

I GOTCHA! There is no boa constrictor in here but if I've gotten you this far, the envelope message worked, eh?

YOU ARE INVITED

This Newsletter is your official invitation to the 33rd von Rosenberg Family Reunion Association of Texas Reunion to be held Sunday, June 30, 1974, at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Rosenberg, Texas, with registration at 10:00 a.m.

You are also invited to a Family social evening the night before the Reunion, Saturday, June 29, 1974, at "The Trading Post" in Booth, Texas, at 7:30 p.m.

DIRECTIONS TO A REUNION

About 30 miles a little southwest of Houston, find yourself downtown in the city of Rosenberg, at the corner of Highway 59 and 1st street. Go south on 1st street four miles, 1st is actually S. 36 Highway. You will go under an overpass and arrive shortly at The American Legion Post #271 on your right. This is not it, but immediately past this Post, you will turn left on Magnolia St. You will see the Knights of Columbus Hall on your left, it was also visable from S. 36, the road you turned off of. The Knights of Columbus Hall is a yellowish frame building with green doors and anyone can give you directions to it if you should get lost.

ABOUT THE REUNION

There are many important attractions for you at this 1974 Reunion. Among other things, we will vote on the new set of by-laws (see Newsletter Oct. 15, 1973), hear a fine speaker on the von Rosenberg Family, listen to Charles W. von Rosenberg tell us how Vol. II came to be, and receive our copies of Vol. II. It will be an interesting Reunion and we hope you plan to be with us. Mrs. Urban (Dorothy) Neese is your official hostess this year in Rosenberg. Her address is: Box 205D Rt. 1, Richmond, Texas, 77469. Write her if you need any assistance.

Coffee, tea, and ice will be provided at the Reunion. Each family is requested to bring their own food, cold drinks, and service. The Knights of Columbus Hall is air-conditioned and has very fine facilities for setting up and serving food and drinks. Makes me hungry just thinking about the good we always have at our Reunions. Please try your best to be with us; we need you to be there.

A PLEA TO HOUSTON AREA MEMBERS

You folks in the greater Houston area have a wonderful and convenient opportunity this year with the Reunion meeting "in your own back yard." Many of you have never been to a Reunion before and now you have a chance to see first hand what goes on in this great family of ours. I count 272 members in the Houston area and if all of you will attend the Reunion in Rosenberg on June 30, we will break the attendance record set way back in 1939 when 153 people were present. Call me at 772-7173 if I can help you in any way.

YAW'LL COME!

In addition to the Reunion on Sunday, June 30, you and your family are also invited to a social evening to be held Sat. night, June 29, 7:30 p.m., at "The Trading Post" in Booth, Texas. The Trading Post is so popular for it's bar-b-q that many Houston groups charter buses and go there to eat. Outdoor in nature, it is a wonderful setting for visiting, eating, and dancing. It is a family type place so by all means bring the children if you like. Please, everyone pays their own tab.

While the Reunion itself will meet just a little south of Rosenberg, Texas, The Trading Post is located in Booth, Texas, a little south of Richmond, Texas. Richmond and Rosenberg are like one city separated by a thin line. Simply come into Richmond on Highway 59 and turn south on Highway 762 when you come to it. After you've gone about six miles, 762 will turn right but you don't turn, keep going straight on what now becomes Highway 2759. Go five more miles and you are in Booth, Texas, and The Trading Post will be on your left. You can't miss it.

ABOUT GASOLINE

I am sure everyone is wondering about the gasoline situation in this area and how hard it is to come by. Our gasoline situation is good. FORGET IT! THERE IS NO PROBLEM! Upon checking the service stations in Rosenberg on Sunday, May 26th, my last opportunity before mailing this Newsletter, I personally found 7 service stations open selling gas at 7:30 p.m. at an average price of 49.9 for regular. In addition to these, 25% of the service stations in Houston are open and selling on Sundays. Let me repeat: There is no problem getting gasoline on a Sunday so please don't let this keep you from the social evening and the Reunion.

