

The Von Rosenberg Family of Texas

June, 1987

NEWSLETTER



SUMMER ISSUE

THE 1987 REUNION

DATE: Friday July 17, 1987
Saturday July 18, 1987
Sunday July 19, 1987

TIME: Register anytime before
Saturday, 4:00 p.m.

PLACE: Camp Lone Star
La Grange, Texas



**Take an
Important
Step**

You and your family are cordially invited to the 1987 Reunion of the

VON ROSENBERG FAMILY REUNION ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS

the 46th such Reunion, the 48th year of the Association, the 121st year after Peter Carl's death and the 5th year (back-to-back) the Reunion has been held in the friendly city of La Grange, Texas.

It's Important!

Established May 7, 1939

THE 1987 REUNION

The 1987 Reunion Entertainment Committee has spent many hours planning activities for this years' Reunion. Headed by co-chairmen Bill von Rosenberg of Austin and Dale U. von Rosenberg of Dallas, the Committee has functions planned for almost every hour you're there. I humbly suggest that if you wish to engage in all planned activities, bring plenty of energy with you. If you wish to skip some of the activities and sit around and visit, that's O.K. also.

AGENDA

FRIDAY: Arrive anytime you wish after 12:00 noon. Register, get your room assignment, unload your auto, visit, relax and get ready for games, mixers, party, etc., commencing at 7:00 p.m. Be informed, however, food WILL NOT be served by Camp Lone Star anytime on the Friday.

8:15 p.m. Classical music concert at Festival Hill in Round Top. Advance registration NOT necessary. Adults: \$7.50 Children: \$4.00. This is very worthwhile and highly recommended.

SATURDAY:

8-9 a.m. Breakfast--all meals served cafeteria style, all you can eat--SO--bring NO FOOD to the Reunion.

8:20 Tour caravan assembles.

9:00 Tours, see details below.

11:00 Get acquainted meeting.

12:00 Lunch.

12:20 Tour caravan assembles.

1:00 Tours, see details below.

4:00 BUSINESS MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION.

5:00 Dinner.

6:00 "All Branch" Volleyball Tournament--teams made up by Branch Members present. If your Branch doesn't have enough to make up a full team, we'll lend you someone. Rules and details given at the site. Winning Branch receives all-expense paid trip inside building, awarded a cup of cold ice water plus generous supply of Ben Gay. Losers receive same award but not until 30 minutes later! Make preparations now, get your Branch Members there so you can have a full team and a good team.

8:15 Classical music concert, Festival Hill--see above, OR

9:00 Party, games and mixers.

SUNDAY:

8:00 a.m. Breakfast.

9:00 Adult Computer Class, everything you ever wanted to know about modern-day computers, taught by professional and Family member Ruth Campbell of Rockaway, N.J. Don't miss this if computers baffle you. From the ground up! OR

9:00 Tours continued. See details below.

10:00 Children's computer class. As above.

11:00 GENERAL MEETING--MEMORIAL SERVICE.

12:00 Lunch.

1:00 Depart Camp Lone Star.

TOURS

TOUR #1 Monument Hill--is just up the hill from Camp Lone Star. This is the monument where the victim remains of the Meir expedition were brought. This can be toured in an hour or less since it is so close. There is an old brewery there which is being restored. It is really a beautiful place with a good view of the valley below. It is a good place to go on Sat. or Sun. mornings, plus the two concerts mentioned in the agenda.

TOUR #2 The grave of Peter Carl von Rosenberg, the one common ancestor of us all, is in La Grange across the highway from Bonton's.

TOUR #3 The grave of Amanda is between Round Top and Winedale Museum. Also the historical marker for Nassau Plantation which Peter Carl bought and where he and the family lived. It is near Winedale.

TOUR #4 Henkel Square is in Round Top. These are old homes which have been moved there and restored by Mrs. Bybee. One is a von Rosenberg home. We toured Henkel Square at a Reunion some years back and everyone was very impressed.

TOUR #5 Winedale Museum is also in Round Top. The tour takes about an hour, as does Henkel Square, and round-trip driving time is also an hour. Charge about \$2.00 each.

TOUR #6 Fayette County Historical Society has an exhibit at the La Grange Library just across the river from Camp Lone Star. Open on Sat. morning only.

