

N E W S L E T T E R

THE 1981 REUNION

DATE: Sunday, July 12, 1981

TIME: Register at 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: El Mina Shrine Temple
Galveston, Texas

You and your family are cordially invited to the 1981 Reunion of the

VON ROSENBERG FAMILY REUNION ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS

the 40th such Reunion, the 42nd year of the Association, the 115th year after Peter Carl's death, and the 1st year the Reunion has ever been held in the beautiful city of Galveston, Texas.

WHO WILL FORGET?

According to our booklet "Emigration of the von Rosenbergs to Texas, 1849," after eight weeks and 3 days aboard the ship FRANZISKA our Pioneer Family arrived at Galveston, Tx. on Dec. 5, 1849. They were in quest of a new beginning for themselves, a life void of wars, strife and political upheaval. Galveston was very important to them because it marked the end of a long and wearisome ocean voyage.

One hundred thirty-one and a half years later, it's interesting to note, a band of their descendants will approach that same city of Galveston, not from the East on a sailing ship but from the West in high powered automobiles eager and longing to pay honor to the landing of that Pioneer Family.

THE FAMILY RETURNS

We, too, are still looking for the good life void of wars, strife and political trickery, except we get to add rampant crime, decaying morals and runaway inflation to their list.

We are inviting you and your family to take a couple of days off from your regular routines and join us in Galveston to pay homage to our Pioneer Family. We will set foot on the very same land which they did originally and continue to keep our Association history and Family momentum on the move

There are many interesting things to see and do in Galveston and all of them will insure a fun trip for you. These items are listed elsewhere in this Newsletter.

THE 1981 REUNION

We announced in the March, 1981, Newsletter that the Reunion format will be slightly changed this year. You are asked to register Sunday, July 12, 1981, 9:00 a.m., sober of course, at El Mina Shrine Temple in Galveston, Tx. Please bring food, service and cold drinks if desired. Coffee, tea and ice will be furnished by the Host Committee.

THE SHRINE TEMPLE

If you should ask the natives of Galveston the best facility they have to hold a large meeting in, they'd all answer: "The Shrine Temple." We have secured this fine Temple for our Reunion this year at a very moderate cost.

El Mina Temple is large and roomy, air-conditioned and 1st class in all its aspects. Access to it is simple and parking is more than sufficient. Be cautioned, however, that the Temple is large enough to accommodate SIX groups the size of ours, and at one time--so--if you get lost in it, hold up your hand and someone will try to find you.

DIRECTIONS TO A REUNION

First, find yourself in the city of Houston. Houston is circled by Loop 610. No matter where you come from you're gonna' hit 610. Take 610 EAST until you come to I-45 (& 75) SOUTH (Galveston.) It's unnecessary to get off 610 in Houston unless you just want to.

Go I-45 south for a little less than an hour and you'll come over a big bridge which leads into Galveston. Without turning, I-45 becomes Broadway in Galveston. Whenever you want, take a right off Broadway and come straight to Seawall Blvd. (no further, please, there's the water). Take a right on Seawall Blvd., go to the 5500 block and find El Mina Shrine Temple on your right (on your left is the water, again).

THE REUNION

Many topics will be offered you this year. In addition to the normal gathering, visiting and reassociating, the three main items will be the issuance of the "Letters" we have talked so much about (which are great), the election of new

officers and the preliminary planning and discussion of our next Family project "Vol. III." There will be a speaker who will be none other than our Past Family Historian, Charles W. von Rosenberg of Dallas, who will speak on items of great interest to our Family members.

As stated, we will register at 9:00 a.m., the business meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. and run until noon. We will eat at noon and the 2nd part of the meeting will take place after the meal, but not for long--you'll still have some of Sunday afternoon left for fun things.

The Reunion will be fun, it will be interesting and it will be informative. **BUT NOT UNLESS YOU'RE THERE!** We need you and yours and hope you'll make every effort to be with us in the island city of Galveston on July 11th and 12th.

FLUNG!

Another great Social Evening (and afternoon) are in the plans this year. As said so many times before, no self-respecting Host Committee would ever plan a Reunion without planning an outstanding Social Evening preceding it. Too many good times have been enjoyed in the past and attendance has been superb.

COME ALONG!

