

The Von Rosenberg Family of Texas

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NEWSLETTER

THE 1976 REUNION

SECRETARY

Phil
Meerscheidt

"PUSH THE BUTTON":

TREASURER

Robert
Hein

Date: Sunday, July 18th, 1976.

Time: Register at 10:00 a.m.

HISTORIAN

Charles W.
von Rosenberg

Place: Aggie Park, San Antonio, Texas.

BRANCH CHAIRMEN:

You and your family are invited to the 1976 Reunion of the VON ROSENBERG FAMILY REUNION ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS, the 35th such Reunion, the 37th year of the Association, the 110th year after Peter Carl's death, and the 7th year since the Reunion has been held in historic San Antonio.

BRANCH #1

Alfred
Wupperman

"PUSH THE BUTTON"

BRANCH #2

Helen
Walker

I hope this Newsletter doesn't parallel a situation I heard of recently at the University of Texas at Austin. Mounted on the wall of a restroom is one of those hot-air machines for drying one's hands. A sign taped next to the actuating button reads: "For a short lecture by the Dean, PUSH THE BUTTON."

BRANCH #3

Charles W.
von Rosenberg

Now that's one kind of button but I wish to remind you of another important one, your "Hot Button of Family Enthusiasm." It is earnestly requested that you "Push Your Button" and attend the Reunion in July. Bring your immediate family, your uncles, aunts, brothers, sisters, and parents. "Push Your Button; Push Theirs."

BRANCH #4

Dorothy
Neese

THE 1976 REUNION

BRANCH #5

Florence
Helmke

Please register at 10:00 a.m., Sunday, July 18, 1976, at Aggie Park in San Antonio, Texas. The 28th Reunion of June, 1969, Lois Carnes, President, met at Aggie Park. If you were there, you know where it is. Others should know that Aggie Park is located on West Ave., $\frac{1}{2}$ block north of Northwest Loop 410. Get yourself on Northwest Loop 410 and exit on West Ave. which is between San Pedro Ave. (U.S. 281 N) and I.H. 10 N (U.S. 87). The park is immediately north of the Loop, on your left.

BRANCH #6

None

BRANCH #7

H. Clark
von Rosenberg

BRANCH #8

Charles W.
von Rosenberg

Established May 7, 1939

Please bring food, service, and cold drinks if desired. Coffee, tea, and ice will be furnished. In addition to a very interesting program furnished by the San Antonio Host Committee, Charles W. von Rosenberg, our Historian from Dallas, will give us a progress report on the translations of some 400 odd von Rosenberg and Meerscheidt letters found in the University of Texas library by President Ray von Rosenberg of Taft, Texas. Another major attraction will be announced later in this Newsletter (The Big Button). The meeting hall is air-conditioned, by the way.

THE SOCIAL EVENING

By even more popular demand, we will again hold a Social Evening the night before the Reunion. This will be held Saturday night, July 17th, 1976, 5:00 p.m., at historic LaVillita and are you in for a treat? It is appropriately named: "A Night on the San Antonio River" and will be a delightful evening.

THE SOCIAL EVENING SCHEDULE

5:00 to 6:00 Gather at LaVillita (Juarez Plaza)--beer and soft drinks.
6:00 to 7:15 Eat----Bar-b-que with all the trimmings.
7:30 to 8:15 Boat ride on the romantic San Antonio River.
8:30 to 10:15 Mexican "Fiesta Noche Del Rio" show--Arneson River Theatre.
10:30 to ????? Return to Lavillita, the motel, or home.

