



POLKA LOVERS CLUB OF TEXAS MUSEUM

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La Grange, TX 78956
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Mission: To provide a facility for Preserving, Promoting and Educating Polka Music and Dance.

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“The Power of Polka”

A message from 2025 President, “Coach”, Gary Bucek
Howdy to all PLCTM Members!!!

Fall is here — and how time flies when you’re as productive as we have been this last quarter!

Over the past few months, we’ve hosted and scheduled to host several tour groups. See Pages 10 & 11. We are proud to say this; we continue to keep the **PLCTM** name front and center in the **Polka Community**, across **Texas**, and even beyond.

Behind the scenes, we have been making progress on an **expansion project**, which is taking a little longer than expected — but all good things take time! My cousin, **David Bucek** of **Sterns & Bucek Architects**, known for their outstanding work in historic preservation and restoration in Houston. He has been generously developing plans to bring the visionary idea of expanding the museum made by Past President and now deceased, Willie Bohuslav a reality. You’ll find a proposed rendition of the project on Page 7.

On Page 6 is the most exciting of all, we’re thrilled to announce we have **agreed to unite with the Texas Polka Music Museum in Schulenburg!**

After meeting with their board members at their facility — and hosting them at a special meeting at the PLCTM — it became clear how much our organizations share in common. This unified effort will strengthen both museums’ in a positive endeavor to singly **Promote, Preserve and Educate** Polka music and dance for generations to come.

We’re also excited to welcome **TPMM’s Acting President, Brian Svetlik**, drummer for the **Czechaholics Band**; and, **Glen Chervenka**, a **TPMM Founding Member**, who have joined PLCTM as members and applied for board positions. We look forward to this new **“Polka Partnership”** and all the good things ahead!

Please **Czech** out all of the upcoming events. Would love to see each one of you at all three. Sponsorships are available...go ahead and **Czech** it out.... Til next time...



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The public is invited to join us for the following events!

HERITAGE FEST & MUZIKY Fall Open House

October 17th & 18th

Friday, October 17th | 5-7 p.m.
Learn to Polka/Waltz @ 5:30 p.m.
(For All Ages)

Story of Frank's Bar—Virginia Leech @ 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 18th | 11 a.m.-6 p.m.
Learn to Polka/Waltz @ 11:30 a.m.,
2:30 p.m., & 4:30 p.m.
(For All Ages)



Entertainment by
Gene Hackemack,
Refreshments &
lots of Polka Fun



In support of local holiday programs, organizers will be collecting toy(s); toiletries and non-parishable food items.

The museum opens again on Saturday, October 18th from 11 AM to 6 PM with opportunities to dance Polka and Waltz for anyone and any age wishing to dance to the happy music made for happy people. These breaks will take place at: 11:30 AM, 2:30 and 4:30 PM.



Polka Fun Offered During Fall Open House

The Polka Lovers Club of Texas Museum (PLCTM) is hosting a **Fall Open House** October 17th from 5 to 7 PM and Saturday, October 18th from 11 AM to 6 PM. The open house is in conjunction with **Heritage Fest and Muzicky**, sponsored by The Texas Czech Heritage Culture Center (TCHCC). The Public is invited to attend and celebrate the current fall season. These October events are based around Czech culture with many activities; dance opportunities, entertainment, exhibits, delicious food and drink both days and it all takes place within the Czech Village located in the La Grange Fairgrounds.

As a tribute to...POLKA, the music that continues to rock our state, nation and world; there will be a lot of polka music, dancing opportunities entertainment and refreshments in the museum all beginning at 5 PM Friday the 18th.

Upon celebrating the first anniversary of the **"Frank's Place Bar Exhibit"**, Virginia Leech, daughter of Frank Mika will present the true story behind the bar now located in the museum at 6:00 PM.



In between dance breaks; entertainment will be provided by Gene Hackemack, Brenham, Texas; also known as "Squeeze Man", well known accordion player across the country; and famous for putting Polka music into space.

During the events; Cash, Non-Parishable Food, Toiletries and Toy Donations will be accepted for distribution to the Deputy Santa Program and Amen Food Pantry.



