

# The Von Rosenberg Family of Texas

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## NEWSLETTER

### THE 1977 REUNION

## SECRETARY

Phil  
Meerscheidt

DATE: Sunday, July 17th, 1977

## TREASURER

Robert  
Hein

TIME: Register at 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: Knights of Columbus Hall  
Zilker Park, Austin, Texas

## HISTORIAN

Charles W.  
von Rosenberg

You and your family are invited to the 1977 Reunion of the VON ROSENBERG FAMILY REUNION ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS, the 36th such Reunion, the 38th year of the Association, the 111th year after Peter Carl's death, and many years since the Reunion has been held in the capitol city of Texas, beautiful, beautiful Austin.

## BRANCH CHAIRMEN:

### BRANCH #1

Alfred  
Wupperman

### BRANCH #2

Helen  
Walker

### BRANCH #3

Charles W.  
von Rosenberg

### OPPORTUNITY

We have a wonderful opportunity this year what's with the Reunion being held in Austin. Austin is not only a very beautiful city but is almost perfectly located in the center of Texas, making it easily accessible by all us members in Texas as well as by our members who will be coming in from other states.

### BRANCH #4

Dorothy  
Neese

Another opportunity also presents itself this year because we may set the all-time attendance record at a von Rosenberg Family Reunion inasmuch as we will be meeting in the city where more Family members live than any other city. If the Austin Family members attend as I know they will, the fact can be guaranteed.

### BRANCH #5

Florence  
Helmke

### REASON

Your officers are very interested in having a better than usual attendance this year not only because of the usual reasons but because of the discussion and decisions which must be made on our most immediate project, being that of publishing the batch of 400 von Rosenberg and Meerscheidt letters which have been translated and which are ready for the printer. What are we going to do about them? We need you and your family to come help decide so that we can get along with this major task.

### BRANCH #6

None

### BRANCH #7

H. Clark  
von Rosenberg

### BRANCH #8

Charles W.  
von Rosenberg

Established May 7, 1939

## DIRECTIONS TO KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HALL

For the benefit of those unfamiliar with Austin, there's two things you've got to know: 1) IH 35 is an expressway running north and south which just about splits the city in half. You must find and get on IH 35 (it is also known as 81, 290, or Interregional highway); 2) in the southern part of the city runs the Colorado river which splits the city east & west.

Therefore, get on IH 35 and exit on Riverside Dr. which is just south of the Colorado river. Head west on Riverside Dr. until you intersect with Barton Springs Rd. which you turn left on. Keep going straight and you get into Zilker Park, you will pass the Barton Springs swimming pool on your left but keep on straight. No turning off Barton Springs Rd. until you come to Columbus. Turn left on Columbus, go under the overpass (a highway) and you'll come to a little intersection which you turn right at. From there, simply follow the signs which say "Knights of Columbus Hall." Please note: from the corner of Barton Springs Rd. & Columbus where you turned left, it's not more than 3 blocks to the hall itself.

Couple of more notes: 1) if you're familiar with Austin, instead of IH 35 as explained above, you could have used either Lamar or Congress Ave. to get you to Barton Springs Rd. where you turn west; 2) about that river, if you're coming from the north, you must CROSS the river before exiting on Riverside Dr. to turn west; if you're coming from the south, you do NOT cross the river because Riverside Dr. is before the river. As I've said before, if you run into trouble stop somewhere, tell'em you're a von Rosenberg and that you're lost again! Ask'em the whereabouts of the Knights of Columbus Hall in Zilker Park.

### WHAT SHALL WE DO?

Please register at 10:00 a.m., Sunday, July 17, 1977, and bring food, service, and cold drinks if desired. Coffee, tea, and ice will be furnished by the Austin Host Committee.

In addition to our speaker, Ms. Audrey Bateman, curator of the T. C. Collection at the University of Texas, Charles W. von Rosenberg, our Historian from Dallas will show and lead the discussion about the 400 von Rosenberg and Meerscheidt letters. Also the next slate of officers will be elected at this Reunion.

As you can see, this Reunion will be an important one and we hope you make your plans now to be with us. The K of C Hall is 1st class and air-conditioned.

