

## REUNION MINUTES

July 18, 2009

The meeting of the 68<sup>th</sup> Reunion of the von Rosenberg Family of Texas was called to order by Pam Peters, President, at 1:00 p.m. on July 18, 2009. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the President welcomed everyone.

Reeves Meerscheidt traveled the farthest distance, coming from Wyoming. Edna von Rosenberg, at 99 years of age, was the oldest family member present. The youngest member present was Rylie Dewhitt, three months old.

Graduations, births, marriages, and special wedding anniversaries were among the family achievements reported. Clois & Nettie Green celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in June; Oscar & Sherrie Lytton celebrated their 59<sup>th</sup> anniversary in June; and Robert & Sue von Rosenberg will celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in August.

Self-introductions were made. There were approximately 90 members in attendance for the business meeting.

Motion was made, seconded, and carried to dispense with the reading of the Minutes from last year's meeting. Forrest Campbell read the Treasurer's Report, showing an ending balance of \$5,087.95. Forrest also informed the Family that there will be an increase in the cost at the camp next year. The new charges will be included in the Spring newsletter.

Historian's Report: Arthur von Rosenberg, Chairman of the Historical Committee, gave some interesting information regarding the family connections back in Germany. Arthur also announced that Ann Barnes has sent all the historical records to him.

### Old Business:

There was a review of the book inventory. The remainder of the tee-shirts we had made a few years ago are here and on sale; sizes are limited.

### New Business:

Election of Officers – the following officers were elected by acclamation: President - Neale Rabensburg; Vice President – David von Rosenberg; Secretary – Debbie Smith; Treasurer – Forrest Campbell.

Pam Peters told the members how much she has enjoyed being the President and thanked Shirley Meerscheidt for being her Secretary. She was thanked with a standing ovation.

Motion made, seconded, and carried to hold the 2010 Reunion here at Camp Lone Star at the same time as this year.

The President announced that at 3:30 pm this afternoon, we will have a reading written by Ray von Rosenberg, with a large cast of readers/entertainers. At last year's Reunion, Part One entitled "The Trip" was presented. This is Part Two, entitled "Life in Texas". It will bring to life the Immigration Letters written by Amanda to her sister in Germany, giving a view of what life was like in Texas back then.

Neale Rabensburg was thanked for the tour of the Train Depot and Museum, which was taken this morning.

Neale invited everyone to the Meerscheidt House tonight at 7:00 p.m. for a dessert reception. We will again have live music by Pam's sister Pat and her polka band from Austin.

Pam Peters encouraged everyone to participate in the silent auction, as this is one way we pay for the expenses of the Reunion.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Shirley Meerscheidt  
Secretary

Sunday, July 19, 2009

The Memorial service was held at 10:00 am, led by Clois Green. The following deaths have been reported since last we met:

Mary "Pug" Noll died November 30, 2007 (Branch VII)

Richard Arthur Scheneck died July 11, 2008 at the age of 88 (Branch I)

Stanley L. Helmke died January 8, 2009 (Branch V)

Helen Esslinger von Rosenberg died May 3, 2009 (Branch IV)

Dorothea Helen Schenck Terrell died June 3, 2009 at the age of 91 (Branch I)

Following the memorial service, Darryl Green led the singing and devotional, which closed with the singing of the Doxology.

Shirley Meerscheidt  
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