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CELEBRATION OF LIFE *EDDIE ADAMIC*

1930—2023



It was a 'Celebration of Life and of Love' on May 19th as many of Eddie's music family, his bandmates, his friends and his fans came out to honor the life of this sweet, gentle and kind man. As Eddie was president of the SAC for over 20 years, it was only fitting that the club would have this special Celebration. The day was sunny, warm and bright, not just outside but in the hall as well, as many musicians who have played with Eddie over the years came to pay their respects and share their memories. It was a great reunion for old friends, many of whom hadn't seen each other in years. The event was held at the Prestige Hall in Allen Park MI with the Good Times Band (Herb Schroeder, Ken Dowling, Mike Masten, and Jason Hejl) playing while people arrived. Ken Dowling played dinner music for us as we ate a delicious dinner followed by remarks from some of Eddie's friends. Slovene American Club president Herb Schroeder talked about his long association with Eddie, beginning when Herb was just 12 years old. This was followed by Ken Elstone, Ron Bernick, and Gary Helisek, who flew in from Florida just for this event. So many great stories and lovely memories! And then the music started, beginning with many of the button box musicians who have been members of the SAC Button Box Club over the years: Andy Miinch, Dennis Uhlik, Bonnie Weber, Karl Preiss, Chuck Rote, Rob Deblander, and Mary Lou Downs - along with musicians Ken Dowling, Mike Masten, Dave Hejl, Rick Stecker, Nick Rote, and drummer John Gerl from Ohio. We were also fortunate to have Kathy Hlad and Bill Perko from Cleveland join our button box session, and we appreciate them changing their schedules in order to come to Michigan for the day. This was followed by music provided by Al Battistelli from Lorain OH, then Rob Deblander, Chuck Rote and Nick Rote. The event finale was a jam session led by Herb and Ken, and all musicians joined in. There were too many musicians in attendance to name them all!

Congratulations to Mike Masten & Gayle Chase, and Ken & Sharon Dowling on making this day a huge success. Your planning, organizing, and hosting this day, and all your hard work is very much appreciated by all. Thanks also to Herb and the hard-working members of our Board of Directors. I would be remiss if I didn't mention the fabulous desserts provided by Pat Kalmar and the LaLa Girls - they always spoil us with their delicious treats. Many thanks!

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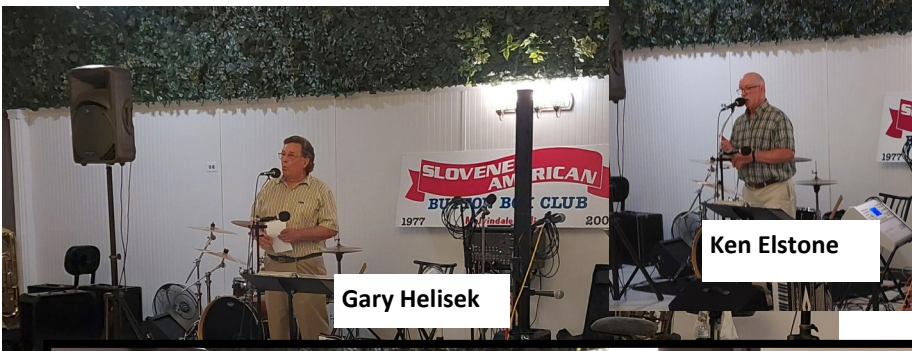
The Good Times Band



Ken Dowling—dinner music



Herb Schroeder



Gary Helisek



Ron Bernick



Kathy Hlad sent this nice pic of her and Eddie



Al Battistelli, John Gerl & Friends



A wonderful turnout of Eddie's music family and friends.



