300

321 Center Street

Ludlow, MA

**Code: IPA**

Special Room Rate:

3/7 & 3/10 - \$149.

3/8 & 3/9 - \$109.

Expires Feb. 22, 2024

ADVANCE TICKETS ONLY • NO TICKETS HELD AT DOOR • Tickets are NOT REFUNDABLE



**USPA & CPA  
together!**

**Feb. 25, 2024**

featuring music by

***The Burgh Boys***

Doors open at Noon • Music 1pm - 5pm

Admission \$16.00 per person

Holiday Inn Lounge

6001 Rockside Rd, Independence, OH

For more information contact:

Anna Slepecky, CPA President at 330-461-1772

Cindy Fisher, USPA President at 216-299-0934

**Join USPA to  
welcome spring!**

**March 16, 2024**

featuring music by

***Lenny Gomulka & Chicago Push  
and DynaBrass***

Doors open at 5pm • Music 6pm - 12am

Admission \$20.00 per person

Crowne Plaza Hotel

7230 Engle Rd., Middleburg Hts., OH

Special USPA room rate of \$110 per night

call 440-243-4040 • Code - P02

For more information contact: Cindy Fisher at 216-299-0934

or Cheryl Wodzisz at 440-570-3407

**55th Annual  
USPA Festival  
and Convention**

**May 23 - 26, 2024**

featuring the best in polka music!

***Jack Beachly's Jam Band • NuTones***

***Crusade • Maestro's Men • New Generation***

***Jody Maddie's Uptown Sound • The Beat***

***Frankie Liszka's Blue Magic***

***TNT (The Natural Talent) • John Gora***

***Polka Country Musicians and Polka Family***

Plus special events including USPA Queen Pageant,

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Crowne Plaza • 7230 Engle Road, Middleburg Heights, Ohio

440-243-4040 • 1-877-227-6963

Special USPA Room Rate \$110 • (use Group Code USP)

Cindy @ 216-299-0934 or Cheryl @ 440-570-3407

3-Day pass info - Joanne Piotrowski at 330-410-5568



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY February



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

**2<sup>nd</sup>** – Don Hedeker; Jody Maddie;  
Cindy Fisher; Edward Skwiat

**4<sup>th</sup>** – Rena Kapka

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

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

**8<sup>th</sup>** – Edward Kutas

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

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

**11<sup>th</sup>** – Jim Stanish

**12<sup>th</sup>** – Walter Groller; Deanna Hoffman;  
Mario Joseph Kozak;

**13<sup>th</sup>** – Gerry Kaminski

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

**15<sup>th</sup>** – Frank Stetar; Melisa Powers

**16<sup>th</sup>** – Lori Lachner

**17<sup>th</sup>** – Marianne Gideon

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

**19<sup>th</sup>** – Anna Borowski; Tyler Janson;  
Helen Bobeck

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

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

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

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

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

**26<sup>th</sup>** – Ed Klancnik

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

**28<sup>th</sup>** – Keith Heffner

**29<sup>th</sup>** – Joe Dipytic







# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

## March



**1<sup>st</sup>** – Elaine Veverka; Kathy Prochot;  
Diane Waligura

**2<sup>nd</sup>** – Todd Zaganiacz; Karina Mayorga;  
James “Wigs” Weglicki

**3<sup>rd</sup>** – Tom Mrocza; Karen Danielczuk;  
Tony Rozek, Jr.; Mary Julia Drella;  
Nicholas Uram; Adam Socha

**4<sup>th</sup>** – Ken Yagelski; Bill Thomas

**5<sup>th</sup>** – Dick Pillar

**6<sup>th</sup>** – Joan Pyzik; Rick Rzeszutko

**7<sup>th</sup>** – Robyn Kaczmarczyk; Kellie Everett

**8<sup>th</sup>** – Les Kapuscinski

**9<sup>th</sup>** – Joseph Mehoczky; Eddie Siwiec; Jo-  
seph Pusz; Linda Malachin

**10<sup>th</sup>** – Fred Ziwich

**11<sup>th</sup>** – Fr. Dennis Bogusz;  
Walter Kazmierczak

**12<sup>th</sup>** – Garry Kuchenbecker; Josefine  
Kozak; Angela Piasecki; Joseph Warco;  
Chase Stanczewski; Jeff Gazdik;  
Thomas Wanderlich

**13<sup>th</sup>** – Frank Waltos

**14<sup>th</sup>** – Kyle Bushman

**15<sup>th</sup>** – Joni Zychowski-Gregg;  
Father Tom Aleksa

**16<sup>th</sup>** – Wojtek Kukielka; Michael Samars;  
Vincent Krzyzanowski

**17<sup>th</sup>** – Patrick Henry Cukierka; Larry Walk;

Patrick Biniasz; Thomas Altenburg

**18<sup>th</sup>** – Mary Lou Brock; Joseph Dendis; Pa-  
tricia Passaro

**19<sup>th</sup>** – Joseph Oginsky; John Mysliwiec;

**20<sup>th</sup>** – James Kaminski; Brenda Fabian;  
Timothy Kasprzyk;

**21<sup>st</sup>** – Roman Marsolek; Chris Turecek

**22<sup>nd</sup>** – Ted Lange; Debbie Jackinoski; Sue  
Krysa; Theresa Slipek;  
John H. Zelasko; Phyllis Checkalski;  
Andrea Arman; Cindy Lawton

