



Meet your CPA Officers and Board

5 Questions for Secretary Sandy Maddy

That's Sandy with her hubby, Jody!

When did you join the CPA and how long have you been the secretary?

I have been a member since at least 1992 and Secretary since 2005.

What is the thing you like most about being the club secretary?

The position I hold isn't what's important, it is keeping polka music alive and kicking that is. It's an honor to be a part of that. Challenging at times but fun to be involved in the background and seeing an idea or event evolve and become a success.

How did you become involved in polka music and events?

My Dad taught me how to dance in our Living Room when I was a about 8 years old. Polka music was always playing at all the family gatherings. My cousin Ed Potoniec had a polka band which the family followed and my sister Gloria and I went on a few road trips with. My Grandmother Emily Milanko (Klimsey), my Mom & Dad (Mary & David Sadowski), my Aunt & Uncle (Helen & Doc Kucharski) were all members of the Cleveland Polka Association and went to all the meetings and events.

Your husband, Jody is a musician and band leader. What are some of the challenges/rewards of with being a band wife?

Being a Band wife (Lead Roadie) is both entertaining and taxing. Traveling many hours and the hidden hours of preparation can be somewhat grueling but the end result is rewarding. The guys are hysterical to travel with, every road trip is like a family outing. The stories I could tell..... I love watching my husband perform, I love his band. Being there for the making of both CD's was awesome, many hours are involved but I wouldn't change a thing and I can't wait until he does another one!

With Covid causing polka events to be cancelled, how have you been filling your spare time?

The only spare time I have had is the void where polka events used to be on some weekends and a couple of times during the week in any given month for board meetings or membership meetings. I have been trying to get things done around the house. I think I am wearing out my shredder!! At my job there has not been any time off for COVID, its been work as usual.