

von Rosenberg Newsletter

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Heritage Trip

Last September, 12 members of the vonRosenberg family experienced a trip of a lifetime as they spent three weeks on the vonRosenberg Family Heritage trip which took them to Latvia, Lithuania, the Czech Republic, and Germany, with a bonus side trip for an afternoon in Salzburg, Austria. The two-fold purpose of the trip was to visit the homeland of Peter Carl and family, as well as retrace part of the trek they made from Eckitten to America. With the help of a splendid tour guide and a bus driver who was willing to go well above and beyond the call of duty, they located Eckitten Estates just outside of Klapeida, formerly known as Memel. It was a very moving experience to walk the land of our forefathers. Their guide led them in a German folkdance, and Leah Green, the youngest traveler, climbed a tree and wrapped a red, white, and blue bandana around one of the branches as a token of our German and American heritage. Many castles were visited, including the castle Rozmberk, not far from a quaint little town, Ceske Krumlov in the Czech Republic. This was one of several castles that was originally occupied by the vonRosenberg family in the Renaissance period.

Joining the group was our cousin, Alexandra vonRosenberg and her friend Erika Reiker, who live in Munich. The last stop before coming home was Munich, where they had the great honor and pleasure of meeting Alexandra's sister and 95-year-old mother, Zeppie. Zeppie and Alexandra both shared stories of their life during World War II. They were living in Riga, Latvia when they had to evacuate to Poland, then on to England, before they could eventually return to Germany. Members of the tour were Glenn and Jo vonRosenberg, Ray vonRosenberg, Clois and Nettie Green, Art, Susan and Leah Green, Reba Wright, Laura Wingo, Ann Barnes, and Ruth Holt. Laura at 87 was the oldest traveler, and Leah at 13 was the youngest. Clois Green celebrated his 85th birthday while on the trip.

Pictures, videos and stories will be shared by members of the trip at the reunion. This will be the activity for Saturday night following the reception at the Meerscheidt House.

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Important information

New Volume III Book/CD Combination

Now available is Volume III of the vonRosenberg Family of Texas, along with a CD of all the photos and more included in the family photo files. The combination is \$40 plus shipping and handling. To order, check the General Store and our website. Volume III is \$25 and the CD is \$20 if sold separately. Just make your check payable to The von-Rosenberg Family of Texas and mail it along with your order (form on page 5) to: Forrest Campbell , 8217 Creepline, San Antonio, TX 78251

Request from the Historian

The Historian would like to know if any family members have an original copy of the book *Familie Froelich*, which was published in the early 1900s. If so, are there photos included? The copy that was donated to us has no photos. If you can help, please contact the Historian, Ann Barnes, at dannbarnes@msn.com. Thanks.

Silent Auction at the Reunion

We need **quality** items for our silent auction. They can be crafted or purchased. The silent auction is a means of helping fund the treasury. Funds are limited at the present time due to the publication of Volume III. We are still in debt, and this will help us pay off our debt. Please support this means of raising funds by bringing items for sale, and bringing plenty of money to bid on the items. We need everyone's participation!

New Webmaster

We wish to introduce our new webmaster, Steve Hornberger from Branch I. Steve lives with his wife Carol in North Carolina. His military career has prevented him from attending reunions in the past, but did not hinder his passion for family history and creating websites. The site was donated by a friend of his. It is free from advertising and pop-ups. It is still a work in progress, but Steve welcomes visitors. The new address is <http://www.vonrosenbergfamily.com/>. Please check it out and then add it to your list of favorites.

REUNION TIME

It's time once again for making your plans to attend the 64th Reunion of the vonRosenberg Family of Texas. The reunion is being held at beautiful Camp Lone Star in LaGrange, Texas, for the 23rd consecutive year. With excellent accommodations, great meals, and a wide variety of recreational facilities and activities, Camp Lone Star is the perfect setting for family gatherings such as ours. For a fun and relaxing weekend full of friendship and fellowship, Camp Lone Star and the family reunion are hard to beat. The Camp has been updated with new carpet and décor, so you need to come see the exciting new changes.

Election of Officers will be held at this year's Reunion. Be sure to be there to cast your vote for the officers who will serve the family for the next two years. Let us know if you are interested in holding an office.

Updates

Births

Ella Wynn Crowson was born July 6, 2004 to Walker & Jennifer Crowson, joining big sister Charlotte Frances, who was born May 6, 2002.

Willie Thatcher Crowson was born October 19, 2004 to Matthew and Kelly Crowson, joining his big sister Annabelle Carolyn Crowson, who was born February 19, 2003.

Grandmother is Nancy Crowson of Branch 2.

