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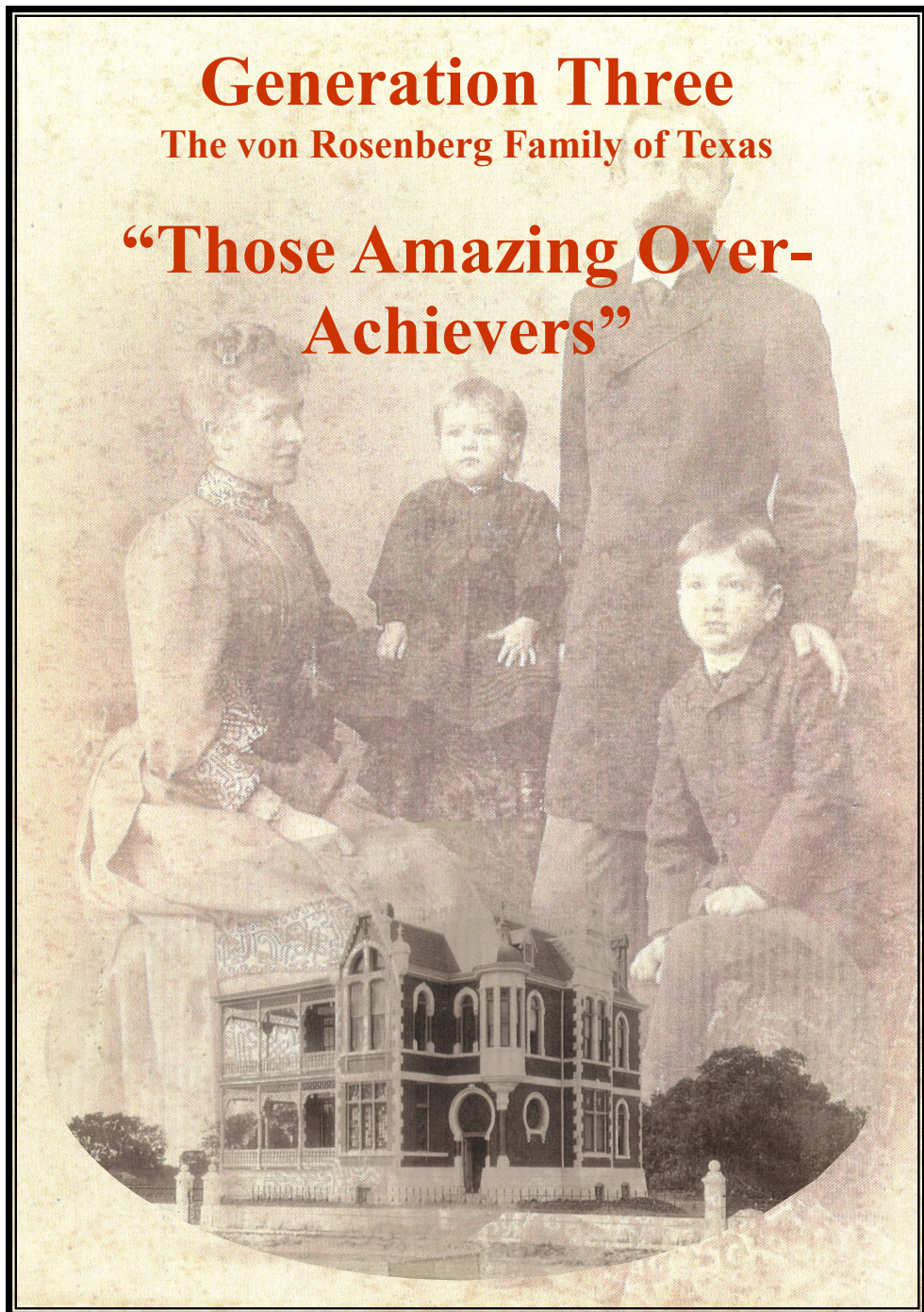


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## The 2012 Reunion



### BY NEALE RABENBURG

It is time again to make your plans to attend the 70th Reunion of the von Rosenberg Family of Texas, which will be held again at beautiful Camp Lone Star near La Grange, Texas on July 20-22, 2012 (Friday-Sunday).



This summer's gathering will mark the 30th consecutive year that the vR Family has held its annual reunion at Camp Lone Star,

which is an ideal facility and location for family retreats and weekend events such as ours.

