

The Von Rosenberg Family of Texas

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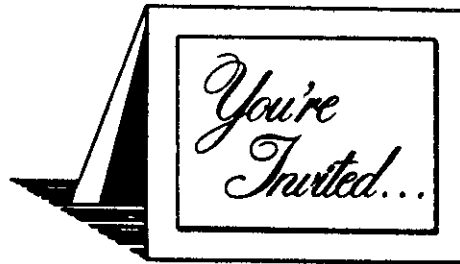
NEWSLETTER

THE 1989 REUNION GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

DATE: Friday July 14, 1989
Saturday July 15, 1989
Sunday July 16, 1989

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

PLACE: Camp Lone Star
La Grange, Texas



You and your family are cordially invited to the 1989 Reunion of the

VON ROSENBERG FAMILY REUNION ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS

the 48th such Reunion, the 50TH YEAR OF THE ASSOCIATION, the 123rd year after Peter Carl's death, and the 7th year (back-to-back) the Reunion has been held in the friendly city of La Grange, Texas.

Established May 7, 1939

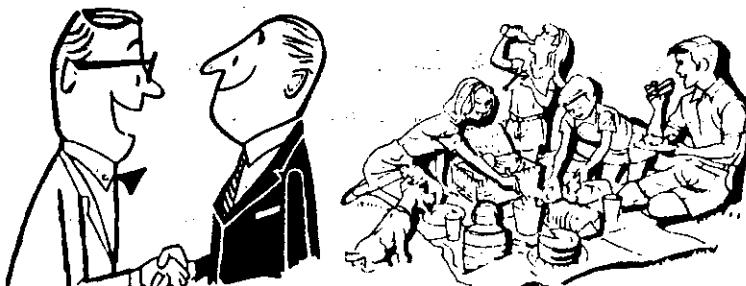
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It has been truly inspiring to read the many letters I have received wherein it is stated, in so many different words, "Phil, I was at the first one and am proud of it." I, too, was there and I'm also comforted. I feel we have that basic foundation, that certain "anchor" because our Association has steered safely through every storm because our hearts have been in the right place, our intentions fervent, our courage steadfast, and our trust has been forever fixed on God. We are one of only a few Associations such as we have. We are kind of like the woodpecker who owes his success to the fact that he uses his head and keeps pecking away until he finishes the job he starts; that's us! That's "roots" working! The best cosmetic in the world is an active mind that is always finding something new.

Such is the history of our Association because we have advanced confidently in the direction of our dreams, endeavored to live the life which our forefathers imagined, and we will meet with a success unexpected in common hours. We owe much to our loved ones who have preceded us. Their great wisdom in establishing our Association will be celebrated at this Reunion so that in future years, many of our members can continue the "chain of time" by saying, "I was at the fiftieth and am proud of it."

YOU'RE INVITED

You and your family are invited to come celebrate the 50th with us. You'll have a good time and you'll enjoy it! Camp Lone Star is an ideal place to meet; everything you need is there. Great food (all you can eat), great surroundings and facilities, air-conditioning, and very friendly and congenial staff members. We enjoy tennis, swimming, basketball, volleyball, canoeing, fishing, horse-shoes, games, and as indicated in the May Newsletter, a big dance on the Saturday night. All of this is done in the company of the finest people you'll ever know. We even converse, gossip, and visit (especially the ladies). Yes, we're 1st class and so is Camp Lone Star.



Look at this!

UPCOMING EVENTS

PLANS

We plan to have a large 50th Anniversary cake on hand with the Family crest decoratively shown, much publicity and public relations about the "Golden," a display of Family relics, Mrs. Bybee, owner and developer of Henkel Square in Round Top, to speak to us, T-shirts made up and on sale commemorating the 50th (in all sizes, also with the crest, we'll place a wreath on Peter Carl's grave, will have plastic name cards, pictures shown of the 1939 Reunion, pictures taken of the 50th, and many other things. For those needing it, baby-sitting will be provided during the Sat. night dance.

INVOLVEMENT

There are many people involved in planning this gala affair and you won't want to miss a single activity. Set your negative thoughts aside and plan to be with us. Remember, in coming to this Reunion, the question is not whether you have a tough problem or conflict, but whether it's the same problem or conflict you had and used last year! Beautiful thoughts will hardly bring us to the Reunion until they are acted upon. No one can have a true idea of right, or the satisfaction of having attended, until he or she actually does it. Come celebrate with us and try to persuade your near relatives to come, also.

DIRECTIONS TO CAMP LONE STAR

Immediately south of La Grange, on Hwy. #77 south to Victoria, is a bridge spanning the Colorado 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.

