

vonRosenberg Newsletter

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First Annual Golf Tournament

Please plan on joining us for the "First Annual von Rosenberg Family Reunion Golf Tournament" to be played the Friday before the 2006 Reunion in Bastrop, Texas. Golf course, time and format have yet to be decided. We will make it fun for golfers of all levels, probably a team concept type format. We will also make it affordable.

All golfers are welcome—men, women, and children. So make plans to attend and we will give you all the details in future newsletters.

Please send your suggestions, input, and RSVP to Bill von Rosenberg III at billvr1229@sbcglobal.net.

Why Volume III is Such an Important Book

First, it has great photos—over 300 that have never been seen by the majority of the family. Also, photos of Memel, past and present.

Tidbits and articles written by family members about historical points of interest.

Photos of the heads of families for the first three generations covered in Volume I. Corrections and updated information to both Volumes I and II.

A complete index and compilation of over 2300 names.

Biographical sketches of Generation 5.

Family Website

Do you know what www.vonrosenbergfamily.com means?

This is the website address of the vonRosenberg Family of Texas. Thanks to our webmaster, Steve Hornberger, a member of Branch 1, it is a terrific website and you should take a look at it. Steve is always interested in hearing from members of the family. Please let him know if you enjoy the website, if you have any suggestions, or to just say hello to a cousin.

Steve, thanks for taking care of our website.

General Store

There are plenty of books available in the VR Family Store. These books are sure to be cherished family possessions and make excellent gifts. Just mail your check (payable to vonRosenberg Family of Texas) and request list to:

Forrest Campbell

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and your books will be shipped promptly.

Vol III	\$25.00 (>1000 available)
Vol II	\$13.50
VR Cookbook	\$14.95 (>600 Available)
Ancestral Voices	\$25.00
Emigration Booklet	\$6.50
CD of Photographs	\$20.00
	+ \$4.00 shipping and handling.

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Minutes of the last reunion

REUNION MINUTES

July 16, 2005

The business meeting of the 64th Reunion of the vonRosenberg Family of Texas was called to order by President Darlyn Cartwright at 1:00 p.m. on July 16, 2005. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the President welcomed everyone.

Ann Barnes, our Historian, and her husband Michael traveled the farthest distance, coming from Mesa, Arizona. Edna vonRosenberg, at 95 years of age, was the oldest family member present. The youngest member present was Rebecca Juranek, two years and four months old; the daughter of Ann and Tom Juranek. Achievements were given by a number of the family members, including graduations and gainful employment of their children.

Minutes of last year's business meeting were read and approved as read. The Treasurer gave his report. This year, \$517 worth of books were sold. We paid off 50% of the loans from family members, for a total of \$4,000. It has been six years since these loans were made to the Association. We currently have a checking account balance of \$2,691.65. Motion was made, seconded and carried to accept the Treasurer's Report.

Ann Barnes, Historian, gave her report. Ann stated that there are 365 identified photographs which she has scanned and cataloged by Branches. She has created a CD, which is available for \$20. Charles Becker brought family photos to donate to the family. Ann asked for assistance in identifying them. On this morning's tour to the Fayette Museum and Library in LaGrange, Ann took some additional items. These included Minutes of the Association from 1939 to 1979 in a bound, handwritten book. Phil Meerscheidt typed the Minutes while he was Secretary and preserved them in a notebook, which will be placed in the Library.

Ann asked everyone to visit the family website. Steve Hornberger, a member of Branch One, is the web master and wants to know what we think about it. She also thanked her unofficial historian committee — Ray vonRosenberg, Art Green, and Neal Rabensburg. Billye Beth Baker is finding out more information on Branch Six. Laura Wingo has translated the *Familie Froelich* book. Laura's son Bill Wingo has published the translation and has the book for sale for \$15.00, with \$2.00 going to the Association. He brought 19 books with him and will take orders for additional copies. It details life in the Baltic States and includes poetry, Wills, diaries, and a reprise of the immigration letters. This is the family of Peter Carl's first wife. We expressed our appreciation for Laura's work in translating this book.

Old Business:

There was a discussion of ways to promote our publications. We currently have the following book inventory: 659 cookbooks, 1007 copies of Volume III, 22 copies of Volume II, and no Volume I books. The Ancestral Voices is interesting reading because it not only tells the family history, but also how life was at that time. Several ideas were presented to help sell our books.

