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**A message from 2024 President & "Coach" - Gary Bucek
 HOWDY (AHOJ) PLCTM Members!!!**



I am taking this opportunity to wish each and every one of you a "Happy Fall" Yes...already!!! The wish includes Halloween, Thanksgiving, Football, Christmas Holiday and hopefully some cooler weather.

We had such a jam packed 2nd quarter with all our events that we need to get back to "Business" which is Polka Music and Dance! Please notice Polka Dance Instructions will take place during all of our upcoming Fall and Winter Events found on Page 2, so if you have a hankering to learn how to Polka or Waltz, come on out. If you already know how, come join in the fun.

I have really good news to report! The last of the marketing Video Pads and stands have been purchased. They will be secured in the areas of the museum near each major exhibit. One will be in the Hoelscher Haus, another one near the Msgr. Hybner Exhibit including the Po.L.K. of A, and all the historical bands. The third one will be placed in the center of the Museum covering the instruments and events. The fourth and last screen will be near the newly tuned Player Piano, Wall of Honor, Jukebox and Frank's Place Bar.

We are working to make our Polka Lovers Club of Texas Museum so easy and convenient to visit that anytime your kids, grandkids, or relatives come to visit you in this area, you can plan a few hours of history to "remind" them how it was then for us all growing up and the Polka dancing that entertained us "BACK THEN".

Lastly, the Website is really coming along and will bring even more awareness to our Museum for all the world who "Google" anything Polka!

Please review the Fall/Winter Events page. I sincerely look forward to seeing you ALL at the 2024 Annual Donor Appreciation Event and Dance on Sunday, November 17th! See Page 2.

Sadly, I refer you to Page 11 to join other board members, family and friends in the mourning of Sheryl Jane Pavlas-Harris. A valued board member since 2018.

Now, join me in thanking Jan Koehn for stepping up to the officer position of Vice-President, replacing long time board member Charles Hoelscher. Her leadership will make a big difference in leading the museum well into the future.

I also thank Mark McFarland for the time he served on our board of Directors as he recently notified me of the many times, our minds dream (commit) well beyond our physical capabilities that spread ourselves too thin. Mark, Thank You, for your volunteer efforts.

FALL & WINTER EVENTS

Plan to join in on the fun during the events listed below.
Keep in mind the public is invited to attend all three events; there is a fee for the November 17th event, however, there are no fees for PLCTM Members.

Dance instructions will be given at each event at the times listed below.
If you would like to participate in the instructions,
please call Carol Artz-Bucek at 832-202-5845 so we can get you on the list.

Heritage Fest & Muziky Fall Open House

October 18 & 19, 2024

Friday the 18th
5 - 7 P
Learn to Polka/Waltz
For All Ages
5:30 PM

Saturday the 19th
11 - 6 PM
Learn to Polka/Waltz
For All Ages
11:30 AM
2:30 PM
4:30 PM

Don't Miss Out On
The
Entertainment
Refreshments
Polka Fun



DONOR APPRECIATION DANCE

Sunday, November 17th
Fair Pavilion - Round Up Hall
400 Fair Grounds La Grange, TX 78945
2 - 6 PM

Learn to Polka/Waltz
For All Ages
2:30 PM

DANCE TO
MARK HALATA & TEXAVIA
3:00 to 6:00 PM

\$10 Per Person
Children Under 12 Free

For The Holidays Season
Non-Parishable items,
childrens toys & cash
donations will be collected
for Food Pantry &
Sheriff's Santa Program.

Music
Dance Instructions
for all ages.
Refreshments
Fun

Christmas Open House

Saturday

December 7th

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Learn to Polka/Waltz
For All Ages
11:00 AM
1:00 PM

Entertainment
Refreshments
Polka Fun

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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)

October 18-19th	Heritage Fest & Muziky
November 17th	PLCTM Board Meeting
November 17th	PLCTM Donor Appreciation
December 7th	Christmas Open House

ANNUAL SUSTAINING MEMBERSHIPS (ASM) @ \$20 PER PERSON/YEAR
3RD QUARTER 2024

Member Renewal
Appreciation



JULY
William & Susan Harmeyer

AUGUST
Betty Patalik

SEPTEMBER
Margie Janecka
Randy & Lynne Majek
Lawrence & Susan Rominger
Weldon & Delores Schulte
Linda Puhl Maiorana
Marvin & Jo Ann Stasny
Carolyn Heinsohn
Rose M. Rohde
Gene Hackemack

WELCOME!