### THE SOCIAL EVENING

The Social Evening has met with extremely good success lately and it will be held again this year (who will ever forget last year on the San Antonio river?). This will be held the Saturday night before the Reunion, July 16, 1977, 7:00 p.m. at Scholz Garden.

Scholz Garden is an authentic German beer garden and somehow seems the proper setting to gather a bunch of von Rosenberg descendants for a night of fun. Scholz Garden is so well established with tenure and reputation that the state of Texas has officially declared it a Texas Historical Landmark.

Scholz Garden is located at 1607 San Jacinto and here's how you find it. Let's get ourselves back on IH 35 and exit on Martin Luther King Blvd. (in the downtown area). Turn west (toward downtown) on Martin Luther King and go to San Jacinto where we will turn left (south) on San Jacinto. Scholz's is on the east side of the street (left) and there is a parking lot right across the street from it.

**COST:** The Social Evening is on a "dutch" basis. Food charges will be \$4.70 per adult and \$1.20 for each child including gratuity. Beer and soft drinks are extra and must be paid individually when served.

106 Family members attended the Social Evening last year in San Antonio so don't think you'll be the only one there. Please take this opportunity to increase your time in meeting your relatives, visiting with your relatives, and having fun. See you socialably 7-16 at 7 p.m. Please wear shorts or other informals.

## ABOUT THAT MOTEL

The Austin Host Committee has designated the Gondolier-Ramada as the official motel this year. It is located on S. IH 35 at the Riverside Dr. exit (ring a bell?) on the inbound side of the expressway (east side). It is south of the Colorado river. The Committee picked this motel because it is located conveniently between Scholz Garden and Zilker park.

You must make your own reservations. Write to Gondolier-Ramada, 1001 S. IH 35, Austin, Tx. (zip unknown) or if you desire to phone, call: area 512-444-3611. Their rates are:

1 person--1 bed-----	21.00
2 persons-king size bed----	26.00
2 persons-2 dble. beds-----	28.00
each adult over 20 in above----	5.00 per
children under 18-with parents-	FREE!

## TO THE HOSTS

Our record in finding good Host Committees at our Reunions remains intact. This year again, I'm glad to report, we have a jim-dandy but the Host Chairman is not named Jim, he's named Bill, or if you want to find him in Vol. II, William F. von Rosenberg, Jr. He, his wife Carol, and the Austin Committee have done an outstanding and thorough job of preparing for the 1977 Reunion. We will list the committee and thank them further in the Newsletter following the Reunion.

## SPEAKING OF REUNIONS

Where are we going in '78? Does anybody know? The 1974 Rockport Reunion voted on Rosenberg, San Antonio, and Austin to run us through 1977 but now the well is exhausted. Kindly give this some consideration and if you wish to host the '78 Reunion, or '79, or '80, come let it be known at the '77 Austin Reunion. We need your offer and your support.

## RUNNING TIME

We will be electing another full slate of officers at the Austin Reunion and you're invited to come make your voice heard. We will elect a President, vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Historian to serve the Family from 1977 to 1979.

## DRATS!

Charles W. von Rosenberg, our Historian, has informed me of his wishes to be replaced as Historian of this Association. Due to age more than anything else, he indicates he will serve one more term, '77 to '79, if re-elected, but absolutely no more after that. I quote Charles in his letter to me: "As Peter Carl's letter to his son Wilhelm said in 1849, "it would be better for younger energy to be here."

Let's all take heed. This Association has no more than 2 more years to find a suitable replacement for Charles W., a person responsible enough and interested enough to carry on the tremendous chores the Historian is accountable for and which Charles has done so admirably. Actually, Charles wants to be replaced this year if possible so if there is anyone interested in becoming a "heavy" in this Family, now's the time to let us know about it.

## DITTO, THE SECRETARY

Your Secretary is in the same position as Charles W. however not for the same reason as Charles. I, too, wish to be replaced as soon as possible, not to exceed 1979. What's with a promotion to management at my place of business and my Masonic work, time has finally devoured me and I don't see how I will be able to continue doing justice to the Secretarialship. I also feel that another Secretary might bring on new enthusiasm and greater momentum for this great organization of ours.

So, again, if there is anyone willing to become Secretary of this Association, please let it be known at once.

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Please, if and when you change your address, or when you hear one of your near relatives has, please send the new address to the Secretary. Our Association spends too much money on postage trying to relocate members who have moved and it would be much easier if you could send me one letter with a change of address rather than my having to write four or so to accomplish the same thing.