If you have not been to a vR Reunion lately, you will not want to miss this one, which will offer a variety of entertainment options including a spectacular Champagne/Dessert Reception and European Heritage History Fair. The Reception and Fair will follow Saturday afternoon's Business Meeting. Everyone is encouraged to bring personal family collections including photos, docu-



ments and artifacts and place them on display beside existing vR Family archival items.

Family Historians will be available to assist and advise family members on how to take proper care and catalog personal collections. Explanation of von Rosenberg family documents and artifacts on display during the History Fair will be conducted by vR Historians.

Make your room reservations now. Registrations forms for Camp Lone Star nightly room packages and meal options are attached to this newsletter, or you can download/print a copy of the same by going online to the von Rosenberg Family of Texas website at [www.vonrosenbergfamily.com](http://www.vonrosenbergfamily.com). The deadline for the receipt of room registration forms is by Tuesday, July 3, 2012. For those of you, who prefer to stay in local hostleries, the following are recommended:

- Best Western, 600 E. State Hwy 71 Bypass, La Grange (979-968-6800)
- Hampton Inn, 1624 W. State Hwy Business 71, La Grange (979-968-4900)
- Brendan Manor Bed & Breakfast, 345 E. Travis Street, La Grange (Toll Free 1-866-658-1100)

### Daily/Nightly Schedule of Reunion Events

#### July 20, 2012, Friday Afternoon Golf Tournament *A Main Event Item!!*

- Time: To be announced
- Location: To be announced
- Organizer: Bill von Rosenberg
- Contact Information:  
email: [billvr1229@sbcglobal.net](mailto:billvr1229@sbcglobal.net)

#### Check-in Time at Camp Lone Star

- Time: After 5:00 pm
- Location: The Johnson Retreat Center at Camp Lone Star, La Grange, Texas.

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### Directions to Camp Lone Star

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### "A Taste of Europa" This Year's Theme for The Silent Auction & Raffle

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### Nightly Room Package Rates & Meals at Camp Lone Star

The costs associated with Camp Lone Star for both nightly room rates (which include meals) and individual meals for daytime visitors, are both reasonable and comparable to other venues in the region. Nightly room stays are offered in either one or two-night packages with adult and youth rates applying. For a two-night stay, which includes five meals, an

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## “TEXAS QUILT MUSEUM” Tour, Champagne/ Dessert Reception & History Fair Are Satur- day *Main Event Items*

BY NEALE RABENBURG  
Texas Quilt Museum Tour  
9:45-11:00 AM

This year's Saturday morning's tour of the “Texas Quilt Museum” in downtown La Grange will be an



### TEXAS QUILT MUSEUM

unforgettable experience from more than one aspect. The new Museum, which was been many years in the making, opened to a great deal of fanfare on November 13, 2011. People from as far away as England and Switzerland came for the dedication that drew crowds numbering in the several hundreds. The Museum is housed in two late 19th Century historic buildings. One was designed and built by our own Axel Meerscheidt of Branch V, who is shown with members of his family on the cover page of this April 2012 issue. Axel Meerscheidt is also the featured headliner in this issue's article “*Generation Three, The von Rosenberg Family of Texas, Those Amazing Over-Achievers*”. There are several other buildings, which were designed and developed by Axel Meerscheidt within sight of the Quilt Museum. These will be pointed out during the tour by Neale Rabensburg, a Meerscheidt descendant.

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## Directions to Camp Lone Star

### Arriving from La Grange

Take State Hwy 77 south out of La Grange towards Schulenburg. Immediately after crossing over the Colorado River bridge that exits La Grange, turn left (east) onto Camp Lone Star Road.

### Arriving from Schulenburg/I-10

Take State Hwy 77 north from Schulenburg to La Grange (about 17 miles). As you reduce your speed while descending into La Grange from the “Bluff”, you will encounter a number of highway “S curves” on that approach. As you reach the bottom of the “Bluff” and before you cross the Colorado River bridge into La Grange, make a hard right (east) onto Camp Lone Star Road.

### Camp Lone Star Road to Retreat Center

Camp Lone Star Road meanders for about two miles as a tree-shaded lane to the entrance at Camp Lone Star. Once inside the camp grounds, stay to the right on the main road and proceed past the Camp Office but do not stop. A short distance past the office will be a parking area to your left camouflaged by a forest of trees. Turn here into the parking lot via one of two entrances.

