

# The von Rosenberg Family of Texas



FALL/WINTER 2015



## President's Message . . .

### Dear Fellow von Rosenberg Family Members:

In looking back at the minutes of the past reunions, they appear to have been much like those we have had ourselves in recent years; family histories were shared, prized artifacts and heirlooms were shown off, current events were discussed, and worries were expressed over whether or not the ever-growing von Rosenberg clan could keep up maintaining a strong familial bond given the dispersion of Peter Carl's descendants over most of the United States.

As we look back on our most recent reunion in Round Top this past July and think forward to the next reunion in July, 2016, it is frankly amazing that we will soon be celebrating 75 years of family, friends and fond memories. That's right, the 2016 Reunion, which is as yet unplanned will be our 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of getting together as a family since the first such reunion of the von Rosenberg Family of Texas held in Round Top, Texas in 1938 (two years were missed during World War II due to gas rationing).

### 2016 vR REUNION . . . 75<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

This past year in Round Top, similar concerns were expressed and indeed it is not always easy to make time for an annual pilgrimage to Central Texas to see second, third and fourth cousins, when one's own immediate families demand attention with their own comings and goings. Changing the reunion to every other year was discussed, as was keeping it an annual affair. Changing the reunion from a three-day event to just a one-day scenario was debated as was changing the date from July to a perhaps somewhat cooler month like September or October. All of these ideas will be further explored by the officers of the Association with significant input as well from members of the various branches of the Family and the results of these discussions will be shared with the Family in the coming newsletters.

However, rest assured that the von Rosenberg Family of Texas will continue to be as strong as it has been since that first reunion in 1939. The attendance may go up or it may go down from year to year, which has been the pattern all along. This past July, we had eighty family members present which is similar to what we had in the 1950s and 1970s. Granted, that is down from the peaks of the 1940s, 1980s and 1990s, but it is still quite a good showing when compared to other family reunions that this

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# 2015 vR Reunion Highlights Revisited

## FRIDAY

- The Annual vR Golf Tournament was held in Bastrop.



- Late in the afternoon vR families gathered at [Camp Lone Star](#) near LaGrange to kick off the reunion with visiting, a snack supper and games. The vR Family Store opened for browsing and purchases. The silent auction bidding started.



## SATURDAY



- Next the vRs caravanned to [Richter Cemetery](#), previously known as [Soergel Hill](#), two miles east of Round Top on FM 1457. In the shade of the pavilion Neale Rabensburg presented a history related to surrounding properties and shared information about family members buried or believed to be buried in this cemetery. [Amanda von Rosenberg's grave is a marked family burial.]



- The group then traveled the few miles to [Nassau Farm](#) near Winedale. Neale provided a narrative history of the Nassau Plantation. JT Koenig provided information about a Weyand Cemetery located on the [Nassau Farm](#) property.



- At noon the vR caravan returned to the Jaehne Pavilion in Round Top for lunch and a presentation given by JT Koenig on his branch of the family; Branch IV.



- Following a brief business meeting some family members returned to Camp Lone Star and others accompanied Neale Rabensburg on a walking tour around the Round Top's historic town square before returning to CLS.

- The Saturday Night Steak Cookout was again a **SMASHING SUCCESS!!**  
**KUDOS** to the vR family chefs!!!!



## SUNDAY

- Breakfast was followed by the morning devotional led by Keith and Lori of CLS and then goodbyes were shared and all departed until July 2016.