ABOUT THE TOURS

The tours can be combined almost any way you wish with one exception. Tours #4 and #5 cannot be combined due to the time element required (Henkel Square and Winedale Museum.) Simply choose one of these and combine it with any other except the opposite one shown above. PLEASE NOTE: We will need an advance head-count for the tours, so please be sure to indicate such on the registration form shown at the end of this Newsletter. If you don't

preregister for the tours, Dale (as in WineDale), will not love thee anymore!

DIRECTIONS TO CAMP LONE STAR

Immediately south of La Grange, on Hwy. #77 So. to Victoria, is a bridge spanning the Colo. river. About 150 yards from the southern end of this bridge is a sign saying "CAMP LONE STAR." Turn east on that road and go 2 miles to the Camp, simply following the signs. $\frac{1}{2}$ mile is paved, the other $1\frac{1}{2}$ is dirt but usually in good condition. Bring your charming personality with you, please.

ROOMS

Being a 1st class retreat, the rooms sleep either 4 or 6 so you can pick your own roommates, preferably some who are not grouchy early in the morning. The rooms are air-conditioned and very nice. Linen, blankets and pillows are furnished.

COST

The cost is definitely reasonable and favorably compares with or beats any other manner of financing your Reunion expenses. The cost is determined by your arrival time. If you spend the full $2\frac{1}{2}$ days there, you'll have 5 full meals, 2 nights lodging, plus full use of all facilities for \$61.20 per adult and \$38.50 per child--HOWEVER--maximum charge per FAMILY will not exceed \$180.00 for all 21 days. Age 5 and under--no charge. If you arrive Sat. or Sun., your charge will be prorated from the above figures. Van and campers are not recommended. 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: 409-247-4128. (How's that, Charles W.?)

THE 1986 REUNION

The 1986 Reunion was held at Camp Lone Star in La Grange, Tx., July 18, 19, & 20. The business meeting was officially opened on 7-19 at 4:00 p.m. by Pres. Wm. F. von Rosenberg III of Austin with an attendance of 48 at this meeting, 79 registered for entire Reunion. We pledged allegiance to our flag, the minutes were approved as contained in the June, 1986, Newsletter and Treasurer Robert Hein of San Antonio gave the Treasurer's report.

Under old business, after considerable discussion, it was moved that we print 500 copies of Vol. I in it's present format at a price of \$3,500 with each copy retailing at \$15.00 plus \$1.00 handling and mailing charge. This motion passed.

Another discussion followed about Vol. III which is slowly taking shape. Dale U. von Rosenberg, Family Historian, indicated 419 biographies or more would be needed for this Vol., more than double the number in Vol. II and would be a for-

midable undertaking due to size and content.³ The Secretary was instructed to continue learning the new soft-ware geneology program recently purchase and make a progress report at the '87 Reunion.

The members present voted to hold the '87 Reunion at Camp Lone Star on July 17, 18, & 19.

After comments of a general nature from the floor the meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

MINUTES--SUNDAY, JULY 20, 1986

The meeting opened at 10:00 a.m. at Camp Lone Star under the direction of Pres. Wm. F. von Rosenberg III of Austin. After everyone introduced themselves, Forrest M. Campbell of Somerset, N.J. was found to be the eldest in attendance, age 72; the youngest was Amie von Rosenberg of Rockdale, Tx., $2\frac{1}{2}$ months, daughter of Sheryl and David von Rosenberg and Ruth and Jack Arnold Campbell of Rockaway, N.J. traveled the greatest distance to attend, 1900 miles. Whew!

Glenn von Rosenberg presented a memorial service in honor of those members who passed away since the last Reunion:

Eugene Elzy (Buddie) Adams died 1-26-86, buried in Naurna Cemetery near Lampasas, Tx., 1-28-86. He reached the age of 89 and died in Temple, Tx. See Vol. II, p. 234.

Arthur Meerscheidt Scholz died 5-5-86, buried at South Park Mission in San Antonio. See Vol. II, p. 260.

Dr. Ernest Walter Wupperman died 2-17-86, at Cedar Park, Tx. Vol. II, p. 23.

Miles Littleton Moss died 6-6-86, in La Grange, Tx. Vol. II, p. 142.

After general comments from the floor, most expressing their satisfaction about Camp Lone Star as our meeting place, the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

RIDE PROBLEMS

If for some reason you can't drive anymore or do not have transportation, let the Sec. know immediately and maybe we can arrange for a Family member to drop by and bring you to the Reunion. If you REALLY want to attend this years' Reunion, let me know and we'll find a way to get you there. Because Camp Lone Star doesn't necessarily want you there forever, we'll also find a way for your return trip home. Wow! Such a deal!

