

N E W S L E T T E R

THE 1982 REUNION

DATE: Sunday, July 18, 1982
TIME: Register at 10:00 a.m.
PLACE: American Legion Hall
San Marcos, Texas

You and your family are cordially invited to the 1982 Reunion of the
VON ROSENBERG FAMILY REUNION ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS

the 41st such Reunion, the 43rd year of the Association, the 116th
year after Peter Carl's death, and the 1st year the Reunion has
ever been held in the beautiful city of San Marcos, Texas.

CONSIDER

There are solemn moments in the life of every individual. Birth and baptism, courtship and marriage, separation and death--each moment, each milestone, we surround the important events with ceremony, with a certain degree of shared pomp and circumstance. There is, however, another moment of solitary grandeur when the individual performs an act as significant as any of the above, an act which, in fact, is as essential to his or her life and spirit as breathing and thinking. That moment is when we honor our Family and attend a Family Reunion.

A BEAUTIFUL FAMILY

Family is beauty and beauty is Family. They are both a gift of God but the appreciation of them is something of a personal achievement. What wonderful gifts Family and beauty are. And they are ours if we be rich or poor--FREE--to anyone who will take the trouble to enjoy them, to understand them, to partake of them. We hope you will!

Another opportunity is about to arrive for you, THE 1982 Reunion.

We are inviting you and your family to come be with us, a privilege only for a precious few. Make your opinions heard, express your mind, and know that it will be considered and be a part of our total Family. This is truly a moment which, if viewed correctly, is truly awesome. It is the time when YOUR FAMILY meets!

We sincerely hope that you can be with us to share the magnificent things that only a great Family can provide--roots, love and appreciation of each other. You can find it all at our 1982 Reunion in San Marcos, Texas, on July 18th.

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We will return to our original format at this Reunion. In order, we will register, eat and then hold the business meeting. You are asked to register between 10:00 am and noon on Sunday, July 18, 1982, at the American Legion Hall in San Marcos, Tx. Please bring food, service and cold drinks if desired. Coffee, tea and ice will be furnished at the site by our Host Committee.

THE AMERICAN LEGION HALL

This is "our kind of place." There is ample room for us, plenty of parking, 1st class facilities and air-conditioning (hopefully it works this year)! Your Host Committee has secured this ideal place at a very moderate cost and it is easy to get to. We know you'll be very pleased with it.

DIRECTIONS TO A REUNION

San Marcos is located on IH35 about midway between San Antonio and Austin and you can get there from any direction! For our purpose all you have to know is that 35 passes right through the town in a northerly and southerly direction. You will be concerned with only two streets. One is the access or feeder road on the WEST SIDE and immediately adjacent to 35. The other is Aquarena Springs Drive, the exit of which is well marked on 35 (Aquarena Springs). Imagine these two streets forming a "T" with the bottom of the "T" pointing west, that's Aquarena Springs Drive. The cross-bar of the "T" is the access road of 35 and it is definitely a TWO WAY road. So! From the intersection of the WEST SIDE access road of 35 and Aquarena Springs Dr., the American Legion Hall is exactly 3/10 a mile NORTH of the access road from Aquarena Springs Dr. and your hotel, the Ramada Inn, is only 1/10 a mile SOUTH of Aquarena Springs Dr., still on the access road. How simple! If you desire to visit Aquarena Springs itself, just go west on " " Dr.

'BOUT THAT REUNION

This will be an important Reunion for us. We have important things to discuss and plans to make. Among other items on the agenda we will be privileged to a speech by our own Family member, Dr. Dale U. von Rosenberg of Dallas, Texas.

I am thoroughly convinced hunting for speakers outside our Family is a waste of time. Who knows our Family better than ourselves? We have many great speakers in our midst and Dr. Dale is certainly one of them. A premature thanks to you, Dr. Dale, for your interest, your effort in preparation and especially for your consent in speaking to us.