Marriages

Brad Alan Schreiber married Beatrice El-Hakam on Saturday, February 12, 2005, in Houston. Brad is the son of Ron and Jane Schreiber of Marble Falls, Texas (Branch 5)

Deaths

Mrs. Stewart (Betsy) Meerscheidt - Branch 5
August 2004

Corrections from Joseph Leslie vonRosenberg III (Branch 1):
"Olivia Carolina" should read
"Olivia Caroline"

Joseph and Sharon Marie Brunner were married April 11, 1998. In addition to Sydney Claire, who was born Jan 8, 1999, they have a second child: Jackson Brunner, born May 12, 2000 in Houston, Texas.

Please help us keep our records up to date by reporting new information to our secretary, Shirley Meerscheidt. Her mailing address is 7731 Joplin Street, Houston, Texas 77087, (713) 643-7793. E-mail is shmeerscheidt@aol.com

Schedule of Events

Friday

Check-in after 4:30 p.m.
 Visiting and Recreation are the fare
 Supper is on your own
 At 7:00 p.m. bring your snacks and
 share in a potluck snack fest.
 8:00 p.m.—Important Officers Meeting

Saturday

8:00 a.m.
 Breakfast
 Display Family Artifacts

9:00 a.m.
 Swimming
 Silent Auction Begins
 Tour the Fayette Heritage Museum to
 see the area where our Archives are to
 be placed.

12:00 Noon
 Lunch

1:00 p.m.
 Business Meeting

2:30 p.m.
 Swimming

5:30 p.m.
 Supper

7:00 p.m.
 Reception at
 "The Meerscheidt House"

8:00 p.m.
 Report on the Heritage Tour
 From the Travelers

Sunday

8:00 am
 Breakfast
 Silent Auction concludes

10:00 a.m.
 Memorial Service and Devotional

12:00 Noon
 Lunch

Everything must be out of the
 rooms by Noon.

Cost

The cost at Camp Lone Star is reasonable and compares favorably with any other manner of financing your reunion expenses. The cost is pro-rated and is determined by your arrival time.

Please get your reservation in as soon as possible for rooms at Camp Lone Star. If you cannot come all weekend, come early Saturday to take part in our day trips and the afternoon's activities.

The best price is a package price: Spend the full 2 1/2 days and you'll get 5 full meals, 2 nights lodging, plus full use of all facilities for approximately \$105.00 per adult (18 years and older); about \$68.50 per youth (ages 8 to 17); children age 7 and under w/parents are free.

If you come part of the time: \$30 per night (\$20 for youths 8-17) and \$15 per meal (\$10 youths 8-17) which includes a mandatory facility use charge. Facility use charge includes a meal plus the use of the facility as well as use of any accommodations such as swimming, volleyball, basketball, hot tub, etc. Part time costs are approximate.

RVs and campers are not recommended since there is no place set aside to park them.

For questions contact:

Camp Lone Star
 PO Box 8
 La Grange, Texas 78445
 979-247-4703

247-4128
Directions to Camp Lone Star

At the outskirts of LaGrange, on Hwy 77 South heading to Victoria, is a bridge crossing the Colorado River. About 150 yards from the south end of the bridge is a sign for Camp Lone Star. Turn east on that road and follow it in about two miles to the camp.

Von Rosenberg Family of Texas

156 years since Peter Carl's arrival in Texas

64th Reunion

139 years since Peter Carl's death

23rd consecutive year at Camp Lone Star



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The von Rosenberg Family of Texas

CELEBRATING

156 YEARS IN TEXAS

It's reunion time again!

July 15 -17, 2005

Camp Lone Star La Grange, Texas

Registration Form
2005 vonRosenberg Family of Texas Reunion

Please complete and return this form by July 1, 2005 to:
Shirley Meerscheidt, 7731 Joplin Street, Houston, Texas 77087
Phone: 713-643-7793

Name: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

There will be _____ of us at the 2005 Reunion in La Grange.
We will arrive July 16 17 18 (circle one) between the hours of _____ and _____.

There must be either 4 or 6 people in each room.
Please include yourself and fill out one of the lists below
Indicating who will be in your room OR your preference for roommates.

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

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

Please do not send any money for room and board for the reunion.
Payment is made at the reunion.

General Store

\$ _____ enclosed for _____ *The vonRosenberg Family of Texas Vol. III* \$25.00 (over 1000 available)

\$ _____ enclosed for _____ *The vonRosenberg Family of Texas Vol. I* \$16.00 (only 8 available)

\$ _____ enclosed for _____ *The vonRosenberg Family of Texas Vol. II* \$13.50 (32 available)

\$ _____ enclosed for _____ *The vonRosenberg Family of Texas Cookbook* \$14.95 (over 500 available)

\$ _____ enclosed for _____ *Ancestral Voices—the letters* \$25.00

\$ _____ enclosed for _____ *Emigration Booklet* \$6.50 (only 13 available)

\$ _____ enclosed for _____ *The vonRosenberg Family of Texas Vol. III/CD Combination* \$40.00

\$ _____ enclosed for *Donation to the vonRosenberg Family of Texas operating budget*

4.00 shipping and handling

_____ Total enclosed.

Make payable to the vonRosenberg Family of Texas