ROOMS

Being a 1st class retreat, the rooms sleep either 4 or 6. You'll want to choose some room-mates and fill these rooms up because the more in each room, the lesser the charge per head in the room. The rooms are air-conditioned and very nice. Linen, blankets,

The cost at Camp Lone Star is reasonable and compares favorably with any other manner of financing your Reunion expenses. The cost is prorated and is determined by your arrival time. If you spend the full $2\frac{1}{2}$ days there, you'll have 5 full meals (all you can eat), 2 nights lodging, plus full use of all facilities for around \$63.00 per adult and \$40.00 per child. However, the maximum charge per family will not exceed \$180.00 for all $2\frac{1}{2}$ days. Age 5 and under--no charge! If you arrive Sat. or Sun., your charge will be prorated from the above figures. Vans and campers are not recommended; no place to park them. If you have questions of the host, write: Mr. Garland Midgget, Mgr., Camp Lone Star, P.O. Box 8, La Grange, TX., 78445, or call: 409-247-4128.



THE BIG DANCE

As announced in the May Newsletter, we will hold a big dance Saturday night, July 15th. We will eat our normal 6:00 meal at Camp Lone Star and then caravan to the VFW hall in La Grange for the dance. Except for beer, this will be a BYOB party. We have hired a real good country & western band that come highly recommended; they've played everywhere and we're in for a very good time. We will try to arrange for baby-sitting for the event. You can remember, I'm sure, that previous to holding our Reunions at Camp Lone Star, we always held a social evening on the Sat. nite before the Sunday Reunion meeting and those socials were very well attended. I'm sure this one will be, also, cause our folks really like to party. Please be reminded that the more in attendance, the less admission charge there will be; this to pay for the band and the hall. Shine up those shoes, and start gettin' yourself in shape for a great evening.

If you need transportation to and from the Reunion this year, please let your Secretary know about it immediately and I'll do everything I can to find someone who can come by and pick you up. Not attending the Reunion because of transportation is no longer an excuse, so let me know if I can help you.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

As you know, we elect officers to run this Association every two years. We always elect on the odd-numbered years, and this is one of those years. If you aspire to serve our Association as an officer, make your intentions known to me through the mail, or tell President Roger von Rosenberg your plans when you get there so we can get word to the nominating committee which he will appoint at the time. If you have talent, let it be known. We will elect a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Historian to hold office through and including the '91 Reunion.

OPERATING BUDGET

Each year, at this time, we ask each family in the Association for a \$5.00 or more donation to our operating budget. This is the only method we use to finance our operating expenses. It's time again to donate so we can run this coming year. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated. Make checks payable to "The von Rosenberg Family" and send them to your Secretary.

A TIP OF OUR HAT

THE 1988 REUNION REVISITED

The business meeting of our Association was held Saturday, July 16, 1988, at Camp Lone Star in La Grange, Texas. President Roger von Rosenberg called the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m. with 112 members present. After the pledge of allegiance, self introductions were given, the minutes were dispensed with, and Treasurer Robert Hein gave his report. A letter of thanks was received and read from Mrs. Bybee, owner of Henkel Square in Round Top, for the Family books we donated to that institution. Dale U. von Rosenberg, Historian, told of his plans for the production of Vol. III, and said he was just about ready to start gathering personal history from our various members. Darlyn Bechtol, chairperson of the "Site Search Committee" for the '89 Reunion, reported that of all the places she and her committee members visited and checked

The others were either more expensive, or offered less in facilities, or both. It was then moved and passed that the 50th Reunion, the 1989, be held again at Camp Lone Star on July 14, 15, and 16, 1989. Secretary Phil Meerscheidt reported on attendance, problems with attendance, the Newsletter, and our ever-suffering mailing list. There are still 466 households not receiving the Newsletter with some 800 members remaining uninformed. Rives Meerscheidt, Captain in the U.S. Air Force, gave the major speech of the meeting talking about family customs in Germany. It was very interesting. In conclusion, he moved that our Association make a formal request to the La Grange city council, the state of Texas, and the University of Texas to make the cemetery, containing the grave of Peter Carl, a state landmark so that it doesn't fall to urbanization. The motion passed and Dale U. von Rosenberg was appointed to accomplish same. After announcing the Sunday morning "Memorial Service" would commence at 11:00 a.m., the President adjourned the meeting at 5:31 p.m.