We have another outstanding opportunity to break our attendance record at this Reunion. The record of 153 was set at our very 1st one in 1939, the year our Association was formulated. San Marcos is between the two cities who rate 1st and 2nd as far as the greatest amount of members living in their respective cities is concerned, San Antonio and Austin (Austin is 1st currently). If the members of these cities support this Reunion with their attendance, we'll double '39. How 'bout it? We need you others, also, so please come join with us in paying tribute to the great heritage we all have, our VON ROSENBERG FAMILY. There are still many, lo and behold! who have never attended a Reunion yet and we offer a very special invitation for you folks to come, also. We always have a good time, I guarantee, and so will you.

FLUNG!

Wm. F. von Rosenberg III of Austin, your "Chief Host" of the Host Committee, has taken his cue from past Reunions and will definitely hold another Social Evening for us. It will be on Sat. night, July 17, 1982, and will also be held at the American Legion Hall. Social Evenings have proven to be very popular in the past and certainly well attended. This tribe really like to party! Bar-b-que, beer, soft drinks, visiting and having fun are the "Orders of the Night"! The Evening starts at 6:00 pm and we'll be eating by 6:30 so don't be late. On a "dutch" basis, the meal will cost adults \$4.50 each plus .50¢ per beer; children \$3.00 for the meal plus their drinks. ALL MONEY PLUS THE COMMITMENT FORM MUST BE SENT TO YOUR SECRETARY. This is extremely important.

'BOUT AQUARENA SPRINGS

There is little anyone can add to the brochure sent you in the May Newsletter. You saw from the pictures how pretty it is and how much there is to do there.

It's a fun place to go for both individuals and family and you are invited to partake of it on Sat. before the Social Evening. In case you have misplaced your brochure, Aquarena Springs offers: the Swamp House, Sky Ride, Texana Village, Sky Spiral, Glass-Bottom boats, and the very popular Submarine Theatre. Yes, you'll even see the mermaid pig named Ralph. Normal cost for all this is \$6.95 each but if we purchase 15 tickets or more, it falls to \$5.95 which isn't bad at all. If you wish to join us, fill in the commitment form at the end of this Newsletter and send it to your Secretary along with your check. Underwater we go!

'BOUT THAT MOTEL

Ramada Inn was announced as the recommended motel for your Reunion stay this year. In case you missed it or haven't made your reservations yet, let us urge you to do so quickly. Write to: Ramada Inn, 1433 IH35 North, San Marcos, Tx., 78666--or--phone: 512-353-7770. Please ask for Mary Machacek and do mention the v.R. Family.

BIRTHS

Brian King, son of Capt. Chris and Jacqueline King of Madison, Ala., born 4-29-81 in Heidelberg, Germany.

Lily Carolina Smith-Kirkley, daughter of Kent and Linda Kirkley of Dallas, Tx., born 6-9-81 in Dallas.

Alison Lee Lytton, daughter of Donald and Kimberly Lytton of Mesilla Park, N.M., born 6-23-81 in Mesilla Park.

DEATHS

Charles G. Bissell, 87, of San Marcos, died 8-5-81. Buried at Oakwood Cemetery in Austin. Survivors: wife, Florence Bissell of San Marcos; daughters, Dorothy Hamer of San Marcos, Florence Hutchison of Alvin; four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. See Vol. II, p.85.

Marjorie Smith Dupree, 61, of Atascadero, Calif., died 3-10-82 from lung cancer. She is survived by a son, Michael Samuel Dupree of Atascadero, a daughter, Patricia Dupree York of Templeton, Calif. and five grandchildren. See Vol. II, p. 111.

Mildred Adeline Shiner Miller, 60, of 3 Sevierville, Tenn., died 10-25-81 in the same city. She is survived by her husband Roger Miller of Sevierville and 4 children: Steven Kane Miller of Sevierville, Jacqueline Miller King of Madison, Ala., Jeffry Roger Miller and Karen Jean Miller, both addresses unknown. See Vol. II, p. 275.

