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A message from 2024 President & "Coach" - Gary Bucek
Howdy to all PLCTM Members!!!



WELCOME TO 2024—HAPPY NEW YEAR ! We are already at the end of the 1st Quarter and beginning the 2nd for this new year. Can you believe that “Spring has Sprung”! If you think that nothing physical is going on, you’re correct. However, there is a lot going on behind the scenes planning and prepping for the upcoming Slavnost/Mayfest event at the Fairgrounds on May 19th in conjunction with the TCHCC. The Tribute Ceremony at 10:30 AM, Chicken Dinner at 11:30, and Happy Dancing Music till 4PM. Visit the Museum during this time to see all the upgrades as we continue to follow the museum’s mission to “Preserve, Promote and Educate Polka Music and Dance”. We’re hoping to have the sidewalk completed from the bridge to the front porch and possibly all the way to the Salas House. Things don’t happen fast but the planning, preparation of specifications, solicitation of bids, and then construction. We continue to develop videos/stories of the instruments

and the history of the Polka Lovers Club of Texas Museum! We are committed to developing the “Virtual Docent Program”. For those of you unfamiliar with this term, it will allow access to the Museum and Hoelscher Haus to anyone during working hours and weekends without us having to be onsite. Tour busses arrive from local cities to visit the Czech Village and we want to be able to show our museum to all when in La Grange. We have been working at the museum on weekends, and people from out of state stop by and ask if they can browse. This happens often! Although we cannot always *physically* be there when the need occurs, this will allow entry to the Museum. Motion lights, fans and A/C will be turned on via the internet allowing visitors to *virtually* enjoy all of the historical items and information on site.

Of course, we have cameras and surveillance 24/7. While this would not deter evil doers, history has been on our side for the past 20 years. The “Virtual Docent Program” will also allow opportunities to pursue additional grants from organizations who only consider granting funds to organizations open weekday and weekend hours. By the way, we recently were awarded a \$4000 grant from the City of La Grange which will go far in providing shared costs for the “Virtual Docent Program”. We have been working diligently to add some professional touches to plaques and name plates of scrapbooks as well as updating the PoLKofA and Msgr. Hybner Exhibits.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Dear Member in order for those who search Polka on the internet, we ask that you click on this link. It will take you to our Website. Please visit, and “Like” us! We will soon be adding the newsletters, director pictures and calendar updates for all to stay in touch.



ADDITIONALLY, you can help boost the museum’s presence on Google by scanning the QR Code located at the top of Page 5 with your phone. Follow the directions by clicking on the g.page and follow the prompts.

Hope to see you at our next event— Sunday, May 19th!!!

NOTICE: TO ALL VISITORS
 Admission is "free" and wheelchair accessible!
 Donations are Welcome
 To schedule a visit in advance contact:
 Gary Bucek at 713/252-2162 or email info@plctm.com

2024 EVENTS (Dates & Times Are Subject To Change)

- May 11th** **PLCTM Board Mtg.**
- May 19th** **TCHCC Slavnost 'May Fest' & Tribute to the Czech Immigrants to Texas**
- August 10th** **PLCTM Board Mtg.**
- October 19–20th** **TCHCC Heritage Fest & Muziky**
- November 9th** **PLCTM Board Mtg.**
- December 14th** **Christmas Open House**

ANNUAL SUSTAINING MEMBERSHIPS (ASM) @ \$20 PER PERSON/YEAR
1ST QUARTER 2024

Member Renewal

Appreciation



JANUARY

- Randy & Kathy Cernocek**
- Charlie F. & Mary Bartos**
- Johnny Beno Hoelscher**
- Weldon & Delores Schulte**
- Loretta Freytag**
- Leon A. & Rose Ann Adams**
- Georgia Zidek**
- Theodore "Ted" LaPesh**
- † **Lillian Blinka**

FEBRUARY

- Esther Nichols**
- Waymond C. & Jean Blaha Davis**
- Katherine Svatek**
- Sharon J. & Ruben Rodriguez**
- Michael Ripper**

MARCH

- Charles & Angelina Kretzschmar**
- Ron Foley**
- Greg and Joan Griffin**
- Bill and Mary Pittaway**
- Wilbert J. Cernosek**
- Mannie Fritsch Schmid**
- Gene & Carol Patalik**
- Julie Ardery**
- Bill Bishop**
- Alfred & Bernice Vrazel**
- Pat Vrazel**
- Georgie Vyvial**

Our members are lifesavers!



