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NEWSLETTER

Vice-Pres.

Ray

Von Rosenberg

Goodbye 1973! You have been a very good year. You have brought our family closer together than ever; you have increased our mailing list abundantly; and you have carried us great strides toward compiling a new Family Book.

Sec.

Phil

Meerscheidt

For the lucky who have survived the holiday season, I offer this Newsletter to launch a new year. I know you share the opinion with me that in a time of severe energy shortage, Santa Claus has proven once again he is the only one who can go around the world on eight bucks!

Treas.

Robert

Hein

VOL. I

Historian
Charles W.
Von Rosenberg

We still have copies of Vol. I available for those who want them. Vol. I is our first Family History Book published in 1949 and contains data on our 1st three generations. There are only some ten or twelve copies left so if you desire one, write to President Leo Meerscheidt III, 505 Antler, San Antonio, Texas, 78213. He will send you a bill for \$5.00 plus postage.

Chairmen:

CONGRATULATIONS

Branch 1
Alfred
Wupperman

The Craig N. Langs of New Orleans write, "We had a set of twins (girls, fraternal) in July, 1973, and we are very curious about the occurrence of twins in the von Rosenberg family. Are there many sets"? I know there are several sets of twins listed in Vol. I but I am not too up on this subject. If you know of twins, living or passed, write me, the Secretary, about it and I'll form a list. It would be interesting to see how often the birth of twins occurs in our family. Thank you, Craig Langs, for bringing up the question and please accept our congratulations on the blessed event.

Branch 2
Helen
Walker

CORRECTIONS!

Branch 3
Charles W.
Von Rosenberg

Mrs. Roy A. Hornberger of Corpus Christi informs me the Newsletter of Feb. 4, 1973, stated Roy and Otho Hornberger passed away in 1971. It should have said 1972. An old Corpus Christian thanks you for sending this, Mrs. Roy A.

Branch 4
Dorothy
Neese

Speaking of deaths and death notices, you should also know I reported the deaths of Hugo Hornberger of Austin and Mrs. Charles W. von Rosenberg of Montrose, Colorado, in the Oct. 15, 1973, Newsletter. These reports are also in error as these two fine people are still very much alive. When you report deaths to me either by means of letters or verbally at the reunions, I, in turn, report them to all our members via the Newsletter. If you tell me wrong, there is no way I'll know the difference and chances are we'll have more erroneous reports in the future. Consequently, I am asking you to be very sure of your information before you report a death to me. A clipping from the obituary columns of newspapers would be the best means of reporting a death. Please be sure of your death notices to me in the future, O.K.?

Branch 5
Florence
Helmke

Branch 6
None

Branch 7
H. Clark
Von Rosenberg

On behalf of the entire Association, we offer our deepest apologies to Hugo Hornberger and Mrs. Charles W. von Rosenberg for these false reports.

Branch 8
Charles W.
Von Rosenberg

I am pleased to announce, speaking of Hugo Hornberger, that he and his fine wife celebrated their 52nd anniversary on October 11, 1973. Cheers!

Some of you have written asking about how the city of Rosenberg was named and who for. The family reunion will meet in Rosenberg on June 30, 1974, of course. Charles W. von Rosenberg of Dallas, our Family Historian, says "The Rosenberg for whom the city was named, as I understand it, was an official of the Santa Fe Railroad and much of Galveston has to do with him. A Rosenberg High School, a library, street, etc. were named for him--but this particular Rosenberg wasn't a relative of our von Rosenberg family." Can anyone else add information to this question? Time permitting, I intend to visit Rosenberg and see what I can dig up and report it in the May Newsletter. Meantime, let me hear from you if you know anything about this fellow Rosenberg. Maybe there is a connection of some kind.

ARE YOU INCLUDED?

