

vonRosenberg Newsletter

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Reunion Activities

Election of Officers time!

This year, we will be electing a new slate of officers. The present officers have enjoyed serving, but it is time for new leaders. If you would like to serve as an officer, please contact Karl vonRosenberg, chairman of the nominating committee. Karl can be contacted at 711 Conine, Robinson, TX 76706, phone number (254) 732-2965.

Calling all golfers:

Please plan on joining us for the "Fourth Annual von Rosenberg Family Reunion Golf Tournament" to be held on Friday, July 17, 2009. This will be the Friday of the Family Reunion weekend. Golf course and time are still to be determined. We will make it a fun "Florida Scramble" team format where all levels of golfers can contribute to their team. Reply to Bill von Rosenberg III at billvr1229@sbcglobal.net. Phone 512-922-5719 cell or 512-258-5719 home.

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. 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!**

Reception at the Meerscheidt House:

Once again, Neale Rabensburg is generously opening the Meerscheidt House and hosting a dessert party following the Saturday night dinner. The desserts are wonderful and the home is spectacular. This is a special event you don't want to miss!

Come Join Us!!

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Schedule of Events

Friday

Check-in after 5:00 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.— Officers Meeting

Saturday

8:00 a.m.
Breakfast
Display Family Artifacts

9:00 a.m.
Swimming
Silent Auction Begins

Possible outing planned by Neale
Rabensburg

12:00 Noon
Lunch

1:00 p.m.
Business Meeting

2:30 p.m.
Swimming

3:30 p.m.
Historical Reading

5:30 p.m.
Supper

7:30 p.m.
Reception at
"The Meerscheidt House"

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 \$108.00 per adult (18 years and older); about \$69.75 per youth (ages 5 to 17); children age 5 and under w/parents are free. These were the prices last year. We expect that the price may be a little higher this year.

If you come part of the time: \$30 per night (\$20 for youths 5-17) and \$21 per meal (\$10 youths 5-17) 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

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 about two miles to the camp.

Von Rosenberg Family of Texas

160 years since Peter Carl's arrival in Texas

68th Reunion

143 years since Peter Carl's death

27th consecutive year at Camp Lone Star

Important information

From the Historian's Committee:

Since the July 2009 Reunion will be the 160th anniversary of the family's arrival in Texas, the committee members agreed that something special should happen to celebrate the event. Several years ago Ray von Rosenberg wrote a theatre reading that has two parts. For various reasons, the readings were never presented. The name of the script is "The Love Among Us". The first part is called "The Trip" and primarily takes place aboard the Franziska. The second part is called "Life in Texas".

"The Trip" was presented at last year's Reunion and was thoroughly enjoyed by all present. It told the story of the trip to America through letters written to the family back in Europe. It was an interesting view of what the trip aboard ship was like; something that we today would find hard to endure. Those of us who participated in the Reading had as much fun as the audience.

This year, we plan to present the second part, which is entitled "Life in Texas". It should be an interesting view of what life was like in Texas back then. Therefore, we are calling on family members to participate. It is a reading, and therefore, requires neither memorizing nor costumes. Please contact Ray at rwr@hot.rr.com if you are interested in being one of the readers, or have any questions.

You won't want to miss this!

REUNION TIME

It's time once again to make your plans to attend the 68th Reunion of the von-Rosenberg Family of Texas. The reunion is being held at beautiful Camp Lone Star in LaGrange, Texas, for the 27th 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.

If you haven't been to a family reunion, or haven't been with us in several years, you have been missing out on a great time. Come enjoy the wonderful fellowship and friendships.

DON'T FORGET TO SEND IN YOUR REGISTRATION FORM!

Updates

Births

Twins Thomas Charles Walsh and Claire Jeanne Walsh von Rosenberg, born Dec. 12, 2008 to John William & Kathleen Anne Walsh von Rosenberg (Branch I)

Stefan Nikolia Tower born Feb. 24, 2009 to Heather & Stephan Tower. Grandparents are Forrest & Joan Campbell (Branch V)

Marriages

Amy Louise von Rosenberg married Ryan Isaac Streepy on Oct. 4, 2008. Her parents are Cheryl Ann & David Joe von Rosenberg (Branch VII)

Deaths

Mary "Pug" Noll died Nov. 30, 2007 (Branch VII)

Stanley L. Helmke died Jan. 8, 2009 (Branch V)

Helen Esslinger von Rosenberg died May 3, 2009 (Branch IV)

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@sbcglobal.net.



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The vonRosenberg Family of Texas

CELEBRATING

160 YEARS IN TEXAS

It's reunion time again!

July 17 -19 , 2009

Camp Lone Star La Grange, Texas

Registration Form 2009 vonRosenberg Family of Texas Reunion

Please complete and return this form by July 1, 2009 to:
Shirley Meerscheidt, 7731 Joplin Street, Houston, Texas 77087
NOTICE: We need a registration form for everyone who will be attending!!!

Name: _____ Address: _____

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

There will be _____ of us at the 2009 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 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.

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| 2. _____ | 2. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 3. _____ |
| 4. _____ | 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



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Letter from the Secretary

Dear Family:

It seems like yesterday that my immediate family and I attended our first reunion. Where has the time gone? I want to apologize for the delay in getting my first newsletter out—I promise I'm not always this tardy. I thought I might take a few minutes to introduce myself. I am the great granddaughter of Charles Gordon Bissell who was the son of Lina vonRosenberg. I was so fortunate to have my great grandparents until I was in high school and my grand parents until recently. Family is so very important to me and now I've discovered a whole new wonderful family of vonRosenbergs. I have to be honest though, unfortunately I don't know much about our heritage but hope that will change soon as I get more involved in my new role and get to know each of you. I'm so excited about this new undertaking and would greatly appreciate all help and suggestions. I have lots of ideas too and look forward to working with my fellow board members on next year's reunion. But in the meantime, Hello—Nice to meet you all and Thanks so much for your support and confidence in me. I can't wait to get to know my new family.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year !!!!!

Debbie

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