BE THINKING ABOUT

President Leo Meerscheidt III will be asking for volunteers to serve on the nominating committee to select the officers for service from 1975 to 1977. He will appoint this committee at the Rosenberg Reunion.

Also, Sam and Milton Max von Rosenberg of La Grange have decided to co-chair a committee to host the 1975 Reunion in the Round Top area. The site for the 1975 Reunion will be voted on by the general membership present at the 1974 Reunion, so if you wish to offer an invitation to the Association for the 1975 one, come let it be known. Vote of the membership present at this Reunion of 1974 will prevail.

THESE ITEMS OF INTEREST

At his own expense, our VP, Ray von Rosenberg of Taft, Texas, provided plastic covers to protect the photographs, newspaper clippings, and other memorabilia which the first Family Historian collected into scrapbooks.

A direct descendant of both Carl Eugen von Rosenberg and Johanna Carolina von Rosenberg Hellmuth, Charles Glenn von Rosenberg has recently graduated from Virginia Theological Seminary. He is the son of Charles Herman and Mary Frances von Rosenberg of Fayetteville, North Carolina, and the grandson of Agnes Hellmuth and Herman Theodor von Rosenberg.

The Alaska Journal, in an article on the Alaskan Russian Governors, tells of a Baltic German nobleman, Nikolai Iakovlevich Rosenberg, probably born in Lithuania, who was appointed Chief Manager of the Russian colonies. The old charts show a Nicolas Eberhard von Rosenberg born about 1725 who was in Russian military service and may have been an ancestor of Nikolai. (Called to attention by Metta Tomlinson Lansdale). Thanks to Charles W. von Rosenberg of Dallas, our Historian, for submitting these three preceding paragraphs.

DID YOU KNOW?

Your Secretary has typed the original minutes of all our Family Reunions since the first one in 1939, thereby enabling us to put the original minutes book to "rest" so it can be preserved in the future. The secretary manual now contains two inches of typewritten pages.

You will remember I asked if the city of Rosenberg was named after one of our descendants in the last Newsletter. I received this information from Esther von Rosenberg, and I quote: "I note you want information on the Rosenberg of Galveston, Henry was his name. I have a volume that was rather well known and I might say popular in the middle 1890's and later. The book is "Indian Wars and Pioneers of Texas" by John Henry Brown, L. E. Daniell, Publisher, Austin, Texas. It should be in a Texas collection of a big city library. No date shows when published, though I figured some time after May 1893 (year of Henry R.'s death) and before 1902 (my grandfather was still living). The book was dedicated to Mr. George Sealy of Galveston. It is a very heavy book, 9 X 12 inches and 2 inches thick. Six pages are devoted to Mr. R. written by a very close friend whom I imagine had gotten data from the subject before his death.

Very few subjects have so many pages devoted to them. I have read that book over many times in the past. After all these years, it was in fine condition until last year I dropped it getting it out of the book case and the back is now quite loose. I see from your Newsletter you are more interested in the Rosenberg town. There is no connection between the von Rosenberg Family and this Henry Rosenberg and many may be confused, this from what my father told me. Henry certainly was a most charitable person. Just a few items: he was born in Switzerland, came to Baltimore, Maryland, then to Galveston. His remains were returned to Baltimore for burial." Thanks, Esther. Now we know the answer for sure.

DEATHS

Mrs. Jack (Alice Reutzell) Bessellieu--August 26, 1973, of San Antonio.

Hilmar Fricke--December 30, 1973, of Cat Spring, Texas.

