



Polka Lovers Club of Texas MUSEUM
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Mission: To provide a facility for Preserving, Promoting and Educating POLKA MUSIC and DANCE

The Hoelscher Haus

Hoelscher Family Exhibit

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Msgr. Joseph M. Hybner Center

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Message from 2022 President, "Coach", Gary Bucek
 Howdy All PLCTM members!
 Welcome to this Fall/Winter newsletter.
 We are wrapping up 2022 and welcoming 2023.

The transition from Willie to myself has been a smooth and prosperous one. The maintenance of both facilities was completed, internet added, surveillance cameras, and most of all the newly developed Website...all with the help of many donors and contributors.

Go to PLCTM.com or use this QR code to take you there

Please take a moment to peruse the website and let us know if there is "ANYTHING" we need to add to make it "More Better" than before. A quick look into 2023 includes new signage and murals on two walls, a "New Museum Front" facing Fairgrounds Rd. as you drive in, and most importantly, the ability for anyone to tour the historical/educational museum almost any time. We'll need a great deal of help making as many videos as possible of each of you "Telling your stories" about the Museum, POLKofA, Hoelscher Haus; and, of course the great stories of Msgr. Hybner and his contributions. Please continue to watch for updates via emails, website posts, and good old fashioned snail mail. PLEASE feel free to call, write and keep us all in the loop with your families and all information POLKA that we can share with you.



2023 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIPS \$20/PERSON
SIX MONTH REPORT JUNE THROUGH NOVEMBER 2022

JUNE 2022: Marcus Kallas (\$12)

JULY 2022: Georgia/Frank Bohuslav (\$24); Kari/John Cooke (\$24); Norman Smoot (\$12); Michelle/William Pavlas (\$24); Malvina B. & James (Jim) Slovak (\$24)

AUG 2022: None

SEPT 2022: Rose M. Rohde (\$12)

OCT 2022: Josie/Willie Milberger (\$40 – 2023 Membership); Gene Hackemack (\$20 – 2023 Membership)

NOV 2022: Jo Ann/Marvin Stasny (\$24); Lorine C. Michalsky (\$12); Erwin F. Kouba (\$20 – 2023 Membership)

DEC 2022: Ed /Virginia Leech

MEMORIALS – GIFTS IN MEMORY OF:

GEORGE JANECKA: Jane Freis (\$50)

JANIE MAE SITKA: Po.L.K. of A. (\$20)

JERRY FABRYGEL: Joyce/Willie Bohuslav (\$25); Evelyn/Larry Maresh (\$20); Joann Fabrygel (\$25)

JOE MOZISEK: Jo Ann/Marvin Stasny (\$25)

LEONARD SUMBERA: Sharon & Ruben Rodriquez

LLOYD WESSELS: Joyce/Willie Bohuslav (\$25)

LUCY BROSCH: Marie Tupa (\$25); Evelyn/Larry Maresh (\$20)

LUCY & JIMMY BROSCH: Leona Herzik (\$50)

MARY LOU LAWSON: Evelyn/Larry Maresh (\$20); Jo Ann/Marvin Stasny (\$25)

MELVIN KLATT: Joyce/Willie Bohuslav (\$25)

MICHAEL JENNINGS: Carol/Gary Bucek (\$50); Joyce/Willie Bohuslav (\$50)

MICKIE MARIE MARESH: Evelyn/Larry Maresh (\$100); Jo Ann/Marvin Stasny (\$25)

MILDRED K. BAYER: E. J. Bayer (\$50)

RHONDA J. BENTLEY: Carol/Gary Bucek (\$25)

VERLENE KUNTSCHIK: Po.L.K. of A. (\$20); Joyce/Willie Bohuslav (\$50)

IN OUR PRAYERS FOR SPEEDY RECOVERIES

LORETTA FREYTAG and PLCT Board Members, EVELYN MARESH and SHERYL HARRIS

We miss you and want each of you to get better soon. God Bless!!