- The annual business meeting followed:

(Minutes)

The von Rosenberg Family of Texas, Reunion Meeting,  
Jaehne Pavilion, Round Top, Texas, July 18, 2015, 74<sup>th</sup> Reunion since 1949  
Call to Order by President JT Koenig: 1:40pm  
Roll Call of Officers: JT Koenig, President. Gloria Miele, VP. Pat Meerscheidt  
Dukett, Secretary, Darlyn Cartwright, Treasurer  
Reading of Last Session Minutes: Karl vR motioned to dispense with reading  
of the minutes, Ann Marie Jeranek 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed

#### NEW BUSINESS

Pam Meerscheidt Ciaramataro suggested having a 1 day reunion every other year at a facility such as the Round Top Historical Society Pavilion. Have a pot luck lunch. Frances vR – recalls attendance going down in the past due to a 1 day only reunion. Glenn vR – is happy that the family has kept having reunions for 74 yrs. Remembers from previous reunions the ladies complained about having to provide the food. Camp Lone Star meets all the family's needs by providing a place to visit and preparing the food. Bill vR - it is too rushed to have a 1 day meeting. There's not enough time to get to know people. Darlyn Cartwright - the young adults attend reunions because their parents made them come to reunions when they were growing up. Drew Cartwright - a compromise might be to have a historic session and business meeting every other year and a social reunion every year. Neal Rabensburg - agreed that having two different types of reunions satisfies those interested in family history and those interested in recreational events, which is how the reunions are now structured, but does not think they should be every other year. He suggested having 2 recreation days at Camp Lone Star (Fir & Sat) and the business meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day (Sunday). Susan vR – suggested sending out a family survey to find out why people come, or don't come, to reunions. Wayne Scholz – what is CLS's minimum number to reserve the facility? JT – the new officers will discuss future reunion options and come up with a plan, to include finding out what the minimum required attendance is at CLS. Arthur vR motioned for the new officers to come up with a plan of action, Pam Meerscheidt Ciaramataro 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed.

Prizes: Longest distance traveled: Kurt vR from Mission Texas. Oldest: Clois Green 96 years old. Longest Married: Nettie and Clois Green. Youngest: Reed Vandivier 17 mos.

Attendance: Branch I = 9, Branch II = 0, Branch III = 1, Branch IV = 14, Branch V = 23, Branch VII = 31, Guests = 2

#### Introduction of Family Members

Family Announcements: Deaths: Oscar Lytton BR V, Charles Ernest vR BR I, Helen Wupperman Dinwiddie BR I, Henrietta Novella Campbell BR V, Debra Malovets BR VII, Bill Callihan BR VII

#### OLD BUSINESS

Family Picture CD: JT Koenig is still working on the CD. Cousin Duane Eaks in Australia furnished additional pictures from Branch 1

New Officers: President JT Koenig, VP Gloria Miele, Treasurer Karl vR, Secretary Carol Campbell



Wayne Scholz motioned to accept the new slate of officers, Kurt vR 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed  
Adjournment: 2:00pm

## President's Message, continued

President has attended. Just this past year, we had a reunion of the Sack Family of Texas, which has something like 65,000 documented descendants of its German forefathers and only about 75 people showed up in New Braunfels, so I would say that eighty people showing up from only seven active (of eight) branches is fantastic!

I want you to let me know what your ideas are for future reunions, and I also very much want you to get involved since, as with all things, reunions take time, energy and effort on the part of everyone involved. My current term lasts through July, 2017, as does the Vice President's, Gloria Miele. After that date, the baton will need to be handed off to a new President and Vice President, and therefore we both encourage all of you to start thinking about the future and to having one or more of the numerous energetic members of the Family stepping up to continue the grand tradition of the von Rosenberg Family of Texas reunion, which is unlike any other in Texas, if not the country.

It is my pleasure and my privileged to again serve you all as President and I look forward to hearing from you!

Kind Regards,  
Jon Todd "JT" Koenig, President

## TEACHER OF THE YEAR



Stony Point High School science teacher **Susan von Rosenberg** has been selected as the 2016 Teacher of the Year on her campus. von Rosenberg has been an educator for 34 years, 23 years of which have been in [Round Rock ISD](#) with nine years at Stony Point.

