

NEWSLETTER

THE 1980 REUNION

DATE: Sunday, June 29th, 1980

TIME: Register at 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: Aggie Park, San Antonio, Texas

You and your family are invited to the 1980 Reunion of the

VON ROSENBERG FAMILY REUNION ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS

the 39th such Reunion, the 41st year of the Association, the 114th year after Peter Carl's death, and the fourth year since the Reunion has been held in the Alamo City.

WHO CAN FORGET?

All who were present at the San Antonio Reunion in 1976 will surely remember it. It was very well organized and very, very enjoyable. The Social Evening found us eating bar-b-que at La Villita after which we took a boat trip down the romantic San Antonio River. The boats deposited us at the open-air Arneson River Theatre where we were treated to a most delightful Mexican music and dance show. Everyone loved the evening!

The Sunday Reunion was held at Aggie Park and it will be again this year. Who can forget the speech Lois Carnes gave on medical hypnosis that year? President Ray von Rosenberg welcomed 126 of our members at that Reunion and much was accomplished.

BE PLEASED!

Be pleased to pardon the ineptness of your Secretary for not sending you more Newsletters but don't, whatever you do, think our Family momentum has declined. It has not! If anything, we are still on the upswing.

The "Letters" committee is ready to announce the best method of printing the work. We will be voting on that method. They will be available for distribution at the 1981 Reunion.

We know this is a shorter than usual announcement of the Reunion but please do your utmost to come be with us. We always have a good time and we always enjoy it. We'll all have a better time, however, if you and yours are there to be with us. COME!

Another great Social Evening looms in the plans this year. We have reached the point where obviously no self-respecting Host Committee would even consider not holding a Social Evening for our folks. Too many good times have been had and the attendance has been superb. We like to party, don't we?

COME ALONG!

The Social Evening will be held Saturday, June 28th, 1980, with the following tentative schedule:

- 3:30 p.m.--Meet at St. John's Lutheran Church, 502 E. Nueva St., just south of La Villita and west of the Alamo St. entrance to Hemisfair Plaza.
- 4:00 p.m.--Guided tour of King William area, a restored residential section of S. A. that was originally and partially developed by the Meerschmidt side of the Family. The tour will include the Steves home which is restored and used by the S. A. Conservation Society. We will tour via school bus so you can see how the kids do it today.
- 5:30 p.m.--Return to La Villita Plaza Nacional which is directly across the street from St. John's Lutheran Church. Plaza Nacional is on the s.w. corner of La Villita, corner of Presa and Nueva streets.
- 5:30-6:30 p.m.--Social hour--Plaza Nacional with music provided.
- 6:30 p.m.--Bar-b-que.
- 7:30 Entertainment begins on an individual basis:
 1. you may stay at the bar-b-que and continue to visit
 2. or-you may take the S. A. River boat trip (this is surely recommended and you will be guided to the start point)
 3. or-you can attend the Mexican music and dance show at Arneson open-air River Theatre at 8:30 (this is most recommended and you will be guided there also)
 4. or-you can do no.'s 2 & 3 both.

Whatever your choice, the cost, on the ol' "dutch" basis, for the tour of the King William area and the bar-b-que dinner is \$6.50 adults and \$4.00 children under 12--PAYABLE AT THE DOOR. The boat ride and show will be extra but token.

As stated, your expenses at the Social Evening are payable at the site--please DO NOT send this money to your Secretary. HOWEVER--the commitment form is very important and MUST BE SENT TO ME because thru this form the Host Committee can establish a head-count and from this head count, they can order (and pay for) the appropriate amount of food to serve every one. We've really had no problem with members who say they're coming but don't. Where we've had a problem, however, is when folks show up whom we haven't ordered food for, the ones who haven't committed. They just show up and there we are caught with our "food" down! We may have ordered food for 85 people but we look the crowd over and see 110, thereby causing us to cut the rations of everyone. THIS IS NOT FAIR! Please send in your commitment forms so that we can be better prepared to serve all who come.