Once parked, take the concrete sidewalk that follows the hillside down to the Johnson Retreat Center. The entrance door from the parking lot is an unceremonious approach into the Center. The first room to be encountered inside is likewise uneventful and houses Ping-pong tables. Proceed straight ahead through a doorway into a hallway that leads back to the Assembly Room where you will find “Registration and Reception”. For a detailed map of Camp Lone Star, go to the Camp's website at: [www.lomt.com](http://www.lomt.com).

### Dessert, Music & Dance Parties

Saturday Evening Until Midnight  
Polka, Country/Swing & Rock

## Nightly Room Package Rates & Meals at Camp Lone Star

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adult package is \$117.00 (18 years and above). The youth package (17 years and younger) is less at \$93.25. Children (5 years and under), who are accompanied by their parents stay and eat for free. For a one-night stay, which includes three meals, an adult package is \$78.00 and the youth package is \$63.75.

For those, who come to attend day and/or night time activities but not to spend the night at Camp Lone Star will only be charged for the price of the meals they consume. Prices for adult meals (10 years & older) are \$10.00/meal. Children between the ages of 6 & 9 years pay \$8.00/meal. Children 5 years and under eat for free. However, overhead donations will gladly be accepted by our Treasurer to help offset other expenses subsidized by the Reunion.

Please feel free to participate in any of the many activities planned for the Reunion weekend especially those occurring on Saturday including but not limited to the morning historic tour to the Texas Quilt Museum”, the Business Meeting that follows lunch and the afternoon's Champagne/Dessert Reception and History Fair. A second Dessert Party with beverage is planned immediately follows supper Saturday evening. Dessert Party, which follows supper, and Saturday evening's music and dance jamboree in the large dining hall.

Please get your room reservations and meal requests back to us as soon as possible on the attached Room and Meal Registration Forms.

For more details, please contact David von Rosenberg, Vice President, at: Email: [david.vonrosenberg@ge.com](mailto:david.vonrosenberg@ge.com).

### Special Notes

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

For other questions, contact Camp Lone Star at PO Box 8, La Grange, Texas 78445 or phone (979) 247-4703.



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## Daily/Nightly Schedule of Reunion Events

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### July 20, 2012, Friday Evening

#### Supper

- No meal is provided on Friday night by the Camp Lone Star kitchen. Bring your own snacks, meals and beverages and plan to share with others. However, a keg of beer is provided, but keg donations will also be accepted.

#### Games, Movies, Music, Dominos, Cards & Conversation

- Time: 5:00 pm until Midnight
- Location: Assembly Room & living areas at the Johnson Retreat Center, Camp Lone Star.

### July 21, 2012, Saturday Morning

#### Breakfast

- Time: 8:00-9:00 am
- Location: Cafeteria & main dining room at the Johnson Retreat Center, Camp Lone Star.
- Costs: \$10.00/person (10 years & older); \$8:00/person (6-9 years); \$0.00 (5 & under eat for free). Meal costs apply to those who come just for the day. (Meals are included with nightly stay packages)

#### Silent Auction *A Main Event!!*

- Time: Starts 9:00 am (concludes Sunday morning)
- Theme: *"A Taste of Europa"*
- Location: Assembly Room at the Johnson Retreat Center, Camp Lone Star.

#### Morning Tour "Texas Quilt Museum"

*A Main Event!!*

- Time: 9:45 am
- Location: 140 W. Colorado St. in La Grange
- Special Instructions: Meet in the Assembly Room at the Johnson Retreat Center of Camp Lone Star no later than 9:45 am for auto departure to La Grange.
- Special Note: See detailed explanation of Texas Quilt Museum tour on Page 3.

### July 21, 2012, Saturday Afternoon

#### Lunch

- Time: 12:00-1:00 pm
- Location: Main Dining Room at Johnson

Retreat Center, Camp Lone Star

- Costs: \$10.00/person (10 years & older); \$8:00/person (6-9 years); \$0.00 (5 & under eat for free). Meal costs apply to those who come just for the day. (Meals are included with nightly stay packages.)

#### Business Meeting *A Main Event!!*

- Time: Starts promptly at 1:00 pm and adjourns at 2:00 pm
- Location: Assembly Room at the Johnson Retreat Center, Camp Lone Star

#### Champagne/Dessert Reception & European Heritage History Fair

*Main Event Items!!*

- Time: 2:15-5:15 PM
- Location: Assembly Room, Johnson Retreat Center, Camp Lone Star
- Special Note: See explanation of History Fair & Reception on Page 7.



#### Swimming

- Time: 2:15 -5:15 pm
- Location: Camp Lone Star outdoor pool located south of the Johnson Retreat Center
- Special Note: Lifeguards on duty during the posted times. Parents must accompany children when lifeguard is not present.

