

The von Rosenberg Family of Texas

Newsletter

2025 REUNION - JULY 18-20, 2025 AT CAMP LONE STAR IN LA GRANGE, TEXAS

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Greetings Family! The 84th annual reunion & **86th Year of the Association** of the vonRosenberg Family of Texas will be happening next summer on July 18th through July 20th, 2025. We will again be meeting at Camp Lone Star just outside La Grange, Texas. A registration form & online link will be shared in the Spring 2025 newsletter. We want to encourage as many of our fellow vonRosenberg relations to come and enjoy the reunion. Please help spread the word among your immediate & extended family. As always, please share any ideas to improve upon our reunions—just reply to this email!

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2024 REUNION MINUTES

July 20, 2024 at 1:00pm

1. Call to order by Alyson Scholz, President, at 1pm of the 85th year of the association.
2. Welcome to the 83rd reunion of The von Rosenberg Family of Texas (the only two times the reunion has not been held was during World War II & the COVID-19 Global Pandemic)
3. The pledge of allegiance to the United States flag was led by the President.
4. The Reunion Prayer by Olga Scholz

- Recited by Wayne Scholz

Our Heavenly Father, we come before Thee with grateful hearts for the many blessings which Thou hast bestowed on this group of Thy people.

We are mindful of the fact that Thou are a great and loving Father—we, Thy people, frail with human frailties. We are needful of Thy constant watchful care and we thank Thee that in every circumstance of life we can come to Thee and find a listening ear.

Today is a happy occasion and we come to Thee with thanksgiving for the numerous blessings that have come to us, and to those of our number who have gone on before. We thank Thee for the fortitude and courage of those who came to America so many years ago and had a part in the making of this wonderful country. Their most glorious dreams have come true for today more than ever is this land of freedom a land of opportunities and challenges. We thank Thee for this heritage and pray that the honored lives of these who have gone on before will challenge us to uphold with honor that which is fine and good and that which is noble and righteous. We pray forgiveness for our sins and ask Thee to bless the bounties set before us.

We ask in the name of Jesus Christ, our blessed Lord and Redeemer.

Amen.

5. Family History Overview Recited by:

- Cooper Bechtol

We are the von Rosenberg Family of Texas. Our ancestor, Peter Carl von Rosenberg and his family sailed out of the North Sea in Europe (Prussia) on October 3rd, 1849 bound for Galveston, Texas.

- Charlie Becker

After 60 days at sea, on December 6th, 1849 Peter Carl and his family arrived in the United States landing at Galveston, Texas. Eventually the family settled in Fayette County on the Nassau Plantation around the towns of Round Top and LaGrange, Texas.

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- **Daniel Green**

As the family grew, several of Peter Carl's children migrated to other areas of Texas, such as Austin, San Antonio, Houston, Galveston and Dallas, as well as many other farm and ranching communities across the state.

- **Wyatt Halvorson**

In 1939 the family got together and had the very first reunion of the von Rosenberg Family Reunion Association of Texas. It has been 84 years since our first reunion. Today we are attending the 82nd reunion, having taken off a year during both World War II and the Covid Pandemic.

- **Jason von Rosenberg**

Today we use the term "branches" to refer to the family lines started by each of Peter Carl's children. These are:

Branch 1 Carl Wilhelm (William)

Branch 2 Johanna Carolina

Branch 3 Johannes Carl

Branch 4 Carl Eugen

Branch 5 Amanda Karoline

Branch 6 Carl Alexander

Branch 7 Carl Walter

Branch 8 Libussa Froelich

- **Daryl Green**

Welcome to the von Rosenberg Family of Texas annual family reunion! I hope this little introduction to our family heritage helps you understand why we gather each year. Please let us know if you have any questions about your von Rosenberg family history.

6. Current Officers:

- Alyson Scholz, President, Branch V
- Carrie Tapia, Vice-President, Branch VII
- Karl von Rosenberg, Treasurer, Branch VII
- Stacie Donahue, Secretary, Branch V
- **NEXT YEAR IS AN ELECTION YEAR FOR ALL OFFICERS ROLES FOR 2025-2027**

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7. Introduction of all attendees by Branch.

- 96 Total Attendees
- Attendees by Branch:
 1. 9
 2. 0
 3. 0
 4. 1
 5. 35
 6. *extinct*
 7. 53
 8. 0

8. Motion to dispense with reading of last year's minutes was made, seconded and passed.

9. No old business was brought forward in the meeting.

10. New Business:

- Thank you to everyone who attended the Annual Golf Tournament on Friday.
- The Treasurer reported on the state of the Family Association's bank account:
 1. Current Balance: approx. ~\$ 17,000
 2. Expenses:
 - Rent for climate-controlled storage of book inventory at A Prime Self Storage, 1618 E. Texas Hwy 71, La Grange, Texas 78945: \$1,140 (\$95 per month)
 - The von Rosenberg website: \$120
 - Total annual expenses: \$ 1,260
 3. Deposits:
 - Gift \$ 500 from Frances von Rosenberg
 4. Fundraisers:
 - "vR family merch" sales raise funds for the family's expenses
It's important we update our inventory to continue to celebrate our family heritage but also to raise funds for the family's expenditures.
 - Silent Auction
 - Donations (always welcome)