250 W. Fairgrounds Rd. La Grange, Texas

OCT 17 & 18, 2025
FRIDAY

Oktoberfest on the Deck
4:30pm – 10:00pm

Music by The Dujka Brothers
6:00pm – 9:30pm

SATURDAY
ACTIVITIES ALL DAY!
Car Show, Farm Show,
Demonstrations
10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Music by Lavaca County Line,
Mark Halata & Texavia,
& The Vintage Drafts
10:00 am – 5:30 pm

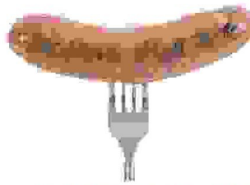
Amphitheater Muziky
55 Years of the Red Ravens
(\$15 Concert Ticket at Amphitheater Entrance)
7:00pm – 9:30pm

Fireworks Finale 9:30pm



FREE ENTRY-OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Antique Tractor & Car Show!
Plus Music, Wagon Rides,
Village Tours, Demonstrations, Arts & Crafts,
Childrens Activities, Fraternal Mutual Pavilion,



FRIDAY FOOD MENU

Our Famous Homemade
Chicken and Dumplings and Koláče

SATURDAY FOOD MENU

BBQ Brisket on a Bun,
Patek's Shiner Smokehouse Sausage
(homemade bread, kraut, pickle and chips)

Weikel's Koláče

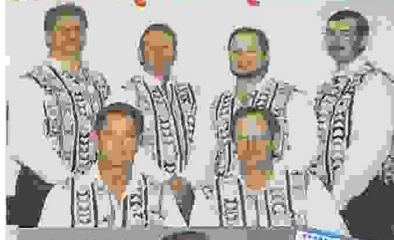


HOSPODA BEER GARDEN

Shiner Bock (light and premium)
Ultra Lite, Alstadt Kolsh
Alstadt Oktoberfest and more!



The Red Ravens



Mark Halata & Texavia





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275 W. Fairgrounds Road
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Sunday, November 9, 2024 | 2 to 6 PM

Fair Pavilion—Round Up Hall, 400 Fair Grounds, La Grange, Tx 78945

The Public is Invited

\$10.00 Per Person | Free for Children under 12

Polka/Waltz Dance Instruction | 2—3 PM

Guest Instructor—Louis Stewart from the Mollie B Polka Party

Plus additional talented dancers!

RAFFLE

**DANCE
LESSONS**



DANCING

SNACKS



In support of local holiday programs, organizers will be collecting toy(s); toiletries and non-perishable food items.

CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

December 6

Saturday, December 6th | 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Learn to Polka/Waltz

@ 11:30 a.m. & 1:00 p.m.

(For All Ages)

Don't miss out on the entertainment,
refreshments, & polka fun!



In support of local holiday programs, organizers will be collecting toy(s); toiletries and non-parishable food items.

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

We are accepting "Sponsorship Funds" to financially assist in hosting all three of the energizing fall events listed above.

Your sponsorship will help defray the cost of delicious snacks, beverages, lots of fun, education, entertainment and dancing.

Your name will be listed on a Sponsor Board the day of the event. The more you sponsor the bigger your name will be. Indicate if you wish not to be listed.

If the event has not already taken place, your name will be announced throughout the day of the event. Indicate if you wish not to be announced.

\$50 \$100 \$150 \$250 \$500 Other_____

Make Check to PLCTM

Remit to: %Gary Bucek, 1400 McKinney St., Unit #3604, Houston, TX 77010

Include Name, Mailing Address, Phone and E-mail Address with remittance.

Indicate your wish to donate the sponsorship in honor or in memory of someone.

All Sponsors will be listed in the 4th Quarter Newsletter.



POLKA LOVERS CLUB OF TEXAS MUSEUM



United Effort to Further Promote Polka Music and Dance

Two organizations, The Polka Lovers Club of Texas Museum (PLCTM) located at 275 West Fairgrounds Road, La Grange, TX 78945 within the Fayette County Fairgrounds in the Czech Village and the Texas Polka Music Museum (TPMM) currently located at 712 Lyons Ave., Schulenburg, Texas are joining forces to enhance the preservation and promotion of the history and legacy of Polka, Waltz and Folk Music brought to Texas by the Czech, German and Polish immigrants from Europe. Both museums feature exhibits, albums, bands, recordings, musical instruments, photographs, costumes, artifacts and histories commemorating and honoring Polka Music and Dance.

In 2010 when the TPMM was originated, Founders envisioned the museum to be located in the La Grange Czech Village. This united effort will fulfill that goal. Both museums have a long history of preserving, promoting and educating Polka Music and Dance not only in the region but to the world.