CORRECTIONS

Spring/Summer 2022 Newsletter

Published: JANE FREIS - FAVOR (PUFFY-SITTING): Joyce/Willie Bohuslav (\$25)

Correction: FAVOR ("PUPPY" - SITTING)

Published July 9th: Queen of the Holy Rosary Catholic Church (Retraction)
A Big Thank You to Virginia Leech for correcting the article from the KXAN News in Austin regarding the content of the article. Ms. Leech pointed out The Church was built by Czech settlers (not German) who modeled the church after the pilgrimage church Hostyn in the Czech Republic which is on a hill with the Stations of the Cross Depicted in the trail going up the hill to the Grotto. Thank you, Virginia, for bringing that to our attention!

DONATIONS / GIFTS IN HONOR OF:

Larry & Evelyn Maresh – Gifted the Museum with books entitled “*Czech Folk Song Collection*” a 1986 Texas Sesquicentennial Edition including over 300 songs in Czech and some interpreted in English. Books may be purchased at \$20 per book in person. If purchased on the website, postage will be included. For a website purchase, go to www.PLCTM.com and click on Merchandise. For more information regarding this item you may call Gary Bucek at 713.252.2162 or email info@PLCTM.com.

In Memory of Henry & Esther Hoelscher: Children & Spouses donate \$11,528
Charlie Hoelscher, Member and Officer of the Museum and his wife, Chrisie, along with his siblings and spouses, Patricia G. McKirahan, Debra L. Jennings, Derek & Cindy Hoelscher, and Mark & Althea Hoelscher, discussed the repairs needed at the Hoelscher Haus. They all quickly agreed to fund the restoration project in memory of their parents for the above generous donation. Charlie’s friend, Scott Oates, a store group manager with PPG promptly approached Charlie to offer the painting products needed for the project at ‘no cost.’ Charlie’s comments regarding the PPG donation... “Wasn’t expected and was greatly appreciated!”

\$250—2022 DONATION FROM POLKA LOVERS KLUB OF AMERICA

ENDOWMENT FUND DONATIONS

Georgia/Frank Bohuslav (\$28)

Erwin F. Kouba (In Memory of Gladys Kouba) (\$200)

Delores/Weldon Schulte (\$3,000)

Thank You! Thank You! ... The Journey Continues!

An endowment gift from you will put us closer to our \$100,000 goal to maintain the museum in perpetuity.

Your support is more important than ever and will be greatly appreciated!
Whatever the amount, it will be used to endow the museum for future generations to enjoy!

APPROVED GRANTS

City of La Grange Tourism Grant Fund - \$8,000 – Historical Preservation

Thank You for Supporting PLCTM!

Your gifts to PLCTM make a huge difference! Sincere thanks & deep appreciation to ALL OF YOU for the donations received during the six month period of June through November 2022.

NOTE: Every care was taken to ensure the accuracy of this list. We appreciate you sharing with us any omissions/errors by calling Gary Bucek @ 713.252.2162 or Carol Artz-Bucek @ 832.202.5845. Or you can email info@PLCT.com with full details. Thanks a million!

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IN LOVING MEMORY:
"FOREVER REMEMBERED - FOREVER

MICKIE MARIE MARESH (56) – passed away surrounded by her family on Friday, March 25, 2022. She was the most loving wife, mother, Nana, sister and friend. Mickie was born on March 28, 1965, El Cajon, California. At 17 she made the move to Texas to help take care of her mother. After spending several years in Texas, Mickie met the love of her life, Greg Mares, at Rich's Dance Club when he so kindly asked her to borrow a comb (swoon!). Together they had three wonderful children: Katrina, Lauren, and Phillip.



Mickie loved spending time with her family and friends. Whether she was driving a van full of kids to soccer practice or watching her grandkids play by the pool, Mickie cherished the simple, special moments with the people she loved most. She taught Early Childhood Education at St. Helen's Catholic School and was a Youth group teacher. Mickie had a contagious smile and laugh. She radiated her positive light to those she knew.

Mickie was a wonderful cook and she loved trying new recipes; she would print things that she would try to cook at home. Her most requested dish was her famous Enchilada Casserole. Mickie also had a generous heart; she enjoyed giving to others and was a member of the Catholic Daughters.