PAST POLKA EVENTS

BUTTON BOX BASH - APRIL 21, 2024

Several members of the SAC attended the 40th annual Super Button Box Bash held on April 21st. This event now takes place at the Croatian Lodge in Eastlake OH since Recher Hall has been sold. Musicians included Fairport Jammers, Darryl & Frank Valencic, Linda Hochevar/Frank Moravcik, Kathy Hlad, Likovic Family, Patty C & the Guys, Joey Tomsick - and more. Cecilia Dolgan came from Chicago to lead the Circle 2 Chorus Reunion, and there was a big button box jam session on stage that included quite a few new faces. Kathy Hlad has a number of button box students and they seemed to be out in full force, including several young children. Kathy teaches online too if anyone is interested. Kathy and Joey led the jam on stage and it was great fun as was the jamming in the lobby at the end of the day!

SNPJ FARM 4TH ANNUAL MUSIC FESTIVAL & CRAFT SHOW - MAY 18 2024

The weather was beautiful, sunny and breezy which made for a perfect day for this event. There were many vendors selling a wide variety of home-made items, and Wojtila's Bakery did a bustling business selling their wonderful pastries. A really great music lineup included: Culkar/Golob Band, Jeff Pecon, Darryl & Frank Valencic, Rob Deblander, Eddie Rodick, Dick & Jack Tady, Rex Taneri, Patty C. & the Guys, Frank Moravcik, Don Wojtila, Vince Rigler, and something a little different - The Dukes of Darrowville playing the sounds of the big band era and Dixieland. The evening rounded out with a Beatles Tribute band. The SNPJ Farm in Kirtland OH is one of my favorite venues and has music events happening all summer long. For more information call Don Srnick at 440-283-9373 or email srnick@msn.com



Kathy Hlad watching from the sidelines as her young student plays in the outdoor tent with the Jeff Pecon Band.

SAC MEMBERS' HAPPENINGS

KARL PREISS RETIREMENT PARTY - May 25, 2024: Throughout the day, about 75 people dropped by the home of Karl & Barb Preiss for a BBQ and potluck dinner to celebrate Karl's retirement. He finished his work career at the end of January after working for United States Steel for the last 24 years. Of course, there was lots of music as many friends brought their instruments. Festivities started at 2pm and went till midnight! Karl and Barb want to thank the many SAC members, friends, family, neighbors and former co-workers who came by to celebrate with them.

ROB DEBLANDER III - son of members Rob and Carol DeBlander: Following graduation as a medical doctor from The Chicago Medical School Rob is now going into General Surgery residency at the Allegheny General Hospital in Pittsburg PA. Congratulations not just for his medical accomplishments, but also for his engagement to Patricia Bucci who is going to Brown University Medical Hospital in Rhode Island, also for General Surgery residency. They became engaged on a wonderful summer trip to Slovenia. As they say, there is love in SLOVEnia! Carol and Rob are understandably proud of Robbie but also both of their children as daughter Sydney is going through medical school to become an Osteopath.

Congratulations to Robbie and Patrica - and also to Carol and Rob!



MEMBERSHIP MEETING - FRIDAY, JULY 19, 2024

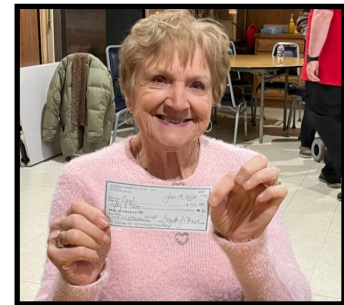
The next membership meeting of the Slovene American Club will be held on Friday, July 19th at 6PM. There will be FREE PIZZA and salad - thanks to Sharon Dowling who brings delicious salads for us to share. As we always do, we have a draw for the attendance award of \$50, and everyone in attendance who has paid their 2024 dues is eligible to win. Gayle Chase, treasurer, is available to accept membership dues at most of the Friday night jam sessions at the American Legion, and also at the dances. Or you can make your check payable to the Slovene American Club and mail to PO Box 517, Allen Park, MI 48101

Our newest member of the Board of Directors is Tom Bernick who has kindly consented to be a Trustee. Tom is a long time member of the SAC as have been many of his relatives over the years. He is also a piano accordionist and plays at our jams on Friday nights. Tom, thank you for helping the club.