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You are asked to register Sunday, June 29th, 1980, 10:00 a.m., sober, at Aggie Park in San Antonio. Please bring food, service, and cold drinks if desired. Coffee, tea, and ice will be furnished by the Committee.

DIRECTIONS TO A REUNION

Aggie Park is located at 6205 West Ave., $\frac{1}{2}$ block north of N.W. Loop 410. Get yourself on N.W. Loop 410 and exit on West Ave. which is between San Pedro Ave. (U.S. 281 N) and I.M. 10 N (U.S. 87). The park is immediately north of the Loop on your left.

REASON WITH IT!

Aggie Park is very easy to get to and the air-conditioned hall is very nice to hold a Reunion in. This Reunion, as have been the others, is very important. As indicated on page #1 of this Newsletter, we will vote on the method of printing the copies of the "Letters" which we've been engaged with for about the last 4 years. This will be a milestone forward.

In addition, we intend to "lay" the next FAMILY PROJECT on you. "THE REALLY BIG BOMB." Come hear what it's about. We'll see you in S. A. on June 28th and 29th.

3. ABOUT THAT MOTEL

The San Antonio Host Committee has again designated La Quinta Downtown as the official hotel this year. For reservations, please write them at: La Quinta Motor Inn, 1001 E. Commerce, San Antonio, Tx. 78205. I don't know their phone no.

THANKS, HOSTS!

On behalf of the entire Association, we offer our gratitude to the Host Committee for the 1980 Reunion. Names like Hein, Campbells, Helmkes, Carnes, Meerscheidts, and others have already been hard at work in preparing for the next Reunion. We know they'll do their work well and we wish them to know we appreciate their time and efforts.

THE 1981 REUNION

While we're on the subject of Reunions, you should know we are currently accepting invitations to host the 1981 Reunion. If you harbor a desire to serve the Association in this regard, kindly write your Secretary immediately with your intentions. We need invitations.

THE 1979 REUNION REVISITED

The 38th Reunion was held at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Waco, Texas, on July 22, 1979, with 133 members in attendance. Registration began at 10:00 a.m. followed by a picnic-style luncheon at noon. The business meeting began at 1:53 p.m. with President Frederick A. von Rosenberg II of Dallas presiding.

The minutes of the 1978 Reunion were accepted as contained in the April, 1979 Newsletter and Robert Hein gave his Treasurer's report.

The oldest member attending was Edgar R. von Rosenberg of San Angelo, a spry 98, the youngest was John David Giles of Austin, son of Fleetwood and Jacqueline Giles, and the members coming the longest distance to attend was the Jo Aguilar family from Bainbridge Island, Wash.

Sam von Rosenberg of La Grange conducted a memorial service for these deceased members since the '78 Reunion:

- John Paul Warnken of San Antonio-4-22-79
- Gustaf A. Kneip of Victoria-----12-20-78
- Marcus H. von R. of Bellville-----9- 9-77
- Ernest W. Hellmuth of S. A.-----9- -78

- Erna Hellmuth Crofford of Waco----10-6-78
- Heinz Ulrich of Austin-----7-2-79

The following officers were elected to serve the Family until the Reunion of '81:

- Pres.-Wm. F. von R., Jr. of Austin.
- V.-Pres.-Monte Fletcher of Hallettsville.
- Sec.--Phil Meerscheidt of Houston.
- Ass't. Sec.-Kathy von Rosenberg of Dallas.
- Treasurer-Rick von Rosenberg of Dallas.
- Historian-Ray von Rosenberg of Taft.
- Ass't Hist.-Ann Udall of Gilbert, Ariz.