Never one to just sit still, Mickie enjoyed shopping, dancing, and being active (she loved her walks). Her biggest joy in life was her family and she would allow her daughters and granddaughter to give her "makeovers", but most of all Mickie just loved joking around and would smile saying "funny" as she laughed hilariously with family and friends. When Mickie was not cooking, working, teaching, chauffeuring kids or being a soccer mom, she loved watching Hallmark movies, especially during Christmas. Mickie will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Left to cherish her memory are her loving husband of 30 years, Gregory Mares; daughters Katrina Riddle (Reece), Lauren Helton (Kenny Joe); son Phillip Gregory Mares (Kathleen); grandchildren Blane & Blair Riddle. She is survived by her brother Ronnie Goodwin (Leslie) and their son, Zachary; nieces Caroline, Amber, and nephew Aaron Bowen. Mickie is preceded in death by her mother Patricia Collins; sister Christie Bowen and brother-in-law Donald.

Visitation and rosary were held on March 30, 2022 at Clayton Funeral Home in Pearland; funeral mass was on March 31 at St. Helen's Catholic Church in Pearland. Interment followed at South Park Cemetery in Pearland, Texas.

VERLENE ANN KUNTSCHIK (75) – of Hostyn passed away on June 20, 2022. Verlene was born on February 3, 1947 to Jerome & Martha (Stos) Hrachovy in La Grange, TX. On October 15, 1966, she married Henry J. Kuntschik at Queen of the Holy Rosary Catholic Church in Hostyn. They had two sons, Aaron Kuntschik and Alan Kuntschik.



At a young age she worked on the family farm. Verlene attended Hostyn Grade School; graduated Bishop Forest High School, Schulenburg in 1965; and attended Clay Business College in Austin. Verlene started her accounting career at BJ Hughes in Houston for 15 years. In 1981, Verlene & Henry moved to Hostyn. She worked for Bauer & Brandt CPA in La Grange for two years. She retired from Fayette Savings Bank in 2011 as Asst. V.P./Accounting after 28 years.

The main aspects of Verlene's life were Faith, Family and Friends. She was a faithful and dedicated member of Queen of the Holy Rosary Catholic Church.

Verlene was a member of KJZT Family Life, Catholic Daughters, American Auxiliary, Texas Czech Heritage & Cultural Center, Swiss Alp Farm Bureau, Incredible Knockouts, Living Rosary Society, Christian Mothers, Swiss Alp Dance Club, the Czech Catholic Foundation of Texas, Po.L.K. of A., and the Polka Lovers Club of Texas Museum in La Grange.

Verlene was extremely proud of her Czech heritage. She enjoyed singing Czech songs and dancing the polka & waltz. She enjoyed traveling. Some of her pilgrimages & adventures took her on an Alaskan cruise, Polka cruise, visits to Czech Republic, Italy, Austria, Holy Land, Japan, Spain, Portugal and France. Last but not least, she traveled to visit two of her grandsons that are serving in the U. S. Navy.

Survivors include sons Aaron Kuntschik (Lisa) of Round Rock, and Alan Kuntschik (Nicole) of Seguin; 5 grandchildren; sister Marian Chamrad, brother David Hrachovy (Lucy). She left behind her dear friend and frequent companion Wilbert Cernosek, and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

She was preceded in death of by her husband, parents, step-mother Carrie (Orsak) Hrachovy; brother-in-law Charles Chamrad; father-in law and mother-in-law Otto & Olga (Tuch) Kuntschik and numerous uncles, aunts, cousins.

Visitation was held on June 24, 2022, at Koenig-Belvill Funeral Home in La Grange. Funeral was held at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Schulenburg on June 25, 2022.

MICHAEL DOUGLAS JENNINGS (70) - of Lago Vista, TX, passed away on September 23, 2022 after a hard-fought battle with ALS. Mike was born on October 9, 1951 to Hugh Douglas Jennings and Captola Vivian York in Graham, TX. He graduated from Odessa High School in 1970.



After high school, Mike joined the Houston Police Dept., graduating the academy in 1971, kicking off a 50-year career in law enforcement. Mike retired from the Houston Police Dept. after 20 years. While with HPD, Mike was named Police Officer of the Year in 1974. He continued his career in law enforcement joining the Jersey Village Police Dept. as a Patrol Officer & Detective for 5 years. Mike then enjoyed a career with the Gillespie County Sheriff's Dept. in Fredericksburg, TX for the next 13 years. Upon leaving GCSO, he continued to work in public service with career stops as a School Resource Officer for Austin ISD, Texas Commission on Jail Standards, the Williamson County Sheriff's Dept., City of Lago Vista Municipal Judge, Chief of Police of the Dublin Police Dept. and as Captain of the Travis County Precinct 2 Constable's office. Mike

concluded his career in public service by serving as the Director of the Regional Law Enforcement Academy for the Capital Area Council of Governments, where he helped teach new recruits who had chosen Public Safety as their career. Throughout his extensive career, he attained multiple certifications and was a highly decorated Peace Officer. Mike retired in July 2021.

