

Biography - Mike and George Pasierb (*pronounced – Pas-erb*)

Mike Pasierb premiered polka radio for the Polish community in Dunkirk and Fredonia at the volunteer college radio station at the State University of NY at Fredonia. “Saturday Morning Polkas” began in October 1992 and quickly expanded from 2 to 3 hours per week as listeners enjoyed hearing about Western New York events and local and national polka bands.

Mike thanks his father George for bringing him up with polka music and Polish traditions in the household. George and his wife, Noreen, won their first bedroom set in a polka dance contest on the “WGR-TV Pic-A-Polka Television show” in the mid 1960’s!

In June 1993, Mike looked to expand polka radio broadcasts into Buffalo with the beginning of “Rockin’ Polkas” on WXRL radio. George led the radio sponsor sales efforts while Mike produced the broadcasts. They continued the two-hour Sunday night broadcasts for many years and then expanded to Saturday and Sunday shows.

In September 2000, the General Pulaski Association recognized Mike and George for contributions to Western New York Polonia as Media Leaders. Mike also received an award from the Buffalo Past & Present Honoring Committee.

The main focus of “Rockin’ Polkas” radio shows has always been the talented bands and promotion of local community events. Mike applied his knowledge and love of polka music to the newspaper world as a weekly writer of “The Polka Beat” column in the Am-Pol Eagle Newspaper from 2012 to 2017.

In Spring 2016, Buffalo Spree Magazine featured Mike as a Polish Multimedia Maven in WNY in a special Polish Community WNY edition of the publication. Mike is a proud member of the General Pulaski Association of WNY.

As “Rockin’ Polkas” Radio continues to promote Polish community events and polka music in its 31<sup>st</sup> year on-the-air, Mike and George sincerely thank the listeners and sponsors of the shows and proudly accept the Community Leadership Award from the Buffalo Bisons.