THE OPERATING BUDGET

Our Operating Budget stays about the same all the time because 25% of our members make an annual

donation to the Budget and 75% do not. It's time once again for each household family to send in their donation of \$5.00 or more for the next year. Thanks again to you who help each year and to those who haven't, remember, you'll be donating to a very worthwhile cause because somewhere, somehow, and by someone very important to you, your very existence can be traced to this great Family. We need every family pitching in!

VOL. I

As mentioned in the minutes elsewhere in this Newsletter, Vol. I has been reprinted completely and is available for distribution at the '87 Reunion. To those who made loans to the Assoc. and to those who sent in orders and checks for copies, you'll receive them at the Reunion. If you're not present, your copy or copies will be mailed to you shortly after the Reunion. If you haven't ordered your copies yet, please notate such on the registration form and we'll get them in the mail to you. Cost: \$15.00 per copy plus \$1.00 postage each.

On behalf of the Association, we most sincerely express our thanks and appreciation to Hist. Dale U. von R. and to Pres. Wm. F. von R. III for their many efforts in bringing this worthwhile project to a close. The ones who will appreciate this reprinting the most will be those kids who come along about 50 to 100 years from now. We now have plenty of Vol.'s I & II on hand.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

According to our Family by-laws, our elected officers hold office a period of 2 years and we re-elect on the odd years. SO, we will be electing new officers at the '87 Reunion Sat. business meeting, 4:00 p.m. We will elect a Pres., V-P, Sec., Treas. and Hist. to serve this Family through the Reunion of 1989. If you aspire for any office, make your desire known to the nominating committee which will be appointed previous to the 4:00 meeting.

The present officers are: Pres.-Wm. F. von R. III of Austin; V-P--Leo Meerscheidt, Jr. of San Antonio; Sec.-Phil Meerscheidt of Houston; Treas.-Robert Hein of San Antonio; and Historian-Dale U. von Rosenberg of Dallas.

THE MAILING LIST

O.K. Gang, we helped our mailing list considerably on the last go-around. We helped it but we came no where close to whipping it! Whereas we had 390 letters go out in 8-86 appealing for lost or new addresses, this one will mail to a total of only 470, an increase of 80. We should be

mailing to over 800 households. Our goal is for every household to receive the Newsletter. When we start collecting information for Vol. III, I'm afraid that half our members aren't even going to receive their letters asking for their info. so that it can be included in the new Vol. Please re-examine your Aug. '86 Newsletter and send me any addresses you can. If you move, let your Sec. know about it right away, please!

FROM FRANCES B.

Frances B. von R., wife of Charles H. von R., 113 Magnolia Ave., Fayetteville, N.C., 28305, writes about a book that has been published by Vantage Press, that it was released in the fall of '86 and is available at all book stores. The title is "The Ring-Tailed Panther, a Biographical Novel" and Frances is the author. The chief character, Martin Palmer, signed the Texas Declaration of Independence in 1836 and is an ancestor of hers. Sounds very interesting-SO- let's help her a little bit. Ask for the book!

LET'S GET IT STRAIGHT!

Ralph D. Reed, 5222 Rothchilde Court, Houston, Tx., 77069 has written asking an interesting question. He writes, and I quote: "On page 90 of Vol. I, the date of birth of Amanda Karoline (von Rosenberg) Meerscheidt is shown as 6-6-1832 but on page 113 of Vol. I, it is shown as 6-15-32. Which is correct?" The Sec. has verified the discrepancy in Vol. I so don't waste your time looking it up. But, does anyone know the answer to this question? If so, let me know and we'll put the correct answer in the next Newsletter. Maybe it took her 4 days to "Git Borneed."

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARIES

It's good to announce two beautiful Golden Wedding Anniversaries:

On 6-6-86, Helene W. and James A. Dinwiddie, 807 Lindenwood Dr., Baytown, Tx., 77520, celebrated theirs. They were married 6-6-36 at the First Congregation Church in Austin, Tx. See Vol. II, p. 24.

On March 21, 1987, Kathryn and Gus R. Hellmuth, 6359 Palo Pinto St., Dallas, Tx., 75214, had to get into the act. Their reception was held at the First United Methodist Church in Dallas. See Vol. II, p. 122.

