



**Meet Your New  
CPA Polka Ambassador**

**Christine Deidrick**

**That's Christine with her husband Jim**

*I became involved with CPA in 1995 when I had more time because my children were older. My mom and family belonged, and it looked like a lot of fun so I started going to meetings and dances.*

*I was dating Jim in 1997 and soon after we met, I invited him to a polka dance. Jim would watch Polka Varieties with his family but never had an interest in dancing until attending a dance with me. Jim and I got married September 19, 2002 and have been going to as many dances as possible. We loved to go to dances with my brother Dennis Tyburski. We are so glad we are part of the CPA family.*

*Our favorite and most memorable pastimes are family time together with our children and especially with the grandkids - pierogi making, Christmas cookies, egg decorating, school activities, volleyball, school recitals, band, dance recitals, all holidays and just being together as a family. Jim and I also love to travel, and we have been to all 50 states together. We also love bus day/overnight trips and love to meet new people along the way. We love our cousins and we enjoy being with them at church events, birthday parties, camping trips, travel to various places, picnics and holidays. We are also involved in our church and belong to the Holy Name Society and help with their church picnic and different events during the year and making sure God is in our lives. We love to help the CPA by volunteering at the golf outing and also taking pictures at the events.*

*Some of our Polish traditions we have are the following: At Easter we color eggs with the grandchildren and take a basket of the food we eat on Easter Sunday to church on the Saturday before Easter to get it blessed. On Christmas Day after we go to mass at my son's parish we go to our son's house and have a non-traditional brunch together. Before we eat, we share oplatki which is a blessed wafer with family members and wish them a Merry Christmas and Prosperous New Year. We enjoy having some traditions carry on because it brings back happy memories and hope that our children will continue to do it.*

*As being a new Polka Ambassador, I will work towards getting younger people involved in our association. One suggestion is maybe the CPA should consider promoting Chardon Polka Band because they have a following of the younger crowd. Another suggestion is to go to more high schools as Casey did with St. Ignatius to promote polka music. And including other organizations our grandchildren are involved in. We love polka music and we don't want it to go away.*

*PS. I put an application to try out to be Miss Dyngus Day on April 6 at Gordon Square (Detroit Ave). Please wish me luck as I really love my heritage and it would be an honor to be Miss Dyngus Day.*