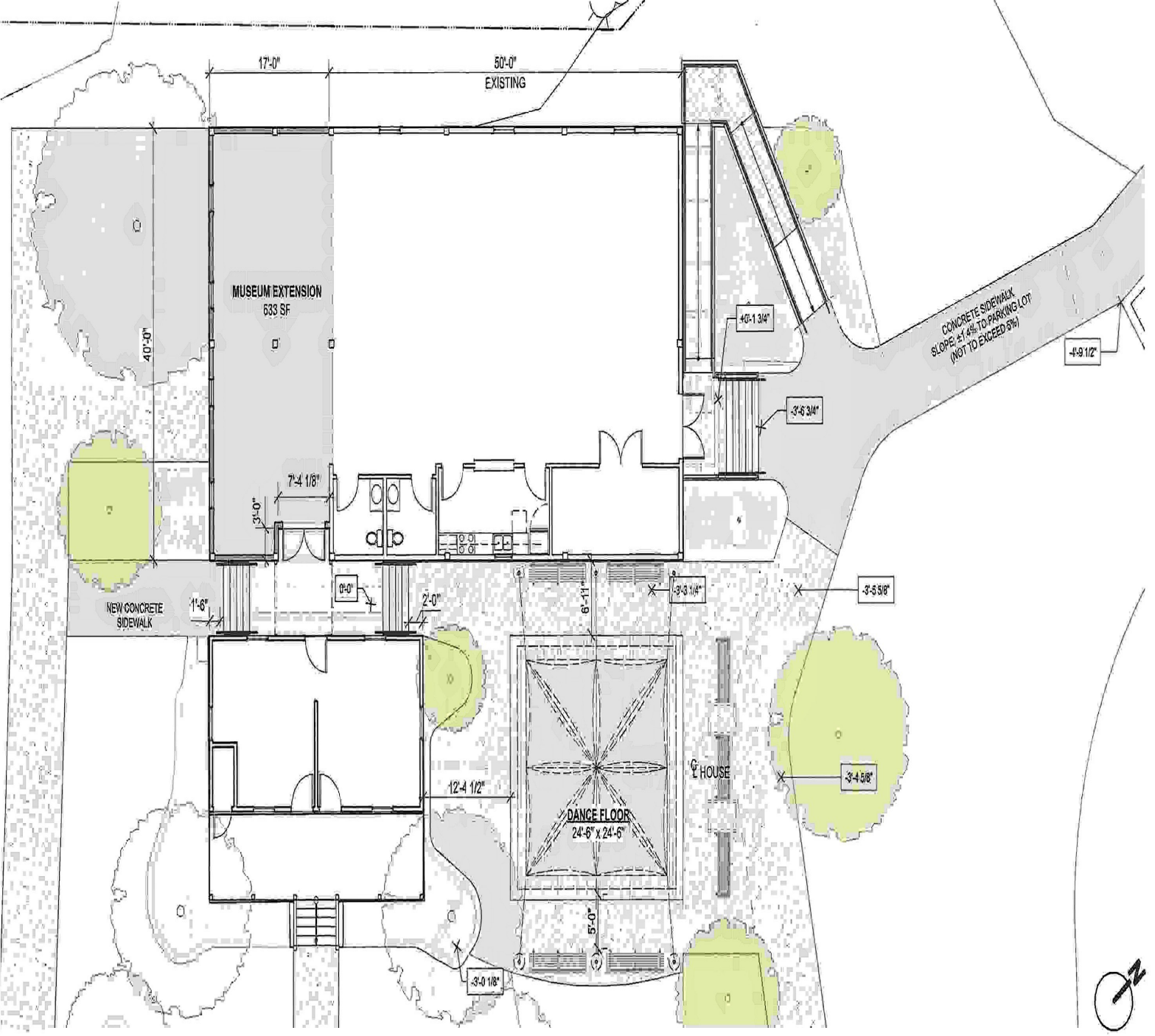
The COVID epidemic of 2020 provided both organizations with challenges. Sadly, the pandemic took its toll on the Officers and Board Members of volunteer leadership serving both organizations. It also provided both sets of leaders with tools to create awesome, innovative and creative ideas for Preserving, Promoting and Educating the entire world the history and tremendous ongoing energy, outrageous fun and joy of Polka Music and Dance.