### July 21, 2012, Saturday Evening

#### Supper

- Time: 5:30-6:30 pm
- Location: Main Dining Room at Johnson Retreat Center, Camp Lone Star
- Costs: \$10.00/person (10 years & older); \$8:00/person (6-9 years); \$0.00 (5 & under eat for free). Meal costs apply to those who come just for the day. (Meals are included with nightly stay packages.)

#### Dessert, Music & Dance Parties

*Main Event Items!!*

- Time: 6:30 pm-Midnight
- Location: Large Dining Hall at the Johnson Retreat Center, Camp Lone Star.
- Special Note: Dessert Party & "Austin Polka Band" follows supper. Country & Swing Band "Made in the Shade" & Cooper Bechtol as the "DJ" perform from 7:30 pm until midnight.

#### Games, Movies, Music, Dominos, Cards & Conversation

- Time: 6:30 pm until Midnight
- Location: Assembly Room & living areas at the Johnson Retreat Center, Camp Lone Star.

### July 22, 2012, Sunday Morning

#### Breakfast

- Time: 8:00-9:00 am
- Location: Cafeteria & main dining room at the Johnson Retreat Center, Camp Lone Star
- Costs: \$10.00/person (10 years & older); \$8:00/person (6-9 years); \$0.00 (5 & under eat for free). Meal cost apply to those who come just for the day. (Meals are included with nightly stay packages.)

#### Silent Auction Conclusion

*A Main Event!!*

- Time: 9:00 am
- Location: Assembly Room at the Johnson Retreat Center, Camp Lone Star.

#### Devotional *A Main Event!!*

- Time: **10:00 -11:00 am**
- Location: Assembly Room at Johnson Retreat Center, Camp Lone Star.

### July 22, 2012, Sunday Afternoon

#### Lunch

- Time: 12:00-1:00 pm
- Location: Main Dining Room at Johnson Retreat Center, Camp Lone Star
- Costs: \$10.00/person (10 years & older); \$8:00/person (6-9 years); \$0.00 (5 & under eat for free). Meal costs apply to those who come just for the day. (Meals are included with nightly stay packages.)

#### Departure

- Checkout: Immediately following lunch or by 2:00 pm.

#### Dessert, Music & Dance Parties:

##### Saturday Night until Midnight

Featuring the "Austin Polka Band", "Made in the Shade" (Country/Swing Band) & "Cooper Bechtol" as the "DJ" plus Tasty Desserts & Beverages



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### Generation Three

The von Rosenberg Family of Texas  
"Those Amazing Over-Achievers"

BY NEALE RABENSBURG

**Generation Three** of the von Rosenberg Family of Texas was the first to be born in America. This group added an approximate thirty-five surviving adults to the family rolls. These were the grandchildren of the pioneer father, Peter Carl Johann von Rosenberg, and his first and second wives, Johanna Dorothea Froelich and Amanda Fallier. A number from this third generation would amass through their own efforts great wealth and position within their respective communities. This is the generation of over-achievers that would begin to move away from their original Texas settlement roots in and around the Round Top community of Fayette County and test their wings in other locales around the State. A few, however, were able to venture even further due to the foundations laid by their parents.

Out of the eight Branches of the von Rosenberg Family of Texas, it was Arthur Meerscheidt and his wife Amanda Karoline von Rosenberg of Branch V, who may have provided the most opportunities for advanced education and travel to their "Generation Three" children by sending two of their eldest sons, Axel and Paul Meerscheidt, abroad to Germany immediately following the American Civil War for four years in order to complete their primary and secondary school education. The eldest, Axel, was allowed to return to Europe for an additional six year period where he continued with his travel and studies graduating from the University at Heidelberg in Architecture.

Axel Meerscheidt as a polished and well educated young man returned to Texas in 1877 with his new wife and cousin, Lilli (Lili, Lillie) Koerber (Korber), and settled in the town of La Grange, Texas where his parents and a number of other family members

now resided. He expanded his education by studying law under his relative Judge Hans Teichmueller with whom he became an associate attorney. Lilli, Axel's wife, was in ill-health prior to their marriage and departure from Germany. She died within a year of their arrival in Texas and was



Axel Meerscheidt  
As a Young Man

buried in the Meerscheidt family plot in the "Old" City Cemetery of La Grange.