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- Camp Lone Star Registration in advance is important so we don't incur late fees
- Jo von Rosenberg Announcements:
 1. Published a new photo book via Bookemon called "Searching for the Roses" available for purchases from her for \$75
 2. Update on the donation of sets of our family books to universities or other institutions that might not have them in their libraries—beginning with Baylor University—over the past year. Contacted all in her book's list (provided by JT Koenig)
- The 2025 reunion was voted on and approved to occur again at Camp Lone Star (the 3rd weekend in July):
July 18 – 20, 2025
- Oldest Attendee: Nettie Green, age 94, Branch 7
- Youngest Attendee: Matthew Becker, age 4mo, Branch 5
- Blake & Wyatt Halvorson traveled the farthest from Clarksville, TN (838 miles), Branch 7
- Recreation vs History Discussion update → we followed up with a meeting in Jan'24 via Zoom to discuss but still lacking volunteers to help implement ideas to engage all ages in our family's history
 1. Art Green shared a pep talk & ideas

11. Announcements:

- Please be sure children are accompanied & supervised by adults at all Camp Lone Star activities (slip-n-slide, swimming, etc)
- Reminder that any alcohol needs to stay up at the main Retreat Center building
- Join us for a family talent show after dinner for the ice cream social & karaoke dance party
- Don't forget to participate in the Silent Auction & Guessing Jars as the winners will be announced tonight and Silent Auction will close at 6:30pm.
- Please review email list on welcome table to update/add/remove contacts to maintain our communication as the family newsletter is shared via email.
- Reminder of the VR Family email address: **vonRosenbergFamily@gmail.com**
- Robert Barritt maintains The von Rosenberg family website (vonrosenberg-family.org) and is the contact for any updates to the information on the website.

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- Neale Rabensberg provided a historical presentation of The von Rosenberg Family focused on the historic homes around the area of Round Top, La Grange and San Antonio, TX
12. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made and seconded at 1:50 pm.
13. A Memorial Service was held on Sunday morning after breakfast, led by Art Green.

Family Announcements

Births:

- Matthew Nolan Becker born 3/7/24 (Branch 5)
William Frederick von Rosenberg V born 12/7/23 (Branch 1)
Brooks Garland Lizakowski born 12/5/23 (Branch 5)
Addison Brooke Donohue born 11/13/23 (Branch 5)

Passings:

- Michael Becker passed 7/19/24 (Branch V)
Charles "Chuck" Snow Lytton passed 2/4/24 (Branch V)
David Sutherland passed 9/21/22 (Branch V)

PLEASE SUBMIT ANY FAMILY TREE UPDATES (BIRTH, MARRIAGES, PASSINGS, ACHIEVEMENTS) BY EMAILING:

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vR Family Merchandise

The officers are requesting help from family members to help create / design new merchandise to sell at next year's reunion (t-shirts, hats, cups, stickers, etc.)

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Online Family Tree

As you know from past newsletters & reunion presentations, the family maintains a von Rosenberg Family of Texas website (www.vonrosenberg-family.org). This website includes all past newsletters as well as an online interactive family tree. This website is designed to serve as our repository for family data such as births, deaths, marriages, and the like.

If you have updates you want to be included in the online tree, please make sure to contact Robert Barritt or Wayne Scholz at rcbarritt@me.com or scholz1843@gmail.com or discuss with an officer or family historian at the reunion in La Grange.

vonRosenberg Family of Texas 2024 Family Reunion Attendees



Come join us next year!

See you July 18th—20th, 2025

at Camp Lone Star in La Grange, TX

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A Note from Jo vonRosenberg (Branch VII), one of our family's matriarchs:

The majority of the von Rosenberg resources are housed in La Grange. In an effort, to meet the needs of family, Karl and Jo von Rosenberg brought some resources to Waco. To order any merchandise, please email bjovr1979@gmail.com.

Many thanks for Alyson and Carrie's leadership. We had almost 100 von Rosenberg's this past July. Neale Rabensburg presented a comprehensive power point of von Rosenberg's homes Saturday afternoon which was well received. 2025 requires new leadership. Please consider becoming an officer. We all enjoy the reunions, but it takes planning and dedication. Everyone is busy, please make the vonRosenberg Family of Texas a priority.

We currently have active participation from volunteers to develop a "Heritage School" for the children. If you would like to work with these volunteers, please email Art Green, acloisgreen@yahoo.com or Jo vonRosenberg at bjovr1979@gmail.com.

Branches I, III, and V! We miss you! Please consider becoming a part of this heritage weekend. Family heritage gives a sense of place, purpose and potential, elements we all need in our society.