The union of leadership is in gear and off to a new beginning with plans to add square footage to the interior of the PLCTM annex for additional exhibits, adding sidewalks to the entrance for safety, an exterior dance area and continued advanced technology to promote Polka Music and Dance to the world market.

The official unification of PLCTM and TPMM will take place in early January 2026. Visitors can look forward to a richer and more comprehensive museum experience combining the strengths of both institutions to continue the proud legacy of their Founding Fathers and the vibrant spirit of Polka music in Texas.

"Where words fail, music speaks." – Hans Christian Andersen

VISIONS BECOME REALITY



Stern and Bucek Architects
 1610 COMMERCE STREET, HOUSTON, TEXAS 77002

Polka Lovers Club of Texas Museum Renovation
 275 W FAIR GROUNDS RD. LA GRANGE, TEXAS. 78945

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Floor Plan
 AUGUST 20, 2025

“Without music, life would be a mistake.” – Friedrich Nietzsche



PROJECTS & VISIONS BECOME REALITY

The Hoelscher Haus Second Floor gets new window coverings & a/c.



Congratulations !!!

Oops !!!



**Charles and Angelina Genzer Kretzschmar
Recipients of TCHCC 2025 TOCA
March 22, 2025**



John Hickl, Shiner Hobo Band

*Music is very special...
it has the power to bring people together!*

*Sincere apology to John Hickl.
John, a member of the Shiner Hobo Band,
performed impromptu at the Mayfest event.
He was referred to as Mike in the newsletter.*

Charlie's Retirement Celebration—July 12, 2025



(L-R) Gary Bucek, Charlie & Chrisi Hoelscher



(L-R) Althea & Mark; Chrisie & Charlie; Derek & Cynthia Hoelscher, Debbie Hoelscher Jennings & Patricia Hoelscher McKirahan



(L-R) Gary & Carol Bucek



(L-R) Debbie Hoelscher Jennings, Gary Bucek & Patricia Hoelscher McKirahan



(L-R) Patricia Hoelscher McKirahan, Debbie Hoelscher Jennings, Gary Bucek Charlie Hoelscher, Carol Artz-Bucek, Mark & Derek



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The Polka Lovers Club of Texas Museum (PLCTM) located at 275 W Fairgrounds Road, opened in La Grange in 2005 as the ultimate polka fan's tribute to the music and dance that continues to rock our state, nation, and world. The museum features memorabilia, donor recognitions, photo displays, videos, instruments, and an extensive library of music and records dating back to the early 1900s.

Museum leaders have sharpened their tools to create impressive, innovative and creative ideas of Preserving, Promoting and Educating the entire world on not only the history of, but the ongoing energy, outrageous fun and joy of Polka Music and Dance. Leaders began offering polka and waltz instructions during events hosted in 2024.

The passion for happy dancing is catching on in La Grange. Recently a group of 40 requested a tour to learn about Czech Culture and requested a demonstration on polka dancing.

Forty members of Steve Fang's, *Houston Morning Exercise Group*, were transported to the City of La Grange Fairgrounds in a Harris County Precinct 4 Tour Bus with a driver.

Carol Artz-Bucek, Secretary/Treasurer of The Museum relayed, "The energy of these Chinese descent dancing club members was much like an active beehive... they were buzzing around like crazy filling the room, helping get more chairs for them to watch, it was crazy... but so much fun.



They were boisterous, energetic, ready to dance and have an enjoyable time."



Museum organizers provided each attendee with a **Welcome Bag** of La Grange Brochures, bottled water and snacks for their journey back to Houston.

As she was given a welcome bag, Alirie Cheng, one of the members, exclaimed "You guys give us great Texas hospitality, thank you!"

While making a final search to ensure all of the members had left the building Steve Fang, organizer of the event, said ..." You showed us a great time."

Museum organizers began offering dance instructions during each of their events in 2024 and are looking forward to expanding the opportunity to enhance this opportunity in the future.

Additionally, with virtual technology, it is now made simple to tour the museum even when it is closed. Methods are available to enter the museum and walk through a guided tour of the various exhibits. The onsite self-guided tours are easily achievable by calling Gary at 713.252.2162 for entry instructions.

Additional information regarding the Polka Lovers Club of Texas Museum (PLCTM) is available by typing plctm.com in your browser; or, you may contact Gary Bucek by email at info@plctm.com; or by phone 713.252.2162.

