

The Von Rosenberg Family of Texas

June 1984

NEWSLETTER



THE 1984 REUNION

DATE: Friday July 20, 1984
Saturday July 21, 1984
Sunday July 22, 1984

TIME: Register anytime before
Sunday 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: Camp Lone Star
La Grange, Texas



You and your family are cordially invited to the 1984 Reunion of the
VON ROSENBERG FAMILY REUNION ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS

the 43rd such Reunion, the 45th year of the Association, the 118th
year after Peter Carl's death and the 2nd year (back-to-back) the
Reunion has been held in the friendly city of La Grange, Texas.

Established May 7, 1939

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WOW!

WE BROKE THE RECORD

Bingo

'39 IS NOW BEHIND

Yes Sir! We finally broke our attendance record! It took us only forty-four years to do it! The previous high was the very 1st Reunion in 1939; 153 were present at that eventful occasion at Round Top, Texas, and that figure stood uncontested for forty-four years.

But in July, 1983, we moved only 12 miles down the road to Camp Lone Star at La Grange and set the new record of one hundred and sixty four (164).

Congratulations to all who helped set this new record, your interest and support is indicative of your love and admiration for our great Family Association. Joy! Joy! Joy!

THE 1983 REUNION REVISITED

Last years' was a great Reunion. It was held at a marvelous place and everyone had a good time. 55 of our members arrived on the Friday, July 15, and kicked-off the Reunion with a festive party, good food and much visitation. Many others straggled in at their leisure on Sat. and Sunday. You couldn't help but notice how relaxed and happy our members were even though it rained every cotton-pickin' minute we were there, Fri. thru Sun. If it ever quit, it wasn't for very long. The rain reminded me of our Ancestral Voices letters in which heavy rains were mentioned in that area of Round Top and La Grange very often. Things sure haven't changed much, have they?

Our members did it all kinds of ways. Some came early and left early, many came early and stayed the duration and many attended the Sunday morning business meeting and lunch only. But no matter when they came or left, all commented how happy they were about the Camp Lone Star facilities and our reception there; the food was fantastic and there was plenty of it. Our Hosts were most congenial, courteous and cooperative and we offer the staff at Camp Lone Star our sincerest appreciation for a very pleasant visit.

The Sunday business meeting began at 10:10 a.m. and was called to order by President Russell Campbell of San Antonio. We pledged allegiance to the flag of our country, were welcomed by Glenn von Rosenberg of Waco, and Phil Meerscheidt gave the visitors response. Robert Hein gave the Treasurer's report and a motion to borrow necessary funds from our Operating Budget to repay all book loans due our members passed unanimously.

Anna Campbell of San Antonio proved to be the eldest present at a robust 94, still spry and mentally alert, youngest was Claten Bechtol, son of Darlyn & Gary Bechtol of Austin, measured in months, and the person who came the farthest to attend was Bruno and Hildegard von Meerscheidt of Germany.

Glenn von Rosenberg rendered a memorial service for all members who passed away since the last Reunion (see June 1983 Newsletter) after which everyone introduced themselves.

Ray von Rosenberg of Taft, Tx., our Historian, announced his plans to start work on Vol. III shortly and a motion passed declaring Charles W. von Rosenberg of Dallas, our Jr. Past Historian, an "Historian Emeritus." A suitable plaque is to be presented to Charles W. in the near future.

Camp Lone Star was voted, not unexpectedly the Reunion site for 1984, dates to be July 20, 21 and 22. The Host Committee was to be appointed at a later date and informed by letter from the Secretary.

Officers were elected to serve the Association in '84 & '85. They are: Dr. Dale U. von Rosenberg of Dallas, President; Wm. F. von Rosenberg III of Austin, Vice-Pres.; Phil Meerscheidt of Houston, Secretary; Robert Hein of San Antonio, Treasurer; and Ray von Rosenberg of Taft, Historian.

Eighteen members indicated they were in attendance at the 1st Reunion, 1939, and were well applauded. Leo Meerscheidt, Jr. of San Antonio introduced the speaker for the occasion Kuno von Meerscheidt of Munster, Germany. He had come to attend this Reunion as well as a "mini-Meerscheidt Reunion held the previous Thursday night in San Antonio. He told of his great concern for our Family and how pleased he was to be able to attend. He spoke in German and was translated by his daughter, Hildegard von Meerscheidt, of the same German city.

Three motions were then passed: that we donate a copy of Vol. II and "Ancestral Voices" (Letters) to both Libraries at Texas A&M and the University of Texas at Austin (strange combo) and that we split up our excess copies of Vol. II and store them a third each at the homes of Paul D. Meerscheidt and Robert Hein of San Antonio and Dr. Bruno Ybarra of Austin.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:31 a.m. and followed by a hearty noon meal.

Camp Lone Star is beautiful and modern. It's ideal for us as we found in '83. It offers just about any outside activity you can think of and is very comfortable inside. As I mentioned in the May '83 Newsletter, it is definitely a contact with the Lord's creation. You can have fun there and so can the kids, you can be cool and comfortable, you can relax and you will be fed well. You'll also be treated nicely by Mr. Garland Midgget, Mgr. and his excellent staff.

It is appropriate once again to express our thanks to last years site-selection committee who found Camp Lone Star for us. After all, what they found went a long way toward attracting a record-attendance to our Reunion. They were: Glenn von Rosenberg of Waco, Darlyn & Gary Bechtol of Austin, Wm. F. von Rosenberg of Austin and his son (now our V.P.) Wm. F. von Rosenberg III of Austin. Yaw'll done well!