If you know of anyone who loves wonderful music, who plays or dances or just loves to listen, please bring them along to our dances or our jam sessions. People often ask me about upcoming events. We list a lot of them here in our newsletter which is one of the benefits of becoming a member of the SAC! *We welcome new members.*



Left to Right: Tom Bernick, Trustee; Bonnie Weber, Recording Secretary; Herb Schroeder, President; Gayle Chase, Treasurer & Corresponding Secretary; Paul Perko, Trustee; Mike Masten, Vice President; and Diana Lewsick, Sergeant at arms and Trustee.



Bonnie Weber won the \$50 attendance award at the January membership meeting!

SLOVENE AMERICAN CLUB DANCE

SUNDAY IN SEPTEMBER

Music by Cleveland's FRANK MORAVCIK BAND

with Frank Moravcik on accordion and Linda Hochevar on button box. They play polkas, waltzes, country, and classic pop songs as well as Czech, German, & Slovenian favorites.

WHERE: The American Legion Post 364, 3001 Telegraph Rd, Dearborn, MI

WHEN: September 22, 2024; Doors open at 1 PM; Music & dancing 2 - 6 PM

ADMISSION PRICE - \$15 per person; \$2 discount for current members

Free pizza and salad; Cash bar - No BYOB

Donations of baked goods and prizes are appreciated

Come and enjoy the music, the dancing, the fun, the friends;

For more information: MIKE MASTEN 734-368-2240

Support your SAC club and the American Legion!



DONATIONS TO THE CLUB

The SAC Board members have very graciously chosen to donate their quarterly salaries (a total of \$1,260) back to the club. A big **THANK YOU** to the board members for the work that they do on behalf of the club and **THANK YOU** to everyone who gives generously to the club. Your donations are very much appreciated.

Mildred (Millie) Malina - in her will left a legacy donation to the SAC in the amount of \$1,500.00 (US)

Wanda & Vic Zakrajsek - \$25 for band beverages at jam sessions

Marieta Jamsek-Rolnick - \$85.00 general donation

The following donations have come to the Slovene American Club *in memory of Eddie Adamic:*

Caroline & Gary Helisek - \$100

Allen Helisek - \$50

Wanda & Vic Zakrajsek - \$75

Kathy Hlad & Bill Perko - \$50

Julia Braun, Eileen, Diana & Andrew (Lala girls) - \$40

Pat Kalmar - \$10 & the delicious desserts

Robert Spendal - \$20 & a bottle of whiskey

Mary Lou Downs - \$110 - for large poster of Eddie Adamic on easel at Celebration of Life

MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF THE CLUB WITH HEALTH ISSUES

The SAC has a number of members and friends of the club who are dealing with health issues at this time. We would ask that you keep the following people in your thoughts and prayers.

Bill Bernocco

Bob Kiss

Kurt Schroeder

Kay Boggess

Mary Ann McNulty

Gerry Stachowiak

Jerry Gnida

Bill Romanski

Rita Zdeb

Liz Kiss

Frank Sabo

Viktor Zakrajsek

DECEASED MEMBERS & FRIENDS OF THE CLUB

Mildred (Millie) Malina - died on February 21, 2024; Member of the SAC from Blenheim Ontario, and a great fan of polka music. Millie very generously left a legacy donation to the SAC in the amount of \$1,500 (US)

Wayne Lenhart - died on April 12, 2024 at the age of 79. He was a skilled bus driver who drove us to many polka events, and he enjoyed our SAC dances. A Vietnam Vet, he was a member of VFW, Legion and several ethnic clubs.

Ken Anderson - died on May 2, 2024 at the age of 87. For over 50 years, Ken was an avid supporter, organizer, and leader of SNPJ festivals and events and served in many capacities. For 50 years he was the Wolverine Lodge President.