Von Rosenberg, who teaches anatomy and physiology, and medical microbiology and pathophysiology, never intended to be a teacher, she said. Although she went to Texas Tech University in the late 1970s with her eye on a career in the medical field, she said she was persuaded to choose a path more suited for a woman, leading to her enrollment at the University of Texas to earn a Master's in secondary education.

"Although being an educator was not my original career choice, the minute I actually started student teaching, I knew this was where I was meant to be," van Rosenberg said. "Being able to inspire and educate future generations overwhelmed me with joy."

Teaching in the Health and Science Academy is the best of both worlds for von Rosenberg as she breaks down difficult lessons by creating hands-on projects like dissections and Gram staining.

"By incorporating various learning modalities and making the curriculum relevant, I have inspired many students to pursue careers in the medical field," von Rosenberg said. "Many students have never had an opportunity to become acquainted with my curriculum so when they learn about pathogens, diseases and even dissection, I see the excitement when something unique has been presented. This excitement comes when they are actively engaged."

Von Rosenberg continues to evolve as an exceptional educator each year, exhibiting passion for the Health and Science Academy and getting students excited about science, Stony Point Principal Anthony Watson said.

"Susan has superior teaching skills as well as an unbelievable passion for helping students succeed," Watson said. "She holds students to a high level of excellence that prepares them for college and the world beyond high school and incorporates technology, real-world applications and creativity into all she does. The kids love every minute."

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**ROUND TOP RIFLE HALL**  
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and

*Aaron Dennis Ross*

May 2, 2015, Austin, Texas

*Sharon Rasor*

and

*Jaret von Rosenberg*

(Branch VII, son of Kurt Len & Pamela Jo vR)

May 23, 2015

*and may you live happily ever after. . .*

**Family Notices**



**Branch I**  
**Rev. Charles Ernest**  
**von Rosenberg**

Charles E. von Rosenberg, 84, passed away Sunday, April 26, 2015. Visitation will be at Covenant Presbyterian Church, 1830 Celanese Road, Rock Hill, S.C., on Friday, May 1, 2015, at 11:30 a.m., with the funeral to follow at 12:30 p.m. Burial will be at Oakdale Presbyterian Church, 12585 Highway 55, Clover, S.C. at 2 p.m. Charles grew up in Austin, Texas. He graduated from Austin High School in 1947, studied Electrical Engineering at the University of Texas, and moved to Summit, N.J., to work at Bell Telephone Laboratories. In 1955, he left there to enroll in Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, Va. Three years later, he was ordained to the ministry and became assistant pastor of the Gently Presbyterian Church in New Orleans. It was there that he met and married Caroline Lonsdale. In 1962, they moved to Covington, La., and for 20 years Charles served as pastor of the Presbyterian churches in both Covington and nearby Madisonville. As the work grew, he stepped down from the Madisonville position but continued preaching in Covington for another seven years. During the time in Louisiana, their three sons were born and completed high school. Later they all received college degrees. In 1989, Charles was called to be pastor of the Oakdale Presbyterian Church in Clover, S.C., where he worked until retiring in June 1996. Since that time, he and Caroline have established a home in Rock Hill, S.C., and participate in the activities of the Covenant Presbyterian Church there. Of lasting influence in his life were not only those early experiences of the Sunday School and youth programs of the University Presbyterian Church of Austin but also of the Boy Scout program which it sponsored where he became an Eagle scout. These he carried with him to New Jersey where he taught a children's class on Sunday and helped lead one of the local scout troops. He took a significant interest also in church summer camping and in supporting camp and conference facilities. While in college, he joined the Texas National Guard and later transferred to a unit in Newark, N.J., continuing there until he left for seminary. In his ministry, he particularly enjoyed visiting with families and newcomers and calling in hospitals and nursing homes. His interest in music led to a deep appreciation for the richness and variety of hymns used in Christian worship. Because of his engineering background, he enjoyed plans for church construction and expansion as a special challenge. Photography was one of his major hobbies, including a large collection of flower pictures. Each new season and each visit to a new place was an opportunity to add to this collection, which he called simply "Declaring Their Maker's Praise!" In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the [Alzheimer's Association](http://www.alz.org) at website <http://www.alz.org>. Condolences may be made at [222.greenfuneralhome.net](http://222.greenfuneralhome.net).