The Social afternoon will be held Sat., July 11th, 1981, at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 1912 Winnie, in Galveston. We say afternoon because we know many of you will reach Galveston at odd hours on the Sat. But we're asking you to join with us at the K of C Hall at 3:00 p.m. for a social hour and dinner. We will depart the K of C Hall at 7:00 p.m. and make our way to the highlight of anyone's evening, the great "Lone Star Historical Drama Theatre," about a 12 mile ride from the Knights of Columbus Hall.

DIRECTIONS TO K of C HALL

Again you have come into Galveston on I-45 (& 75) which becomes Broadway. Go way down Broadway to 20th st. and turn left. Go 3 blocks and you come to Winnie. Find the 1900 block of Winnie and you'll be there--it's across the street from the Court House. It's easy to find but if you get lost, just ask someone for help.

The Knights of Columbus Hall is also a 1st class facility, a little smaller than the Shrine Temple, air-conditioned, and ideally suited for our 4 hour social and dinner. Here you can unwind, cool-off and relax before attending the Lone Star Theatre at 8:00 p.m. Come in shorts or casuals.

THE LONE STAR

Much has been written and discussed about "Lone Star." You were sent a brochure in the March Newsletter. We hope you took time to read it. "Lone Star" is a Pulitzer Prize winner about the history of Texas using spectacular battle scenes, authentic costumes, dramatic special effects, cannon fire, music, etc., about Sam Houston, Stephen F. Austin, Davy Crockett, Jim Bowie and all the other heroes of our great state. Performed on a huge outdoor amphitheatre stage, it is an official play of the state of Texas and endorsed by the Daughters of the Republic of Texas. From the battle ruins and defeat at the Alamo to victory and freedom at San Jacinto, Texas tells its story like it's never been told before. I can't tell you how great it is, you're just gonna' have to see it and hear it for yourself.

You will have the opportunity on the night

basis, will be \$6.50 adults and (3
\$4.00 children under 12 for the bar-b-q
and Social--plus--\$4.95 each for the
"Lone Star" performance. ALL MONEY PLUS
THE COMMITMENT FORM MUST BE SENT TO YOUR
SECRETARY IMMEDIATELY.

CAUTION LIGHT!

This year you need to send us your money immediately due to the fact we are realizing some discount savings by satisfying a minimum head count. We need to know exactly who is coming so we can order accordingly. It's unreasonable to expect to buy tickets to something on the scale of "Lone Star" on the night of the performance, isn't it? Sure, tickets must be bought as far as possible in advance if we are to be sure of getting them. Likewise on the food. We don't need to over-order 'cause the overage has to be paid for. Likewise, to under-order means some of our members will not be fed. We don't need "drop-ins;" we definitely need "commitments."

The commitment form enclosed is very important to us all, so please, be sure to fill it in and return it to us fast as possible.

THINGS TO DO IN GALVESTON

4) will be mailed theirs soon after the Reunion. If you still haven't ordered your copy (s), you may do so by mailing a check in the amount of \$20.00 per copy. Make checks payable to "The von Rosenberg Family" and send it to your Sec. Space is provided for this on the committment form.

CONSIDER

We hope you'll give serious consideration to attending the Reunion and Social Evening this year in Galveston on July 11th and 12th. We're told that some who do not attend do so because they feel their time will be dry and boring. Not True! Ask anyone who comes and they'll tell you it's anything but that. It's always good and wholesome and satisfying to learn who your relatives are, what they're like, and what their jobs and hobbies are.

BIRTH

Rocky and Sharon Lytton Roquemore of Odessa, Tx, announce the birth of their new son, Marshall Donley, born April 2nd, 1981, at 8 lbs. Congratulations to you all. May be a Secretary for the Family?

Holding the Reunion in Galveston affords everyone a great opportunity of attending a great Reunion and having a fun vacation at the same time. There's plenty to do, and plenty to see and prices aren't really as high there as you might think.

ADDRESS CHANGES

As indicated in the March Newsletter, many of our Family members are no longer receiving their Newsletters because of wrong addresses. We had an additional 22 Newsletters return from the March mailing. Please ask your near relatives if they received the March issue and if they didn't, send me their new address and I'll see that they get a copy. Or have them send their addresses, that would be even better. We should be mailing to over 500 households but this Newsletter will be going to only 407, a new low!

We need you and you need to know your Family better, so hurry up and make those plans to be with us on July 11th & 12th. EVERYTHING IS "GO" TO GALVESTON!

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VERY IMPORTANT

Cut here and return to: Phil Meerscheidt, 8474 Leewood, Houston, Texas, 77072