NEW MEMBERS
William & Susan Harmeyer—Houston, TX
&
Lawrence & Susan Rominger—Pearland, TX

Our members are lifesavers!



To: Juliet VanderPloeg from Austin Texas who delivered LP Polka Albums, 78 Records, Commercial and Personal Casette Tapes on behalf of the Estate of Joanna Kocurek Schwartzkopf and Chuck Schwartzkopf.

Visitor Cash Donations Totaled \$30.00

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!



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

Larry G. Maresh—2437

Wellie K. Harris, Jr.—2439

Josephine Marie “Jo” Jennings—2441

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

Evelyn A. Maresh—2438

Virginia Leech—2440

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, 500.00 was received in the 2nd Quarter from those of you who honor and value the life your honoree who lived on this earth. Their love, their leadership, there 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.

Alice Rae Oge White

Gary & Carol Bucek

David Scott Wagner

Gary & Carol Bucek

Edwin Cernosek

Joyce & Willie Bohuslav

Juana "Janie" Montano

Gary & Carol Bucek

Lady Walter Grant "Bungy" Eberhardt

Joyce & Willie Bohuslav

Sheryl Jane Pavlas-Harris

Jerry L. Pavlicek

Connie Rice Ames

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Harry Schoppe

Donna E. Venable

Judy Moler & Family

Marvin Kasper

Jerial & Kathy Dorsett

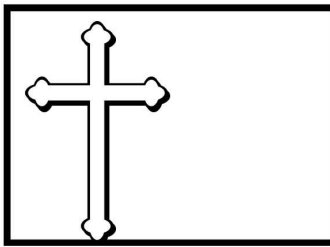
Christie Gilmore

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 20 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 acknowledgment and appreciation.

The family of the honoree will be gently notified.

Your gift ensures Polka Music and Dance will live on!



with deepest *Sympathy*



**IN LOVING MEMORY:
"FOREVER REMEMBERED - FOREVER MISSED"**



Alice Rae Oge White
March 5, 1925—August 7, 2024

Alice Rae Oge White, the matriarch of a large and devoted family, departed this on August 7, 2024. She was 99 years young and lived a long and beautiful life. She radiated the "joie de vivre" spirit of her French Cajun ancestors and her zeal, energy and exuberance for life never faltered through the years. Her son Tom, served along side Museum President , Gary Bucek in the 1976 Aggie Corp of Cadets.

Born on March 5, 1925, in Lafayette Louisiana, to Archibald Oge and Emile' Webb, Alice was raised in a bustling household with five sisters, Juanita, Archie Mae, Gene, Beverly and Kathleen. She graduated from the University of Southern Louisiana where she met a returning World War II soldier registering for engineering classes. The attraction was instantaneous, and she and Robert Charles White married on August 17, 1947. It was a union that would last for 57 years until his death in 2004.

In those early years, Alice was a homemaker but that did not mean she had to stay at home. She was a founding member of the Pasadena Little Theatre and served on numerous church councils and community social organizations. She was co-founder and the first president of the Clear Creek Association of Retired Teachers. A devout Catholic, she served on the Archdiocese of Houston/Galveston Senior Senate, the Joy Group of St. Clare of Assisi and was a long-time member of the church choir.

Upon her retirement, Alice traveled extensively and was an avid theatre patron and reader. She remained curious with a love for learning and the arts her entire life. Her greatest joy was the time spent at Galveston beach with loved ones. She was always ready for a party and enjoyed hosting her large family for special gatherings featuring her Cajun-style feasts.

Alice was predeceased by her parents and sisters, her husband and one grandson and son-in-law. She is survived by her children: Cheryl and husband Richard Johnigan; Bob White, Jr., and wife Sharon; Vicki and husband Ron Hudson; Tom White and wife Janice; Tim White and Emily Warner. She leaves the legacy of forty grandchildren and great grandchildren.

A Rosary and Mass of Christian Burial was held Monday, August 12, 2024, at St. Clare of Assisi, 3131 El Dorado Boulevard, Houston, Texas 77059. Private interment is Saint Charles Borromeo Cemetery in Grand Coteau, St. Landry Parish, Louisiana.