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**Branch I**  
**Helen Elizabeth Wupperman**  
**Dinwiddie**

**Helene Elizabeth (Wupperman) Dinwiddie** passed away April 18, 2015, in Boerne, TX. The 4th of 5 children, Helene was born in Austin, TX on March 2, 1911, to Elsie and Walter Wupperman who were both of German ancestry. Helene graduated from Austin Public Schools and obtained a graduate degree from the University of Texas. While attending UT, her talent in dance resulted in a membership in Orchesis, an interpretive dance group that performed at the Hogg Auditorium on the UT campus. Additionally, Helene loved horses, and taught women and children's classes in swimming, tennis, and exercise. On June 6, 1936, Helene married Dr. James "Jimmie" Alvin Dinwiddie in the First Congregational Church in Austin. They later settled in Baytown, TX where Jimmie began his career working for Humble Oil and Refining Co. as a research chemist. Helene was a conscientious homemaker, devoted to her family, church and community. Her interests in people suited her for volunteering with the San Jacinto Hospital Volunteer Nurses Corps and for teaching Sunday School at the First Presbyterian Church. Her interests in the arts led her to active membership in the Baytown Music Study Club. Her life was further enriched by Jimmie's love of music and their many friends from Humble Oil. It wasn't long after Jimmie's passing in Feb. of 2002, that Helene moved to Boerne to live near her daughter Sue and her husband Howard Onstott, and their son Harry and his wife Rosemary, who live in Schertz.

In addition to her 2 children, Helene is survived by sister, Hildegard Lindsay of Titusville, FL; 3 grandchildren: Blake Dinwiddie, Wesley Dinwiddie, Beth (Bones) Buckner; and 5 great grandchildren: Meghan Dinwiddie, Jaxon Dinwiddie, Erica Buckner, Luke Buckner, and Emily Buckner.

Memorials may be made to the Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund, 825 College BLVD, Ste. 102, PMB 609 Oceanside, CA 92057, [www.SemperFiFund.org](http://www.SemperFiFund.org). A brief graveside service at Austin Memorial Park and a memorial service at Weed-Corley-Fish Funeral Chapel were held April 25, 2015. To leave condolences, visit [www.ebensberger-fisher.com](http://www.ebensberger-fisher.com) . . .

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**Branch V**  
**Oscar Paul Meerscheidt**  
**Lytton**

Oscar Paul Lytton, formally of Mesilla Park, New Mexico, peacefully passed into eternal life on June 10, 2014, in Odessa, Texas. He is survived by his wife of almost 64 years, Sherrie Lytton, currently of Odessa, Texas, his son Don Lytton and wife, Kim, of Las Cruces, New Mexico, and his daughter Sharon Roquemore and husband Wendell of Odessa. He was preceded in death by his other son Ed Lytton. Oscar will be missed and remembered also by six grandchildren and their spouses, Jenell and David Sutherland of Marykirk, Scotland, Marshall and Christon Roquemore of Rapid City, South Dakota, Alison Lytton of New York City, New York, Melissa and Micah Donohue of State College, Pennsylvania, and Tim and Chris Lytton of Las Cruces. Two great-grandchildren, McKenzie Sutherland and Elliot Donohue, also survive Oscar.

Oscar was born in El Paso, Texas, on Aug. 26, 1924. He grew up in Mesilla Park and spent his whole life in the area except during his military service. Oscar was a member of America's "Greatest Generation," having served in the U.S. Marine Corps in WWII. His area of service was in the South Pacific where he was a part of the American recapture of Japanese-occupied islands throughout the region. Oscar almost missed the action, however, when he contracted meningitis while stationed in Hawaii, awaiting deployment. He was saved and restored to health by a new miracle drug that was just making its debut and becoming commonly used penicillin. Oscar was honorably discharged in 1946 and was given a travel stipend of five cents per mile to return home to the Mesilla Valley in southern New Mexico.