✓ Hilmar F. Meerscheidt of Las Cruces, N.M., died Dec. 21, 1976. He was 83 at death, a member of Branch V, a member of the Methodist church, an avid sportsman, and a successful pecan tree farmer. He is survived by his wife, Esther Irene (Stuart), two sons: Stuart Paul and Grayson, both of Las Cruces, N. M. and grandchildren.

✓ Mary Theresa Przybyszewski Meerscheidt of San Antonio, Texas, died May 15, 1977, at age 91. She was the wife of the late Otto Alexander Meerscheidt, a member of the Catholic church and Branch V, and an invalid for the past 7 years. She leaves one daughter, Florence Meerscheidt Helmke of San Antonio, Chairman of Branch V, and one grandson; James Russell Helmke of Seguin, Texas.

✓ Mrs. Eli (Elizabeth) Roberts of Enid, Oklahoma, died March 4, 1977. She was age 81 at death, a member of Central Christian church and a member of the Walter v. R. Branch. Her parents were Adam and Louise Becker and she is survived by her husband, Eli, and a brother, Otto Becker of Austin.

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 Dr. Dale U. and Marjorie von Rosenberg have a new address: 4916 So. Pittsburgh, Tulsa, Oklahoma, 74135.

✓ Dr. Dale is on the faculty at the University of Tulsa and will be teaching at the University of Texas this summer. Their daughter, Carol Sue, is in medical school at Tulane University and the two oldest sons, Eugene Dale and Byron Alonzo are students at the U. of Tulsa. Their youngest son, Clyde Hermann, is a high school student in Tulsa. There you have it on the Dr. Dale family and we'll see them at the Austin Reunion.

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 Victor M. Rinkle and Paula Kay Bernhardt were married on Jan. 5, 1974. Paula is the daughter of Richard and Aileen Bernhardt of San Antonio. Victor and Paula reside at: 9018 Brookwulf, Houston, Tx., 77099. Congratulations Victor and Paula.

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 John Paul Warnken, Jr. of San Antonio and Betty Jo Storbeck were married in July of 1976. John Jr. is the son of John Paul, Sr. and Elizabeth Warnken of San Antonio. They reside at 2212 Cincinnati, San Antonio, Tx., 78228.

Michael Bryce Dupree, son of William S. and Linda Dupree, currently stationed in Germany, born Aug. 26, 1976. Grandmother is Marjorie Dupree of Atascadero, California.

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 Brandy Michelle Maulden, daughter of Luther and Gail Maulden, Jr., of San Antonio, born March 29, 1976. Her great grandmother is Cora Meerscheidt; the grandparents are Marvin and Maxine (Meerscheidt) Lee, all of San Antonio.

✓ Kathleen Elizabeth Noll, daughter of Lawrence E. and Patricia Ann (Warnken) Noll of San Antonio, born Jan. 17, 1977. Grandparents are John Paul and Elizabeth Warnken of San Antonio.

✓ Walter Glenn von Rosenberg, son of Rev. and Mrs. Charles Glenn von Rosenberg, 2938 Old Dallas Road, Marietta, Ga., 30064, born Aug. 5, 1976. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. von Rosenberg of Fayetteville, N. C.

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 Jennifer Lynnette York, daughter of Gary and Patricia York of Atascadero, Calif., born May 29, 1974. Grandmother is Marjorie Dupree of Atascadero, Calif.

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 Angela Renee York, daughter of Gary and Patricia York of Atascadero, Calif., born Dec. 8, 1975. Grandmother is Marjorie Dupree of Atascadero, Calif.

✓ Kristen Elizabeth Miller, daughter of Victoria and John S. Miller, Jr. of Torrance, Calif., born Aug. 22, 1976. Grandparents are Marjorie and John S. Miller, Sr. of the same city.

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 Balance in the book fund--\$207.71. Still owed to Charles W. von Rosenberg 801.00; still owed to Robert Hein (parents estate) 600.00. Balance in the operating fund--excluding expenses of this Newsletter--\$396.27.