DETAILS FOR THE SOCIAL EVENING

1. LaVillita is located downtown by HemisFair Plaza on Villita street, between S. Alamo (just south of the Hilton Palacio Del Rio Hotel) and S. Presa street.
2. After eating and visiting at LaVillita, we walk one block to the boats for the beautiful and enchanting trip on the River.
3. The boats will eventually deliver us to Arneson River Theatre for a very fine and delightful Mexican singing and dancing show.
4. Easy walking distance from the Theatre back to LaVillita after the show.
5. Cost: As usual, the Social Evening is on a "Dutch" Basis. Charges will be \$5.00 for each adult (age 15 and over); \$4.00 for each child (14 and younger) including everything. We may have to take up a small additional collection but the Host Committee doesn't think so.
6. One change this year is that we are asking you to send in your Social Evening money immediately so that we may eliminate any confusion at the door.
7. 79 Family members attended the Social Evening last year in La Grange so don't think you'll be the only one there. Please take this great opportunity to increase your time in meeting your relatives, visiting with your relatives, and having fun.

THE MOTEL

Your San Antonio Host Committee has designated La Quinta Downtown as the head-quarter motel. It is located at 1001 E. Commerce St. and is only 3 blocks walking distance to LaVillita, thereby eliminating parking problems for you. It can be reached by taking the Commerce St.-The Alamo exit off I.H. 37 south.

You must arrange your own motel reservations. Please write to: La Quinta Motor Inn, 1001 E. Commerce St., San Antonio, Texas, 78205. Please ask information for their phone number as I don't have it. Their rates follow on page 3.

Rates: one bed	one person	15.00	-3-
one bed	two persons	17.50	
two beds	two persons	19.50	
each additional person in room		3.50	
roll-a-way bed-children under 12		free	
roll-a-way bed-adult over 12		3.50	

TO THE HOSTS

The one thing I've really learned about this great clan since becoming Secretary, in addition to responding pretty well with their donations, is that when there is work to be done for the Family, it gets done in 1st class fashion. Look at Vol. I, Vol. II, and the past Reunions. There's been some outstanding work going on that takes a back seat to no one. You'll find the San Antonio Host Committee to be "Right on Line" when you attend the Reunion this year. Just to mention a few, Sara and Leo Meerscheidt, Jr. are the Chairpersons, Treasurer Robert Hein and Nancy have taken a major role, Florence Helmke, Chairman of Branch V, heads their telephone committee, Lois Carnes and her daughters will take care of supplying and serving the drinks, Sonny and Joan Campbell will head the greeting committee, and many others who will be recognized in the next Newsletter. To you fine folks, a prior "Thanks" for what we know will be another 1st class effort. As I said last year, you folks in Austin will have "Another Tough Act to Follow."

SPEAKING OF 1977

The 1977 Reunion will be held in Austin. Your officers have requested that you members in Austin get together immediately and choose your Host Chairpersons and other committee members so we can start getting underway. Please let your Secretary know when you have made your selections.

Lois Carnes reports her mother, Anna Campbell, of San Antonio, had an emergency operation in April of this year--18" of gangrenous intestine were removed. She came through in fine shape but of course, she should have, she's only 86. Truly another "Button of Enthusiasm."

FROM OUR HISTORIAN

Charles W. von Rosenberg, Historian of our Association, reports the following:

1. Michael M. Fricke is an attorney in Port Lavaca, Texas.
His address is: Box 65 1015 North Virginia, Port Lavaca, Texas, 77979.
2. Lonm Taylor, director of Winedale Inn Museum in Round Top and speaker at our last two Reunions has authored a book: Texas Furniture. He also wrote a foreword to: Chronicles of Fayette which mentions Arthur Meerscheidt.
3. Of his immediate need for some more good German-to-English translators to help him and Anna Campbell translate the University of Texas von Rosenberg and Meerscheidt letters. If you can help, please write Charles W. at:
2717 Oxford Terrace #6217
Dallas, Texas 75205
4. Maurice Granville (Johannes Branch), Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of Texaco, Inc., New York City, was one of six awarded the Distinguished Alumnus Award by the Ex-Students' Ass'n. of the University of Texas for 1975. Maurice has indeed "Pushed the Button."

