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WILL BEQUEST

If you would like to include Polka Lovers Club of Texas Museum in your will, take the below sample wording to your estate attorney. He or she will ensure that your wishes are correctly put in place.

“I give, devise and bequeath to the Polka Lovers Club of Texas Museum (PLCTM), federal tax ID no. 37-1544544, the sum of \$ _____ or _____ percent of the rest, residue and remainder of my estate for its general purposes and/or endowment.”

YEAR-END GIFT

Consider a year-end gift to be used to complete the museum’s \$100,000 endowment goal. Reaching that objective, the museum will forever be perpetuated to keep the museum open for future generations to enjoy and keep our polka heritage alive. The funds received will be specifically dedicated to that purpose. Contributions are received with deep gratitude for your support of this endeavor. Please make check payable to PLCTM, P. O. Box 72, La Grange, TX 78945-0072.

PLEASE NOTE: Members receive two newsletters annually and an Appreciation Luncheon each November. Donations are tax-deductible and will be published in the PLCTM newsletter.

FUTURE PLANS

The present museum has 1,000 sq. ft. and the proposed expansion of an additional 1,500 sq. ft. will provide restrooms, archive/exhibit space, small kitchen and storage area. The end result will be a great gathering venue for annual events, displays/exhibits, business meetings, parties and educational events.

TAKE A TOUR

If you love the music that cannot help but make you feel good, the Polka Lovers Club of Texas Museum is a must-see when you are visiting other historical sites in Fayette County.

Group tour and individual tours are welcomed and available by appointment. Admission is free. Handicap parking is available.

For additional information:

Contact Polka Lovers Club of Texas Museum President Willie Bohuslav at 512-347-1078, by mail to 515 Yaupon Valley Road, Austin, TX 78746-3541, or by email to JWBohuslav@aol.com



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Polka Lovers Club of Texas Museum HOELSCHER HAUS

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Dedicated to preserving and promoting polka music.

The Polka Lovers Club of Texas Museum (PLCTM) – Hoelscher Haus is located in a beautifully restored farmhouse, which is over 135 years old.

The rooms are filled with photos, instruments and memorabilia from Texas polka artists such as Jimmy Brosch, Leo Majek, Joe Patek, Ray Krenek, and the Migl and Baca families. The museum also houses memorabilia of the Texas Chapter of the Polka Lovers Klub of America, including uniforms, parade trophies and scrapbooks that tell the history of the Klub since its founding in 1989.



The museum's music center features a jukebox stacked with .45-rpm recordings of polka greatest hits from bands throughout the United States, as well as a Victrola for spinning .78-rpm and .33-rpm recordings. Visitors can also enjoy videos of polka band performances and festivals.

HOELSCHER HAUS HISTORY

The Anton Hoelscher Sr. family immigrated to Texas from Olfen, Germany in 1846. Anton Hoelscher Jr. and his wife, Elizabeth Ahsen-Bruse, built the Hoelscher Haus in 1878 near Ellinger, Texas. The home's "salt box" architectural style features a long porch across the front, two rooms on the lower floor and two rooms upstairs.



Anton Jr.'s great-grandson Henry Hoelscher and his wife, Esther, of Houston, gift-deeded the historic

home to PLCTM on October 12, 2005. The structure was moved a few days later to the Farm Village at the Texas Czech Heritage and Cultural Center (TCHCC), located on the Fayette County Fairgrounds in La Grange.

Restoration of the Hoelscher Haus to become a museum began on November 16, 2005. The walls that enclosed the front porch were removed and returned to a long

front porch suitable for an evening of just sitting, visiting and listening to polka music. The siding and roof were repaired and a fresh coat of paint preserves both the interior and exterior.

Polka Lovers Club of Texas Museum – Hoelscher Haus – held its first official organizational meeting on November 20, 2005. A total of 109 charter/founder members, including charter memorials, each donated \$500 to renovate the haus into a museum. The names of the charter members are on special display in the museum and can also be found on our website texaspolkalovers.com.

IN THE VILLAGE

The Farm Village at TCHCC is made up of structures donated by other Czech and German immigrants to Texas, including the Kalich House, Migl House, Hluchanek House, Bucek Store, Wallachian Bell and Belfry and Double Log Corn Crib. Further west of PLCTM is the Sanford Schmid Outdoor Amphitheatre and north of the amphitheatre is the Fair Pavilion.

Unlike the above-mentioned homes donated to TCHCC, the Hoelscher Haus is solely owned and operated by PLCTM, a 501(c)(3) organization. The museum and property on which it stands is maintained and managed exclusively by PLCTM.

SUPPORT THE MUSEUM

The Polka Lovers Club of Texas Museum – Hoelscher Haus is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) corporation. Its success depends on the annual sustaining gifts, donations and memorial/tribute contributions from individuals, nonprofit organizations, corporations and all others who are interested in preserving polka music for future generations. All contributions are tax-deductible.



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FRIENDS OF PLCTM CATEGORIES

- Annex Construction Fund \$
- Permanent Endowment Fund \$
- \$5,001 - \$10,000 Polka Platinum Member
- \$4,001 - \$5,000 Polka Gold Member
- \$3,001 - \$4,000 Polka Silver Member
- \$2,001 - \$3,000 Polka Bronze Member
- \$1,001 - \$2,000 Polka Benefactor
- \$500 - \$1,000 Polka President's Circle
- \$400 Polka Promoter
- \$300 Polka Band Leader
- \$200 Polka Musician
- \$100 Polka Dancer
- \$50 Polka Supporter
- \$12 Sustaining Member
- Donation of polka memorabilia

MEMORIAL AND TRIBUTE GIFTS

Honor a family member or friend with a gift. All memorials and tributes will be listed in the Special Recognition Journal. Gifts in any amount are gratefully accepted and appreciated! Recipients will be notified of your thoughtful gesture.

In Memory of _____

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