Locations for future Reunions was next discussed and many felt that the young adult members of the Family should have more of a say in what the Family does and where it meets. The end result was that we would hold the 1980 Reunion in San Antonio and that a committee of young adults decide what we do in 1981. The committee appointed was: Rick and Kathy von R. of Dallas, Tom and Pat Jolly of Houston, Leroy and Arlene Brown of Marion, and Diane Anderson of S. A.

The major discussion of the day centered on the printing of the "Letters" which Charles W. von R. and his committee had been working on for the past 4 years. Hal Fletcher, chairman of the committee, reported that he had presented the copy to the U. of Texas Press for their consideration in printing but a decision by them was premature at the time of this Reunion. After a lengthy discussion, Sam von R. of La Grange moved that we invest Hal Fletcher's committee with full power to deal and negotiate with the U. of T. E. A. Guenther seconded and it carried.

The members thanked Glenn and Jo Von Rosenberg of Waco and their committee members for hosting the fine Reunion and the meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

FROM CHARLES W.

Charles W. von Rosenberg reports that Dale U. von Rosenberg of Dallas reported the death of Clarence C. Lundy (p. 22 of Vol. II). He was killed in Saudi Arabia struck by a car. Can anyone furnish the Secretary with more information on this?

Also deceased is Winifred M. Young (p. 327-8, Vol. II) on Jan. 30, 1980, in Eastland, Tx. following surgery on a broken hip. She is buried in Eastland beside her husband Roy L. Young, of the Libussa Branch.

INVEST YOUR TIME IN OUR FAMILY MOMENTUM!

Here is the latest news on the Dupree family and I quote: "My daughter Patti and her husband, Gary L. York, have been divorced almost two years now. She has Jennifer Lynette, the oldest girl, with her and Gary has the youngest, Angela Renee, with him. Patti has another girl by Jerry Tate, Heather Lyn, born Jan. 11, 1978. Patti, the two girls, and I are living together now.

My son, William and his wife, Linda, are divorced. They had a boy, Michael Bryce, born Aug. 26, 1976 and she has him. Bill has been in Germany and when he came home last Nov. he brought his German wife, Marion, and little girl, Michelle Lee, born Aug. 30, 1977 with him. He is in the Army and was stationed at Fort Campbell, Kentucky until July 4, 1979 when they returned to Germany. Their father, Charles L. Dupree, passed away Dec. 26, 1978. I send all my best wishes for everything good in the future for the Family." (end quote).

ILMA OTTANIE MARTHA MEERSCHIEDT JENNER

Ilma Meerscheidt Jenner of Tacoma, Wash. died Sept. 6, 1979 of a stroke and heart attack suffered a week earlier. She is survived by her husband, Edward H. Jenner of Tacoma, who is currently very ill; her daughter Marian Jenner Cooter of Tacoma, grandson Detrick Edward Cooter of Tacoma, grand-daughter Gretchen Cooter (Mrs. Gary Winters of Kent, Wash. and great-grand-daughter Jessica Joy Winters, age 2, also of Kent, Wash. She was 76 years old. Her sister, Erna Weeks Bouillon of Seattle, Wash. also survives her. They are the daughters of Axel and Olga Meerscheidt. (See Vol. II, pp. 247 & 248).

DONATIONS

It's time once again for your annual donation to our Family Operating Budget. At \$5.00 per year it's still "the best deal in town." This donation will be for the year 1980-81 but you who wish to "catch-up for past years" may certainly do so. Please make your checks payable to: "Von Rosenberg Family of Texas" and mail them to: Phil Meerscheidt, Sec.
8474 Leawood
Houston, Tx. 77072

New Address: Ronald Edward Pennington,
18866 Melburn, Livonia, Mich. 78152.

Dale and Marjorie von Rosenberg are now residing at: 6036 Del Norte Lane, Dallas, 75225. He had received a leave of absence from the U. of Tulsa to spend the academic year on a Senior Research Associateship from the National Research Council. He would have been at the Ames Research Center of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration in California.