W e l c o m e **New Members**

Willie J. Kopecky, Jr.

Lifetime Membership Program

The enthusiasm of the 2023 Board of Directors, led to the development of one of the most prestigious and helpful programs in which any *Museum Member* or *Want To Be Member* may engage. This Membership Program began accepting applications October 1, 2023. The program is designed to provide funding for the continued development of The Polka Lovers Club of Texas Museum (PLCTM) to provide a facility for preserving, promoting and educating polka music and dance. While serving as an honor to those who either choose to invest in a Lifetime Membership or for whom others wish to make an investment, out of respect and recognition for another person, this program will be significant to achieve that goal .

Presented below are the 2024 Lifetime Members of the Polka Lovers Club of Texas Museum!



2024 Lifetime Members

Brent Douglas Wiltshire—2421

Brittany Wiltshire Jennings—2423

Bayley Alexis Wiltshire —2425

Bo Douglas Wiltshire —2427

Terri Bohuslav —2429

Jessica Christine McFarland —2431

Connie Rice Ames — 2433

C. W. “Chris” Benson —2435

Stacy Bohuslav Wiltshire —2422

Jack Thomas Jennings —2424

Nicholas “Nick” Bennett —2426

Beck Douglas Wiltshire —2428

Stephen “Mark” McFarland—2430

Kevin McFarland —2432

Willie J. Kopecky, Jr. —2434

Doris Benson —2436

To Become
A
Lifetime Member
Complete Application
On
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LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

A **LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP** is entered in the name of an Individual, Organization or Business. The membership is "NOT" transferable.

A Lifetime Membership is considered a full membership in the museum until no longer living or doing business. It is not to be confused with goodwill Donations, The Endowment Fund, Charter Member Status or Memorials honoring loved ones, associates or friends.

Any existing Museum Member, Person, Organization or Business may enroll as a Lifetime Member in the PLCTM. It may be purchased as an award or an honor for an individual or another museum member; it may also be purchased by a spouse or family as a gift.

Upon completion of the one time full payment of \$1,000.00, the registrant...

- Becomes a Lifetime Member, No Annual Dues
- Permanent recognition on The Museum's Lifetime Member Display
- Presented a Lifetime Membership Name Badge
- Presented with Lifetime Membership Certificate
- Presented a Magnetic Lifetime Membership Cling
- Recognized in each Quarterly Newsletter
- Complimentary Passes to All Member Events
- Recognized by Event Master of Ceremonies
- Recognition in Event Programs

2023

Inaugural Lifetime Members

Jane C. Freis—2301

Debbie Hoelscher Jennings—2302

Charles H. Hoelscher—2303

Christina Hoelscher—2304

Carl F. Freis—2305

E. J. Bayer—2306 †

Gary W. Bucek—2307

Carol Artz-Bucek—2308

Willie V. Bohuslav—2309

Joyce C. Bohuslav—2310

Derek Hoelscher—2311

Cynthia A. Hoelscher—2312

Patricia Hoelscher McKirahan—2313

Jan Koehn—2314

Father Jared Cooke—2315

Sheryl Pavlas-Harris—2316

Mildred Hollas—2317

Tim Koehn—2318

Mark Hoelscher—2319

Althea B. Hoelscher—2320

Please
REVIEW US!



As part of the new "Virtual Docent Program", we are upgrading technology to acquire more visibility.

Scan this QR Code with your camera to boost the museum's on line presence.