Mrs. Dora Agnes von Rosenberg, Evant Star Route, Hamilton, died in the Hamilton County General Hospital Feb. 4, 1974, following an extended illness. Funeral services were held in the Wilke-Clay Funeral Home Chapel in Austin Wed. Feb. 6, at 2 p.m. Internment was in Oakwood Cemetary in Austin. The daughter of the late A. B. Deen and Minnie Caswell Deen, she was born in Travis County, Texas, Sept. 12, 1901. She is survived by her husband, Edgar von Rosenberg, whom she married Aug. 31, 1922. She was a member of the Methodist Church. Other survivors are two daughters, Mrs. Katherine Parker of Austin and Gladys von Rosenberg of Round Rock; two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Joseph L. von Rosenberg, Sr., 73, of 2102 Paramount, died Wed. July 4, 1973, in an Austin Hospital. He was a lifetime resident of Austin, and was a retired accountant for Nelson Davis Co. with 40 years of service. He was a member of the Methodist Church and of Austin Lodge No. 12, A.F.A.M. Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Jennie von Rosenberg, Austin; one daughter, Mrs. R. L. (Ann) Moses, Highland, Cal.; three sons, Dr. Joe Leslie von Rosenberg, Jr., Clemson, S.C., Arthur J. von Rosenberg, San Antonio, Robert H. von Rosenberg, Big Spring, Texas; two sisters, Miss Nannie von Rosenberg, and Miss Edna von Rosenberg, both of Austin; two brothers, Arthur von Rosenberg, Austin, Edgar von Rosenberg of Hamilton County, Texas; 11 grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

May I please urge you to let me know of any other deaths you know of which are not reported here. Please, though, as I have requested before, be very, very sure of your report before sending it to me. Newspaper clippings are the very best way of reporting to me because they contain write-ups which are of interest to everyone.

THANK YOU

I promised in the Dec. 31, 1973, Newsletter that if you would send in donations, book money, or book loans, I would credit you in the next Newsletter. In addition to those in the last Newsletter, I wish to add the following good people:

NAME	CITY	Budget Donation	Vol. II Down-Pay.	Vol. II Loans
Alexander Adams	Killeen		10.00	
Cohen Adams	Austin	5.00	22.00	
Eugene E. Adams	Belton			100.00
Rudolph P. Aguilar	Bainbridge Island, Wash.	5.00	11.00	
Eberhard F. Besemann, M.D.	Signal Mtn., Tenn.	5.00	15.00	
Mrs. Victor Bouillon	Seattle, Wash.		5.00	
Anna B. Campbell	San Antonio	5.00	10.00	
John Del Curto	Austin	5.00	11.00	
Mark Jan Endicott	Buda	5.00	11.00	
John N. Fry	Piano	5.00	10.00	
Maurice F. Granville	New York, N. Y.		22.00	
Ernest A. Guenther	Austin		11.00	
Mrs. Edgar M. Hellmuth	Bellville	5.00	15.00	
Gus R. Hellmuth	Dallas	5.00	20.00	
Steve P. Hellmuth	Dallas	5.00		
Mrs. Roy A. Hornberger	Corpus Christi	5.00	10.00	
Joe Elgin Hodge	Deer Park		11.00	
W. E. Hodge	Deer Park	5.00	22.00	
Gus A. Kneip	Victoria		11.00	
John Lansdale, Jr.	Harwood, Maryland	10.00	100.00	100.00
Thomas J. Lauderdale	Ft. Worth		10.00	
Robert D. Lozo, Jr.	San Antonio		10.00	
Clarence Lundy	Pasadena, Cal.		10.00	
Mrs. Julia Miller	Ballinger	5.00	22.00	
Robert Miller	Ballinger	10.00	22.00	
Roger R. Miller	Sevierville, Tenn.	5.00		
Richard C. Morgan, II	Dallas	5.00	10.00	
James O. Pike	Southaven, Miss.		11.00	
W. G. Rabensburg	Austin	5.00		
Eli Roberts	Enid, Okla.	5.00		
Tom Shifflett	Marble Falls	5.00	22.00	
John M. Socha	Sun City, Arizona	5.00		
Mrs. Dorothy L. Tripanier	Torrance, Cal.	5.00	11.00	
Charles E. von Rosenberg	Covington, Louisiana		10.00	
Charles W. von Rosenberg	Dallas			1,000.00
Mrs. Frances von Rosenberg	Richmond, Virginia		11.00	(wow)
Frederick von Rosenberg	Dallas	5.00	20.00	
Glenn von Rosenberg	Waco		50.00	
H. Clark von Rosenberg	Houston	5.00	30.00	100.00
Mrs. Joe L. von Rosenberg, Sr.	Austin		11.00	
Leslie A. von Rosenberg, Jr.	Yoakum		11.00	
Lester E. von Rosenberg	La Grange		10.00	
Martin A. von Rosenberg	Conroe	5.00	10.00	
Milton Max von Rosenberg	La Grange	5.00	11.00	
Robert von Rosenberg	Big Spring	5.00	33.00	
Dr./Mrs. Newton F. Walker	El Paso		50.00	200.00
John Paul Warnken	San Antonio	5.00	11.00	
TOTAL:		150.00	723.00	1,500.00