In 1986, Mike met Debra Lee Hoelscher (daughter of Esther & Henry Hoelscher), and they wed in May of 1989.

Mike had two great passions in life -- law enforcement and his family. Once Mike became a grandfather, he was known to those closest to him as Pawpaw. Pawpaw spent many years as his grandchildren grew up as the world's best babysitter. While he enjoyed sports, coaching everything from soccer to baseball, he could also host a tea party for Reese and her dolls. Pawpaw especially loved Lago Vista football and never missed a game while Hugh and Cash were playing.

Mike was preceded in death by his parents; sisters Gina Ann Jennings-Leach and Sharon Parham. Mike is survived by his loving wife of 33 years; son Brandon Jennings and wife Cara with grandchildren Hugh, Reese and Cash, and many cherished family and friends.

A celebration of life was held at Trinity Anglican Church in Jonestown, TX on October 1, 2022, with honors to follow. The family invited guests to arrive 30 minutes prior to the service to sit in remembrance of Mike and view a slide show.

ALICE ZEZULA (88) - of La Grange, passed away on July 26, 2022. She was born in Moulton on January 18, 1934, the daughter of William Gaertner and Mary (Shoenweitz) Gaertner. She married Jerome D. Zezula on January 24, 1959, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Moulton. They raised three sons, Michael, Timothy and Matthew.

Alice was a homemaker who loved raising her family. She lived life to the fullest. She and Jerry traveled all over, seeing and experiencing all the wonders of the world. They loved traveling together as well as with many of their friends. Alice was a friend to everyone. She never met anyone that she didn't consider a friend. She was liked and loved by all. She loved to dance. She enjoyed playing bridge and dominoes. She was instrumental in the process of the prayer blankets to the Catholic Daughters. She was a member of Holy Rosary Catholic Church, the Fayette County Czech Heritage Society, Catholic Daughters, KJZT, and the Polka Lovers Club of Texas Museum in La Grange. (Con't on next page.)



(Alice Zezula - Cont'd)

Alice was big on life, family and heritage. She will be missed by so many.

She is survived by sons: Timothy (Yvonne) of Hockley; Matthew (Kelly) of Leander; daughter-in-law Joan Zezula of San Antonio; grandson Ethan Zezula (Ashley) of El Campo; sister Lillie Kruse of Pearland; step-grandsons: Chance and Samuel Bates of Austin.

She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, and son Michael Zezula of San Antonio; sisters Edna Gracey and Louise Moore; brothers Edwin Gaertner and Bill Gaertner.

Visitation and rosary were held on July 28, 2022 at Koenig-Belvill Funeral Home in La Grange. Funeral was held at Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church in Plum on July 29, 2022. Burial followed at Holy Rosary Catholic Cemetery in Hostyn.

JANIE MAE SITKA (86) - of Sugar Land, TX, passed away on September 24, 2022. She was born on August 30, 1936, in Dubina, TX to Edward & Marcella Cernoch. Janie was raised in the Dubina Community and graduated from La Grange High School.



Janie met the love of her life, Bill Sitka, at a dance and they were married on June 3, 1956. Janie retired from the Ft. Bend School District. She was a member of St. Theresa's Catholic Church in Sugar Land, Catholic Daughters, Czech Heritage Society, KJZT and a former member of the Po.L.K. of A. and a member of the Polka Lovers Club of Texas Museum in La Grange, TX.

Janie's hobbies included playing hand and foot card games, playing dominoes, watching the Astros and having family get-togethers. This loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister and friend will be missed.

In addition to her parents, Janie is preceded in death by her husband, Bill Sitka. She is survived by her children: Belinda Patton (Mitchel), Mark Sitka (Marilyn "Toodie"), Brian Sitka (Bridget), Chris Sitka (Wendy), and B. J. Sitka (Erica).