He and Marjorie spent the summer of '79 in Austin where he taught at the U. of Texas and were to have left for Calif. after finishing there. In June he was offered a research position at Mobil Research and Development and decided to return to industry after 22 years in teaching. He is working in trying to find more oil and gas.

Two of his sons have graduated from the U. of Tulsa and are also working in the producing end of the oil industry. Eugene graduated in 1978 and is with Chevron in Lafayette, La., managing some of their offshore gas fields. His address: 2509 Johnston #12-10, Lafayette, La. 70503. Byron graduated in 1979 and is with Exxon Production Research in Houston. His address: 5401 Chimney Rock #398, Houston 77081. Daughter Carol received her degree from Newcomb College in 1976, the year Dale left Tulane. She stayed in New Orleans for postgraduate work and in Dec. '77 she was married to Bradley Engle. They are both still going to college but hope to finish soon. Their address: 7007 Prytania, New Orleans, La. 70118. Youngest son, Clyde, is a sophomore at the U. of Tulsa.

About one year ago, Dale's mother Lucy (Mrs. Herman U. von R.) was no longer able to live alone in Austin and went to live in a nursing home in Covington, La., where Dale's brother Charles and his family live. Her address: Mrs. H. U. von R., Forest Manor, Box 779, Covington, La., 70433. There 'tis on Dale U. von R.

Donald Lee Lytton married Kimberly Ann Briggs May 26, 1979 in Las Cruces, N. M.

Charles W. von Rosenberg left Nov. 16, 1979 for three weeks in China, by way of Yugoslavia. This was probably a well-earned rest for Charles after all he has done for our Family Association. His gallant effort on the compiling of Vol. II and the hours of translation on the "Letters" was truly an outstanding contribution for our archives. Wow!

HEINZ ULRICH

Heinz Ulrich, age 84, of 7703 Eastcrest, Austin, died July 2, 1979.

Survivors include two sons: Dan Ulrich of Burnet and Max Ulrich of Austin; two sisters: Meta Ulrich of Lubbock and Charlotte Goeth of Abernathy and 8 grandchildren.

Graveside services were held in Austin Memorial Park.

VOL. II

You are reminded that copies of Vol. II of the Family book are still available at \$13.50 and also copies of the "Emigration" letters at \$6.50. If you desire copies of either of these, please mail your check to Robert Hein, 413 Ridgemont, San Antonio, Tx. 78209. An increase of .50¢ has been added to defray increased handling costs.

NEWS FROM BRANCH V

Florence Helmke, Chairperson of Branch V reports the following:

Leo Paul Meerscheidt, born Nov. 6(5) 1979 to Beverly and Leo Meerscheidt III. Grandparents are Sara and Leo Meerscheidt jr., all of San Antonio.

Anna Campbell was given a surprise birthday party on her 90th one Jan. 4, 1980 at her church in San Antonio.

Capt. Reeves Meerscheidt is now in charge of an Air Force Base near Athens, Greece. He is the son of Sara and Leo Meerscheidt, Jr.

Visiting members attending last years Reunion in Waco were Jo Aguilar of Bainbridge Island, Wash. and her daughter Michelle Smith from Arkansas.

Robert and Melba Trenckmann of Shelton, Wash. visited Sara and Leo Meerscheidt, Jr. in Feb., 1980.

Erna M. Bouillon of Seattle, Wash. is recuperating after breaking her hip last fall.

Ester Meerscheidt of Las Cruces, N.M. also broke her hip and is recuperating nicely.

PLEASE FIND ME, I'M LOST!