Plan to join in for more dance instructions during upcoming fall events such as the Heritage Fall Open House, October 17th & 18th; Donor Appreciation Dance, November 9th and the Christmas Open House December 6th.

Officers include Gary Bucek, President; Jan Koehn, Vice-President; Carol Artz-Bucek, Secretary; Joyce Bohuslav, Member Outreach Officer. Directors are Connie Rice Ames, C. W. & Doris Benson, Evelyn Maresh, Jane Freis, Larry Maresh, and Wellie K. Harris, Jr.

Future Tours

***PLCTM Hosts Mladá Muzika Sardice and Dulcimer Band
Friday, September 26th***

***PLCTM Hosts Manchaca Baptist Senior Adult Class
Tuesday, October 7th***

ANNUAL SUSTAINING MEMBERSHIPS (ASM) @ \$20 PER PERSON/YEAR
3RD QUARTER 2025

Member Renewal
Appreciation



JULY

Lucille Antrich
Georgia Zidek

AUGUST

Lawrence and Susan Rominger
James & Caroline Freytag
Betty Patalik
Weldon & Delores Schulte
Rose M. Rohde

SEPTEMBER

William & Michelle Pavlas

Our members are lifesavers!



Welcome New Members

Kenneth G. & Cathleen Noska
Brian Svetlik
Glen Chervinka
Rita Kovar
John Hickl

Newest Lifetime Member—Kent Huie in Honor of Jane C. Freis

Cash Donations Totaled \$20

**“THANKS” to ALL who continue to Join and Renew Your Membership
and, for all “Your Support” of the
Polka Lovers Club of Texas Museum
May the Power of Polka Be With You!**

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



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| Brent Douglas Wiltshire—2421 | Stacy Bohuslav Wiltshire —2422 |
| Brittany Wiltshire Jennings—2423 | Jack Thomas Jennings —2424 |
| Bayley Alexis Wiltshire —2425 | Nicholas “Nick” Bennett —2426 |
| Bo Douglas Wiltshire —2427 | Beck Douglas Wiltshire —2428 |
| Terri Bohuslav —2429 | Stephen “Mark” McFarland—2430 |
| Jessica Christine McFarland —2431 | Kevin McFarland —2432 † |
| Connie Rice Ames — 2433 | Willie J. Kopecky, Jr. —2434 |
| C. W. “Chris” Benson —2435 | Doris Benson —2436 |
| Larry G. Maresh—2437 | Evelyn A. Maresh—2438 |
| Wellie K. Harris, Jr.—2439 | Virginia Leech—2440 |
| Josephine Marie “Jo” Jennings—2441 | Wilbert J. Cernosek—2442 |



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| Rodney C. Koenig—2543 | Roger Neil Bohuslav—2544 |
| Marcela Kourkova—2545 | Katherine Hanslik Svatek—2546 |
| Kent Huie—2547 | |

The Lifetime Membership of Kent Huie
was made to honor of Jane C. Freis

The Lifetime Membership of Katherine Hanslik
Svatek was made in honor and memory of her parents
Herman Hubert & Marcella (Bohuslav) Hanslik

MEMORIALS HONORING LOVED ONES, FRIENDS, MEMBERS, LEADERS



A total of \$1,270.00 was received, this quarter, from those of you who honor and value the life your honoree lived on this earth, their love, their leadership... the difference they made. And; we treasure your generosity ensuring the preservation of polka dance & music to live on.

They would be honored to know you remembered them in this way.

Ben Bohuslav
Joyce C. Bohuslav

Bernard & Lillian Ripper
Michael Ripper

Gilbert Bohuslav
Joyce C. Bohuslav

Kevin McFarland - "B" Day
Joyce C. Bohuslav

Lorine Michalsky
Joyce C. Bohuslav

Marie Tupa
Gary & Carol Bucek

Marilyn Adamcik
Joyce C. Bohuslav

Mildred Marie Hollas
Joyce C. Bohuslav

Sheryl Pavlas-Harris
Joyce C. Bohuslav

Willie V. Bohuslav, Jr.
Janice Simon

Willie V. Bohuslav, Jr.—"B" Day
Joyce C. Bohuslav

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.