Axel, despondent after the death of Lilli, immersed himself into his legal career but also began to express his architectural talents by developing some of La Grange's noteworthy early commercial buildings in the downtown area. Several of these structures built one hundred thirty years ago still stand today. Two of these are showplace locations with one housing a portion of a major bank and the other serving as an annex building to a new museum.

At some point in his early career, Axel began to make contacts with members of the German business community in San Antonio. These business ties probably happened shortly after his return to Texas in 1877. San Antonio was the largest city in Texas and would be a mecca for those who wanted to greatly expand their horizons. It also had a viable and progressive German community. It was probably during one of these visits to the San Antonio area in about 1880 that he met a vibrant but very young Olga Remer. Olga was the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Remer of New Braunfels. Axel fell in love with her spirit and vitality and began to court her affections to the chagrin of her parents, who at first were less enthusiastic with the match. It is unclear as to the reasons for the parents' objections, but it may have had to do with the age difference, which was ten years. Olga was only sixteen at the time, and Axel was already a very mature man of the world at twenty-seven years. Nevertheless, Olga's parents finally acqui-

esced to an engagement, and the two were married in New Braunfels on February 16, 1881 immediately following their seventeenth and twenty-eight birthdays. It is possible that Axel met Olga through his future brother-in-law, Carl A. Stieren, who was married to Olga's older sister Hedwig. Carl would eventually become a business partner with the Meerscheidt Brothers and be a major participant with the development of the Meerscheidt Additions now a part of the historic King William District of San Antonio.



Olga Meerscheidt  
& Arthur Remer  
1882

Axel and his brother-in-law Carl A. Stieren lived next door to each other during the 1890's and built perhaps two of the largest and most palatial homes in San Antonio for this time period. The descendants of Carl



515 E. Guenther, San Antonio, Tx c: 1891

Stieren are today identified with San Antonio's new Stieren Center of the McNay Museum and the Stieren Theatre at Trinity University and also the Stieren Orchestral Hall of Santa Fe Opera in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Axel Meerscheidt and his family traveled to Europe every few years and would often stay for extended periods of time each trip in order that their children and other accompanying relatives could benefit from months of travel and take advantage of educational opportunities afforded by scholarly European tutors and exclusive boarding schools.

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Axel Meerscheidt and his brothers, Paul and Otto, all attained noteworthy positions in San Antonio business and society. Paul continued with his legal career and Otto became an executive with the largest bank in San Antonio. All three and perhaps their brother Max were participants in various San Antonio real estate developments. None, however, were able to attain, at least from outward appearances, the wealth and style as the older brother Axel. Axel Meerscheidt was recognized in 1891 as the business leader of San Antonio and represented that element during the visit of President of the United States, Benjamin Harrison, in April 1891. Axel Meerscheidt was seated in San Antonio's Grand Opera House with the President, Governor Hogg of Texas and the Mayor of San Antonio.

In May of 1907, Axel Meerscheidt and his entire family left San Antonio for a year and half trip to Europe. In November of 1908, the family came back to America via New York but did not return to Texas. Instead they crossed the continent by train to Seattle, Washington and took residence there before finally moving to Mercer Island where they lived out their final years.



Axel & Olga Meerscheidt & Children Beulah & Arthur Remer c: 1890 Berlin, Germany

## The President's Message

Dear Cousins,

I hope that you will make plans to attend this year's Reunion 2012 and meet your von Rosenberg relations and celebrate our common European heritage that will take place during Saturday afternoon's Champagne/Dessert Reception and History Fair.

If you can stay for all or part of the weekend, there are many activities and events scheduled at Camp Lone Star and in the town of La Grange that should please both old and young alike.

The von Rosenberg Family of Texas has been holding its annual reunions for the past 30 years at Camp Lone Star near La Grange, Texas. This facility offers our group many choices in the way of accommodations, assembly spaces, recreational venues and food services that is hard to match elsewhere. Plus, we are in Fayette County where the von Rosenbergs first settled. We also chose the Fayette Library and Heritage Museum and Archives in La Grange to house our von Rosenberg Family Archives.

There will be a lot to see and do at Reunion 2012. Plan to eat, laugh, converse, tour, party, dance, play and learn. I hope to see all of you soon!!

Sincerely,

*Neale Rabensburg*, President

**Email: [addresses](#) Please!**

**"A Phased Transition"**

Over the next several years, **The von Rosenberg Family of Texas** will begin communicating more and more with its membership via the Internet, that is, the Family website at [www.vonrosenbergfamily.com](http://www.vonrosenbergfamily.com) and the email addresses of individual members.