Robert Hein, Family Treasurer asked me to make this testimony on behalf of the entire Family Association: "We would like to pay tribute to E. R. von Rosenberg of San Angelo and Hilmar Meerscheidt of Las Cruces, New Mexico, who started our book fund in 1969 with contributions of \$100 each. They got the show on the road."

I asked about the frequency of twins born in this family in the last Newsletter, actually the Craig Langs of New Orleans, La. did. Our Historian, Charles W. von Rosenberg, has supplied us with this list:

- Branch I Hilmar August and Walter Edward Giesen (Gen. IV).
Robert Steven and Randolph Thomas Petit (Gen. VI) (Bissell).
Matthias Paul and Stefanie Grzesiak (Gen. VI).
- Branch IV one set, names not given, children of Max Alexander von Rosenberg (V)
- Branch V Kay Lynn and Fay Gwyn Carnes (Gen. VI) (Anna B.).
Sally Ann and Shannon Carol Lang (Gen. VII) (Scholz).
Donald Lee and Sharon Lee Lytton (Gen. VI) (Alexander Otto).
Lina and Walter Meerscheidt (Gen. III).
Otto Alexander and Carl Paul Meerscheidt (Gen. IV).
Rives McGehee and Kathleen Clyde Meerscheidt (Gen VI) (Leo Paul, Jr.).
Jeffrey Roger and Karen Jean Miller (Gen. VI) (Mildred).
- Branch VIII Larry Donald and Leslie Allen Young (Gen. VI) (Hellmuth).

THE NUMBERS GAME

Charles W. von Rosenberg, our Historian, has also supplied us with this choice bit of information, something I at least, have been wanting to know for some time:

Branch	I	507	504	Recount
	II	147	133	
	III	162	162	
	IV	366	376	
	V	339	341	
	VI	extinct line		
	VII	102	102	
	VIII	13	13	
			1622	
			1636 total descendants (count may be inexact by a few).	

A secretarial question: Doesn't it seem with this many people currently in our family that we could have more than 153 attend the Reunions? That wouldn't even be ten percent. Notice that the above list does not include any members of Gen. III. We do have a large family, don't we?

IT HAS BEEN ASKED

I have been asked by a family member how many Masons or members of the Shrine there are in this family. If you are a member, write me about it, give me your Lodge No., city and state, and I'll include it in a future Newsletter.

LOST (but not found)

I have lost the addresses of the following family members. Can you supply them?

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| Mrs. Vernon H. Fricke | Clarence Bleeker | L. S. King, Jr. |
| Julia Jones | Mr. Rowe E. Giesen | Jorge Mitchell |
| Gilbert Jara | Alfred Glaser | Berger Todd |

Sally Ann and Shannon Carol Lang--twin daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Craig N. Lang of New Orleans, La. Born in July, 1973. Double congratulations.

Leah Meredith Meerscheidt--daughter of Alan and Kay Meerscheidt, recently of San Diego, Cal., but now of San Antonio, Texas. Born May 19, 1974. Your Secretary and wife, Dot, are now grandparents for the 1st time. Alexander and Anna Meerscheidt are now great-grandparents.