IN MEMORIAM

SUNDAY MEMORIAL SERVICE

This meeting was held Sunday, July 17, 1989, at Camp Lone Star, 11:00 a.m. There were 48 members present when President Roger von Rosenberg called the meeting to order. After the welcome, it was discovered Jennie von Rosenberg of Austin was the oldest member in attendance, at age 85, Rives Meerscheidt of Germany traveled the greatest distance to attend, and our youngest member turned out to be Connor Noel Bechtol, @ 7 months, son of Gary and Darlyn Bechtol of Austin, Tx.

Past-President William von Rosenberg, Jr. of Austin then conducted the Memorial Service for our deceased members since the last Reunion. They were:

- Henry L. Dolezal, 10-3-87, in La Grange. Vol. II, p. 205.
- Herman E. Dyal, 1-17-87, in New Braunfels. Vol. II, p. 287.
- Miles L. Moss, 6-6-86. Vol. II, 9.142.
- Vernon Jack Shiner, 4-2-88, in El Paso. Vol. II, p. 274.
- Lillian May Speckels, 7-25-87, in San Antonio. Vol. II, p. 288.
- Melba Lucile Jones Trenckmann, 12-22-86, in Shelton, WA. Vol. II, p. 242.
- Arthur Julius von Rosenberg, 10-5-87, in Cameron, Tx. Vol. II, p. 301.
- Frederick G. von Rosenberg, 3-14-88, in Austin, Tx. Vol. II, p. 92.

The President then opened the floor for discussion of ideas for the 50th Reunion, 1989. The cake, public relations and publicity, photographs, Family relics, Mrs. Bybee to speak, T-shirts with Family crest, Sat. nite social evening, plastic name cards, the wreath for Peter Carls' grave, and other items were discussed, accepted, and committees appointed. Many members expressed their delight and satisfaction about the Reunion and Camp Lone Star, after which the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon.

THE MAILING LIST

We only did fair on our mailing list corrections. I received 27 corrections of the 99, about 25%, but we had another 21 letters return from the May mailing. So, we gained six households for our efforts. Listed below are the 17 members whose letter just returned to me. Space doesn't permit listing the wrong addresses but if you know any current addresses for them, please send them to me. I appeal, one more time, to you folks who didn't send in corrections off the May mailing, to go over that list again and send me what you can. I'm quite sure parents know the addresses of their offsprings and vice-versa. We need your help desperately on this:

Guy J. Boisvert	Joseph H. Rowe
J. Frank Hanna	Frederick L. Shea
James W. Lambert	Johnny L. Simon
Wm. R. Lemmons, Jr.	James H. Vaughn
Randall K. Lowry	Eric Earl von R.
Emily Lytton	Karla Jean von R.
Bobby Mata	Jon Karl von R.
J. L. Meerscheidt	Gayle H. Watt
Edward R. Moss	

RELICS

Your officers are asking each of you to bring family relics, memoirs, and heirlooms to the Reunion this year. Pictures, cloth stuff, dishes, or anything else you might have from the old days are always very interesting for members to look over and hear stories connected with them. Please help us on this if you can.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Alice Endicott Troop is now married to Gary Cole. Their address: 3405 Silver Spur, San Angelo, Tx., 76904. They have a daughter, Lauren Elizabeth, born 10-21-85. Welcome aboard, Gary, and hope to meet you at the 1989 Reunion.

Richard Kevin Ulrich is on the Chemical Engineering faculty of the U. of Arkansas

Rev. Charles E. and Carolyn von Rosenberg have moved to a new church after 26 years in Covington, La. Their new address: 2585 West Highway 55, Clover, SC, 29710. Their son, Peter C., left Ft. Worth 2 years ago to return to graduate school in Louisiana; he will continue his graduate work at the U. of S. Carolina. The other son, John, has graduated, Bachelor degree from LSU and will also enter graduate school. The 3rd son, David, started work in Denver, Co., in Feb. of 1989.

Elinor Hutchison Brewer has now married Tom McKee and they reside at: 716 W. Louisa, Iowa Park, Tx., 76367. Welcome to you also, Tom, and hope to see you and Elinor at the Reunion.

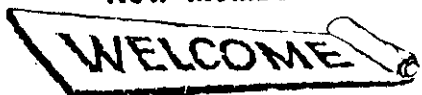
Robin Sue von Rosenberg married Steve Oliver March 19, 1988, in Houston. Their address: 4513 Birch, Bellaire, Tx., 77401. Welcome to the Family, Steve, and try to be with us at Reunion time. Robin is the daughter of Robert von Rosenberg, who, by the way, also has a new address with wife, Margaret: P.O. Box 887, Big Spring, Tx., 79721. Robert informs that one son, Charles, is a student at Texas Tech while the other son, David, is a student at the U. of Texas in Austin. Both Robert and Margaret work at the Big Spring State Hospital where Robert became Superintendent; they live on the grounds there.