Dorothy Baughman - died on May 14, 2024 at the age of 97. Dorothy was a long-time member of the SAC;

Erin Pashke - died on May 19, 2024 at the age of 87. Erin was a very good friend of Walt Murzin, one of our SAC musicians.

JAM SESSIONS

In addition to our own SAC jam sessions, there is a jam session at Milan MI on the third Tuesday of every month all year round. Music is played from 7pm to 9pm and they feature Czech/Slovak music. The address is 44 Wabash Street, Milan MI 48160. All are welcome, so bring your accordion, your flat-box buttonbox and join in. For more information contact Bonnie Weber at 734-770-4075.

There is an open jam session on the first Wednesday of every month at the Monroe Senior Center, 15275 South Dixie Highway, Monroe MI. Lunch is available at 11am, the music session is from 12pm to 1pm. This jam session has been going on for fourteen years. The music includes polka, country, and folk—a wide variety. Musicians are invited to join “Bonnie and Friends” for a fun session. For more information call Bonnie Weber at 734-770-4075.

SLOVENE AMERICAN CLUB CALENDAR OF EVENTS—2024

NOTICE: We schedule our Friday night jam sessions every other Friday. In many cases it will include the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Fridays of each month. The following dates will be used for the jam sessions unless changed due to conflicts of scheduling. Please watch our Facebook page for any changes to the schedule. For more information you can also contact Mike Masten at 734-368-2240

All Friday night jam sessions will be held from 7pm to 10pm at the American Legion
Fort Dearborn Post 364, 3001 South Telegraph Road, Dearborn, Michigan

Friday, June 21	SAC Button Box/Accordion jam session—American Legion, Dearborn
Friday, July 5	SAC Button Box/Accordion jam session—American Legion, Dearborn
Friday, July 12—14	Slovenefest 40th Anniversary; SNPJ Rec Center, Enon Valley, PA; more information on page 9 and also on their website: www.slovenefest.com
Friday, July 19	SAC MEMBERSHIP MEETING - American Legion, Dearborn; 6 - 6:30pm SAC Button Box Accordion jam session - 7pm to 10pm; Food Provided.
Friday, August 2	SAC Button Box/Accordion jam session—American Legion, Dearborn
Friday, August 16	SAC Button Box/Accordion jam session—American Legion, Dearborn
Friday, August 30	SAC Button Box/Accordion jam session—American Legion, Dearborn
Friday, September 6	SAC Button Box/Accordion jam session—American Legion, Dearborn
Friday, September 20	SAC Button Box/Accordion jam session—American Legion, Dearborn
Sunday, September 22	<u>SAC Sunday in September Dance</u> music by Frank Moravcik Band from Cleveland At the American Legion, Dearborn; music 2 - 6 PM; See page 5 for details
Friday, October 4	SAC Button Box/Accordion jam session—American Legion, Dearborn
Friday, October 18	SAC Button Box/Accordion jam session—American Legion, Dearborn
Friday, November 1	SAC Button Box/Accordion jam session—American Legion, Dearborn
Friday, November 15	SAC Button Box/Accordion jam session—American Legion, Dearborn
Friday, November 29	SAC Button Box/Accordion jam session—American Legion, Dearborn CANCELLED
Friday, December 6	SAC Button Box/Accordion jam session—American Legion, Dearborn
Friday, December 20	SAC Button Box/Accordion jam session—American Legion, Dearborn

*Let's all come out and support the SAC musicians on Friday nights. It's good music, good friends—and it's FREE!
If you can't be here in person, Doug Faillace usually live streams on our Facebook page and his PolkaUSA website*

The music organized in conjunction with the Knights of Columbus Fish Fry in Essex Ontario had a final jam session for the season on May 24th with several SAC members joining in the fun. As usual, there was a really good turnout of people enjoying the music as they dined on delicious pickerel dinners. The jam sessions will start up again on September 27th and continue on the 4th Friday of each month. Fish dinners are available from 4:30 to 7PM, and music goes until 9PM. For more information contact John Puhl at 519-982-0926.