David Scott Wagner
December 3, 1959 —August 23, 2024



David Scott Wagner, 64, was received into heaven on Friday, August 23, 2024. Born in Tampa, Florida, on December 3, 1959, David grew up an Air Force brat and moved every 3 years. Due to relocating so frequently, he had a special bond with his brother and sisters. To say they were close is an understatement.

David served as a Director of the Pearland Chamber of Commerce under the leadership of Carol Artz-Bucek when she was President of the organization; he was well respected as a community leader. He was a graduate of Churchill High School in San Antonio, Texas, received his Bachelor of Science degree from Texas A&M University and his Master of Science in Healthcare Administration from Trinity University.

David was a hospital administrator for more than 37 years. In his career, he worked for a multitude of organizations including Presbyterian Health System in Dallas, Texas, Good Shepherd Medical Center

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David Scott Wagner (Con't)

in Longview, Texas, CHRISTUS Spohn Hospital in Beeville, Texas and St. Francis Health System in Tulsa, Oklahoma. His current role was with HCA Healthcare in Pearland, Texas where he was Chief Executive Officer.

David was passionate about his role in helping others throughout his career and felt it was his mission to care for those who were in need of healthcare. He loved his family. Period. He was their biggest cheerleader. He was fiercely proud of his children and all they had accomplished.

Favorite things of David's: (in no particular order): Dancing in the barn to whatever music was blasting out of the speakers; anything having to do with a beach; his chickens; watching his family do anything; Rodeos; Motorcycles; Stacking river rocks, RUSH; AAAALLLLLLL the dogs he helped rescue and foster.

David is survived by his wife of 32 years, Karen; son, Jackson of Houston, Texas; daughter, McKenna Koch and husband Hunter of Dublin, Texas; father, Donald Bert Wagner and wife Sara of Houston, Texas; sisters Kim Wagner Neuendorff and husband Tom of Fayetteville, Texas, and Susan Wagner Walton and husband David of Houston, Texas; brother, John "Mo" Wagner and wife Alisa of Marble Falls, Texas; father-in-law, Rodney Gail Kring of Lubbock, Texas; mother-in-law, Susan Reynolds Petty of Richardson, Texas; brother-in-law, Scott Kring and wife Leslie of Richardson, Texas; sister-in-laws Karen Petty McHugh and husband Robert of Richardson, Texas and Amy Kring Barrett and husband Randy of Spring, Texas; and a number of nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Janet Bankert Wagner and his mother-in-law, Mary Ann Kring.



Edwin "Corner" Cernosek
May 8, 1932—June 30, 2024

Edwin "Corner" Cernosek, 92, of Cypress, passed away on June 30, 2024, at St. David's Hospital in Round Rock. He was born in Holman on May 8, 1932, the son of Jim and Daisy (Griffith) Cernosek. Edwin was the third of six children born to the family of three sons and three daughters.

Edwin attended Pecan Catholic School in Holman through the 8th grade and began high school in La Grange. He decided to leave school to join the United States Air Force during the Korean War in 1951. He was stationed in San Antonio, San Angelo, and Bryan. He received his G.E.D. while serving in the Air Force and was honorably discharged in 1955. He moved to Houston and started working for Brown & Root Construction in their accounting department. He later worked in accounting for Houston Lighting & Power until he started his own businesses in milk delivery, fence construction, and real estate.

Edwin married Georgia Mae Kana on April 26, 1958, at Queen of the Holy Rosary Catholic Church in Hostyn. The couple was blessed with three children, Gary, Susan, and Michael.

Edwin was known to his family and friends as "Corner" and used that as a pen name to author a number of original country and western songs. He professionally recorded "My Holman Home Ain't Home Anymore" which can be heard on KVLG radio Saturday mornings on the Old Music Show hosted by Corner's long-time friend and collaborator, Dan Mueller.

Edwin is survived by his son, Gary James Cernosek and wife, Kerri Cernosek, of Cedar Park; daughter, Susan Kay Cernosek of Cypress; son Michael Jim Cernosek of San Antonio; grandchildren, Austin, Courtney, Rachel, and Christian Cernosek; brother, Frank "Jack" Cernosek and wife Donella Cernosek of La Grange; sister, Lillie Mae (Cernosek) Tiedt and husband Weldon Tiedt of Houston; and sister, Rosalie (Cernosek) Stevenson and husband Kenneth Stevenson of La Grange. He is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews.