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 Allan Christopher Jennings and Linda Ann Meerscheidt of San Antonio were united in marriage in San Antonio in Aug. of 1976. Linda is the daughter of Clinton and Helen Meerscheidt of San Antonio. They reside at 9503 B Parkfield, Austin, Texas, 78758. Congrats to the newlys.

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 Terry Michelle Risinger's new address is 230 W. 4th, Deer Park, Tx., 77536.

It's time to catch up with the Hodge family and in this case, I'm referring to the William E. and Maureen Hodge family of Deer Park, Texas. William just completed 15 years of perfect attendance, nor tardy, at his place of employment, Diamond Shamrock Corp. He will retire July 29, 1977, with 24 years and 7 months of service to Shamrock. He, his wife Maureen, and the youngest son, Marc, will move to Burnet, Tx. in the very near future where they will spend their retirement years. Their address will be Rt. 1, Burnet, Tx., 78611.

About their children, Gary Ferrel and Christina Hodge's new address is: Ipanema RUA VISCONDE DE PIRAJA 111-619 20000, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Gary teaches English down there and in turn is learning to speak Portuguese.

Joe and Pat Hodge's new address is: 2812 Dow Circle, Deer Park, Tx., 77536.

William Dana Hodge divorced his first wife, Virginia, in Jan. of '75, and on Dec. 29, 1976, married Donna Lynn Riley of Camden, Arkansas. Dana is an accountant and around July 1st, the family will be moving to Corpus Christi.

Dion Layne Hodge married Cindy Ann Watkins on Aug. 3, 1976. They reside at 1222 E. Columbia, Deer Park, Tx., 77536. Dion also works for Shamrock.

Kim George Hodge married Laura Jean Wilson on Aug. 14, 1976, and they reside at 624 South Ave. #44, Pasadena, Tx., 77503. A daughter was born to them on June 19, 1977, Stacey Nicole Hodge, the first female born in this particular family in 67 years.

Marc Lee Hodge is age 14 and reside with his parents. Now you're up to date on the family Hodge.

Lola Jane Ulrich and James G. Dougherty were married in May, 1977. I think they live in Austin but can anyone please send me their address? Welcome to the Family, James.

Capt. and Mrs. Robert D. Mattox, Jr. have a new address: 904 Bellaire Dr., Killeen, Texas, 76541.

It's time once again for your annual donation of \$5.00 to our operating budget (notice inflation hasn't yet hit the von Rosenberg Family). Please send your donation promptly so we can "fill the coffers."

Metta Tomlinson Lansdale, wife of John Lansdale, Jr. of Harwood, Maryland, is the librarian for a national embroidery club keeping up with over 650 books. For the benefit of our younger members, Metta was Historian of our great Family at one time and so was her mother, the late Alma von Rosenberg Tomlinson. The Lansdale address is: Rt. 1 Box 153, Harwood, Maryland, 20776.

Mrs. R. P. (Josephine Weeks) Aguilar has a new address: 13585 Manzanita Rd. N.E. Bainbridge Island, Wash.

Her daughter, Laurel Ann Aguilar, married Alan B. Wardle in Seattle, Wash. July 6, 1974. Alan was born in Edmonton, Canada, April 18, 1954. Their address: 4138 Georgia St., Barnaby B.C. V5C2T4 Canada.

Her son, Mark Patrick Aguilar, married Karen Smith on Dec. 18, 1976 in Dupont, Wash. She was born July 23, 1953 in the same city. Their address: 13585 Manzanita Rd. N.E., Bainbridge Island, Washington.

VOL. II

Don't forget Vol. II ever. We still have plenty of copies available and they can be ordered from the Secretary at \$13.00 per copy or they can be purchased at the Reunion. Same holds true of the Emigration letters booklet at \$6.00 per copy.

Deborah Ann Weeks, daughter of David Fairfield Weeks, has dissolved her marriage with Bill Stanford. She married Dan Hiatt on Aug. 23, 1975, in Seattle, Wash. Dan was born April 12, 1949 in Shelby, Montana. The Hiatt's address: 1321 W. Emerson #11, Seattle, Wash. 98119.

Randall Keith Lowry, Jr. and Christy Sue Lindstedt were married Dec. 30, 1976. Address: 8500 Nairn, Houston, Tx., 77074. Welcome to the Family, Christy.

Arthur J. von Rosenberg, past President of the Family Association, has a new address: 8619 Derringer, S.A., Tx., 78217.