LEST WE FORGET

MEMORIALS HONORING LOVED ONES, FRIENDS, MEMBERS, LEADERS

A total of \$1,350.00 was received in the 1st Quarter from those of you who honor and value the life your honoree who lived on this earth. Their love, their leadership, their community involvement made a difference and our world is better due to their loving care. We treasure your generosity ensuring the preservation of polka dance & music to live on.

Bernard Frank Ripper

Joyce C. & Willie V. Bohuslav

E. J. Bayer

Gary & Carol Bucek

Jane C. Freis

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Edward Leech

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Lillian Blinka

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Po. L. K. of A.

Molly Cernosek

Joyce C. & Willie V. Bohuslav

Mardi Jean Kopecky

Beverly Gandy

Cindy Bachelor

Connie E. Walker-Sowell

Cynthia Kelly

Donna K. Linder

Dori Senatori

Erwin F. Kouba

Gary & Carol Bucek

James & Caroline Freytag

Joyce C. & Willie V. Bohuslav

Kenny & Sharon Freytag

Loretta Freytag

Nan Henkel

Nicole Loewen

Pam Moffah & Cian

Sheryl N. Henkel

MEMORIALS IN MEMORY OF YOUR LOVED ONES DO MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

If you have someone you would like to honor, complete the form on Page 10 of this publication. You may complete it and mail to the PLCTM at P.O. Box 72, La Grange, TX 78945. You will receive a letter of acknowledgement and appreciation.

The family of the honoree will be gently notified.

Your gift ensures Polka Music and Dance will live on!

MUSEUM BOARD RE-ORGANIZES

As a requirement of the Museum By-Laws, the Board of Directors met for the first meeting of 2024 on February 10th at the museum. On approval of all board members, the existing officers were elected to remain in their positions for this year. See Page one for a full list of Officers and Directors.



IN LOVING MEMORY:
"FOREVER REMEMBERED - FOREVER MISSED"



Bernard Frank Ripper
September 1, 1931 - December 6, 2023

Bernard Frank Ripper, a U. S. Veteran passed away December 6, 2023 at the age of 92. He was born September 1, 1931, on a Middle Creek Farm between Ammannsville and Schulenburg on the Navidad River to his parents, Henry and Mary (Schmidt) Ripper.

Bernard was an only child until his sister, Marie, was born in 1943 and his brother, Francis, came along in 1946. Bernard walked three miles a day barefoot to attend Saint Anthony Middle Creek School. He also attended Saint Mary's School in High Hill and then attended Schulenburg High School, where he graduated in 1950. From a young age, Bernard was a talented and gifted carpenter. In high school, Bernard's FFA team won first in the state for farm skill carpentry demonstration. Bernard also helped his parents in the fields doing farmwork. At the age of 14, he began working with his father and uncles. Bernard and his father worked alongside each other for many years building houses. After his father's retirement, Bernard became the sole owner of Ripper Construction Co. Bernard's son Michael, after his graduation, joined the business, and they worked alongside one another for many years.

Bernard met Lillian Marie Menis at a dance in Ammannsville. Bernard and Lillian were united in the Holy Sacrament of Matrimony at Saint Cyril and Methodius Catholic Church in Dubina, Texas on December 29, 1963, and were married by Bernard's uncle, Father Robert Schmidt. After their marriage, Bernard and Lillian lived in Dubina for 9 years. Bernard and Lillian were blessed with two children, Michael and Michelle. In 1973, Bernard and his family moved into the house that he and his father Henry built 2.5 miles east of Schulenburg, also known as "Birdhouse Hill", which is the same house that Bernard lived in for the rest of his life.

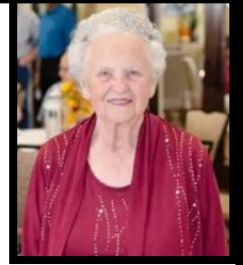
Bernard always loved to listen to Polka music along with calling in the rain report to KVLG. Bernard and Lillian were married for 58 years. Bernard worked with carpentry until his late 80's and he had a sharp mind his entire life. Bernard was a good boss that always was kind to his employees, many former employees had expressed to both Bernard and his family about the positive impact he made on them. He was able to remain in his home due to the good care he received from his son Michael. Bernard was a great father and grandfather who was committed to his family and his Catholic faith. He was hardworking, comical, kind, and honest. He was a just man.