For those of you, who wish to receive Newsletters via conventional postal services, we will only institute a change with your permission and after the receipt of an email address. Otherwise, you will continue to receive Reunion information the old fashioned way via "snail" mail.

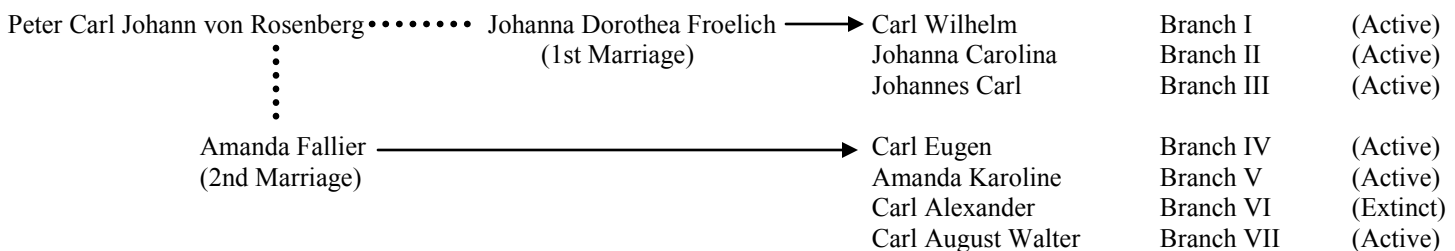
With the change to email addresses, you will, of course, be responsible to keep us updated for any email address modifications as well as for postal mail address changes.

We hope that you will enjoy the transition to electronic mail and will appreciate the upgrades that will be made to our Family website so that you receive faster and more detailed information. Besides a source for Reunion information and reservations, the website is also being expanded to make it a prime source for the promotion and sale of our official von Rosenberg Family of Texas publications, CD's and personal accessory items.

If you wish to be placed on our email mailing list, you can contact, Pati Dukett, Secretary, at [patisue17@yahoo.com](mailto:patisue17@yahoo.com). Please include a statement saying that you want to receive all

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## Deep Roots and Strong Branches of The von Rosenberg Family of Texas





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### Tour, Reception & History Fair (continued from Page 3)

The morning tour will start at 9:45 am in the Assembly Room at the Johnson Retreat Center of Camp Lone Star and proceed by an automobile to downtown La Grange and the Texas Quilt Museum located at 140 W. Colorado Street near the Town Square. It will conclude around 11:00 am. However, many may want to linger before returning to Camp Lone Star and observe the west side of the main building, which features a specially commissioned mural, "The Airing of the Quilts". The mural overlooks the recently completed period garden called "Grandmother's Flower Garden" after a well-known traditional quilt pattern. Visitors are encouraged to follow the garden's patterned pathways.

### Champagne/Dessert/Reception 2:15-3:15 PM

Immediately following the Business Meeting, there will be a champagne and dessert reception for all visitors and especially those who plan to come just for the day on Saturday. Here you will be greeted and hopefully made to feel welcome by a host of others, who share a common bond of friendship and ancestry. We would encourage our daytime visitors to extend their stay so they will be able to attend Saturday afternoon's History Fair (3:30-5:15 pm) and dinner to follow (5:30-6:30 pm).

### History Fair 3:30-5:15 PM

The History Fair will attempt to trace our von Rosenberg history across Europe, perhaps as far back as a thousand years.

To accomplish this, it will be necessary to theorize about our origins as depicted rightly or wrongly in our published legends. Much of our history can be proven, at least that part in the Balticum, which has been documented back to 1511 in Kurland now a part of present day Lithuania. Kurland in those centuries past represented the uppermost part of

East Prussia bordering the Baltic Sea.

Arthur Meerscheidt's ancestors (Branch V) were also there in Kurland at the time of the von Rosenbergs and are documented as far back as the early 1500's as well. It is very possible that these two families were acquainted with each other during past generations. The von Rosenbergs and von Meerscheidt-Hullesems served the Kings of Prussia but came to the Balticum as knights during the Northern Crusades from central and/or other regions of Europe. During those earlier times, there allegiance was to the Catholic Church and the Holy Roman Emperor.

For those of you who missed last year's Reunion 2011, the History Fair depicting the emigration of the von Rosenberg family from Eckitten Estate to America and the first three generations in Texas will be partially on display as well. Family members are encouraged to bring their own personal collections of documents, photographs and artifacts and place them on display beside other von Rosenberg family archival material.