Janie was the proud Grandma to 11 grandchildren: Kelly, Luke, Reed, Blake, Christine, Courtney, Cole, Cade, Erin, Ava and Allie. She is survived by five great-grandchildren: Boston, Evelyn, Wade, Brooks and Avery. She is also survived by her sister, Leona Jones; along with numerous extended family and a host of friends.

Visitation and rosary were held on October 3, 2022 in the Chapel of Davis-Greenlawn Funeral Home in Rosenberg. Burial was held in the afternoon at the Sts. Cyril & Methodius Catholic Cemetery in Dubina, TX.

Memorials In Memory of your Loved Ones "Do Make A Difference".

Although, Gary and I have been members of the Polka Lovers Club of Texas Museum since its inception in 2005, I have never been engaged as deeply as now being the Secretary of the organization. We have come a long way since the re-organization in March of this year.

Dues have been \$12 a year per person since the beginning. Membership dues collected this year was \$1,196.00 opposed to Memorials collected in the amount of \$3,683.00. Donations total \$20,400.00 and deposits into the Endowment Fund equal \$16,032.00. We even sold a couple of shirts and a Czech Folk Song Collection book at a total of \$40. Total income for the year is \$41,307.00.

We are pleased to announce the Museum has been extremely frugal in spending members' investments. To date \$21,113.01 has been used toward Capital Improvement Projects including refurbishing the exterior of the campus; \$3,187.04 for Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment; \$1,633.97 for upgrading technology and \$2,944.92 for developing the new website; leaving \$5,025.90 for general operating expenses. It is exciting to report we have not had to touch reserves since the March re-organization.

All of that said, I am overwhelmed and grateful for Members honoring their loved ones or friends by sending honorariums in their memory. The donor receives a letter of receipt for their contribution and the family receives a letter notifying them of the memorial. It is welcomed and enlightening to know each Memorial supports the Mission of the Museum... to "Provide a Facility for Preserving, Promoting and Educating Polka Dance and Music". Wouldn't you agree that a memorial to your loved one perpetuates much longer than a bouquet of flowers?

Til next time...



Carol Artz-Bucek, Secretary

IN THE NEWS

Father Jared Cooke, is the grandson of deceased PLCTM Board Members, Valeria and Melroy Brandt, and the son of PLCTM Members, John and Kari Cooke of Weimar. He was recently appointed as the new State Chaplain of KJZT Family Life in Austin, Texas. Many of you will remember Fr. Jared celebrating masses held at the PLCTM annual memorial events when Msgr. Joseph M. Hybner was unable to do so and upon his retirement.



This article was printed in the KJZT Family Life Journal (July – September 2022).

“KJZT Family Life is happy to announce the appointment of Father Jared Cooke as the new State Chaplain of KJZT Family Life.

Fr. Jared Cooke as born in Denver, CO, but moved to North Austin at the age of 11, spending his most formative years thereafter growing up here in Central Texas. He is a proud 3rd generation Texas A&M Aggie and is now the Pastor and Director of Catholic Campus Ministry at

Our Lady of Wisdom University Parish at Texas State University, after serving for a year at The University of Texas Catholic Center as Associate Director of Campus Ministry.

Fr. Jared has a great passion for preaching, teaching and evangelizing and loves finding new exciting ways to make faith relevant for people in our fast-paced and increasingly secular society. As a result, Fr. Jared has had the opportunity to work extensively and especially with youth, young adults and men’s ministries throughout the country. Over the past five years, he has also traveled around the world speaking and preaching at numerous retreats, conferences, camps, missions and workshops, in addition to serving as Parochial Vicar at St. Joseph in Bryan and more recently, St. Thomas More in North Austin. He also served as the Chaplain of the “Mercy of God Healing and Prayer Center,” a ministry for Healing and Deliverance, in the Diocese of Austin, for two years and continues to be active in the same ministry throughout the Diocese.

Fr. Jared also continues to be very active with Catholic evangelization ministry across several social media platforms. He also loves soccer, music, film, hole-in-the-wall food joints to fine dining cuisine and everything in between, the great outdoors, traveling to new places around the world (his bucket list will forever be a mile long) and is a self-described “coffee snob!” When he finds downtime, you will find him spending time with friends or relaxing out in the Texas country at his family’s “Whistling Duck Vineyards & Winery” in Weimar, TX.