The Association was supposed to receive \$5,000 from the estate of Charles vonRosenberg. However, Wayne Scholz and Bill vonRosenberg have found out that when the estate was settled, the law firm said they "couldn't find us" so it was distributed to the other heirs.

New Business:

Motion made, seconded and carried to hold our Reunion next year at the same place and the same time. We will have to wait for Camp Lone Star to give us the exact dates we can have the facility.

Election of Officers was held and the following officers were elected: President Pam Peters, Vice President Neale Rabensburg, Secretary Shirley Meerscheidt, Treasurer Forrest Campbell, and Historian Ann Barnes.

Neale Rabensburg invited everyone to the Meerscheidt House at 7:00 p.m. tonight for a reception.

The President announced that we would re-convene at 3:30 p.m. for the report from the family members who went on the Heritage Trip last September.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

The vonRosenberg Family Historian—An Update

By Ann Barnes, Historian

A detailed inventory list of family artifacts that are either currently in the custody of the historian or have been released to the archives in LaGrange is much too long to be included in this Newsletter. A number of artifacts including the framed Froelich charts, books, and miscellaneous clippings, articles, etc. were donated to the archives in July 2001 and again this July 2005. The closing of the facilities due to construction and remodeling for the better part of a year impeded our ability to donate until last spring when the facility reopened. The historian has completed an updated inventory of all donated items and items that either are ready to be donated or are in the process of becoming ready for donation, including the vonRosenberg photo collection.

Just so there is no misunderstanding, the historian wants family members to know that only original documents, photos, clippings, letters and other memorabilia are given to the archives. Paper or scanned copies only remain in the files. The LaGrange archives already has a CD of the photo collection and will be receiving the original photos upon an approved release date from the Board. If anyone wishes to have a copy of the complete inventory, please email the historian at dannbarnes@msn.com.

Great Gift Idea!

Gift giving time is coming! Have you thought about giving the vonRosenberg Cookbook for Christmas? Do you have your own copy of this wonderful book? It makes a wonderful gift for Christmas, showers, or weddings. If your children have left the nest to establish their own homes, they need this cookbook. Here is a sample recipe from the cookbook, submitted by our beloved Edna vonRosenberg (Branch 7):

Cranberry Salad

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| 1 lb. cranberries | 1 to 1-1/2 cups chopped pecans |
| 1-1/2 cups sugar | 1 (8 oz.) carton Cool Whip |
| 2 cups diced celery | or whipping cream |
| 2 cups baby marshmallows | |

Grind cranberries. Add sugar and let stand overnight or at least 3-4 hours before serving. Add celery, marshmallows and chopped pecans. Mix well and add Cool Whip. Will keep in the refrigerator for days.

This is a very special dish for holiday meals, Thanksgiving and Christmas. It is good with all kinds of meats, especially turkey and dressing.

Doesn't this make you wish you had the cookbook to see what other great recipes are in it? Don't delay—order your cookbooks today!!

Updates

Our Historian has checked with all the family members who live in the paths of the hurricanes we have experienced these past few months, and everyone is fine. Thank you, Ann, for seeing that all the vonRosenbergs are safe and sound.

Illnesses reported: Arthur James vonRosenberg suffered a heart attack, but is doing better. Jim Peters, husband of our President Pam Peters, has had two heart attacks and surgery. Please keep these family members in your prayers.

Here are births which have been reported to the Secretary:

Branch 1: Justin Thomas vonRosenberg on 1/18/2005. Son of David & Kathy vonRosenberg.

Branch 4: Twin boys—Matthew Karl and Lucas Burkhardt Culver born on 3/21/2005 to David & Patricia Culver.

Branch 2: To Philip and Sharon Hellmuth: Abigail Elaine on 5/24/2001 and Laci Nicole Hellmuth on 6/13/2005.

To Charles and Erin Hellmuth: Avery Grace on 3/20/2002 and Emily Quinn on 9/8/2003.

To Kathryn Giles Cummings & Aaron Cummings: Aaron Neal Cummings Jr. on 6/28/2003.

To Sheryl Ann Morgan Randolph & William Randolph: William Evan Randolph on 2/13/2002.

Adoption and name changes:

Barbara Kay Morgan Allen and John Thomas Hollmer changed last name to Morgan and adopted two boys: William Ray Morgan on 12/24/1993 and Robert Alexander Morgan on 3/12/1998.

Please help us keep our records up to date by reporting new information to our secretary. Thank you.



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