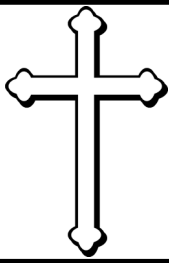
Your gift ensures Polka Music and Dance will live on!

IN OUR PRAYERS FOR CONTINUED SPEEDY RECOVERIES

Connie Rice-Ames, Larry and Evelyn Maresh

Lorine Christ, Loretta Freytag, Mary Ann Fishbeck, Weldon & Delores Schulte,

Positive energy going your way !!!



with deepest *Sympathy*



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



**Benjamin William "Ben" Bohuslav
February 7, 1936—March 26, 2025**

**Full Obituary printed in 2nd Quarter Newsletter-2025
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**Lillian Ripper
October 12, 1934 - February 2, 2022**

Lillian Ripper passed away February 2, 2022, she was born on October 12, 1934. Funeral services were held on Tuesday, February 8, 2022 at 1 pm from St. Rose Catholic Church in Schulenburg, Texas. Interment will be in St. Michael's Catholic Cemetery in Weimar, Texas.

Survivors included: husband-Bernard Ripper of Schulenburg; daughter-Michelle Urban/husband Milton of La Grange; son-Michael Ripper of Schulenburg; and 3 grandchildren-Joseph Urban/fiancée Caitlin Surman, Matthew Urban, and Amanda Urban.



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



Bernard Frank Ripper 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 delivered by Dr. Peters and baptized in Saint Mary's Catholic Church in High Hill. 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 for many years.



Gilbert Bohuslav
March 9, 1933 - May 17, 2025

Gilbert Bohuslav, age 92, of Lake Jackson, passed away on May 17, 2025. He was born to Willie Sr. and Agnes Parma Bohuslav, in Ammannsville, Texas. The youngest of three children, he graduated from Schulenburg High School in 1951. He received a baseball scholarship and played ball at Blinn College in Brenham. He enlisted in the Army in November 1952, and when he returned home, he graduated with his bachelor's degree from Texas State University in San Marcos. He later earned his master's degree from Texas State University as well, in 1963.

Gilbert was blessed with a large, loving family. He married Veronica Matocha on September 11, 1955, just five days after he got out of the Army, and they moved to San Marcos for him to complete his college degree. Twelve months later, they welcomed their first son and shortly afterwards, they moved to Freeport, Texas for Gilbert to begin his teaching career. They had two more sons and three daughters in Freeport, before moving to Lake Jackson, Texas in 1969.

Gilbert loved being a teacher and followed in the footsteps of both his mother and father. He began teaching math at Freeport Junior High and also taught math and data processing at Brazosport High School. In the summers, Gilbert would work at Dow Chemical Company, as well as take classes for his master's degree. He later went to work for Brazosport College where he was instrumental in the formation of the Computer Science Department and was the department head for over 20 years.

Gilbert loved his family and spent countless hours coaching them, helping them with homework, and driving them to sporting events. He never missed a school function his children participated in, and he always encouraged them to try their best in everything they did. He was also active in his church as a Eucharistic Minister, an usher, a member of the Knights of Columbus and the first president of the local chapter of the KJT (Czech Catholic Men). He and Veronica enjoyed playing bunco and 42 dominoes with their longtime friends and liked playing bingo weekly at Carriage Inn. Once retired, Gilbert also enjoyed his weekly coffee and discussion time with his "Wild Bunch" group of men, and he enjoyed the "College Oldies" group he helped organize and meet with monthly. One of his callings in life for over 15 years was organizing and working at the Knights of Columbus-sponsored blood drive. He was recognized as an Outstanding Blood Drive Chairman for the entire Houston area.

Gilbert is survived by his wife of 69 years, Veronica; his children, Dwayne Bohuslav (Joanne) of San Antonio, Texas; Yvonne Thornton (John) of Wichita Falls, Texas; Pam Gardner Taylor (Gene) of Phoenix, Arizona; Roger Bohuslav (Marcela) of Buda, Texas; Michele Lancelot (David) of Weston, Florida; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was the best Popo to ten grandchildren: Josh Thornton (Jesse), Lindsay Thornton Casey (Lance), Alex Gardner Porter (Jack), Ray Bohuslav, Cooper Gardner, Grey Gardner, Grace Lancelot, Kate Lancelot, Jack Lancelot and Michael Bohuslav. He was also blessed to have eight great-grandchildren who loved his big bear hugs and enjoyed him getting on the floor to play with them even in recent years!