After returning from war Oscar enrolled in an engineering program in the New Mexico College of Agriculture and Engineering, now known as NMSU. In addition to obtaining an education, Oscar met his future wife, Sherrie Lee Bailey. After graduation, Oscar and Sherrie were married in 1950 and made Mesilla Park their home for the next 55 years. Oscar spent many years farming in the Mesilla Valley, where he was primarily involved in the production of cotton and pecans. As have many farmers over the years, Oscar also worked off the farm, being employed for a number of years by New Mexico State University's Physical Science Laboratory (PSL). However, unlike many farmers working off the farm, Oscar's work took him to destinations in South America, Australia, and Canada as part of support teams for the radio antenna networks that supported, in part, the American space program.

Family and friends will remember Oscar as a faithful husband, a supportive father, a committed family man, a dedicated and hard worker, a good friend, a man of firm convictions and a quiet and private person. Over the years Oscar became increasingly interested in spiritual things and publicly acknowledged Jesus Christ as his Savior in his later years, and so he will be also be remembered as a man who was as a tree bearing fruit in its season. Memorial service will be held July 26th at First Baptist Church, Odessa, 709 North Lee, with Curtis Brewer officiating. Service will start at 4:00 PM. Arrangements are entrusted to American Heritage Cemetery and Funeral Home.

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**Branch V**  
**Henrietta Novella Piper**  
**Campbell**

Henrietta Novella Piper Campbell, 81, passed from this life on January 16, 2015 in San Antonio, TX after facing significant health issues, with bravery and dignity, for many years. She was a native of Texas. Born in Schertz, Texas on June 15, 1933 to Harry and Katie Piper, who were also lifelong Kendall County residents. Preceded her in death by husband, Oliver her parents, Harry and Katie Piper and sister, Stella Lombardino. Henrietta was a loving mother to her children who survive her. Daughter Arlene Campbell Brown and husband Leroy Brown of San Antonio, son Daniel (Danny) Oliver Campbell of San Antonio and precious grandson Matthew Oliver Campbell of Austin. She is also survived by her sisters, Betty Piper Kuhn and husband Clay Kuhn of Kendalia, TX, Katherine Piper Jones of Austin, TX and numerous nieces and nephews. In San Antonio, she met and married Oliver Campbell and was a joyful participant in his many family activities. Henrietta and Oliver enjoyed traveling and spending time with their family. She attended schools in Kendall and Blanco Counties, graduated from Blanco High School and BS of UTSA. She loved San Antonio and continued to live there until the time of her death. Her professional life was supervisor to State of Texas Human Resources, where she served in various functions until her retirement. She enjoyed meeting people, and to this end, she participated in numerous social groups and activities. In her early years she was an active member of the Randolph Roadrunners Volksmarch, a group who sponsored walks all over the country. In later years, she served Aldersgate United Methodist Church, as a lifetime Member of United Methodist Women and Member of the Administrative Council. She also volunteered her services and skills at the assisted living facility where she lived in her last years. In addition to volunteering, she enjoyed participating in activities sponsored by the independent and assisted living facility. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to Alzheimer's Association STAR Chapter-San Antonio 7400 Louis Pasteur Suite 200 San Antonio, TX 78229.

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**Branch VII**  
**Debra Ann "Debbie" Malovets, 1956-2014**

Debra Ann "Debbie" Malovets, 57, of Buckholts, (TX), died Friday, May 2, 2014 at her home. Funeral services will be 1:00 pm Monday at Marek-Burns-Laywell with Rev. Gary Kleypas officiating. Burial will follow in the Corinth Cemetery. Visitation will be Sunday from 4:00 pm until 6:00 pm at the funeral home.

