

THE 1981 REUNION REVISITED

The 40th Reunion of our Association was held at El Mina Shrine Temple in Galveston, Tx., July 12, 1981 with 92 members in attendance. Registration began at 9:00 a.m. and the meeting called to order at 10:30 a.m. The pledge of allegiance was given to the flag of our country. Tom Jolly of Houston, Co-Chairman for the '81 Reunion, welcomed the Reunion Association to Galveston and Urban Earl Neese of Richmond, Tx., gave the visitors response to the Host Committee. Self introductions were rendered by all present.

A motion was made to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the 1980 Reunion held at Aggie Park in San Antonio and Robert Hein gave the Treasurers report. Under old business, a discussion was held on the culmination of the printing of the "Letters." The final cost was established at \$20.00 per copy and would be sold at that price in the future. Copies of the "Letters" were distributed at the end of this Reunion meeting. Special thanks were paid to the committee who helped translate the "Letters" from German to English. They were: Irma and Ernest A. Guenther of Austin, Laura J. Wingo of Birmingham, Ala., and Anna Campbell of San Antonio. Charles W. von Rosenberg of Dallas, our past Family Historian, received the most tributes, however, for his usual and successful accomplishments in chairing the committee who undertook this worthwhile task. "Letters" are "Great."

Under new business, the following officers were duly elected to serve the Association until 1983:

President--Russell Campbell of San Antonio
Vice-Pres.--Dale U. von Rosenberg-Dallas
Secretary--Phil Meerscheidt-Houston
Treasurer--Robert Hein-San Antonio
Historian--Ray von Rosenberg-Taft, Chm.
Ann Udall-Gilbert, Ariz., Ass't.

The 1982 Reunion will be held in San Marcos, Tx. with Wm. von Rosenberg III of Austin as chairman of the Host Committee who are: Mark Jan Endicott of Buda, Tx., Leroy and Arlene Brown of Marion, Tx., and Darlyn and Gary Bechtol of Austin. The Secretary moved the committee be notified of their appointment, that they

select a date between June 15th and July 10th, 1982, excluding July 4th, and the results announced in the next Newsletter.

Glenn von Rosenberg of Waco moved that Association members be polled in the Newsletter to see how many Members would purchase copies of Vol. I if they could be made available. Interest would dictate whether a new reproduction would be printed. This motion also passed.

The oldest member in attendance once again proved to be Anna Campbell of San Antonio, age 92 (and doing ever so well), the youngest was Susan Gail Campbell, daughter of Joan and Forrest Campbell of San Antonio, and the members traveling the greatest distance to attend this Reunion were the Bill Trenckmanns of Montesano, Wash.

Glenn von Rosenberg conducted a memorial service for the following deceased members: Edgar R. von Rosenberg of San Angelo, Lois Campbell Gaskill Carnes of San Antonio, Lucy Goldwaithe von Rosenberg (Mrs. Hermann U.), Gertrude von Rosenberg of Austin, Alexander E. von Rosenberg of La Grange, James E. Isbell (father of Ann Udall), and Joe Enochs of San Antonio.

The Host Committee was given a splendid round of applause for their efforts at this Reunion. They were: Pat and Tom Jolly of Houston, chairpersons; Leroy and Arlene Brown of Marion, Pamela and Nicky Rosencran of Houston, and Kay and Alan Meerscheidt of San Antonio.....

The announcement was made that branch pictures would be taken during the meal to follow. The morning portion of the meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m. after which a delicious picnic style luncheon was enjoyed by all. At 1:35 p.m., the meeting was called to order again at which time Charles W. von Rosenberg gave an informative speech based on the "Emigration of the von Rosenbergs to Texas" booklet. A lady representative of the Galveston Historical Foundation also gave a speech and slide presentation on the historical development of Galveston. This was enjoyed by all.

The meeting was then adjourned at 3:10

We are very pleased to announce that the 1982 Reunion will be held in the beautiful city of San Marcos, Tx. The date will be Sunday, July 18, 1982. San Marcos is almost "dead-center" in the state of Tx. and is very convenient for us all to drive to. Meeting in San Marcos represents another "first" for our Association and we plan on a grand happening this year.

Susan and William F. von Rosenberg III of Austin are Chairpersons of the Host Committee of this Reunion and have done their preparations very adequately. They are assisted on their committee by Mark Jan Endicott of Buda, Leroy and Arlene Brown of Marion, and especially by Darlyn and Gary Bechtol of Austin. Full details for the July 18th Reunion will be sent you in the upcoming June Newsletter.

THE SOCIAL EVENING

As usual and by popular demand, the Host Committee plans another gala Social Evening for us on the night before the Sunday Reunion. It will be Sat., July 17th, 1982 at 6:00 p.m., also in San Marcos.

You are urged to make your plans now so that you can be with us on July 17 and 18. Remember, no Social Evening or Reunion Sunday could ever be complete without YOU.

"BOUT SAN MARCOS"

The Host Committee definitely recommends to all who can arrive in San Marcos on Sat. the 17th to plan the afternoon at Aquarena Springs. (See enclosed brochure). It is a beautiful place and no matter your age, you will thoroughly enjoy it. Normal admission price to everything inclusive is \$6.95 each. But if we have 15 or more on the 17th, the price will only be \$5.95 each. Please study the brochure because I will be asking you to commit yourself in the June Newsletter. Aquarena Springs was very generous in supplying your Sec. with 450 of these brochures which are being sent to each of our households.

"BOUT THAT MOTEL"

The Host Committee, along with yours truly personally inspected sample rooms at four hotels in San Marcos on May 6, 1982, and have designated the Ramada Inn as our recommended and official hotel for you.

It is a beautiful, 1st class facility, very modern and very clean. One double bed for 2 people will cost \$44.00 which is offered as an example of their rates. Address your reservations or phone calls to: Mary Machacek, Ramada Inn, 1433 I-35 North, San Marcos, Tx., 78666 or phone: 512-353-7770. We reserved 15 rooms for July 17th so you certainly will want to make your reservations immediately. Please mention "The von Rosenberg Family" when making your reservations. Mary does expect us at Ramada Inn.

DONATIONS

It is now time for everyone to make their yearly donation to the Family operating budget. We are still holding the line at \$5.00 per household, still the best deal in town. Kindly make your check payable to "The von Rosenberg Family" and send it to your Secretary at: 3474 Leawood, Houston, Tx. 77072.

MORE ON "LETTERS"

If you paid for a copy of "Letters" and somehow haven't received your copy, please let your Secretary know about it. If you haven't ordered your copy yet and would desire one, again, make your check payable to "The von Rosenberg Family" and send it to me. \$20.00 per copy.

LIKEWISE

Copies of "Emigration of the von Rosenbergs to Texas" booklets are still available at \$5.00 each and also Vol. II at \$13.00 per copy. Let me know if you need a copy or more of these.

JUNE NEWSLETTER

If you have information you wish included please send it to me "pronto."

We sincerely hope you will plan your vacations and Reunion at San Marcos on July 17 and 18. We hope to have a large crowd this year. A special plea is made to the Members of San Antonio and Austin because San Marcos is right between you. "Seeyuh".

This Newsletter respectfully
submitted by

Phil Meerscheidt, Secretary