### "A Taste of Europa" This Year's Theme for The Silent Auction & Raffle

The theme for this year's annual Silent Auction and Raffle during Reunion 2012 is "A Taste of Europa". Your efforts will help raise needed revenue to offset our Reunion expenses.

Please bring meaningful items that depict the flavor of the European continent and culture. Items can be books, wine, travel posters, craft items, etc.

Accolades once again go to Frances von Rosenberg for agreeing to head up the organization of this **Main Event Item!!**, which commences on July 21, 2012, Saturday, at 9:00 am in the Assembly Room of the Johnson Retreat Center at Camp Lone Star and concludes the following day on Sunday at 9:00 am.

### Email: addresses, Please!

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all future communications by email including Newsletters, and that you will continue to update the Family about any address changes (both email and postal mail addresses) so that our records remain current. Thank you.

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### Family Notices



### In Memory of Edna von Rosenberg



October 13, 1909-  
January 20, 2012

Edna Lydia von Rosenberg nee von Gonten of Branch VII, who rightfully attained the status of "Matriarch of the von Rosenberg Family of Texas" due to her many years of service and attendance at vR family reunions and functions, sadly passed from our ranks on January

20, 2012. Edna was one of those rare breed of people who are blessed with longevity and able to achieve the distinction of becoming a centenarian plus a few more years.

Edna celebrated her 100th birthday on October 13, 2009 where more than two hundred family members, friends and well-wishers attended a huge birthday bash in Cameron, Texas. This festive affair was "a fitting tribute to Edna's life" and a testament to "her success at collecting more people to love".

Edna was born on October 13, 1909 to Fritz and Mary von Gonten in Bushdale, Texas. She met her husband, Arthur Julius von Rosenberg, at a community dance. They were married on January 25, 1927 and took residence in nearby Sharp, Texas where they were blessed with two children, Nettie Lou and Glenn Arthur. In 1940, Arthur and Edna moved their family to Cameron where Arthur owned an automobile dealership, which he purchased in 1958. Edna worked for many years for J. C. Penny in their fabric and patterns department and was a boost to the sales of that company due to her fashion talents and sewing abilities. Even in retirement, Edna continued to serve her loyal customers under her own company name of VR Fashions.

### Novel Ideas at the Family Store



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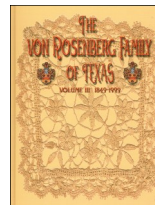
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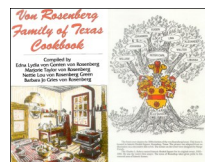
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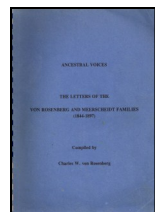
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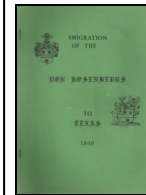
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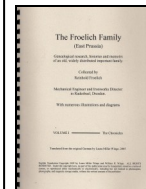
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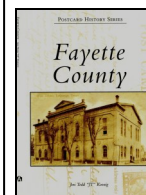
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Fayette County, 2011  
By Jon Todd Koenig  
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(Contact Library, La Grange, Texas for Availability/Purchase (979) 968-3765)



T-Shirts (Sizes & color vary)  
\$15.00 plus shipping  
(60 units available)



CD Photos von Rosenberg Family  
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(22 units available)

After Arthur's death in 1987, Edna lost some of her zest and positive attitude but got it all back when she help to co-found, "The Widows Might" a group of widowed women.

On February 15, 2011 Edna suffered a debilitating heart attack that slowly sapped her physical strength but not her positive out-

look on life and her love for her family, friends and Maker. She made her good-byes to each member of her family as well as to her close friends giving each her love and deep felt advice. Sadly, she passed away this past January but left these choice words for the secret to living: "Open your heart, open your door and let the love flow".





# Room Registration Form



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Camp Lone Star

La Grange, Texas

To make a room reservation for a one or two-night stay at the Johnson Retreat Center of Camp Lone Star near La Grange, Texas, please complete the requested information below and return to David von Rosenberg at Email: [david.vonrosenberg@ge.com](mailto:david.vonrosenberg@ge.com); Postal Address: 4604 View West, Austin, TX 78735 and/or FAX: (512) 443-3115. Should you need to speak directly to David, you can reach him by phone at (512) 587-7641.

Use a separate form for each bedroom if you plan to reserve more than one room. Please note that room accommodations come pre-packaged with meals. Additional meals exceeding the meals allotted can be purchased by using the attached Meal Registration Form. **DO NOT SEND MONEY AT THIS TIME.** Personal checks and/or cash will be collected during check-in. Please give ample notice of any cancellations of room reservations or changes as to number and names of occupants. Thank you.