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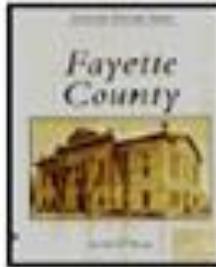
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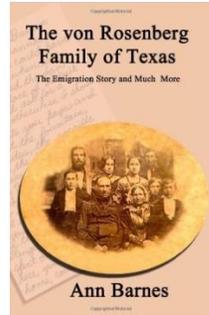


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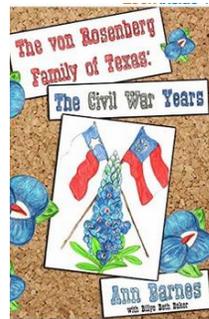
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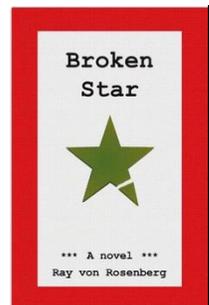
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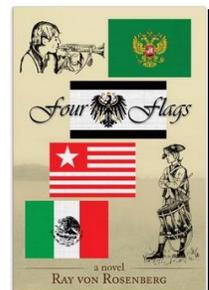
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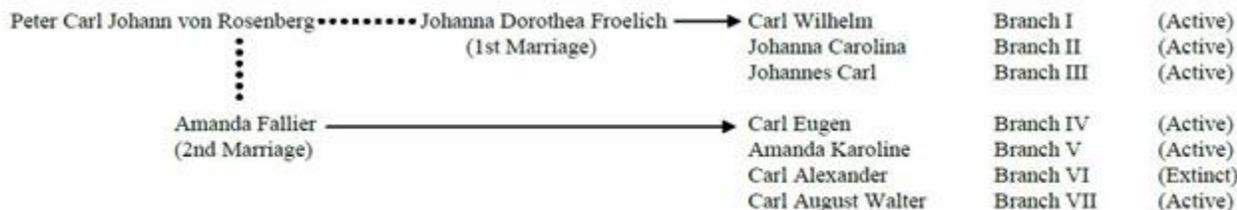
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## Deep Roots and Strong Branches of The von Rosenberg Family of Texas



### BRANCH HISTORIANS

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#### Children of Peter Carl Johann von Rosenberg & Amanda Henriette Louise Fallier

- Branch IV: Carl Eugen von Rosenberg & Theodora Anna Henriette Sack  
Co-Historian, [Billye Beth Baker](#)  
Co-Historian, [JT Koenig](#)
- Branch V: Amanda Caroline von Rosenberg & Arthur Carl Meerscheidt  
Co-Historian, [Robert Barritt](#)  
Co-Historian, [Neale Rabensburg](#)
- Branch VI: Carl Alexander von Rosenberg (line extinct 1864)  
Historian, [Neale Rabensburg](#)
- Branch VII: Carl Walter von Rosenberg & Franziska Elisabeth Spengler (Sörgel)  
co-Historian, [Art Green](#)  
Co-Historian, [Gloria Miele](#)



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#### **Branch VII** **Debra Ann “Debbie” Malovets,** 1956-2014, Buckholtz, Milam County, TX

Mrs. Malovets, a retired teacher, was born August 22, 1956 in Detroit, Michigan to Walter Anthony and Betty (Goodno) Czajkowski. She married Howard Malovets. She is survived by: Her husband Howard Malovets of Buckholts, Son Kenneth Malovets & wife Kayla of Corpus Christi, Daughter Lisa Malovets of Buckholts, Brother Russell Czajkowski of San Antonio, Sisters Rose Ann Simon & husband Mat of Michigan Elizabeth Horn of Michigan, and Great Aunt Pat Adams of Bay City.