Mildred Shiner, wife of Jack Shiner, El Paso, reports they are doing fine. Jack keeps busy with his greenhouse, vegetable garden, yard work, and reading. Mildred does her housework, reads, and waters in the yard. Fine people, the Shiners.

I'M LOST! HELP FIND ME!

The following members of our Association are in our "lost" category. All mail sent to them is being returned by the P.O. Dept. as undeliverable and with no forwarding addresses. Would you please read through the list and see if you know any current addresses needed and send them to your Secretary. These are the lost:

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| Eddie D. Adams | William C. Hunt II |
| William Myron & Valerie Adams | Chellie Louise Jackson |
| John Christian Amberson | William & Suzanne Jones |
| Joseph H. & Rosemary Amberson, Jr. | Nancy Lee Lamberth |
| Joseph Harris Amberson III | Richard Carlton Linnstaedter |
| Mary Elaine Amberson | Ronald Ernest Linnstaedter |
| Olga Katherine Amberson | Randall Keith Lowry, Jr. |
| Robert Morgan Barrow | Elizabeth Marie Montgomery |
| Sharon Carlene Barrow | James Burford Montgomery |
| Paula Kaye Bernhardt | Jack Nowlin |
| Richard Paul Bernhardt, Jr. | Donald Rabensburg |
| Daniel W. Booth | Juanell Rabensburg |
| Deborah Louise Booth | Jimmie D. Roberson |
| James W. Booth | Kenneth & Susan Ruddick |
| Michael Brewer | Donald & Linda Sabletura |
| Oscar M. & Patricia Causey | Jerry Scholz |
| William Robert Connelly | Patricia Ann Scholz |
| Karen Kay Dittert | Charles & Patricia Simmons |
| Ivan Wesley Eaks | Walter Eugene & Dorothy Simms, Jr. |
| Henry Dee Fitzgibbon, Jr. | Gilbert Allen Speckels |
| Henry Dee & Barbara Fitzgibbon | Gilbert Otto & Margaret Speckels, Jr. |
| Karen Dee Fitzgibbon | Jack Lee Speckles |
| Linda Lee Fitzgibbon | Janet Speckels |
| Patricia Loraine Fitzgibbon | Jay George Stevens |
| Eugene Fricke | Stephen R. Stevens |
| June Lorie Fricke | Roger Kent Tedder |
| Karen Ann Fricke | Stanley R. Troop |
| Lee Roy & Vera Fricke | John L. Trujillo |
| Thomas Lee Fricke | Gloria Lucinda Urrutia |
| Randy & Susan J. Hall | Laurie Ann von Rosenberg |
| Hurley & Kristina Hayden | Joseph Carl & Jo Ann Wiggins |
| William D. & Carolyn Howell | Nancy Lee Wiggina |
| Ann Elizabeth Hunt | Richard Lee Wilson |
| John Christopher & Mary Hunt | Kathy Diane Wilson |

Mrs. W. E. (Maureen) Hodge of Deer Park, Texas, reports a new address for Gary F. Hodge: 3221 Elizabeth, Dallas. The zip is unknown.

DEATHS SINCE 1975 REUNION

Mrs. Ed (Johanna von Rosenberg) Moss, of La Grange, died Oct. 16, 1975.

Del F. Neese of San Antonio, died on or about July 18, 1975.

Carl Waldo von Rosenberg of Montrose, Colorado, died Feb. 22, 1976.

Ernest J. von Rosenberg of Austin, died Dec. 29, 1975.

Frank J. von Rosenberg of San Angelo, died Jan. 22, 1976, at age of 92. He was one of the last few members of Generation II. He is survived by his wife Bertie, a brother, Edgar and sister-in-law Maggie of San Angelo, 2 step daughters, and many nieces and nephews.

Alex Meerscheidt of Rockport was in intensive care recently but is o.k. and home.

