

Meet your CPA Officers and Board 5 Questions for Trustee Tony Lecznar

(That's Tony with his Wife Jan at the CPA Hawaiian Dance)

1. What do you enjoy most about being a CPA Trustee?

First I was a Polka Ambassador on the Board and I really liked meeting people, mingling in the crowd and putting them in a cheerful mood. I'm still learning my role as a Trustee but I like working with the Board and look forward to serving the club.

2. What would someone find surprising about you?

I'm a retired railroad employee. I started with the railroad in 1976 and was a car repairman. That meant that I had to work every shift and be on call 24/7 winter and summer, to respond to any kind of emergency and derailment. In those days there was no GPS so I had trouble finding the crash sites sometimes. The worst derailment I had to work was in March of 2014 when tanker cars full of syrup derailed. At the time I retired I worked out of Mansfield and was a Gang Leader of over 11 technicians.

3. What do you enjoy doing in your spare time?

I garden, bowl, and play golf. I'm proud to say I had a "hole in 2" once at Ridgewood Golf Course. Actually, that particular round was the ONLY round where I never lost a golf ball. I enjoy watching all kinds of sports and am a Green Bay Packers fan (my mom was from Wisconsin)

4. What is one of your favorite 'Polka' memories"

The time the CPA had a "Polish Wedding" at St. Savas. Jan and I have quite a few pictures of that fun day. (editor's note: you will be seeing those photos at our upcoming Anniversary Dance)

5. Your lovely wife, Jan attends all the Board events with you and helps all the CPA functions. How did you meet?

When I got out of the Air Force I went to work for the Navy Finance Center in Cleveland (weird, right?) where I was in charge of all supplies. Jan also worked there and I asked her out. We went to a bar and she matched me drink for drink. Right then I knew she was the one for me!!!!! We were married August 13, 1977.