Edwin is preceded in death by his wife, Georgia Mae; parents, Jim and Daisy Cernosek; brother, Richard Cernosek and wife Amalie "Molly" (Machala) Cernosek; and sister, Frances (Cernosek) Kana and husband John Kana.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Friday, July 19, 2024 at 11 a.m. at Saints Peter & Paul Catholic Church at Plum. Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Koenig-Belvill Funeral Home & Cremations in La Grange.

Juana "Janie" Montano
June 24, 1933— September 24, 2024



Juana "Janie" Montano, the last Aunt of Carol Artz-Bucek, was a beacon of love and laughter. She passed away peacefully on September 24, 2024, in Amarillo, Texas, at the age of 91. Born on June 24, 1933, in Dalhart, Texas, to Juan and Elvira Montano, Janie's vibrant spirit and infectious humor brought joy to all who knew her.

Janie's life was marked by her dedication to her family, her passion for her work, and her unwavering sense of style. After graduating from Hair School in 1964, she embarked on a fulfilling career as a hairdresser, a profession that allowed her to express her creativity and connect with her community.

Beyond her professional achievements, Janie was an extraordinary mother, raising her three children with boundless love and resilience. She is survived by her devoted children, Gloria Longbine and her husband Bobby, Stella Evers and Ruben Lovato, Seven Grandchildren, Seventeen Great Grandchildren and Three Great-Great Grandchildren, her caring siblings, Freda Allison, Clara Thomas, and Benny Montano with his wife Sherrie. Janie was preceded in death by her cherished parents, Juan and Elvira Montano.

Those who knew Janie will remember her as a woman who never left the house without her hair perfectly done and her makeup impeccably applied. Her sense of humor was as consistent as her beauty routine, always ready with a quip or a smile to lighten the moment. Janie's presence was a gift to every family gathering, especially during the holidays, where she loved to share her exceptional cooking and the warmth of her company.

As we bid farewell to Juana "Janie" Montano, we celebrate a life lived with joy, a spirit unbroken by life's challenges, and a heart that loved unconditionally. Her laughter will echo in the memories of her family and friends, and her lessons of love and strength will endure for generations to come.



Lady Walter Grant "Bungy" Eberhardt
November 11, 1934 — June 25, 2024

Lady Weldon Grant - Eberhardt, affectionately known as "Bungy," passed away on June 25, 2024, in Ledbetter, Texas, at the age of 89. Born on November 11, 1934, in Seminole, Oklahoma, she was a spirited adventurer who cherished the sea and sailing. Her passion for adventure was evident in her travels, which took her to exotic locales such as Tahiti, Fiji, Maui, Puerto Rico, and Florida, before settling in Texas.

Bungy was a renowned author, celebrated for her book "View from Top of the Mast," which inspired a movie adaptation. She was the third of four daughters who grew up in the Cove (Royal Palms) in San Pedro, where she later returned to marry Roland Eberhardt. Bungy was a vibrant community organizer in San Pedro, known for her exuberance and dedication to preserving local natural sites and their history. Her ability to organize talks, plays, and parties made her a beloved figure in her community.

Bungy was preceded in death by her parents; her beloved son, Weldon Davies Grant; sisters, Flo Ann Norvell and Marilyn Gozzano, and husbands, Ted Grant, Aubrey "Duke" Ellington, Larry Hartshorn and Roland Eberhardt.

Survivors include: daughters, Ballan Elizabeth KeKaihoku (Dan) Keen and Hedley "Dede" (Dale) Pelletier of Oak Ridge, Tenn.; son, Seaward Burr (Lisa) Grant of Santa Barbara, Calif.; bonus son, Larry "Tuck" (Linda) Hartshorn, of Felton, Calif.; her grandchildren: Sara Pelletier, Andrew Pelletier and Kyla (Charlie) Petch, Dan (Laura) Keen, Jr., Rusty (Natalie) Keen, and Terri (Brion) Ideker; great-grandchildren: Averi Keen, Tanner Keen, Alley Keen, Lauren Jones, Jacob Keen, Grace Keen, Logan Ideker and Colby Ideker; and many loved nieces and nephews and their families.

Bungy's Charlotte "Ba" Hedley remains the beloved matron of the "Hedley Girls."