Travis Ian Miller--son of John S. and Viki Miller of Torrance, Cal. Born Aug. 27, 1973. John S. Miller, Sr. and Margie of Torrance, Cal. are the grandparents and Julia Miller of Ballinger, Texas, is now a great-grandmother.

Staci Lynn von Rosenberg--daughter of Frederick and Kathy von Rosenberg of Dallas. Born March 21, 1974. This makes Charles W. von Rosenberg, of Dallas, our Historian, a great-granduncle.

I am sure there have been more births than these but these are the only ones which have been reported to me. If you know of recent births, send them to me and we will announce them at the Reunion in Rosenberg.

IN CLOSING

Where you goin', Charlie?

Where's it to be, Charlie?

When, Charlie?

What time, Charlie?

Why, Charlie?

Where else you goin', Charlie?

Where's it to be, Charlie?

When, Charlie?

What time, Charlie?

Why, Charlie?

Got a problem with gas, Charlie?

No, but I'll see you there.

To a Reunion.

To a Reunion.

Rosenberg.

Sun. June 30, 1974.

10:00 a.m.

To see my relatives.

To a social evening.

The Trading Post in Booth.

Sat. June 29, 1974.

7:30 p.m.

To eat, visit, and dance.

Nope. You gettin' personal?

Where you goin', Clyde?

Where is it, Clyde?

THIS NEWSLETTER RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

Phil Meerscheidt

Family Secretary

MOST IMPORTANT--PLEASE CLIP AND RETURN--IMMEDIATELY

Cut here and return to: Phil Meerscheidt, 6301 Ranchester #62, Houston, Tx. 77036

NAME _____ ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

How many in your immediate family will be at the Reunion on June 30? _____

How many will attend the social evening in Booth, Texas, on June 29? _____

I must have this completed form in my hands NO LATER THAN JUNE 15, 1974.

Note: If you wish to send me news of your family, i.e. births, deaths, marriages, residence change, accomplishments, or other items, use reverse side of this form.

The officers of your Association held a meeting in San Antonio March 23, 1974, for the purpose of establishing details concerning Vol. II.

It was agreed Davis Brothers Publishing Co. of Waco would be contracted to print 600 plus copies of Vol. II in a red binding with gold writing and would be completed by June 15, 1974.

The retail price per copy was established at \$12.00, thanks to Charles W. for his "bargaining power" with the printer, plus \$1.00 handling and postal charge per copy for members who wish them mailed.

So! When you come to the Reunion in Rosenberg, please be prepared to pay an additional \$2.00 per copy if you have previously sent in your \$10.00 downpayment per copy.

If you cannot attend the Reunion, please begin sending your additional \$2.00 per copy if you have sent in \$10.00 downpayments and the \$1.00 postal charge. Please make checks payable to "Von Rosenberg Family of Texas" and mail to:

Robert Hein, Treasurer
413 Ridgemont
San Antonio, Texas 78209

We will begin mailing them to you as soon as we can after the Reunion, however, no copies will be sent until fully paid for.

For those of you who haven't ordered books or sent in money yet, you may order from Robert Hein, also, if you wish them mailed. Send \$12.00 per copy desired plus \$1.00 handling and postal charge each. If you plan to attend the Reunion, bring \$12.00 per copy desired and you can pick them up in Rosenberg.

The officers of the Association wish to express sincere appreciation to Glenn von Rosenberg of Waco who is chairing a committee charged with transporting the heavy boxes of Vol. II from the printer in Waco to the Reunion in Rosenberg so they can be distributed to family members. For those who have consented to be on Glenn's committee, our thanks to you also. We know this will be no small undertaking.

Please don't forget to send me your "Plan to Attend" forms. We'll see you June 29 at The Trading Post and June 30 at the Reunion in Rosenberg.

Until then, I leave you with most joyful

Cheers

Phil Meerscheidt

Family Secretary