THE YOUNG

Speaking of Wm. F. III and Darlyn & Gary Bechtol reminds me of something very important to our Association. In case you didn't know, for about the last six years we "older" members have been trying to incorporate our young members into active roles of this Association. I have mentioned only three but there are many, many more who work diligently in this Family and I'm sorry space prohibits listing all their names. They participate in planning, site-selection and they help your Sec. immensely at the Reunions by registering our people, taking care of room assignments and in the collection and auditing of all monies. If you need something done, ask them and they'll do it and they'll do it well. The perpetuation of this Assoc. and this Family is definitely assured by this fine set of caring, young people. Folks of whom I speak, please accept our thanks and appreciation for all you do and please keep up your fine work. We need you!

DIRECTIONS TO CAMP LONE STAR

Immediately south of La Grange on Highway #77 south (to Victoria), is the bridge spanning the Colorado river. About 150 YARDS from the southern end of the bridge is a sign "CAMP LONE STAR." Turn into that road (east) and go 2 miles to the Camp following the signes. One-half mile is paved, the other 1½ is dirt but in good condition. Park, register in the RETREAT CENTER, unload your car and get set for a relaxing time.

HOW IT WORKS!

This Reunion is scheduled for 2½ days--Fri.,

Sat. and Sunday, July 20, 21, & 22. You can come anytime you wish, whatever your "thing" is, but DO arrive by Sun. morning at 10:00. Many will take advantage and be there all 2½ days because it's going to be fun and enjoyable. It will amount to a short 2½ day vacation for you and your family because our Reunion has been expanded to 2½ days with the business meeting held on the Sunday. I like it!

MEALS

Please DO NOT BRING FOOD OR SERVICE. You won't need it. Full meals will be served buffet-style, all you can eat. There'll be 3 on Sat. and 2 on Sunday (breakfast & lunch) but no meal on Friday night as last year.

ROOMS

Being a retreat, the rooms sleep either 4 or 6 folks--so you get to pick your own room-mates, preferrably some who do not snore. The rooms are 1st class with A.C.; linen, blankets and pillows are furnished

COST

This is the best part. The cost is definitely "in line." It will be determined by when you arrive. If you're there 2½ days, you'll have 5 full meals, 2 nights lodging (Fri. & Sat. nites) plus use of all facilities at a cost of \$61.20 per adult total and \$38.80 per child--HOWEVER--maximum charge per family will not exceed \$180 for all 2½ days. Age 5 & under--no charge! If you arrive Sat. or Sunday, your charge will be prorated from the above figures.

Please DO NOT SEND ME ANY MONEY for room and board as this will be paid directly at the registration desk--BUT DO FILL IN THE FORM at the end of this Newsletter and return it to me so that Camp Lone Star can get an idea of our head count.

Let me be clear about Fri. the 20th. You can arrive anytime you wish Fri. afternoon but the night meal will not be served. All other facilities are yours to enjoy. Camp Lone Star has to average \$40.00 per head per day to keep their doors open and I think you can see how they've adjusted prices for us, by averaging.

Vans and campers will be allowed as long as there are not too many of them and ARE SELF-CONTAINED. There are no hook-ups available. Also, be warned, there are no level parking areas for them. The hosts do not encourage this much and I don't think the price reduction warrants bringing them anyway.

If you have questions of the hosts, write: Mr. Garland Midgget, Mgr., Camp Lone Star, P.O. Box 8, La Grange, Tx. 78445-or call: 713-247-4128.

There are two additional charges we must pay. The horseback riding charge will be \$2.50 and we will take up a small collection for beer. Please bring suitable clothing for your outside activities, folding chairs for outside use, beach towels, & sports gear your family enjoys.

YAW'LL COME

We sincerely hope you can be with us to share the magnificent things that only a great Family can provide--roots, love and appreciation of each other. This Reunion will provide us with all of this and we're going to have a good time also. Please come and be with us!

COMPUTE

We need to make an appeal. There will be a discussion at the '84 Reunion about getting the business of this Association onto a computer. The Secretary already owns a Commodore 64 and

1541 disk drive. We now need a printer, an interface, word-processing program, a database program and misc. supplies--address labels, paper, ribbons, etc. The printer should be a daisy wheel probably in the 6 to \$750 range compatible with the 64 and the word-processor program should be the Mirage brand inasmuch as I have a Mirage database program already. If you are in the computer business or know someone who is, and who can get us a "good" price on these items, please let your Sec. know about it immediately. We've simply grown too large to function in the "old" manner and we must look toward the future if we are to keep up with the rest of the world.

The enclosure is sent you as a favor to James P. McGuire of the Institute of Texan Cultures and is self explanatory. He spoke at one of our San Antonio Reunions. The Hermann Lungwitz mentioned is the great grandfather of our Pres. Dr. Dale U. von Rosenberg. Help James McGuire, please.

Cut here and return to: Phil Meerscheidt, 8474 Leawood, Houston, Texas, 77072
BY JULY 14, 1984

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

There will be _____ of us at the '84 Reunion in La Grange.

We will arrive July 20-21-22 (circle one) between the hours of _____ and _____

There must be either 4 or 6 in each room. Please include yourselves and fill in one of the lists below indicating your preference for room-mates, if any:

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
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\$ _____ enclosed for _____ copies of "The Letters" at \$20.00 each.
\$ _____ enclosed for _____ copies of Vol. II at \$13.50 each.
\$ _____ enclosed for _____ copies of "Emigration Booklet" at \$6.50 each.
\$ _____ enclosed for 1984-85 donation to the Family Operating Budget.
\$ _____ total check enclosed, make payable to "The von Rosenberg Family."

NOTE: PLEASE DO NOT SEND ANY MONEY FOR ROOM AND BOARD AT THE JULY REUNION.

This Newsletter submitted by: Phil Meerscheidt, Family Secretary