A memorial service was held at Royal Palms, San Pedro, CA, on August 27, 2024, where friends and family gathered to celebrate her remarkable life.

Sheryl Jane Pavlas-Harris
November 14, 1954—July 28, 2024



Sheryl Jane Harris, 69, a beacon of love and generosity, passed away unexpectedly at home in Rosenberg on Sunday, July 28, 2024, after a courageous battle with leukemia. Born Sheryl Jane Pavlas in Shiner, November 14, 1954, to Willie and Jeannette Pavlas. She became a beloved mother, grandmother, sister, friend and Texas A&M Aggie. Whoop!

Sheryl's early years were spent in Missouri City and Stafford where she attended Dulles High School and laid the foundation for a life characterized by resilience and a spirit of service. Her journey took her from the halls of her high school to Texas A&M, to the heart of her community where she became a cherished figure through her various roles as mother, friend, spouse, grandmother, caretaker, local community leader, and an amazing church member and servant.

Sheryl's life was one of simple pleasures and profound connections. Her love of reading and writing led her to publish 2 books of poetry. She was often found writing, sharing stories and laughter with family and friends. She was the embodiment of love, her generous spirit touching the lives of all who knew her. Her selfless nature was evident in every aspect of her life, from the way she cared for her elders and those less fortunate than her. As the author Helen Keller once said, "The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched—they must be felt with the heart." She created a world of beauty and love that was felt deeply by those around her. Her producer/director talents were enjoyed by many elderly patients at Clayton Oaks Living Facility where she wrote and produced several plays. However, out of these accomplishments and activities, her love and support for her grandchildren was her most proud moments.

Sheryl loved to travel, visiting places such as Mexico, France, Israel, and Costa Rica reflecting her appreciation for beauty and history. Sheryl's adventurous spirit shone through in her love for her friends with road trips and the occasional visits to the Hill Country and San Antonio where she enjoyed learning about the history of the various cities, visiting museums and searching for antiques.

Sheryl graduated from Texas A&M, Class of 76, then became Sr. Tax Accountant for Shell Oil Company where she worked, served on the diversity committee, mentored incoming accountants and devoted 30 plus years. She became a member of Harvest Methodist Church in Sienna where she was very active and taught and attended bible studies, spent many hours with her vintage group and planned activities and many other events. She held positions as director / charter member/ founding lifetime member of the Polka Lovers Club of Texas Museum in La Grange, Texas, a tribute to the legacy of her father, Willie, who was actively engaged in the founding of the museum.

Sheryl's life was a tapestry woven with threads of selflessness and devotion to her family. She is preceded in death by her Father, Willie Pavlas, Mother Jeannette Pavlas and is survived by her husband of 31 years, Wellie K. Harris, Jr.; 4 Children – Kelly Tolar and husband Trey, Matthew Harris and wife Chauncy, Christie Gilmore and partner Anthony, Kyle Harris and girlfriend Hillary Payne; Brother William Pavlas and wife Michele; 5 grandchildren, Grace Harris, Allie Tolar, Norman Gilmore IV, Ashton Tolar and Sydney Gilmore along with a host of other loving family members and friends.

As we bid farewell to Sheryl, we celebrate a life well-lived—a life that inspired, nurtured, and uplifted. She was a woman of extraordinary character, whose presence enriched the world in countless ways. She created a world of beauty and love that was felt deeply by those around her and will be forever missed.

Funeral services were held Monday, August 5, 2024, Harvest Methodist Church in Sienna with burial followed in Greenlawn Memorial Park in Rosenberg. Arrangements were under the direction of Davis-Greenlawn Funeral Home in Rosenberg, Texas.

IN OUR PRAYERS FOR CONTINUED SPEEDY RECOVERIES

**Lorine Christ, Lorine Michalsky, Loretta Freytag, Mary Ann Fishbeck,
Charlie Hoelscher, Weldon & Delores Schulte,
Carolyn & Bob Heinsohn, Ben Bohuslav and Woody Halpin**

Positive energy going your way !!!

ENDOWMENT FUND DONATION—THANK YOU!!

\$500 Endowment Donation Received

From

New Members, William and Susan Haymeyer

PLCTM.COM Website “CONTINUES” Undergoing Major Upgrades.

When is the last time you browsed to check out the Museum’s website?