**23<sup>rd</sup>** – Julie Ann Kurdys; Dianne Gora

**24<sup>th</sup>** – Mark Kohan; Katie Krawisz;  
Jon Payne; Sharon Ianham

**26<sup>th</sup>** – Tony Winarz; Patricia Wojnowski;  
Steven Fenus

**27<sup>th</sup>** – Mike Gryczko

**28<sup>th</sup>** – Mike Kochanek; Frank Kosman; An-  
toinette Rozek; Zachary Janson; LynnMarie  
Rodick

**29<sup>th</sup>** – Patty Chmielewski;  
Allan Maroszek

**30<sup>th</sup>** – Mitch Piotrowski; James Glinski;  
Mary Ann Mysliwiec

**31<sup>st</sup>** – Judy Stringhill; Lori Lewandowski;  
Dave Gregg; Hank Walter; Sue Bieniek



Jeffrey Yash, NY      Alan Kwiatkowski, IN  
 Alex Yash, NY      Edward Wylie, FL  
 Sandra Maddie, OH      Richard Swanson, MN  
 John Stevens, PA      R. Edward Staszak, IL

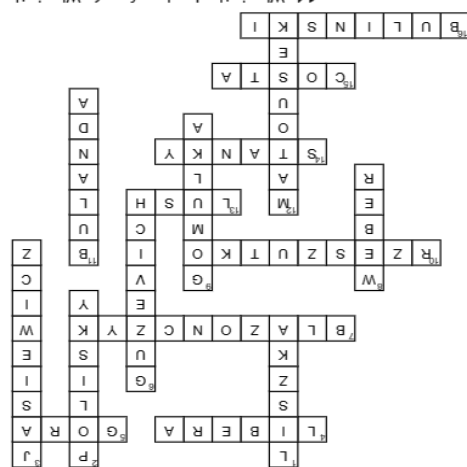


Kimberly Uelmen, WI



Ronald Knapik  
 Wallace "Wally" Stanczyk

Across  
 4. Who was the leader of The White Eagles?  
 10. Who is the current leader of Music Company of the Versatones?  
 7. Who was the leader of the Versatones?  
 5. Who is the leader of the Classics?  
 4. Who was the leader of The Beat?  
 15. Who is the leader of The Brass Works?  
 16. Who was the leader of The Brass Works?  
 11. Who was the leader of The Average Polka Band?  
 12. Who was the leader of The Boys?  
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 12. Who was the leader of The Boys?



Polka Band Leaders

## 2024 IPA Newsletter Schedule

<u>Issue</u>	<u>Deadline for Submissions</u>
<b>April - May 2024</b>	<b>March 1, 2024</b>
<b>June - July 2024</b>	<b>May 1, 2024</b>
<b>August - September 2024</b>	<b>July 1, 2024</b>
<b>October - November 2024</b>	<b>September 1, 2024</b>
<b>December 2024 - January 2025</b>	<b>November 1, 2024</b>



# FUNDRAISER RAFFLE WINNERS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1  Wallace Stancyk, WI	2  Leonard & Barbara Palkowski, MI
3  James Witulski, NC	4  Sandy Earl, OH	5  Jill Styczynski, WI	6  Edward Grudi, PA	7  Adam Biskup, Canada	8  Fr. Dennis Bogusz, PA	9  Edward Sienkowski, IN
10  Rob Piatkowski, NY	11  Nancy Kikel, PA	12  Dick Kozacko, NC	13  Kevin Weinstock. WI	14  Stan Simms, FL	15  Jason Furmaniak, IL	16  Edziu Turecek, CT
17  Carol Alsheimer, NY	18  Ronald Petro, PA	19  Michelle Robinson, MI	20  Robert Banoczi, CO	21  Bob Lynn, Jr, OH	22  Michelle Troczyński, MI	23  Chris & Doris Benson, TX
24  Mary Lou Czerniak, MN	25  Paul Fura, IN	26  Ronald Wichman, Jr., WI	27  John Rogers, NY	28  Judy Kwiatkowski, OH	29  Olivia Maroszek, WI	30  Gerry Gorak, IL

*Enter to Win!*



# FUNDRAISER RAFFLE WINNERS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Vincent Krzyzanowski, FL	2 Laura Mateja, IL	3 Larry Walk, OH	4 Kenneth Koscinski, PA	5 Andrea Arman, ID	6 Michael Nowakowski, IL	7 Kathy Urbanczyk, NY
8 Harry Parsons, OH	9 Michael Biela, WV	10 Mike Kowalski, IN	11 Ron Swiderski, OH	12 Karen Lakota, OH	13 Joseph Wondolowski, IL	14 Cherie Trzepacz, NY
15 Cindy Fisher, OH	16 Cindy Olszewski, PA	17 Jack Libera, MA	18 Joanne Jones, IL	19 Edward & Karen Stachura, FL	20 James Mackiewicz, Jr, OH	21 Sally Sendra, IL
22 Emma Bogdon, PA	23 Mary Leja, IL	24 Jeff Tomczak, MD	25 Ken Kendra, IL	26 Patricia Walker, SC	27 Denise Gilwa, IL	28 Raymond Elleven, TX
29 Leonard Wolski, IL	30 Chris Bauer, NY	31 Andy Mocek, WI				