**Musicians at the jam session on May 24th:
Andy Miinch, John Puhl, Bonnie Weber,
Vince Rezler, Mary Lou Downs, Karel Sedlacek,
George Gojtan, Dennis Uhlik.**

POLKA EVENTS AND NOTES

Our Slovene American Club is noted for the very many musicians who are SAC members. These musicians entertain regularly at our club events, and some of them are members of other bands.

Many of our SAC musicians are available for hire for weddings, dances, private parties and events - solo or as a band. Please support our members and their bands at polka dances and festivals.

The Good Times Band: Herb Schroeder, Ken Dowling, Mike Masten, and Jason Hejl

Our “house band” at the Slovene American Club functions, and very much in demand. They play a wide variety of music: German, Czech, Slovenian, and American dance music. For bookings contact Ken Dowling at 517-518-4228

Saturday, July 20 Sokol Cultural Center, 23600 Warren, Dearborn MI; Indoor hall 2 - 8 PM
Saturday, Aug 10 Sokol Camp, 11633 Sokol Camp Dr., South Lyon, MI; 4 - 8 PM
Monday, Sept 2 Ohio Polka Booster Club, Kalida KofC Hall, 718 Napoleon, Kalida OH 3 - 7 PM
Sunday, Sept 15 Czech Dancers Polka Club Dance, 8890 OH 120, Lyons, OH (Seward) 2 - 6 PM
Saturday, Sept 21 Rivers Edge Brewing Co. Octoberfest, 125 S. Main St, Milford, MI 4 - 8 PM
Sunday, Oct 13 MI State Polka Music Hall of Fame Induction & dinner/dance; Z Hall Owasso MI 12 - 6 PM

Ken Dowling & Friends:

Sunday, July 21 Sokol Cultural Center, 23600 Warren, Dearborn MI; Beer Tent; 3:30 - 6:30PM

Rob DeBlander Band Rob Deblander, David Hall, Chuck Rote

Rob is a multi-faceted musician, playing piano accordion, half-chromatic accordion, button box, and keyboards. He specializes in Cleveland-style polka music but is versatile and can play any style. You can call Rob at 734-536-0037

Bonnie & the Boys: Bonnie Weber, David Hejl, Frank Sabo

A long-time member of Millie’s Polka Band, Bonnie is a talented button accordion player, knows Czech, German, Slovenian, and American dance standards. To book her for your event call Bonnie at 734-770-4075

Saturday, July 20 Sokol Cultural Center, 23600 W. Warren, Dearborn, MI; Beer tent; 5:30 - 8:30 PM

New Brass Express: SAC member Ed Siwiec

June 22 & 23 American Polish Century Club Polish Fest; 33204 Maple Lane, Sterling Heights, MI

July 5 Polka Fireworks; Seven Springs Resort, Champion, PA

July 13 Alpen Fest: Gaylord MI

August 8 Music Fest: Frankenmuth MI

August 11 Pierogi Fest @ Sweetest Heart of Mary: Detroit MI

August 18 St. Malachy Fest: Sterling Heights

August 24 Our Lady of the Scapular: Wyandotte, MI

August 30 - 31 Muskegon Polish Fest: Hackley Park, Muskegon MI

September 7 St. Joe Heritage Fest: South Lyon, MI

September 21 Festival of the Pines: Lake City, MI

Polish-style polka music, wide variety of popular music;. For more information call Darrell Welton at 989-658-8280

Musik Meisters: SAC member Andy Miinch

June 22 Carousel of Nations “German Village”; organized by the Rhine Danube Club;

Location: Lebanese Club hall, 447 Hwy 77, Leamington; 7 - 11PM

July 21 Elgin International Club, 11070 Kerr Rd., West Lorne, Ontario; 2 - 6 PM ; dinner at 6PM