Bernard is survived by his son, Michael Ripper of Schulenburg; daughter, Michelle and Milton Urban of La Grange; grandchildren, Joseph and Caitlin Urban, Matthew Urban, and Amanda Urban; sister, Marie and Firmin Hickey of San Antonio; and brother, Francis and Jan Ripper of High Hill.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Lillian; and parents, Henry and Mary Schmidt Ripper.

Services were held at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Schulenburg. on Wednesday, December 13, 2023, with interment in St. Michael's Catholic Cemetery in Weimar.

Lillian Sophie Blinka
November 15, 1927 – January 27, 2024



Lillian Sophie Franta Blinka 96, of Round Rock, Texas passed away peacefully Saturday, January 27, 2024 at SPJST Skilled Nursing, Rehabilitation and Memory Care in Taylor, Texas. On November 15, 1927, Lillian was born in Fayetteville, TX to John Stephen and Sophie Vera Kovar Franta. Lillian was united in marriage to Harry Henry Blinka on October 6, 1946, at the Fayetteville Brethren (Ross Prairie) Church.

At the age of 14, Lillian began her job career working for Hruska's in Ellinger, Texas. After marriage and moving to Houston, Lillian made her way in business. She worked several business jobs which led to opening the Blinka Variety Stores in Heights near their home and on West Gray in Houston. When the stores closed, Lillian went to work for Hogan Allnoch Dry Goods in downtown Houston until she retired. Harry and Lillian were members of the First United Methodist Church, SPJST Lodge #88, and the Polka Lovers Club of America. Everyone who knew Harry and Lillian understood their love of "Old Time" music and dancing. At the age of 93, Lillian danced a polka by stepping the Minnesota hop. Lillian loved the Lord and her church, family, and friends. She is a member of the Fayetteville Brethren Church where she was an active member of the Christian Sisters group. She was blessed with a happy life and God's gifts of friendliness and a caring heart.

Lillian is survived by her daughter, Betty Neimann and her husband Herb; granddaughter, Krisha Crosley, husband Robert and their children, Wyatt and Raeley; her granddaughter, Shana McCune, husband Chad and their daughters Natalie, Marcala and Jamesie; her granddaughter, Summer Neimann, husband Federico Filippone; her sister-in-law Dorothy Franta; her nephew, Kenneth Franta and wife Jennifer; her niece, Sheri Franta Eubanks and husband David; her niece, Charlyn Krause; and her niece-in-law, Ann Minor.

Lillian is preceded in death by her parents; her brother Willie (Billy) John Franta; her niece, Tammy Franta Richards; her sister-in-law, Anita Blinka Minor and husband Arnold; her nephews Leander Minor, Ray Minor, and Melvin Krause.

Arrangements were provided by Koenig-Belvill Funeral Home & Cremations, 208 W. Pearl St., La Grange, TX 78945. Funeral services were held at Fayetteville Brethren Church, 1022 Kramr Rd., Fayetteville, TX 78940



Molly Cernosek
July 15, 1932 to January 28, 2024

Born on July 15, 1932, to Frank and Amalie (Korenek) Machala, Amalie Martha "Molly" Cernosek, 91 years young, left this life on Sunday, January 28, 2024.

Family and community-oriented, her own unique brand of benevolence and integrity permeated her business and personal interactions, and we were all touched by her distinctive character. Excerpts of Elaine Thomas's 2020 article in the Fayette County Record are included here because they portray Molly's spirit so perfectly.