# OCTOBER





# FUNDRAISER RAFFLE WINNERS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 John Friedhoff PA	2 Lucille Marsolek MN	3 Mark Jackovic PA	4 John Wojciechowski MA
5 Gene Retka MN	6 Barbara Stanish PA	7 Noah Montella CA	8 Michelle Robinson MI	9 Matt Mocek OH	10 John Mikrut III IL	11 Mark & Diane Hamlin MI
12 James Moroski OH	13 Alex Alijewicz NJ	14 Basia Lynn OH	15 Harold Otto WI	16 Cheryl Wodzis OH	17 John Bobich PA	18 Jerry Tomaszewski Canada
19 David Bonczkiewicz AZ	20 Camille Hjelm IL	21 Helen Szywala TX	22 Ray Budzilek, Jr. OH	23 Bob Gawryla IL	24 Linda Libera MA	25 John Sklarsky PA
26 Lorraine Travers IL	27 Sandy Mocek OH	28 Justin Kosinski NJ	29 Scott Saber CA	30 Betsy Turk NE		



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 December					1 Mary Masse MA	2 Jerry Kender IN
3 Christine Misiak IN	4 Marianne Gideon PA	5 Roberta Polovick IN	6 Peter Wojcik NY	7 Anthony Rozek, Jr. NY	8 Jaylen & Jolena Furmaniak IL	9 John O'Brien TX
10 Ernest Daigle MA	11 Donna Carron MD	12 Dottie Stanky PA	13 Tony Kowalski MI	14 Steve Somerville FL	15 Theresa Zaworski IL	16 Myna Sadowski PA
17 Tony Winiarz Canada	18 Ronald Petro PA	19 Patrica Daigle MA	20 Susan Jurevis IL	21 Nancy Czabaj MA	22 Jeffrey Guyette RI	23 Liz (Sue) Cardeal RI
24 Lynn Thull WI	25 Karen Hudy IL	26 Joe Sokol NH	27 Shari Olszewski PA	28 Jim Kilian IL	29 Christine Grzybala Kucher MA	30 Zach Mikrut IL
31 Diane Pojedynski IL	 Happy New Year					





## Recipes from ... IPA Members

IPA President, Christy Krawisz, thought it would be a great idea to share some of our members favorite recipes with the membership. So, we will spotlight food and drink recipes submitted to us by our members. To share your favorite recipe, please email it to [info@ipapolkas.com](mailto:info@ipapolkas.com) and **include your name in your email**. Please send it in a word document or directly in the email. PDF's won't work, sorry. We look forward to sharing some great recipes with you! Enjoy.

### Love Potion Vodka Cocktail



**1/2 cup** Vodka

**1/4 cup** Peach Liqueur (or peach schnapps)

**1 cup** Ruby Red Grapefruit Juice (or any red juice with cherry or raspberry in it)

#### Directions:

1. Rim glasses in a bit of corn syrup and sugar if desired. Set aside.
2. Add ice to cocktail shaker, then add all ingredients. Cover shaker and shake a few times until cold. Pour into prepared glasses.
3. Garnish with a toothpick of maraschino cherries and strawberries.



### Luck of the Irish Cocktail

3 ounces Jameson Irish Whiskey

2 ounces Peach Schnapps

3 ounces Pineapple Juice

2 ounces Lime Sparkling Soda

add Green Food Coloring

Add Ice Cubes

Add Maraschino Cherries and Mint Leaves (optional, for garnish)



# Coming March 1st, 2024





Patrick Henry Presents!

Chula Vista  
Resort

# Wisconsin Dells Polka Fest! #12 & Expo!



May 10-12, 2024

The party returns to the huge Conference Center!  
A Great Weekend of Family FUN!



**Mother's Day with Mollie B  
& The Music Connection + The Polka Family Band!**

from Wisconsin - *Sunday*



**The Beat**

from New Jersey - *Friday & Saturday*

**Polka Family Band**

from Pennsylvania - *Saturday & Sunday*

**Twin City Sounds**

from Minnesota - *Friday*

**Live Wire**

from Wisconsin - *Friday*

**I.P.A. Tribute Band**

From Illinois - *Saturday*

**Live it Up! A Tribute to Lil' Wally!**

from Minnesota - *Saturday*

**Cynor Classics**

from Wisconsin - *Saturday*

**The Saturday Morning Monster Jam!**

**with Kevin Altenburg & Friends**

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Weekend AMTRAK Trip Available!

Band line-up and other events subject to change without notice.

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Single Occupancy \$311+ tax & resort fee.

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2-Nights at Chula Vista Resort

Buffet Breakfast Saturday & Sunday

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Breakfast Gratuity included.

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