## HERMANN SONS NATIONAL GRAND PRESIDENT CARL J VON ROSENBERG

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**Tradition of leadership began with Grand**

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The second Grand President was **Julius Schuetze** of Austin. He served from 1891-1892 and again from 1893-1897. He also was born in Germany and arrived in Indianola, Texas, with his family in 1852. His mother was Louise Schuetze for whom the San Antonio sister lodge is named. Schuetze founded the Texas Sangesbund, a German singing society. He was a music teacher and tutored the children of Governors Sam Houston and Pendleton Murrah. He was a lawyer and judge studying law under Judge Woolbridge. He published *Vorwärts* (Forward), a German language newspaper in New Braunfels and Austin. Schuetze also served as Hermann Sons National President from September 1897 until his death.

In earlier times, the office of Grand President was strictly a volunteer position. Their service was often memorialized upon their death with the Grand Lodge's purchase of their grave-stone and a ceremony marking its erection. Such was the

Service to community was a trait of many of our Past Grand Presidents including **Friedrich Heitze** (our fifth Grand President) who served as a long-time Justice of the Peace and County Commissioner in Kendall County and **William Oldenburg** (our sixth Grand President) who was a chief for the Galveston Volunteer Fire Department. **C.J. von Rosenberg** of La Grange and **August Haxthausen** of Houston (our seventh and eighth Grand Presidents) were elected to the Texas House of Representatives. **Von Rosenberg**, the first U.S. born Grand President, also would serve as a Hermann Sons National Grand Lodge President from 1913 to 1918. It was during the tenure of Haxthausen, the youngest Grand President elected, that the Hermann Sons Altemheim was built. It was his connection to Austin politics that probably made possible Governor James Ferguson's attendance at the dedication of the Home.

**Julius Schramm** of Granger was Grand President when the first mixed lodge, Penning Lodge of San Antonio, was

son with the National Order of the Sons of Hermann in 1921. We became the Order of the Sons of Hermann in the State of Texas, a separate entity, with already more members and financially stronger than the national group.

The next time you visit the Grand Lodge you may want to have lunch at Schilo's Delicatessen a few blocks from the office. **Fritz Schilo Sr.** of San Antonio (our 10th Grand President) was the original owner. He also was the founder of the Beethoven Mansercher and the Beethoven Hall and Garden in San Antonio.

**George Haeudler**, our 11th Grand President, was one of the first directors for the Fayette County Fair in La Grange. He and C.J. von Rosenberg were apparently friends.

**Chris Henry** of New Braunfels (our 12th Grand President) was an officer with the New Braunfels Brewing Company and president of Germischer Chor Harmonie, a German choir.

**Carl Biebers** of San Antonio (our 13th Grand President)

be remembered as the "Father of the Hermann Sons 'Youth Movement.'" It was during the tenures of **Fritz Schilo Jr.** (our 9th Grand President), **Fritz Schilo Sr.** (our 10th Grand President), **Fritz Schilo Jr.** (our 14th and 15th Grand Presidents) that our Order witnessed amazing growth and would become the premier family organization in today.

**Louis B. Engleke** (our 16th Grand President) created the Fraternal Activities Committee focusing a renewed emphasis on fraternalism and the fraternal family. Engleke was a newspaperman and in 1982, drawing on his past newspaper experience, the Grand Lodge took over publication of the *Hermann Sons News*, marking the first time in 81 years that an outside publisher did not produce our Order's newspaper.