When it comes to his heritage, Fr. Jared holds Native American roots on his mother’s side of the family and Czech/German roots on his father’s side. One set of his Great, Great Grandparents were Joseph Winkler and Anna Guenther Winkler. Joesph Winkler’s father, Anton Winkler was born on May 21, 1823, in Heinszendorf, Austria, near the Moravian-Silesian border in what is now the Czech Republic (at that time part of the Austrian empire). Joseph Winkler’s mother Anna Kasper, was born March 15, 1839, also in Heinzendorf, Austria. Anna Guenther Winkler’s father, Franz Guenther, was born February 1, 1841, in Moravia, Austria. Anna’s mother, Magdalena Siedenberger was born on July 10 1842, in Moravia, Austria. Franz and Magdalena came to America in 1871, landing first at Galveston on the ship named Koln and eventually settled in Fayette County, Texas. They were among the 286 Czech passengers listed on the Czech Immigration Passenger List. As was the realty for many, in these changing boundary lines within the old world, most of Fr. Jared’s ancestors spoke both Czech and German. He is quite proud of his heritage and the traditions handed down over the years.”

Charlie Hoelscher, Board Member, reports:

“I recently had surgery which was required because bone spurs were growing into my spinal cord and vertebrae in my neck. This developed over the years and arthritis is getting the blame. Still doing therapy to regain range of motion and regain strength”



Jack Jennings and Brittany Wiltshire Jennings

Brittany and Jack Jennings are spending this holiday season, in Europe! This is Brittany's 3rd trip to Europe and Jack’s first time to visit. They departed Austin on December 17 and will return home January 2nd. Their itinerary includes Italy, Switzerland, Austria, Czech Republic, and Germany with travel between cities by train. They will spend Christmas in Salzburg, Austria and New Years in Munich.

They are excited for this trip and send everyone holiday wishes from Europe!

Brittany & Bayley are the Grandchildren of Willie & Joyce Bohuslav

Bayley Wiltshire & Nicholas Bennett:

Bayley Wiltshire and Nicholas Bennett got engaged on Xmas Eve, after seven years of a wonderful and complicated long distance international relationship between Australia and Texas.

The couple is ecstatic to be together in Austin and engaged!





IRENE JANDA

Celebrated an October birthday at the Senior Connections in Schulenburg, TX.



Irene Janda

This is what was written about her in the Fayette County Record dated November 1, 2022. *“Irene Janda was celebrating an October birthday. She is an avid card and domino player that will take you to school and beat you every time, if you’re not ready. Irene is quite active, as she rises before the sun is up, mostly out of habit, and after she has a good country breakfast, she takes off for the Fitness Center in Schulenburg to work out and gets in the swimming pool to walk in the water and stay strong. She inspires our staff and always encourages us to us to stay active and moving. Her long life is indeed a testament to her words of encouragement”.*

HAPPY BELATED BIRTHDAY IRENE!



“WURSTFEST FESTIVAL”

Wurstfest has been celebrated annually in New Braunfels since 1961, a total of 56 years. During the first six years the celebration was held at the National Guard Armory (1961), the Landa Park picnic area (1962, 1963) and at the “Ratskeller” on the Main Plaza (1964-66).

This year the festival was held November 4 through 2022. It is a unique annual 10-day celebration rich in German culture and full of Texas fun! It’s located near the headwaters of the beautiful Comal River in New Braunfels, Texas! Jimmy Sturr of the Jimmy Sturr Orchestra of Florida, N.Y. reports: “We just finished up our tour in

Texas, and the crowd was just AMAZING! We LOVE performing there! If you have ever been to this venue, you know exactly what I mean...Super high energy and just a great time”.

Note: His Orchestra provides superb entertainment!

The Wurstfest Association reported “a total of 220,000 people visited the festival grounds during the 10-day event to immerse themselves in German culture. Attendance dropped by about 9% from last year when demand was at its prime following a fire that consumed parts of the Marketplatz in 2019, along with the pandemic of 2020.



**Larry and Evelyn Maresh, Board Members
Have a New Great Grand Baby**

Nicholas Carlyle Hartwig was born on November 9, 2022 to Peter and Elizabeth Hartwig of San Antonio Texas.

Elizabeth is the daughter of David and Suzanne Baker of San Antonio, Texas and she is the grand-daughter of Larry and Evelyn Maresh of Pearland, Texas.