Kevin Michael McFarland
September 11, 1993 - November 24, 2024

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**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**



Lorine Clara (Chovanec) Michalsky
August 17, 1932—May 15, 2025

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Marie Adele Tupa
October 22, 1929 - September 12, 2025

Marie Tupa, a loving wife, mother and grandmother, went to heaven on September 12, 2025, at the age of 95. Marie was born in Holman, Fayette County, Texas, to parents Felix and Angela Cernosek Schultz. Marie grew up on a farm during the depression, living a simple life that the depression required. Marie only attended school through 8th grade which was common for girls living in farm communities during this time period. Marie knew the importance of education though, so she earned her GED later in life. Her strong belief in education was also shown by her making sure that her two daughters, Gayle and Tina and her 4 grandchildren all earned college degrees, something Marie was very proud of.



In 1950, Marie made the bold decision as an independent, single, young woman to move alone to Houston. She worked as a babysitter and various other jobs, including production lines at Dentler Chips and a window blind company in the Heights. Her next adventure came in 1954. She made the big decision to travel alone, to Germany, to be with her sweetheart from LaGrange, Julius Victor Tupa, stationed in Bad Kreuznach. They married soon afterwards in Mainz, on a military base. While in Germany, Marie and Julius welcomed their first daughter Gayle Lynn Tupa in 1955.

Marie spoke often of growing up in LaGrange surrounded by all her relatives, attending picnics and tending to the farm, including memories of often sneaking off to the “peace” of the nearby woods lining the pastures. She turned into a dog lover, enjoying her visits with Bo and Archie. Marie was a founding charter member of St Jerome Catholic Church in Spring Branch; Marie and Julius were the first King and Queen of the Houston P.O.L.K. of A. Club, and she was a member of Catholic Daughters, SPJST and KJZT. Marie also spent many years being an active member of the Campbell Woods Civic club.

Marie is preceded in death by parents Felix and Angela Schultz, loving husband of 48 years, Julius Victor Tupa, brothers Felix Schultz and John Schultz. She is survived by daughter, Gayle and husband Tom Boney, daughter, Tina and husband Erik Stankus, grandchildren Jason Boney, Lindsay Boney, Stephen Stankus, Kendall Stankus, great grandchildren Hannah Boney, Brett Boney, and Olivia Boney, along with many nephews and nieces. Mom never let weeds grow under her feet and not in her yard. Mom was our Energizer Bunny, she kept on going. We love you Mom.

Visitation and Rosary were held at Waltrip Funeral Directors in Houston on September 18th. The Funeral Mass took place September 19 at the Epiphany of the Lord Catholic Church, in Katy, Texas.



Marilyn Agnes Adamcik
June 2, 1934—May 8, 2025

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Mildred Marie Hollas
September 8, 1933 - April 9, 2025

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

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Willie Victor Bohuslav, Jr.
September 29, 1932—March 9, 2025

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

PLCTM Seeks Leadership

The Polka Lovers Club of Texas Museum (PLCTM) is seeking dedicated individuals to join the Board of Directors to help advance the Power of Polka and follow the mission "To Provide a Facility to Preserve, Promote and Educate Polka Music and Dance."

A Director must be a Member of PLCTM
For an Application email: info@plctm.com

May the Power of Polka Be With You!



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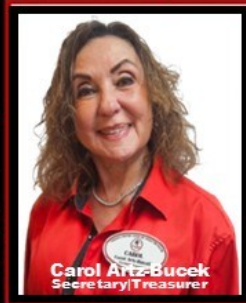
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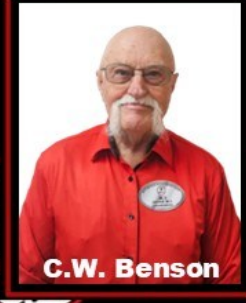
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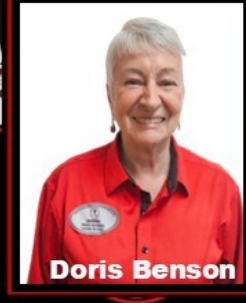
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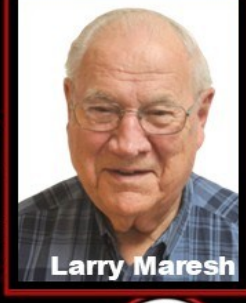
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