Robert D. and Florence Bissell Hutchison, 208 S. Western, Lampasas, Tx., recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with an open house at the Gillen house in Lampasas, given by their three daughters: Suzanne Dewhitt, Elinor Elizabeth McKee, and Peggy Louise Hutchison. Congrats, Robert and Florence, you and our Association hit the "Golden" at the same time. Now that's perfect timing!

RECENTLY ANNOUNCED DEATHS

Erna D. Bouillon of Seattle, Wa., 4-3-89.
Vol. II, p. 244.
Martha D. Hellmuth, no details, '88 N.L.
ret. marked deceased. Vol. II, p. 115.
Mildred Shiner of El Paso, 8-30-88.
Vol. II, p. 274.
Alfred O. Wupperman of Austin, 12-8-88.
Vol. II, p. 24.
William Warren Taylor of Roswell, NM,
9-19-86. Vol. II, p. 322.

New Members



We need everyone to turn out.

BIRTHS

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Carol and Brad Engle of Chambersburg, Pa., have a new son, Matthew Eugene Engle, born 9-23-88. Carol is the daughter of Dale U. and Marjorie von Rosenberg who are the G.P.s.

Byron and Sharon von Rosenberg have a new son, Ryan Howard, born 10-2-88 in Nashville, Tn. Byron is the son of Dale and Marjorie, so this makes them double grandparents, I suppose. Byron and Sharon's new address: 3513 Tengani, Corpus Christi, Tx., 78415. Byron has a position as field director for the Boy Scouts there.

Dr. Allan C. and Susan Lundy have a new daughter, Alexandra Balee, born 12-26-88. Allan and Susan have a new address: 1002 13th St., Huntington, WV, 25701. Dr. Allan teaches at Marshall University. Grandmother is Alice Lundy of Orange, Ca.

Pam and Jim Peters of Houston have a new son: Justin James, born 8-29-88 in Houston. Pam is the daughter of Dot and Phil Meerscheidt; Jim is a bowling alley mgr. at the Woodlands, Tx.

Pat and Tom Dukett announce the arrival of their 1st offspring, daughter Kelsey Marie, born 9-13-88 in Cedar Park, Tx. (suburb of Austin). Pat is also the daughter of Dot and Phil Meerscheidt

WHY DO WE HAVE A REUNION?

A REMINDER

If you think you're having problems about attending the Reunion this year, consider Lincoln's problems on the road to the White House:

Failed in business in 1831.
Defeated for legislature in 1832.
Second failure in business in 1833.
Suffers nervous breakdown in 1836.
Defeated for Speaker in 1838.
Defeated for Elector in 1840.
Defeated for Congress in 1843.
Defeated for Congress in 1848.
Defeated for Senate in 1855.
Defeated for Vice-President in 1856.
Defeated for Senate in 1858.
Elected President in 1860.

He persisted and overcame; so can you.
Looking forward to seeing you there!

Don't forget to mail back the form on the other side.

REGISTRATION FORM

Please fill in and return this form to: Phil Meerscheidt 6327 Overlook
Houston, TX 77041 BY JULY 10, 1989

NAME: _____ ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

There will be _____ of us at the 1989 Reunion in La Grange.

There will be _____ of us at the dance Saturday night, July 15th.

We will arrive July 14 15 16 (circle one) between the hours of _____ and _____

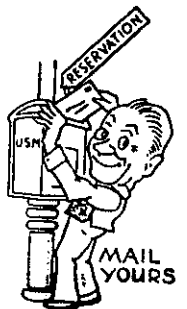
There must be either 4 or 6 in each room. Please include yourself and fill in one of the lists below indicating your preference for room-mates.

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- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____

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- 4. _____
- 5. _____
- 6. _____



- \$ _____ enclosed for _____ copies of Vol. I @ \$16.00 each.
- \$ _____ enclosed for _____ copies of "Ancestral Voices" (Letters) @ \$20.00 each.
- \$ _____ enclosed for _____ copies of Vol. II @ \$13.50 each.
- \$ _____ enclosed for _____ copies of "Emigration Booklet" @ \$6.50 each.
- \$ _____ enclosed for 1989-1990 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.



Hey
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Don't
Forget

This Newsletter respectfully submitted by:

Phil Meerscheidt
Family Secretary

June 1989

Final Call!!