On behalf of the Family Association, we offer our warmest congratulations to you and leave you with just one question: "Were there REALLY witnesses at those weddings?"

On another subject, regrettably, Gus informs that he's having a bad time with his cancer, that he's been in and out of the hospital since '81, but says he's feeling much better now and drive and walk (but not very far), and

also indicates that he and Kate will try hard to be at this next Reunion. There's an attitude!

DEATHS

Laura Juanita Albin, 13618 E. Bethany Pl., #311, Aurora, CO, announced that her husband, Don Clare Albin, passed away 12-23-86. Vol. II, p. 49.

Charles W. von R. of Dallas writes that Anna K. Moss, formerly of La Grange, Tx., passed away in '86 but the date is unknown. As stated in the Sunday minutes of this publication, her husband, Miles Littleton Moss, preceded her in death on June 6, 1986. Vol. II, p. 142.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Aug. '86 Newsletter request for new addresses brought back many news worthy items such as new births, marriages, etc. Since those lists are so lengthy and need to be fixed into some kind of order, and time is upon us in getting this particular Newsletter into the mail, we'll have to include all those announcements in the next Newsletter. SO, please, you folks who are involved, bear with me because I haven't forgotten or overlooked you.

VERY IMPORTANT

I received the following letter and have printed it here almost as it's written:

Dear Mr. President, dear members of the Rosenberg family Reunion!

My name is Thomas Grzesiak and I'm the grandson of Mary Grzesiak. I am seventeen years old and live in Meckesheim near Heidelberg (Germany). I also go to school there to the eleventh class.

Last summer I spent three weeks in Tucson. The trip was organized by the Rotary Club. We were a group of twenty people and we all stayed with American families. I liked it very much and it was very interesting to me.

Therefore, I would like to visit America once Again and stay there for a longer time, perhaps for a year. If it is possible, I also want to go to high school (or 1st year college). This would be a good chance to improve my English. I hope this letter helps me to find a family with a boy of the same age which is willing to house me for a year. This boy also can come to Germany and stay with my family. I learn English for seven years now and my favorite subjects in school are English and physics and in my sparetime, I often work with computers and electronics. I also do a lot of sports in sum-

mer. I play tennis on a team and do athletics.⁵ In winter, I go skiing. I hope I'll get an answer! Here is my address....(and he list's it. End.)

I think this letter is quite explanatory. If anyone wants to help this young aspirant, please let the Sec. know and I'll get the word to him so that he can contact you about details. I thought his was a very impressive letter. See Vol. II, p. 55-56.

RECAP

Again, I wish to appeal to each of you to come to this years' Reunion. Many great things are going to transpire there concerning this Family and you need to be there and have your voice heard. There'll be many good times, also.

By and large, I have always thought, that the greatest experience to be had at one of these Reunions is meeting and communicating with new acquaintances as well as old ones. Take my word for it, we're a great bunch of people. You won't find crumbs or bums there but you will find decent, honest and intelligent folks there.

Please be sure to fill in the registration form on the opposite side of this page and send it back to me. Do not send monies for room and board as this will be collected when you sign in.

I wish to take this opportunity to publicly thank Glenn von Rosenberg and his kids for helping so diligently at the registration table during the Reunion. If it were not for them and ^{their} capable assistance, the Sec. would have to sit at that table for 2½ days. Wow! Thanks to all of you who have helped in the past. I surely appreciate it.

(please fill in form on reverse side.)

This Newsletter respectfully submitted by:

Phil Meerscheidt
Secretary
von Rosenberg Family Association
6-17-87

Please fill in and return this form to: Phil Meerscheidt, 8474 Leawood
Houston, Texas 77072

BY JULY 13, 1987

NAME: _____ ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP _____

There will be _____ of us at the 1987 Reunion in La Grange.

We will arrive July 17 18 19 (circle one) between the hours of _____ and _____

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

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| 1. _____ | 1. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 2. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 3. _____ |
| 4. _____ | 4. _____ |
| | 5. _____ |
| | 6. _____ |

There will be _____ of us on TOUR # _____

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\$ _____ enclosed for _____ copies of Vol. I at \$16.00 each.

\$ _____ enclosed for _____ copies of "Ancestral Voices" (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 1987-1988 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 REUNION.