Edgar von Rosenberg, 84, of Round Rock, Tx., died 7-19-81. He is survived by two daughters, Katherin Parker and Gladys von Rosenberg, both of Round Rock; a sister, Nannie von Rosenberg of Austin; a brother, Arthur von Rosenberg of Austin, two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. See Vol. II, p. 18.

VOL. I

As you know, our Association has long been sold out of copies of Vol. I. We still receive inquiries from our members on how to obtain a copy, so we decided to try to do something about it. Mention was made in the minutes section of the May, 1982 Newsletter that our members be polled to see how many would desire a copy of Vol. I if it could be reproduced and made available. Vol. I contains our first 3 generations. The commitment form will have questions for you to answer so that we can determine if there is enough interest to warrant another printing of this all important volume.

MONTE VON ROSENBERG FLETCHER

We are unhappy to report that Monte Fletcher is very seriously ill at M. D. Anderson Hospital in Houston. Her prognosis is guarded. Monte is the wife of Hal Fletcher of Hallettsville and produced the 2nd edition of the booklet "Emigration of the von Rosenbergs to Texas, 1849." She cannot have visitors but she does need our prayers, cards and letters wishing her well. Write to: Monte Fletcher, Lutheran Pavillion, M.D. Anderson Hospital, Room 2025, Houston, Tx., 77030. Our love is deeply expressed to you, Monte.

Alan Meerscheidt of San Antonio received his B.A. degree in Micro-biology from the University of Texas-San Antonio in May of 1982. Well done, my Son.

MISSING PERSONS

In spite of all my urging and pleading for Family members to keep me informed about changes of address, the problem gets worse and worse.

There were 22 wrong addresses from the June, '81 Newsletter, which were of course returned to me--and--there were just now 28 returned from the May, 1982 mailing. Folks, that's 50 households we've lost in less than one year and we can't go on this way.

Please read carefully through the following names and see if you can provide me with the correct, current addresses. I shall forever be indebted to you:

Billy Adams
Gary Adams
Bob & Peggy Brewer

Elinor H. Brewer	Robert D. Lozo, Jr.
Ollie J. Carrow	Allan C. Lundy
Gilbert D. Clifton	Edwin L. Lytton
Robert B. Connelly	James H. Tofflemoyer
Marian J. Cooter	David J. von Rosen.
Frank Dexter	Eric von Rosenberg
Herman Dyal, Jr.	Eugene Dale von R.
Mrs. Juluis Endicott	Gary M. von Rosen.
Thomas L. Eyres, Sr.	Karl von Rosenberg
Frank A. Hamer	Michael K. von Ros.
Joe E. Hodge	Michael D. Weeks
Herbert Hornberger	Wm H. Wingo
Chelli Jackson	

These are the folks whose Newsletter returned from the May '82 mailing.

Hope to see you all in San Marcos.

This Newsletter submitted by:

Phil Meerscheidt
Family Secretary

VERY IMPORTANT

Cut here and return to: Phil Meerscheidt, 8474 Leewood, Houston, Texas, 77072
BY JULY 12, 1982

NAME:

ADDRESS:

CITY:

STATE:

ZIP:

Family poll to reprint copies of Vol. I of the von Rosenberg Family:

How many copies would you purchase at \$10.00 per copy?

How many copies would you purchase at \$15.00 per copy?

Would you advance \$100 for the printing to be taken in copies of the book or repaid as the money comes in?

- \$ enclosed for adult bar-b-que plates for Social Evening @ \$4.50 each.
- \$ enclosed for children bar-b-que plates @ \$3.00 each.
- \$ enclosed for tickets to Aquarena Springs @ \$5.95 each.
- \$ enclosed for copies of "The Letters" @ \$20.00 each.
- \$ enclosed for copies of Vol. II @ \$13.50 each.
- \$ enclosed for copies of "Emigration Booklet" @ \$6.50 each.
- \$ enclosed for 1982-83 donation to the Family operating budget.
- \$ total check enclosed, made out to: "The von Rosenberg Family."

There will be of us at the Social Evening on July 17th, 1982, at 6:00 p.m.

There will be of us at the Reunion on Sunday, July 18th, 1982.