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THE 1978 REUNION

DATE: Sunday, July 9th, 1978

TREASURER

Robert
Hein

TIME: Register at 10:00 a.m.

HISTORIAN

Charles W.
von Rosenberg

PLACE: V F W Hall
Round Top, Texas

You and your family are invited to the 1978 Reunion of the VON ROSENBERG FAMILY REUNION ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS, the 37th such Reunion, the 39th year of the Association, the 112th year after Peter Carl's death, and the 3rd year since the Reunion has been held in Round Top, official headquarters of our Association.

BRANCH CHAIRMEN:

BRANCH #1
Alfred
Wupperman

REMEMBER WHEN?

Remember the 1975 Round Top Reunion? Do you remember how perfectly their tour was planned and carried out (The Way it Was)? How many committee members it required? How everything went so perfectly? Do you recall that 148 Family members were there, only five short of our attendance record?

BRANCH #2
Helen
Walker

BRANCH #3
Charles W.
von Rosenberg

Sure we remember it, we'll never forget it! And this year the Round Top Committee offers us another fine Reunion. Not the same in content as the '75 but equal to it in planning and attention to detail. You will be well received and properly cared for. Gee, those folks in Round Top mean business, they're inspired, they get right with it! If you don't believe, come watch'em work.

BRANCH #4
Dorothy
Neese

BRANCH #5
Florence
Helmke

SETTLE DOWN!

This is the Reunion we settle with the "letters." We either get on or off the pot! The letters are just about ready for the printer. We need to establish the method of financing them and get on with this major accomplishment. Your attendance is requested and needed now more than ever before. Please make your plans to be in Round Top and don't let anything stop you. If nothing stops you, nothing will stop the Association.

BRANCH #6
None

BRANCH #7
H. Clark
von Rosenberg

BRANCH #8
Charles W.
von Rosenberg

Established May 7, 1939

FIRST THINGS FIRST-THE SOCIAL EVENING

I don't want to let out any secrets but you folks really like to party, don't you? Mercy, Mercy me!

Considering that our eyes would not be in front if we were made to look back and knowing that if people wanted Ford automobiles without motors in them, Ford would build same, the Round Top Committee has decided therefore that because of these outstanding principles.....

PARTY YOU WANT-PARTY YOU GET!
(Round Top Style)

The Social Evening will transpire Saturday night, July 8, 1978, 6:00 p.m. at the VFW Hall in La Grange (the same as 1975). The VFW Hall is in the Fayette County Fair Grounds about 1½ miles north of La Grange on Highway #77.

In addition to Bar-b-que, beer, and soft drinks, the Host Committee has engaged Mr. Phil Lester to be with us. He is a square dance caller, teacher, group entertainer and will provide a first-class sound system. We will have a demonstration of square dancing by a group of local square dancers including some of our own Family talent (The Road Runners); square dancing will be taught to young and old; be lots of polkas, westerns, regular dancing, and marching for everybody. "Everybody Marches"! "Everybody has Fun"!

The cost, on a "dutch" basis: 6.00 adults; 2.00 children, including everything. This is payable at the door so please don't mail this money to the Secretary as in the past. **BUT DO REMEMBER** to fill in the form at the end of this Newsletter and MAIL IT to me because this will order bar-b-que plates for you and your family. Therefore **NO FORM, NO FOOD!**

110 members attended the 1977 Social Evening in Austin so don't feel like you will be the only one there in '78. If you're one of our elderly ones, don't let this stop you cause we have many who come just like you. As in the past, blue jeans and shorts are in order.

FUN TIMES, AGAIN!

Or in other words, we have done so much with so little for so long that I think we could do anything with nothing at all in no time flat. See you on July 8th.

ABOUT THAT REUNION

You are asked to register Sunday, July 9th, 1978, 10:00 a.m., sober, at the VFW Hall, one mile east of ROUND TOP on Highway #237 (same as '75) and bring food, service, and cold drinks if desired. Coffee, tea, and ice will be furnished at the VFW Hall.

There'll be much goings on at this Reunion. In addition to the normal business, we will continue our discussion on replacing the Historian and Secretary in 1979 and deal with the "letters" as previously stated. I cannot emphasize too greatly how important this Reunion will be in regards to climaxing the printing of the "letters." In case you haven't heard, Esther von Rosenberg of Austin has provided photo copies of even 40 more letters which will be added to those Ray von Rosenberg found in the Archives at the University of Texas. Charles W. von Rosenberg of Dallas, our Historian, will explain details to us so that we can put a cap on this major project. Please try to be with us. We need your ideas and support. If everyone is real nice, we may have a pleasant surprize for you in Round Top.....