Your Name: First \_\_\_\_\_ Middle \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ (Important)

**Available Room Rates (All Choices Are Bundled into a Packages Including Meals)**

Two-Night Adult Package Ages 18 & Above (Includes All (5) Meals).....	\$117.00/person
Two-Night Children Package Ages 6-17 (Includes All (5) Meals).....	\$93.25/person
One-Night Adult Package Ages 18 & Above (Includes 3 Meals).....	\$78.00/person
One-Night Children Package Ages 6-17 (Includes 3 Meals).....	\$63.75/person

**Note: Children Ages 5 & Under Who Are Accompanied by a Parent Stay & Eat for Free**

No. of Adults (18 years of age & older) \_\_\_\_\_

No. of Children (6-17 years of age) \_\_\_\_\_

No. of Children (5 years of age & under) \_\_\_\_\_

No. of Nights (1 or 2) \_\_\_\_\_

If staying only 1 night, then which night? (Mark one only.)

Friday Night (July 20th) \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday Night (July 21st) \_\_\_\_\_

**Available Room Accommodations at the Johnson Retreat Center. (Mark one only.)\*\*\***

**North Wing** (10 Rooms Total) \_\_\_\_\_ A typical room in this area has a private bath & is furnished with one queen size bed and two singles. Each room, therefore, can accommodate as many as four people.

**South Wing** (10 Rooms Total) \_\_\_\_\_ A typical room in this area has a private bath & is furnished with three bunk beds. Each room, therefore, can accommodate as many as six people.

Estimated Date & Time of Arrival: \_\_\_\_\_

Names of All Room Occupants: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



# Meal Registration Form



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## The 2012 Reunion



July 20-22, 2012

Camp Lone Star

La Grange, Texas

Use this form to register for meals at Camp Lone Star if you will be a day and/or evening visitor at this year's 2012 Reunion but do not need room accommodations. Also, use this form if you have room accommodations at Camp Lone Star but wish to exceed the allotted number of meals as provided by your nightly package. (Example: You have registered for a Saturday night stay that includes three meals, that is, Saturday supper, Sunday breakfast and Sunday lunch. However, you plan to arrive early on Saturday and want to eat lunch and possibly breakfast, which are not included. Use this form to register for Saturday breakfast and/or lunch.) Please complete the requested information and return to David von Rosenberg at Email: [david.vonrosenberg@ge.com](mailto:david.vonrosenberg@ge.com); Postal Address: 4604 View West, Austin, TX 78735 and/or FAX: (512) 443-3115. Should you need to speak directly to David, you can reach him by phone at (512) 587-7641. **DO NOT SEND MONEY AT THIS TIME.** Personal checks and/or cash will be collected during check-in. Thank you.

Your Name: First \_\_\_\_\_ Middle \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_.

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_.

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ (Important)

### Saturday, July 21, 2012

- **Breakfast 8:00-9:00 am** No. of People  
**\$10.00 /person**  
(10 years of age & older) \_\_\_\_\_  
**\$8.00/person**  
(6 to 9 years of age) \_\_\_\_\_  
**Eat for Free**  
(5 years of age & younger)
- **Lunch 12:00 Noon-1:00 pm**  
**\$10.00 /person**  
(10 years of age & older) \_\_\_\_\_  
**\$8.00/person**  
(6 to 9 years of age) \_\_\_\_\_  
**Eat for Free**  
(5 years of age & younger)
- **Supper 5:30-6:30 pm**  
**\$10.00 /person**  
(10 years of age & older) \_\_\_\_\_  
**\$8.00/person**  
Children (6 to 9 years of age) \_\_\_\_\_  
**Eat for Free**  
(5 years & younger)

### Sunday, July 22, 2012

- **Breakfast 8:00-9:00 am** No. of People  
**\$10.00 /person**  
(10 years of age & older) \_\_\_\_\_  
**\$8.00/person**  
Children (6 to 9 years of age) \_\_\_\_\_  
**Eat for Free**  
Younger Children  
(5 years & younger)
- **Lunch 12:00 Noon-1:00 pm**  
**\$10.00 /person**  
(10 years of age & older) \_\_\_\_\_  
**\$8.00/person**  
Children (6 to 9 years of age) \_\_\_\_\_  
**Eat for Free**  
(5 years & younger)