

## Meet your CPA Officers and Board

## 5 Questions for President Elaine Mekruit

Elaine's the one holding the shovel!!

What year did you join the CPA? I became a member in 2003

What do you enjoy most about being the club president?

I enjoy talking to our members and guests at our dances and meetings. Listening to what they have to discuss about our club and taking their ideas and presenting them to our board for discussion.

What is your most important goal for the club?

As I became president I had set a number of goals I wanted to achieve. With the new Membership Committee creating new ideas for the club, I have completed 80% of my goals. Without the continued support from our Board it would have been difficult to meet the high standards I have set to make the Cleveland Polka Association a top notch organization to be proud to be a member of.

What do you enjoy doing in your spare time?

In my spare time my passion besides dancing is gardening. I love to garden from May through October. In October I'm planting my spring / April garden. Before I became the president of the CPA I was the president of the Ridgewood Garden Club of Parma for three years. That is where my passion developed even more.

If you could spend a month anywhere in the world where would it be and why? If I was blessed and able to spend a month in another country it would be Thailand. I would love to roam the country looking at their complex buildings and temples from different eras of Thai architecture and their unique cultures of Chinese, Burmese, Indian and European. Also to see the beautiful waterways and unique vegetation through the country.