Molly was raised on a farm in Plum, Texas, and that's where she honed her strong work ethic, performing daily chores alongside her siblings that were not glamorous but essential to their way of life. At 16, Molly replied to an employment ad, and a family from the River Oaks section of Houston hired her as a nanny, which Molly characterized as quite "uppity living" for a farm girl. The best kismet intervened in 1949, when both Molly and Richard Cernosek attended a wedding dance in Houston, and the dye was cast! The twosome returned to build a life in Fayette County, becoming "The Cernoseks" on July 12, 1952, at Plum's Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church.

Molly and Richard were the ultimate entrepreneurial team and were quite expert at identifying good opportunities. Their businesses ranged from gravel mining to milk hauling to the Mol-Ric Motel, a brainchild of Molly's. Molly set a fair rate for the rooms and did all the cleaning herself. Land and property development proved to be the couple's sweet spot, and it's impossible to drive through the County and not see a property that the couple didn't have a hand in turning into an asset. Molly passionately cared for her community, volunteering with the Fayette Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, the La Grange Associates of Seton Development Board, and the Second Chance Emporium. Molly and Richard, both of Czechoslovakian ancestry, actively supported the Texas Czech Heritage and Cultural Center.

Surviving Molly are her children, Chris Cernosek and his wife, Lisa, of La Grange, TX, and Carmen Cernosek of Austin, TX; granddaughters Bailey Steinhauser and husband Matt of Forney, TX, Chelsea Kmiec and husband Tate of Bellville, TX, Carrie Binford of La Grange, and Danielle Holzheuser of Bastrop, TX.

(Molly Cernosek Cont'd)

Tate of Bellville, TX, Carrie Binford of La Grange, and Danielle Holzheuser of Bastrop, TX; grandson Carson Binford of La Grange; great-grandsons Sloan and Quinn Kmiec of Bellville; great-granddaughters Rorie and Keely Kmiec of Bellville; a brother, Beno Machala and his wife, Harriet, of Plum, TX; sisters-in-law Lillian Machala of Plum, Lillie Mae Tiedt and husband, Weldon, of Houston, TX, and Rosalie Stevenson and husband, Kenneth, of La Grange; brothers-in-law Edwin "Corner" Cernosek of Cedar Park, TX, Frank "Jack" Cernosek and wife, Donella, of La Grange; and numerous nieces and nephews. She is also survived by special lifelong friends Debbie Menking Zigal and Doris Hild.

She is predeceased by and reunited with her parents and her other half, Richard Cernosek, brothers Frank and Edward Machala, sister and brother-in-law Celestine and Leonard Ermis, sisters-in-law Georgia Mae Cernosek and Francis "Fannie" Kana, brother-in-law John Kana, daughter-in-law Angelique Cernosek and nephews and a niece.

Funeral arrangements were by Koenig-Belville Funeral Home & Cremations, La Grange, Texas.

Mardi Jean Kopecky

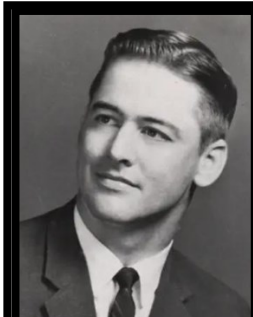
March 15, 1934 ~ January 29, 2024

Mardi's 'Celebration of Life' was held in Sun City, Texas at the Dell Webb Retirement Community Pavilion, 701 Silver Spur Blvd., Georgetown, TX 78633, Thursday, February 15 at Noon. She was born in Flatonia, Texas and resided in Georgetown, Texas

Mardi was born on February 15, 1934 and raised on a family farm located near the Czech community of Praha, Texas. Her early education was in a small three room school house in the community of Novohrad, Texas. She attended Flatonia High School and graduated in 1951 as the Salutatorian of her class.

After high school she worked as a receptionist in a doctor's office. On June 13, 1954 she married Willie Kopecky at the Praha Catholic Church, one of the Painted Churches in South Central Texas. Mardi traveled with Willie as they served 20 years in the Air Force, having moved some 16 times. She was a real trooper and handled all challenges extremely well. She also donated countless hours to volunteer work such as the 1886 Room and the Caring Place. She was easy to like and easy to love.