Anna Campbell and Lois Carnes of San Antonio and Alexander and Anna Meerscheidt of Rockport, Tx., made a trip to Las Cruces, N. M., to visit Esther Meerscheidt after her husband's death in Dec. 1976 (Hilmar's).

John S. Miller, Jr. of Torrance, Calif. graduated from UCLA law school in June, 1977, and will join a Los Angeles law firm after passing his bar exam. Many congratulations, John.

David Vinson Miller married Eileen Keane on July 31, 1976. David is the son of John S. Miller, Sr. of Torrance Calif. and the newly weds reside at 702 Arthur, Davis, Calif., 95616.

Martha S. Moss, daughter of Edward Harry and Margaret Moss of Houston, married James Albert Guethle on Aug. 20, 1976, in Houston. They reside at: 13098 East 2nd Ave., Aurora, Colo., 80011.

Kathleen Schock, wife of James and daughter of Sara and Leo Meerscheidt, Jr., all of San Antonio, received her degree in Education Administration from Trinity University in May, 1977. Jolly good!

James and Rebecca Jane (Weeks) Myers announce the following information about their children:

Karen Marie Myers--born in Seattle, Wash. April 9, 1974.

Melissa Jane Myers--born in Seattle, Wash. Aug. 23, 1975.

Shayne Allen Myers--born in Seattle, Wash. April 25, 1977.

Arthur J. and Edna von Rosenberg of Cameron, Tx. (parents of Nettie Lou von Rosenberg Green and Glenn von Rosenberg) celebrated their golden anniversary in January, 1977. Wow!

Don and Laura Juanita (von Rosenberg) Albin of Ft. Collins, Colo. celebrated their 40th anniversary May 20, 1977.

Rodney R. and Mary Margaret (Moss) Read have a new address: 15B Roden, Sheppard A.F.B., Texas, 76311.

The Secretary announces the upcoming marriage plans of the daughter Patricia to Tom Jolly on Oct. 15, 1977, in Houston, Texas.

As stated on page 1 of this Newsletter, much of this upcoming Reunion will be spent deciding the best course to follow in publishing them. You'll remember I sent you one of the Meerscheidt letters on the front of a past Newsletter and now, thanks to Charles W., I will list a few more excerpts for you so you can see what we're talking about:

Peter Carl v.R. to his brother Otto: 28 May, 1850. . . Unnoticed, a yard-long chicken snake had found its way into the foam in which Lina and Libussa sleep and had taken up quarters in Libussa's doll things. Sunday morning Libussa rummaged through her things and what shrieks and hullabaloo! The snake sacrificed its life for its curiosity without anyone having been harmed. A possible bite from this species is without consequence. There are also alligators in our creek. They catch geese and ducks on Farm Nassau. Their fun is spoiled, however, by powder and lead . . . . .

Wilhelm v.R. to friend in Europe: 1850.. It is very difficult for the poor women here--cooking and washing, sewing and mending are tasks that never lessen. Unfortunately, in these I can provide my dear wife no relief as I have no money and wages are too high. If God just grants us health, things will be better--our crops are now growing in the fields..

Arthur Meerscheidt to his mother: Dec. 20, 1849, cleared the English channel.... On the 28th, quite high wind with rain, high sea. At mealtime we were soon disturbed by an alarm. We dashed out and saw our best sailor and sailmaker in the water fighting the waves. Because of the rain he wore waterproof boots and heavy clothing. Wearing these he stood on a spar; a sailor sitting over him dropped a rope which struck him and flung him into the sea from aloft. His heavy boots, waterfilled, pulled him down. He uttered a horrible scream....The lowered boat was too late. It didn't find him. . . . .

As I said, these are just some excerpts and there are many, many more and it seems from many members of the pioneer Family. I don't know about you but I'd like to see them published; they'd make very interesting reading

PUT THE SHOULDER

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In closing, let me remind you of the importance of a good attendance at this year's Reunion. I sincerely hope you do your best to be present as we have many important things to discuss and many things to plan for. Nothing begets success like success and momentum can only be perpetuated by further momentum. We've got our ball rolling and it's extremely important that we keep it going. Come join us.

This Newsletter submitted by:

Phil Meerscheidt

Family Secretary

June, 1977

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