I wish, at this time, to pay special tribute to the Branch Chairmen of our Family who are listed on page one of this Newsletter. These are the folks, along with Charles W., who have been working continuously for several years now gathering thousands of pieces of information necessary in forming Vol. II. If you'd stop and think about it, you would see what a gigantic task it would be if you yourself sought to print a Family Record Book, particularly when you consider the size of our family. It would take you forever. Our Branch Chairmen are totally dependent upon you to furnish them the information they need to document you and your immediate family into the History Book. If you have responded to their questionnaires, you'll probably come out pretty good in the next book. If you haven't, and I'm told there are entirely too many who haven't, you're going to be like Santa Claus without "three of his bucks." For shame!

I would like to list a couple of items from a letter I received from Charles W., a letter dated December 1, 1973:

1. Any information of events--birth, marriage, deaths, in-laws, or other information in the statistical ("vital statistics" on the information) sheets can still be included through 1973, if received before Jan. 10, 1974, as the copy for the printer contains blanks which can easily be filled in. Biographical material can not be promised to be included though I'll try.
2. Send all information directly to him: Charles W. von Rosenberg, 2717 Oxford Terrace #6217, Dallas, Texas, 75205. DO NOT, DO NOT, send this information to the Secretary because there is no time to forward it to Charles W., which it would certainly have to be.

Charles W. ends his letter with this statement, "Today's mail has been delivered. Nothing new has come in. There will have to be a good many entries in the book---"No Response Received." So there you are. You have till Jan. 10th to get your information to Charles W. if you wish it included in Vol. II. If you don't, maybe you can get it into Vol. III which will probably be printed 50 or 60 years from now.

WHO IS?

Many keep writing "I keep receiving letters from Phil Meerscheidt who is nothing but a name to me. Tell me about yourself." O.K. I was born in Laredo, Texas, Oct. 31, 1932, the son of Alexander and Anna Lucille Meerscheidt. Graduated from Laredo Martin High School in 1950, spent 3 years as a Navy musician, received my Bachelor of Music degree from the University of Texas in 1956, was a High School band director for 5 years, spent 6 years in band instrument sales for Bledsoe Music Co. in Corpus Christi, 4 years as manager of the Central Park branch store of San Antonio Music Co., and the last two years as piano and organ salesman for Brook Mays Co. of Houston. I was charter Sec. of the Central Park Lions Club in San Antonio. My lovely wife for 22 years is named Dot; a son, Alan, age 21, now in the submarine service and married to Kay; a daughter, Pamela, age 18, a freshman education major at the University of Houston; a daughter, Patricia, age 15, 10th grader at Alief High School in Houston; a son, Robert, age 3. For those who asked, there you are!

The Oct. 15th Newsletter made a plea for at least a \$5.00 donation to the operating budget and for down-payments and loans for Vol. II. I believe in people gaining credit and thanks when they respond to a worthy cause. Here is how we have them:

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Edwin A. Young	Sun City, Arizona	5.00	5.00	
Richard Youngblood	Marble Falls	1.00		
		Totals	376.00	1546.00
				450.00

53 households gave to the budget; 70 households gave down-payments; 3 households rendered loans; 37 households gave to both budget and down-payments. If your name is absent from this list, you need to get it on there immediately.

If you wish to donate \$5.00 to the operating budget, send your check of \$5.00 or more to: Phil Meerscheidt, 6301 Ranchester #62, Houston, Texas. Make it payable to "The von Rosenberg Family of Texas."

You may still order copies of Vol. II if you hurry. We do not know their final price per copy but send a down-payment of \$10.00 per copy you wish to: Robert Hein, 413 Ridgemont, San Antonio, Texas, 78209. If you wish them mailed to you, please add \$1.00 per copy.

If you wish to loan the Association money, interest free, and Goodness knows we need it, to insure printing of the book, send this money also to Robert Hein. You will be repaid when the books are sold.

I will be sending out another list of donators and folks who ordered Vol. II in the May Newsletter=.=. LET'S BE SURE YOUR NAME IS ON IT! We need you.

On the pages following, you will find again our complete master mailing list consisting of 407 households. Only 53 of this 407 has answered the plea for money. Come on! PLEASE do your part and let's put this thing over in a big way.