For more information contact Andy Miinch at 519-733-5220



SNPJ Farm - 10946 Heath Rd, Kirtland, Ohio

This is a wonderful outdoor/indoor venue with a nice dance floor, kitchen and cash bar. Dances are held every Sunday from June to September, featuring all the best of Cleveland-style polka and waltz music. Some of the bands scheduled to play this summer are: Frank Stanger, Don Wojtila, Eddie Rodick, Chardon Polka Band, Klančnik & Friends, Bob Zolka, Joe Novak, Patty C & the Guys, Bill Bevec, and Tony Fortuna. In addition to the regular Sunday dances all summer, the following events are scheduled for 2024;

Val Pawlowski July 4th Holiday Dance - Thursday, July 4; Frank Stanger Band & Klančnik & Friends

Val Pawlowski Labor Day Holiday Dance - Monday, September 2; Frank Stanger Band & Eddie Rodick Band

Polka Hall of Fame Sausagefest - Saturday, September 14; Many polka bands - all day long

SNPJ Lodge 142 Picnic & Clambake - Saturday, September 28; Music to be announced

For more information go to their website: www.snpjfarmkirtland.com or call Don Srnick at 440-256-3423

National Cleveland-style Polka Hall of Fame:

20th Slovenian Sausagefest - Saturday September 14; 12pm to 8pm

Harvest Ball - Zolka Family Band - Friday, October 18; 6pm to 10pm

60th Thanksgiving Polka Party - Friday, Nov. 29 & Saturday Nov. 30

Visit the PHOF Museum and Gift shop located at 605 East 222nd St. Euclid, OH 44123. Open on Wednesdays and Saturdays 9AM to 2PM. There is a very large selection of polka CDs and unique items for purchase and members get a 10% discount off purchases. www.PolkaFame.com or visit their Facebook page for more information.

Polka Booster Club of America Polish dance events: www.polkaboosterclubamerica.com

July 28—Member Appreciation Dance at Heritage Park Pavilion, Taylor, MI: Music by Keilbossa Kings

September 29—PBCA anniversary dance; Music by Dynabass

October 2024—Octoberfest dance with music by Da Polka Bums

November 10—John Gora & the Gorales—Veterans Day Dance

December 15—Christmas dance - music by Gerry Kaminski & Polka Network

Location: PRCUA #162 Banquet Hall, 1430 Oak Street, Wyandotte MI;

Doors open at 1PM; Dancing 2 till 6. Admission \$17; children 16 and under free admission

SLOVENEFEEST - JULY 12—14, 2024; www.slovenefest.com

The biggest and best Slovenian festival of the year happens again this July at the SNPJ Recreation Center, 270 Martin Rd, Borough of SNPJ, PA. Live music all weekend featuring bands: Eddie Rodick, Garrett Tatano, Wrangler, Mikey Dee, KTB, Frank Stanger, Bob Zolka, Ron Likovic, Klančnik & Friends, Veseli Godci, Western PA Button Box Club, Fairport Jammers, Vince Rigler, Patty C & the Guys, Culkar/Golob, Bill Bevec, Joe Grkman, Valencic Brothers, Magic Buttons, Matt Sepesy, Ron Pivovar, a jammers' tent, AND the Polka Play Mates consisting of SAC members Mary Lou Downs, Ken Dowling, Mike Masten, Herb Schroeder with drummer John Gerl play on Saturday from 1pm to 2:30PM in the Gostilna. Entertainment on Saturday will include a combined Slovenian dance group from Canada and Chicago.

There will be food trucks, lamb on the rod, BBQ chicken, and dinners in the dining room. Other activities scheduled: Make it/ Take it craft session, Researching Genealogy seminar, Button Box presentation by Kathy Hlad, Slovenian activities with Joe Valencic, Lace demonstration, baking demonstration, Crafters' Bazaar, and Miss SNPJ Pageant. Stroll through the SNPJ Heritage Center Museum and stop in the gift shop for unique items; bring the kids for the games, arts & crafts in the playground area, the swimming pool, and miniature golf. And as always, a thrilling fireworks display on Saturday evening. RV and tent campsites available.