Your Family Secretary has changed addresses. Any and all correspondence from the time you receive this Newsletter should be mailed to the new address:

Phil Meerscheidt 8474 Leawood Houston, Texas 77072

Erie von Rosenberg, wife of H. Clark von Rosenberg of Houston, reports the marriage of Emilie Julia Wingo, daughter of Dr. William and Laura Wingo of Birmingham, Alabama, to Thomas L. Shinnick, May 30, 1976, in Houston. Congratulations are in order. They reside at: 1700 Hermann Dr. #1408, Houston, Texas, 77004.

Tom is a computer science major at the University of Houston. Welcome aboard, Tom. Bet he knows about "Buttons." We'll get acquainted at the Reunion in July.

BIRTHS

(Little Buttons)

Heidi Lynn Foster, daughter of Mike and Rosalee Foster of Colorado Springs, Colo., born July 12, 1975. Grandparents are Leo and Sara Meerscheidt, Jr. of San Antonio, Texas. (One Button).

Travis Prescott Hamer, son of Frank and Ruth Ann Hamer III of Houston, born Feb. 5, 1974. Grandmother is Mrs. Charles G. Bissell of San Marcos.

Megan Elizabeth Meerscheidt, daughter of P. Alan and Kay Meerscheidt of San Antonio, born Feb. 27, 1976. Grandparents are Phil and Dot Meerscheidt of Houston.

Troy Rives Meerscheidt, son of Rives and Becca Meerscheidt currently stationed in Germany, born Feb. 7, 1976. Grandparents are Leo and Sara Meerscheidt, Jr. of San Antonio, Texas. (Two Buttons).

Tammy Kay Melton, daughter of Shearld and Janice Melton of Alamagorda, N. M., born July 25, 1975. Tammy is one of 5 great, great grandchildren of Edgar and Maggie von Rosenberg of San Angelo, Texas.

James Wilson Schock II, son of James and Kathleen Schock of San Antonio, born July 29, 1975. Grandparents are Leo and Sara Meerscheidt, Jr. again. (3 Buttons).

Kelly Christine Trenckmann, daughter of Robert W. and Barbara Trenckmann of Boise, Idaho, born May 6, 1975. Grandparents are Robert and Melba Trenckmann of Elma, Washington.

Heidi L. von Rosenberg, daughter of Dr. Charles W. and Anne Luther von Rosenberg of Belmont, Mass., born Oct. 31, 1973.

Juanita Albin, wife of Don Albin of Ft. Collins, Colo., and grand-daughter of Laura von Rosenberg, journeyed to Holland, Spain, and Germany in Dec. of 1975. They were also in Texas recently.

KNOW YOUR OFFICERS

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Historian: Charles W. von Rosenberg	2717 Oxford Terrace #6217	Dallas	75205

Betty Campbell, daughter of Forrest M. Campbell of Somerset, New Jersey, is attending college at San Francisco Art Institute. Her address: 2800 Turk Blvd., San Francisco, Calif. 94118.

His son, Charles Donald Campbell, has opened his own travel agency in New Jersey and is doing well in the new venture. (Moving Buttons).

You are reminded that copies of Vol. II are still available and ready for immediate delivery. You may either pick them up at the Reunion in San Antonio for \$12.00 a copy or have them mailed to you for \$13.00 a copy. As the years go by, this work becomes more appreciated. Please order from your Secretary.

DONATIONS

Like death and taxes, I must remind it is time once again for your annual \$5.00 donation or more to the 1976-1977 Family Operating Budget. Members attending the July Reunion may contribute theirs at that time; those who cannot attend are requested to mail their contribution to the Secretary, beginning immediately please. Those who have never contributed anything are requested to bring themselves up-to-date as well as for the coming Family year.