Mardi and Willie adopted two boys, Michael and Christopher in 1963 and 1964. A girl, Sue, was born to them in 1966. She was a proud and loving mother to her three children and four grandchildren.



Edward Thomas Leech

April 28, 1936 to January 30, 2024

For Ed Leech, life had meaning to his last breath. With the disease Primary Progressive Aphasia, he faced his challenges and fate with courage. Even though he was unable to move his body or to communicate with words and memory, he would whistle and continue making those around him feel happy, as he had done throughout his 87 years. His lifetime of kindness to others gave him a happy heart. He never wanted to burden family and friends with the trauma of his disease. He died Tuesday, January 30, 2024.

Ed's jokes will be missed but more than that-his love of life, history, faith and, his devotion to his "Men for Others," by teaching morality of loving relationships to high school classes, keeping his 1954 high school classmates together with fraternal bonding that exists today, joining and participating in Rotary for service to community from 1960 until this past year, volunteering for the International Executive Service Corps in Cairo, Egypt, and introducing the Third World Lost Boys of Sudan to the First World of Dallas. They called him "Baba."

For work, Ed was an AT&T manager, a stock broker, a banker, and a captain in the Army Reserves. For sports, Ed was a young diver and gymnast, who walked on his hands into his 50's. He was an avid fan of most athletics.

(Ed Leech Cont'd)

For special fun he was commissioner of a fantasy basketball team, avid collector of stamps and coins, enthusiastic golfer, Colorado hiker, supporter of live theater (especially his wife's Czech family heritage story-"Heart of the Tin Trunk") and traveler of all seven continents. He made time to be a CASA volunteer, an arbitrator for the National Association of Securities Dealers, an early organizer of an entertainment series for the city of La Grange, as well as a Junior Achievement volunteer in public schools.

A devoted family man, he is survived by his wife of 63 years, Virginia Mika Leech of La Grange, Austin daughters Kelly McGill and Dana Wills and her partner Phillip Engle. Also, from Austin are grandchildren Austin Wills, wife Allie Nicholson, and great granddaughters Charley and Margot Wills, both with whom he had a special bonding; from New York, grandchildren Allison Wills and her partner Steve Lillegard, and Conner McGill; and close friend, Susan Kim Shaffer of Austin. He had numerous nieces important to him, especially Darlene Leech of Arlington and Beverly Leech of Los Angeles, California and many special nephews, nieces and cousins, especially Carol Peters of Austin. His friends were important to him. Among them were his '54 Jesuit classmates. Preceding Ed in death are his parents, Paul and Katherine Leech, and two brothers, Paul and John Leech.

Funeral arrangements were by Koenig-Belvill Funeral Home & Cremations, La Grange, Texas.

Erwin J. Bayer
May 12, 1937 - February 22, 2024

Erwin J. Bayer of Schulenburg, Texas, passed away February 22, 2024, in Houston at the age of 86. He was born on May 12, 1937, and was preceded in death by his parents, Lad and Lillie Bayer; and his beloved wife, Mildred.

He is survived by his sister, Alice Hollas of Schulenburg, Texas, and his brother, Daniel of Humble, Texas; four children, Gregory, Dwayne, Randall and Kimberly and their spouses; eight grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

E.J. and Mildred were married for over 64 years. They were high school sweet-hearts attended Schulenburg High School, Class of 1955. E.J. was a member of the band and an editor of the high school newspaper. His biggest pride was his wife, Mildred, even after her passing in August 2021.

His first job was as a clerk with a steamship company until he went to Anderson, Clayton & Co., where he held various positions for over 20 years. They formed the Ranger Insurance Co., where he managed the crop hail department. In 1980, he went to work at CNA Insurance as a sales rep and retired from there in 1996. This sales and marketing career was a perfect fit for him and his personality. He enjoyed organizing hunting and fishing trips with his agents or sales team, as well as committee projects and hospitality rooms at various conventions.