Admission Friday \$10; Saturday \$15; Sunday \$10 - or \$30 for a 3-day pass. Children under 16 admitted free. There is free parking and shuttle service as well as a first aid tent. For more information go to the website www.slovenefest.com

PERCH, PEACH, PIEROGI & POLKA FESTIVAL - LABOR DAY WEEKEND www.KofC1750.org

Friday August 30 Frank Stanger Band 5—9PM; Saturday August 31 Anthony Culkar Band 12—4PM and Frank Moravcik 5—9PM; Sunday September 1 Eddie Rodick Orchestra 12—4PM and Duane Malinowski 5—9PM. Delicious food available and wonderful music all weekend long. **Admission \$8/day or \$20 weekend pass; people under 18 yrs free admission;** For more information call Ed at 419-341-4776 or check out their website.

SPOTLIGHT ON THE GOOD TIMES BAND

June 2nd was our SAC SPRING FLING DANCE and what a great afternoon it was. This band knows how to please the crowd. They play a wide variety of music - Slovenian, German, Czech, and American standards. So, lots of dancing! The members of the band are also members of the SAC - our house band; they lead the Friday night jam sessions, play at our private parties, support other SAC musicians, and even play for our funerals. Between them Herb, Mike & Ken know a huge variety of songs in every genre of music. So much talent and experience. We, your fans love you guys!



Herb Schroeder: Started playing accordion when only 5 yrs old - almost 70 years playing accordion! By age 16 he was playing in a family band Maass Kappella, and he went on to form the Herb Schroeder Band for many years. He joined the Frank Feil Good Times Band over 40 years ago and has been the leader since 2001. He has led the band through changes due to retirements and illnesses, and thankfully has kept it going, maybe stronger than ever. A very skilled accordionist. He is now our SAC President.

Mike Masten: Started playing tuba in school in the 5th grade, and played throughout his college years in marching bands, pep bands, concert bands and many pickup bands over the years - honing his skills at such places as Shakey's Pizza Parlor, Mel's Bar, Bimbo's Pizza Parlor, and the Gaslighter in Ann Arbor (it's what musicians do!). Raised in the Milan/Britton area of Michigan, he knows a lot of Czech music. He is second most-senior member of the band, playing full time with the Good Times Band for over 23 years. Mike is also Vice President of the SAC.



Ken Dowling: Started playing accordion at 7 years old and by his teens was playing in bands, first with the Sentimentals, then the Moon Mist Quartet. On weekends he played at weddings and private events, and 2 nights a week at a Singles club. *Polka music was not a specialty at these events!* At age 30 he quit playing due to his job and time constraints. It's hard for us to imagine now but he didn't play for 23 years! Then fate brought him to the SAC in 2001. Here he was introduced to Slovenian/Cleveland polka/waltz music. He soon joined the Martin Brothers Band, and then in 2016 the Good Times Band. Ken is an amazing musician and our music director at the Friday night jam sessions.

Jason Hejl: Here is a success story for you! He played baritone in school but always loved drums - actually bought (then sold) several kits over the years. In 2016, at the ripe old age of 38, he got serious about drumming and taught himself by drumming to others' music. He became good enough to drum at the Milan MI jam sessions, then played with Millie's Polka Band. He has sat in with the Rob DeBlander Band and Fred Ziwich Band. Recently he became drummer for The Good Times Band upon Kurt Schroeder's retirement. He's super talented and a great addition!



Gayle & Ken singing Margaritaville, a crowd favorite



Pat & Lala girls brought desserts to go with our pizza - again!

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Our mission is to keep members informed of our SAC events and to promote "polka" music. Thanks to Gayle Chase for helping with information in our newsletters. Gayle is also the person who gets them emailed, or printed and mailed out to our members, this month with assistance from Sharon Dowling. Sharon also makes delicious salads for our events.

SAC members who want their music events listed here, please send the information to:

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