The Secretary would be greatly indebted to you if you can supply me with current address for the following Family members: (their Newsletters have returned to me)

Ali Bahrami
Oran M. Barrow
Daniel W. Booth
James W. Booth
Bobbye Jo Culver
Ivan Wesley Eaks
Wesley G. Eyres
Wayne Fricke
Weldon Fricke
Jack Ernest Hellmuth
Marcus I. Hellmuth
Dion Layne Hodge
Gary F. Hodge
William Dana Hodge
Brant Hornberger
Gilmore Hornberger
Stephen G. Hornberger
Peggy Louise Hutchison
Linda Ann Jackson
Allan C. Jennings
Jack C. Kern III
Nancy E. Kern
Lt. Wendell C. King
John Charles Kirley
Gary Kneip
James William Lambert
John Edward Lamberth
Sandra J. Lamberth

Caleb T. Lauderdale
Berta M. Liszner
Charles S. Lytton
Edwin Lon Lytton
Capt. Robert D. Mattox, Jr.
Jerry R. McDonnell
Jim Meyers
Mrs. Rebecca (Jim) Myers
Jack Nowlin
Jerry W. Parker
Malcolm Peterson
Donald E. Prosser
Mrs. N. E. Rabensburg
Walter G. Rabensburg
Jimmie D. Roberson
Wayne Arthur Scholz
Frederick L. Shea
Gilbert Speckels
John L. Trujillo
James H. Vaughn
Albert Karl von Rosenberg
Alvin Michael von Rosenberg
Alan Fairfield Weeks
Fred B. Wilson, Jr.
W. Udell Woodward
Timothy Zierke
Gary Zwernemann

Alex Meerscheidt passed away July 21, 1979, from a severe heart attack (p. 276-7, Vol. II) and was buried in Aransas Pass, Texas.

He is survived by his wife Anna Lucille Bledsoe Meerscheidt of Rockport, Tx.; two sons by his 1st marriage: Alexander Otto Meerscheidt Lytton and Oscar Paul Meerscheidt Lytton of Mesilla Park, N.M.; two step-daughters: Lucille Leyendecker of Alice, Tx. and George Anne Lesterjette of Rockport, Tx.; two sons by the present marriage: Phil A. Meerscheidt of Houston, Tx. and Jesse James Meerscheidt of Rockport; 8 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren.

Alexander was a railroad man most of his life. In 1965 he retired from the Missouri Pacific in Laredo, sold his real estate and bought his acreage at Rockport Tx. By his own declaration, two of the most outstanding events of his life happened when he hosted the 1972 and 1973 Family Reunions at his acreage.

Alexander was beloved by all and was always interested in our Master Family. He gave of his time, effort and money for the furtherance of our cause and will be remembered forever by this Association.

Anna is in very good physical health but suffers from a state of senility. She has been admitted to a nursing home in Aransas Pass, Tx. and can be written to at this address: Rt. 1, Box 569A, Rockport, Tx. 78382

Pamela and Nicky Rosencran announce the birth of their new son, Logan Ashley Rosencran, born Dec. 6, 1979 in Houston. Pam is the daughter of the Sec. and she and Nicky reside at: 7314A Dearborn, Houston, Tx. 77055.

IN CLOSING

I wish to take this opportunity to express my deepest thanks to those who take their time to let me know what's happening in their various families. Without that valuable information, quite naturally, this Newsletter would be quite empty. We'll see you in San Antonio on June 28th.

This Newsletter submitted by:

Phil Meerscheidt

Family Secretary

VERY IMPORTANT

Cut here and return to: Phil Meerscheidt, 8474 Leawood, Houston, Tx. 77072 BY JUNE 20, 1980

NAME: _____ ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

Please order _____ adult Bar-b-que plates at the Social Evening June 28th.

Please order _____ children Bar-b-que plates at the Social Evening.

\$ _____ enclosed for _____ copies of Vol. II at \$13.50 each.

\$ _____ enclosed for _____ copies of Emigration booklet at \$6.50 each.

\$ _____ enclosed for _____ copies of the "Letters" at \$20.00 each.

\$ _____ enclosed for 1980-1981 donation to the Family Operating Budget.

\$ _____ check total enclosed.

There will be _____ of us at the Social Evening on June 28th.

There will be _____ of us at the Reunion on Sunday, June 29th.