E.J. believed in the discipline of working hard. He was a well-respected member of the CNA sales team, receiving multiple top awards for achievements. He represented Catholic Life Insurance for 60 years. He was recipient of the 12th Apostle Award 18 times including #1 Apostle five times. During success in the insurance business, he also managed to be involved in many joint venture real estate partnerships as Trustee and General Partner. He owned farms in the Ammannsville and Dubina area of Fayette County, enjoyed collecting tractors, had a passion for gardening, and organizing dinner parties, including the Valentines dance party in the local area. He always enjoyed being the MC for such events.

Funeral mass was held Saturday, March 2, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. at St. Mary Catholic Church in High Hill with interment in High Hill Cemetery.



IN OUR PRAYERS FOR CONTINUED SPEEDY RECOVERIES

Lorine Crist, Loretta Freytag, Sheryl Pavlas-Harris

Positive energy going your way !!!

ENDOWMENT FUND DONATIONS—THANK YOU!!
A total of \$4,100 was received by the following members.
Willie J. Kopecky, Jr. in Memory of Mardi Jean Kopecky
Julie Ardery and Bill Bishop



Big Shoutout to Jan Koehn, owner and operator of JK , INK in Houston, New Member and New Board Member of the Museum. Jan donated two rolls of US Postage Forever Stamps to the Museum. THANKS A MILLION!!!



You are invited to not only attend but to also volunteer and help host this 2nd Annual Event. IT IS A LOT OF FUN FOR ALL AGES!!!

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“Happy Music for Happy People”

OPEN
Sunday, May 19th 10:00 AM—4:00 PM
In conjunction with the THCC Slavnost ‘May Fest’



GOOD FOOD & DANCING

Live Music & Entertainment

FELLOWSHIP & EXHIBITS

POLKA MUSIC GALORE

Every care has been taken to ensure the accuracy of the information in this newsletter is correct. Should there be inaccuracies, please share any omissions or errors to Gary Bucek by calling him @713.252.2162 or Carol Artz-Bucek @ 832.202.5845; or, email your documentation to info@plctm.com with full details.

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Lifetime Membership Application in the Polka Lovers Club of Texas Museum

If this membership is confidential, indicate to whom all correspondence should be directed.
 To enroll, complete the following information, make payment and return.

Date: _____ Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State/Province: _____ ZIP/Postal Code: _____ email: _____

Telephone No.: (_____) _____ Mobile No.: (_____) _____ Preferred Text Email

Make check to: PLCTM, P. O. Box 72, LaGrange, TX 78945
 Full payment enclosed \$1,000.00 Check # _____

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When one becomes a Lifetime Member, it is both an investment in the future of the PLCTM and an honor and privilege toward one's legacy. The privilege and honor is found in recognition as a contributing member and service to one's community, heritage and culture; the contribution for growth and development is clear.

Any member or person may become a Lifetime Member, either by self-enrollment or by enrollment as a gift from or to a loved one, friend, organization or business. The above form may be used to enroll. Being a Lifetime Member demonstrates faith in preserving, promoting and educating polka music and dance.

Questions relating to the Lifetime Membership Program may be directed to Gary Bucek, President.



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OPPORTUNITIES TO SUPPORT THE MUSEUM

(Complete the form of your choice and return with payment.)

----- Cut along the perforated lines for your option to support the Polka Lovers Club of Texas Museum -----

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP

\$20 Per Person Per Year - Renewable on Anniversary Month

Date _____ Name(s) | Organization _____
_____ New Member _____ Renewal

Full Address _____ Email _____

MEMORIAL AND TRIBUTE GIFT

Honor a Family Member, Friend, Business Associate or PLCTM Member with an Honorary Tribute. Financial gifts in any amount, are greatly accepted and appreciated! All memorials are listed in the newsletter. The family of the recipient is notified of your thoughtful gift.

Donor Name(s) _____ Address _____ Email _____
Amount Enclosed \$ _____ In Memory Of _____ In Honor Of _____

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