Did you even know what the website was until you saw it above?

Go to plctm.com to see the renovations recently added.

Pictures, Exhibits and much PLCTM history has been added.

➡ **Click on “*About our Museum*” section and follow the drop downs. Officers, Board of Directors and Past Directors have been added as well as ALL of our current LIFETIME MEMBERS.**

➡ **You can also refer back to past newsletters beginning 2022 to this 3rd Quarter 2024 NEWSLETTER.**

Virtual Marketing Program Nearing Completion

We continue to make videos of our special exhibits and have completed the purchase of the equipment to display these videos. To date, members contributing video segments include Joyce & Willie Bohuslav, Alfred Vrazel, Doris & C.W. Benson, Betty Patalik and Virginia Leech just to name a few.



Visitors Love The Exhibits

Brendan Olson, Connie Ames Grandson, and a musician took to the Antique Hexagonal-Shaped Concertina. It is believed to be from Germany; a traditional part of Czech Polka Music and is on exhibit in the museum. Smaller than an accordion, the concertina usually has buttons on both ends.



IMPORTANT NOTICE: Dear Members, 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 prompts.



Family travelling through the area enjoy relics of the museum. The player piano was their favorite exhibit.

Josephine Marie "Jo" Jennings, above held by her Mother, Brittany. Jo is the youngest member ever of the PCTM. However she is not just a member; her Great-Grand Parents Willie (L) and Joyce (R) Bohuslav sponsored her as a Lifetime Member. Congratulations!!!

Little "Jo" is all dressed up as a Cowboy Cheerleader (R), ready for the game against the Steelers.



**JACQUELYN
and BRENDAN**

JUNE 22, 2024

Brendan Olson, the grandson of Board Member, Connie Ames, and his new bride Jacquelyn were united in marriage in June in Ogden Utah.

QUESTION?

Do you have Good News?

Send copy and photos to info@pctm.com



Bucek Family ends two day reunion in the Czech Village on Saturday, July 20th .

**Polka Lovers Club of Texas Museum
Hosted The Bucek Family Reunion— Friday Night Gathering
Friday, July 19, 2024**



The Bucek Family Gathering was a rounding success on Friday evening, July 19th to jump start the two day reunion in the Czech Village. Approximately 50 family members gathered for delicious food, musical entertainment by renowned Chris Rybak. He lead the group through the hilarious Chicken Dance and Limbo Rock. Everyone had an amazing time with tons of laughter. Attendees especially enjoyed sitting at Frank's Place Bar and cannot wait to return for the next Bi-Annual Reunion. Over one hundred family members gathered in La Grange from across the state and stayed in local accommodations.

**Polka Lovers Club of Texas Museum
Hosted The Cernosek Reunion
Sunday, September 22, 2024**



**Cernosek Family
Members enjoyed
delicious dining hosted
by Carl and Jane
(Cernosek) Freis.
September birthdays
were celebrated.
A wonderful time was
had by all.**





POLKA LOVERS CLUB OF TEXAS MUSEUM

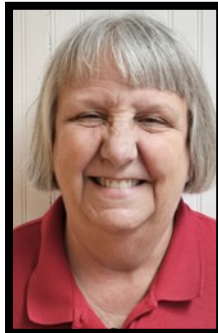
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Joyce Bohuslav
Member Outreach Officer



Connie Rice Ames—Director



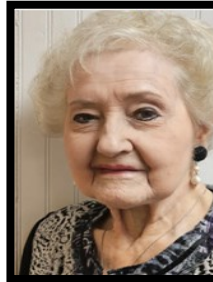
Evelyn A. Maresh—Director



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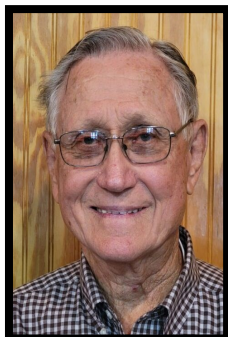
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Three generations of Frank Mika's girls visit the 18th century bar, now a permanent exhibit in the Polka Lovers Club of Texas Museum at the Fair Grounds in LaGrange. From left, Granddaughters Dana Wills and Kelly McGill (Austin), Daughter Virginia Leech (LaGrange) and Great Granddaughter Allie Wills (New York City). The bar was formerly in Frank's Place on the square in LaGrange.



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