ABOUT THOSE MOTELS

In case you haven't made your reservations yet (and you'd better hurry), I'll list them again for you: (all zips are 78945; all area codes-713):

968-3175

Cottonwood Inn Motel--Hwy. 71 East
The Oak Motel--227 S. Jefferson 968-3133
Carter Motel--243 Ellinger Rd. 968-3247

These motels are located in La Grange and the Secretary is confirmed at the Cottonwood Inn. If I can help you and your family in any way, please look me up there on Sat. the 8th anytime after 12:00 noon.

MAKE THOSE PLANS

As a suggestion, you might plan your Reunion trip this year in this manner:

Saturday, July 8, 1978:

1. Arrive in La Grange--check into motel by 5:00 p.m.
2. 6:00 p.m.--Social Evening at VFW Hall in La Grange.
3. Return to motel.

Sunday, July 9th, 1978:

1. Arise--breakfast if desired.
2. Check out of motel.
3. 9:30 a.m.--depart La Grange.
4. 10:00 a.m.--register at Reunion, VFW Hall in Round Top, 20 miles from La G.
5. Reunion.
6. 5:00 p.m.--depart for home.

I know I've said it before but here it is again: "If you can't remember something, forget it." BUT DON'T FORGET that the Social Evening is at the VFW Hall in La Grange; the Reunion is at the VFW Hall in Round Top.

TO THE HOSTS

It needs to be said once more that Sam and Eunice von Rosenberg, Milton and Lucille, the Will Moores, the Lester von Rosenbergs and others have gone to great extremes to prepare for this Reunion. Heaven help us that we will repay them for their efforts with a good attendance this year. Thank you already, Hosters!

THE 1979 REUNION

It's not too early to announce that we will be joining Past Family President Glenn Arthur von Rosenberg and his able Committee in Waco for the '79 Reunion. All details will be announced in future Newsletters. Good Ol' v.R. Family Line!

EXIT THE HISTORIAN AND SECRETARY

As announced in the June 1977 Newsletter, Charles W. von Rosenberg of Dallas and myself wish to resign from our offices effective at the 1979 Reunion in Waco.

We asked in that Newsletter that anyone interested in either of these positions let it be known immediately. There has been absolutely no response but fortunately there is still one year left before Waco-time!

It would be most helpful to our Family Association if our replacements would come forth at this upcoming Reunion in Round Top because we could then start a smooth transition preceding the change-over one year hence.

One of 2 types of people are going to fill these positions: one will be the person who is GENUINELY interested in the Family and WANTS one of the jobs and

really intends to do the work involved with it; the other will be the kind of person who accepts one of the jobs simply because no one else will take it. I don't have to tell you which type will be more suitable for the Family needs.

There are two thoughts you must not harbor in your mind. First, that Charles and I have resigned as a "team" effort. No Way! I had made up my mind, due to my own reasons, long before I received the letter from Charles telling me of his intentions. Secondly, that either of us will reconsider and stay on, that we can be "talked out of resigning." No Way! Charles' reasons are due mainly to health which he cannot change. Mine are simply lack of time and too many conflicts which are not going to change. Notice, for example, that only 2 Newsletters were mailed to you this year as opposed to 3 in previous years; notice that due to lack of time, I was unable to prepare and mail this particular Newsletter before the postal rates changed.

I assure you our decisions are final and I'll also assure you that Charles and I will be just as interested in this Family as we ever were and will do whatever we can to help further the progress and maintain the present momentum.

Therefore we are making this second appeal for two members of this Family to step forward and carry on the duties of our respective offices. CAN IT AND WILL IT BE YOU? Please let us know in R. T.

NEW ADDRESSES:

The following members have reported new addresses:

- Tom and Margaret (Miller) Butts, Gen. Delivery, Cashion, Okla., 73016.
- Dr. Duane Eaks, State College of Victoria, Alva Grove, Coburg Victoria 3058, Australia.
- Fred Granville, 11904A Broad Oaks Dr., Austin, Texas, 78759.

✓ Ross M. and Karen (Kirkley) Hooks III, 5200 Highgate Dr., Arlington, Tx. 76016.

Come to the "ROUND-UP" in Round Top!

TO TED, FROM HOWARD

BIRTHS

If you will please read about Charles W. (Ted) von Rosenberg of Arlington on pages 307-8 in Vol. II, you will discover, among other things, that Ted was a close personal friend of the late Howard Hughes. I asked Ted if he had a personal letter from Hughes in his possession (which he would allow to be reproduced in a Newsletter) showing some insight into the personality of the famous Howard Hughes. Ted has graciously supplied us with the following handwritten letter from Mr. Hughes to himself. We thank you, Ted, for being so cooperative and sharing this letter with us:

Nov. 4, 1943

Dear Ted,

My most sincere thanks for your letter.

