

## APPEARANCE SCHEDULE

### January

**7** (Wednesday)  
Pulaski Inn  
3900 E. Pulaski Ave., Cudahy, WI  
1:00-4:00 p.m.

**9 & 10** (Friday & Saturday)  
Eszen Haus  
514 E. Wilson St., Madison, WI  
8:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m.

**18** (Sunday)  
Hiawatha Ballroom  
9809 Durand Ave., Sturtevant, WI  
2:00-5:30 p.m.

### February

**4** (Wednesday)  
Pulaski Inn  
3900 E. Pulaski Ave., Cudahy, WI  
1:00-4:00 p.m.

**17** (Tuesday)  
Paczki Day at National Bakery  
13820 W. Greenfield Ave.,  
Brookfield, WI  
6:00-8:00 a.m.

**27** (Friday)  
Janesville Moose Lodge  
2701 W. Rockport Rd., Janesville, WI  
7:00-10:00 p.m.

### March

**4** (Wednesday)  
Pulaski Inn  
3900 E. Pulaski Ave., Cudahy, WI  
1:00-4:00 p.m.

### April

**1** (Wednesday)  
Pulaski Inn  
3900 E. Pulaski Ave., Cudahy, WI  
1:00-4:00 p.m.

**10 & 11** (Friday & Saturday)  
Eszen Haus  
514 E. Wilson St., Madison, WI  
8:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m.

### May

**6** (Wednesday)  
Pulaski Inn  
3900 E. Pulaski Ave., Cudahy, WI  
1:00-4:00 p.m.

**17** (Sunday)  
Hiawatha Ballroom  
9809 Durand Ave., Sturtevant, WI  
2:00-5:30 p.m.

**31** (Sunday)  
St. Aloysius Polka Mass & Festival  
1414 S. 93rd St., West Allis, WI  
10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

### June

**3** (Wednesday)  
Pulaski Inn  
3900 E. Pulaski Ave., Cudahy, WI  
1:00-4:00 p.m.

# THE Mike SCHNEIDER BAND NEWSLETTER

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### REMEMBERING PAUL SCHNEIDER

November 7, 2014 marked the passing of my Dad, Paul Schneider. He was 71 years old. Reflecting back on my career in polka music, I owe a great deal of it to him. As you can get a sense in the picture below, I was the benefactor of many a live performance starting at a very young age. I followed in my Dad's footsteps on the accordion when I was six. That picture is from a year or two at most after that, taken at one of my Grandma Schneider's annual basement Christmas parties. My Dad was also an avid golfer — another area I've followed along closely. He enjoyed the outdoors and was a very loyal person, having worked at the same company, Wisconsin Color (formerly Cuneo) Press, for 40 years until they closed their doors, and being married to my Mom Nancy for 47 years.



Paul at Mike & Heather's wedding.

Speaking of my Mom Nancy, please keep her in your thoughts and prayers this Holiday Season as she continues her battle with cancer. She's currently in hospice care at a local assisted living facility. If you'd like to send her a card of encouragement, please do so to Nancy Schneider, c/o Mike Schneider, P.O. Box 126, Clinton, WI 53525. Thank you!

### LOOKING BACK ON 2014

I had several exciting professional opportunities this past year, such as performing with accordion virtuoso Joey Miskulin of Riders in the Sky when my band

and I performed in Cleveland, OH the day after Thanksgiving. It was a thrill and tremendous honor to perform with such an unparalleled talent! In July I had the chance to take my Pint Size Polkas program literally to new heights in Colorado, performing in at least one town over the elevation of 10,000 feet. That trip also took me to new libraries in Nebraska and New Mexico. Throughout the course of the summer I was happy to return to Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Oklahoma, Texas, and Wisconsin for additional programs.

### LOOKING AHEAD TO 2015

Needless to say, I am eager to get 2015 underway. While I haven't had the time lately that I normally do to work on summer scheduling, I do have two weeks' worth of programs lined up in Minnesota, as well as my first ever trip to the state of California. Can't wait to visit their libraries, and perhaps a certain golf course on the Monterey Peninsula if time and finances permit. It also looks like I'll be returning to Texas in June, as well as a few new libraries and old friends in Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota and Wisconsin. Looking forward to what promises to be another exciting year of music! ■



Mike and Paul at Grandma Schneider's Annual Christmas Party.