In addition to those contained in the Dec. 1975 Newsletter, the following member donations are acknowledged: (all are \$5.00 unless otherwise notated)

Cohen H. Adams, Austin
Don Albin, Ft. Collins, Colo.
Jim Helmke, Seguin
Stanley L. Helmke, San Antonio
H. Kenneth Lunsmann, Houston
Julia Miller, Ballinger
Robert Miller, Ballinger

Jack Shiner, El Paso
Robert J. Trenckmann, Elma, Wash. 10.00
Charles H. von R., Fayetteville, N. C.
Dr. Charles W. von R., Belmont, Mass. 10.00
H. Clark von Rosenberg, Houston
Patricia Weeks, Seattle, Wash.
Thank you, one and all.

THE BIG "BUTTON"

Many Family members have, from time to time, asked me about the availability of the booklet containing letters of: The Emigration of the von Rosenbergs to Texas which was first translated and published by Walter Wupperman in 1938 and published again by Mrs. Harold (Monte von Rosenberg) Fletcher in 1960. The booklet contains letters written by Amanda Fallier to a lady in Germany and describes vividly the conditions in Germany which made the Pioneer Family embark for America, explicit details of life aboard the ship "Franciska" during the voyage, and a good explanation of both the acquisition of Nassau Plantation and how they found living conditions there.

Inasmuch as copies of the first 2 editions have long been exhausted and because many of our youngsters have come of age and developed an interest on a subject such as this, I have retyped the pages in total and caused to have printed a 3rd edition of this popular work. There are only minimal corrections from the first 2 editions with one new page added by myself. It is bound in a beautiful green cover, with black writing, and the two coats-of-arms are prominently displayed on the front. It looks very nice and the printing inside and outside is 1st class. It is not mimeographed and is therefore very easy to read.

They are now available. You may pick up your copies at the Reunion in San Antonio for \$5.00 per copy or you may have them mailed to you for \$5.00 per copy plus \$1.00 postage and handling charge or a total of \$6.00 per copy. If you wish them mailed, send a check of the appropriate amount made payable to "The von Rosenberg Family" to your Family Secretary and we'll fill your order sometime right after the Reunion.

This is a rare opportunity to add an "anchor" or "foundation" piece of work to your von Rosenberg collection of literature and we should be very appreciative for the time and effort spent by Walter Wupperman when he translated the letters, as well as to Monte Fletcher when she prepared and published the 2nd edition. Again, the 3rd edition should be ordered from your Secretary.

Our thanks to Richard Belcher of Calif., nephew of the Secretary, for aiding the Family with his printing. The "Emigrations" and page 1 letterhead are only a part.

ABOUT YOUR CHECK

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In order to expedite everything and eliminate confusion, you are asked to write out and send only one check for everything you want to your Secretary. There are these items available for your consideration:

1. \$ 5.00 per adult (15 or over) for the Social Evening Sat., July 17th.
2. \$ 4.00 per child (14 or under) for the Social Evening.
3. \$ 5.00 annual donation for the Operating Budget, 1976-1977.
4. \$13.00 per copy of Vol. II.
5. \$ 6.00 per copy of the Emigration of the von Rosenbergs booklet.

Please determine what you need, total everything up, and send only one check made payable to "The von Rosenberg Family."

FROM THE VICE-PRESIDENT

Frederick A. von Rosenberg II of Dallas, in reference to my aggie joke in the Dec. 1975 Newsletter, reports (in fun): "As you know, (or should be aware of), the 8th Branch of the Family is a staunch bastion of Aggie heritage beginning in 1911 with Herbert, Uncle Charles W., and all males since. I wish to point out that we were outscored on that fateful Saturday, we were not beaten."

(This, of course, pertains to the Arkansas victory over A&M last fall).

IN CLOSING

You are urged once again to "Push your Button" of Family Enthusiasm and be in attendance at the Social Evening on July 17 and the Reunion on July 18th. We only fell 5 short in matching the attendance record last year in Round Top and I feel sure we'll go way over it this year. "Push your Button" and come be a part of it.

THE MOST IMPORTANT "BUTTON"

Please fill in the form below, clip it, and return it to me along with your check
BY JULY 8th, 1976

Cut here and return to: Phil M... ..