**Leroy P. Muehlstein** (our 17th Grand President) was a business man and salesman and emphasized the importance of agent training. He understood the importance of motivating agents having been Hermann Sons' first million dollar agent. What Texas Executive did for the

Peter Carl Johann \* Johanna Dorothea  
von Rosenberg | Fröelich

**Branch IV**

Johannes Carl \* Julia Wilhelmine  
von Rosenberg | Groos

Carl Johannes \* Dorothea Elisabeth  
von Rosenberg | Charlotte Meyer

was a chief for the Galveston Volunteer Fire Department. **C.J. von Rosenberg** of La Grange and **August Haxthausen** of Houston (our seventh and eighth Grand Presidents) were elected to the Texas House of Representatives. **Von Rosenberg**, the first U.S. born Grand President, also would serve as a Hermann Sons National Grand Lodge President from 1913 to 1918. It was dur-

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### HERMANN SONS FRATERNAL INSURANCE

TRADITIONAL VALUES IN A MODERN WORLD

A company full of rich traditions, HERMANN SONS FRATERNAL INSURANCE is named after HERMANN THE CHERUSKER, an early German hero recognized for his leadership and valor. HERMANN SONS' history can be traced as far back as 1840 when a handful of men of German descent organized in New York City and formed the order as a brotherhood. The mission of the brotherhood was to provide aid to each other, aid to the sick and aid to widows and orphans.

The Texas Order of HERMANN SONS was formed in San Antonio in 1860 and has grown to its current membership of more than 73,000. Based on the lodge system, the company's first San Antonio lodge was formed in 1861. In Texas, the lodge system has grown to more than 135 lodges. The home office, or "Grand Lodge," is located in San Antonio, Texas, and was founded on March 27, 1890 . . . .

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## GOOD EATS



### GINGERBREAD PECAN MUFFINS

- 1 cup shortening
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup buttermilk
- 2 teaspoons soda
- 4 eggs
- 4 cups flour
- 1 cup dark molasses
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 2 teaspoons ginger
- 1 cup chopped pecans

Cream sugar and shortening. Add soda in buttermilk. Mix all dry ingredients. Add to creamed mixture. Add remaining ingredients. Let stand in refrigerator for 12 hours before baking. Bake in a greased muffin tins in 350 degree oven for 20-25 minutes.

### GINGERBREAD GLAZED BANANA SAUCE

- 1/4 cup butter (or margarine)
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 2 tablespoons orange juice
- 1/2 cup light cream
- 4 bananas, sliced bite-size

Heat butter, sugar and orange juice into a saucepan and heat until the mixture is bubbly and well-blended. Add cream and simmer about 5 minutes longer. Add sliced bananas just before removing sauce from heat. Don't let the bananas cook long enough to become mushy. Spoon the warm sauce with bananas over to tops of Gingerbread Pecan Muffins. Recipe makes about six servings. What a treat!!!

## THANKSGIVING LEFTOVER TREATS



### TURKEY SOPA CASSEROLE

- 1 to 2 packages of 15 corn tortillas
- 2 to 3 cups leftover turkey in bit size pieces
- 2 small cans Hatch chopped green chilies (mild or hot)
- 2 cans cream of mushroom soup
- 1 cup evaporated milk
- 1-2 packages Swiss cheese slices

Grease a large casserole dish. In a large mixing bowl, stir together all ingredients except the tortillas and cheese and

set aside. Cut the stacked tortilla into six pie-shaped pieces. Cut the stacked cheese slices into 4 strips.

Place a single layer of tortillas pieces in the bottom and around the sides of the casserole. Spoon, or pour, in a layer of the turkey-soup mixture. Add a layer of Swiss cheese. Repeat the three layers ending with cheese on top. Bake in 300 degree oven for about 30 minutes until bubbly. Serve hot with a tossed salad.

Folks will *gobble* this casserole!

### HOT TURKEY SALAD

- 2-3 cups cubed chunks leftover turkey
- 1/2 cup sliced toasted almonds
- 2 cups sliced celery
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 tablespoon grated onion
- 2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
- 1 cup (+/-) mayonnaise
- 3/4 cup grated cheddar cheese
- 1 cup crushed potato chips

Combine all ingredients except the cheese and potato chips. Toss lightly. Pile lightly in a

greased baking dish. Sprinkle with grated cheese and crushed potato chips. Bake in hot oven (450 degrees) for 10 minutes. Serves 4-5.





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