I certainly was glad to hear from you. After I talked to you last I was so busy with the D-2 for a while that I couldn't think much about anything else. Then finally I called and tried to reach you but found you had left town. However, I was told it was only temporary. About a week later I called again and was told you had been stationed permanently in Chicago and would not return.

I have just returned from Washington. Your letter was forwarded to me there. When I first received it I thought I could stop off in Chicago on the way back here to the coast and see for an hour or so. At that time I was planning to come back by train as I was terribly tired.

But, as might be expected, I had to stay two days longer than I had planned in Washington, stop off at Dayton, and be here on the coast for a Wednesday appointment, so I wound up on the airline.

If I ever do get to Chicago you may be sure I shall call on you the first thing. I'll have a lot to tell you about----- things certainly haven't been going any too smoothly, especially on the cargo ship.

Well, Von, I send my very best regards and I think you know I really mean that. Incidentally,

Howard

This Newsletter will again be mailed to a record number of households!

Christopher Patrick Campbell, born 4-14-77 to Charles and Linda Campbell of New Brunswick, N. J. Grandparents are Forrest and Elizabeth Campbell of Somerset, N. J.

✓Sarin Carolee Caubin, born 7-30-77 to Jack and Lauralee Caubin of Ft. Collins, Colo. Grandparents are Don and Juanita Albin of Escondido, Calif.

✓Adam Jacob Reed, born 12-10-77 to Larry and Margaret Reed of San Antonio, Tx. Grandparents are Frank and Dorothy Reed of the same city.

✓Eric Arnold von Rosenberg, born 7-28-77 to Frederick A. and Kathy von Rosenberg II. Grandparents are Martin A. and Mary E. von Rosenberg of Conroe. (Aha! So this is why Pres. Rick and family missed last years Reunion?)

Stanley and Ann Udall of Salt Lake City, Utah, have announced plans to attend the Reunion this year in Round Top. Great!

DEATHS

✓William Harvey Adams, age 84, of Lampasas, Tx., 7-31-77.

✓Mrs. Hilmar P. Krause, 12-15-76.

✓Marvin Shaw Lee of San Antonio, Nov. 1977, husband of Maxine Meerscheidt Lee, son-in-law of Mrs. Cora Meerscheidt.

✓Mrs. Ellen May Speckels of San Antonio, Jan. 1978, mother of Evelyn Dyal, Lillian Kight, Aileen Bernhardt, and Gilbert Speckels.

✓William Frederick von Rosenberg of Austin April, 1963.

Charles W. von Rosenberg of Dallas, our Historian, took a 3 week fly, sail, fly trip to Indonesia, Hong Kong, and New Guinea in Sept. of 1977.

✓Tom Jolly and Pat Meerscheidt, daughter of the Secretary, were united in marriage Oct. 15, 1977, in Houston, Tx., and currently reside at 3110 Albacore #26, Houston, 77074. Congratulations are definitely in order and Tom, a very big "Welcome Aboard." Jolly, Jolly Good!

"REUNION RECORD ATTENDANCE--LOOK OUT"!

"Concerning the "letters", all of the translation is completed and in reasonable shape for the printer, but not for photocopying. I have also prepared, in addition to the letters themselves, title page, dedication (to those who wrote, those who preserved, and those who made available these letters), preface, introduction (with acknowledgments for assistance in translating and other editorial help), a section called "Post-Scripts" which gives information too long for comment in the body of the letters (e. g. a short history of Round Top, the Froelich-von Rosenberg connection since Froelich relatives crop up throughout the letters, etc.), a "Cast of Characters" for more ready identification, and two appendices--one an explanation of some of the arbitrary arrangements and decisions, since they had to be made, I made; the other describes the sources of the letter, their condition, and a listing of documents which though available were not included in the translation, a bibliography, and excerpts from a journal kept by Arthur Meerscheidt's mother. All or any of these can be omitted though I think they should be used if the final product is to be made generally available outside the Family.

I give this in detail because what I intend to do at the Round Top Reunion is present the copy and say that I will be available for assistance when we are ready for publication, BUT that I will not undertake the arrangement and financing of publication. I've spent most of the last four years working on this and I'm glad to have done so, but enough has been done so that "the will of the majority" can now be done with just token help from me"! (end quote)

Secretarial note: The above letter is written by Charles W. von Rosenberg of Dallas and is self-explanatory. Charles will show his work and explain further details about the letters at the Reunion In Round Top. It will then be up to the entire assembly to decide the best course to follow in getting them financed and published. This is the major reason why we need a very good attendance in Round Top.

 I think you can see that the Reunion this year is a very, very important one for us. Four hard years of work will reach a culmination and afford each of us a document of which we can be justly proud. Please come and join us.
 This letter submitted by Phil Meerscheidt.

VERY IMPORTANT

Cut here and return to: Phil Meerscheidt, 8474 Leawood, Houston, Tx., 77072