

THOUGHT

It's now been nine months since you received your last Newsletter, no new births to report.

I was sitting out on my lawn the other day as relaxed as a broken suspender, the air crisp as celery just thinking away, remembering when folks used to rest on Sunday instead of Monday, how when high school girls talked about the pill they were talking about their teacher, how when you bought \$10.00 worth of groceries you had to hold the bag at the bottom, and how campers used to be people, not trucks!

Couldn't help but notice that all I needed to grow healthy, vigorous grass was to have a crack in my sidewalk, never fails. Still my thoughts kept on.

I decided it may be incorrect to say that a book was writ or a book was wrote, but it might be perfectly all right to say that a Family Newsletter was written. The Ides have it, so therefor:

THE 1977 REUNION REVISITED

The 36th Reunion was held at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Zilker Park, Austin, Texas, on July 17, 1977, with 146 members in attendance. Registration began at 10:00 a.m. followed by a picnic style luncheon at noon. The business meeting began at 1:24 p.m. with President Ray von Rosenberg of Taft, Texas, presiding.

The minutes were accepted as contained in the March, 1977 Newsletter and Robert Hein gave the Treasurer's report.

The oldest member attending was Mrs. Anna Campbell of San Antonio, a modest 87, the youngest was Mathew Crowson of El Paso, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Crowson, and the member coming the longest distance to attend was Tracey Lowry of Weston, Conn.

Glenn von Rosenberg of Waco conducted a memorial service for the following deceased members: Hilmar Meerscheidt, Mary Theresa Meerscheidt, Mrs. Eli (Elizabeth) Roberts, Julius Endicott, Newton F. Walker, Marguerite Dexter, Inez von Rosenberg Boatright, Frances G. von Rosenberg, Mrs. Charles (Anna) von Rosenberg, A. L. von Rosenberg, James O. Hornberger, Sr., and William Frederick von Rosenberg.

The following officers were elected to serve the Family through July, 1979:

President: Frederick A. von Rosenberg II
Vice-Pres: Wm. F. von Rosenberg, Jr.
Secretary: Phil Meerscheidt
Treasurer: Robert Hein
Historian: Charles W. von Rosenberg

Future Reunion sites were voted thusly: 1978--Houston; 1979--Waco; 1980--Dallas.

Mrs. Audrey Bateman, traveling Curator of the Austin Public Library, gave an interesting speech and slide presentation on the history of Austin, Tx., and named some of our Family members who had a part therein. The members voted to continue to translate and prepare the "letters" for publication and the newly elected President would appoint a financial committee in the near future.

THE SOCIAL EVENING

110 of our members gathered at the Scholz Beer Garden the night before for a great meal, refreshments, and visiting with each other. The 110 represents a new record in attendance at the Social Evening and everyone really enjoyed it. Many thanks to Wm. F. and Carol von Rosenberg, Jr., the host chairpersons, and all the many Austin Committee Members for a job very well done.

KNOW YOUR OFFICERS

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Dallas, Texas 75243
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Austin, Texas 78759
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8474 Leawood
Houston, Texas 77072
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413 Ridgemont
San Antonio, Texas 78209
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4405 McKinney #104
Dallas, Texas 75205

Our attendance was pretty good again in '77. We recorded our 3rd largest attendance in Association history, 146.

Following are the complete attendance stats since the first year, 1939:

1939--153	1960-- 50
1946--127	1962-- 61
1948-- 90	1963-- 35
1949--143	1965-- 88
1950--101	1970-- 45
1951-- 98	1971-- 23 (yuk)
1952-- 60	1972-- 82
1953-- 77	1973-- 82
1954-- 71	1974--107
1955-- 88	1975--148
1956-- 45	1976--126
1957-- 63	1977--146
1958-- 49	1978-- ?

THE 1978 REUNION

We are pleased to announce, some four months in advance, the 1978 Reunion will be held in Round Top, Texas, on Sunday, July 9th, 1978, with the Social Evening to be held the night before on the 8th.

Although the Austin '77 Reunion voted to hold the 1978 in Houston, lack of support by the Houston folks has forced the Reunion to be changed to Round Top under the able chairmanship of Sam and Eunice von Rosenberg and their wonderful committee of Milton & Lucille von Rosenberg and all their other good members.

Sam says that because so much oil drilling is going on around the La Grange area and that the motels may be full because of same, he encourages everyone to make their motel reservations as early as possible. Here are the top three with their addresses: (all zips are 78945)

Cottonwood Inn Motel, Hwy 71 East
La Grange, Tx. Ph: 713-968-3175

The Oak Motel, 227 S. Jefferson
La Grange, Tx. Ph: 713-968-3133

Carter Motel, 243 Ellinger Rd.
La Grange, Tx. Ph: 713-968-3247

Sam says the Oak and Carter have been redone and are adequate. If you need further information, write to: Sam E. von Rosenberg, Box 532, La Grange, 78945, ph: 713-968-3915. Full details on the Reunion plans will be sent you in the June Newsletter.

You are reminded that copies of Vol. II of the Family book are still available and can be obtained by mailing a check in the amount of \$13.00 per copy to Robert Hein, 413 Ridgemont, San Antonio, Texas, 78209.

THE EMIGRATION LETTERS

Copies are available of the booklet "Emigration of the von Rosenbergs to Texas, 1849," compiled and published first in 1938 by Walter Otto Wupperman, secondly by Mrs. Harold (Monte von Rosenberg) Fletcher in 1960, and thirdly by Phil Meerscheidt in 1976.

Please send your check of \$6.00 per copy to Robert Hein, 413 Ridgemont, San Antonio, Texas, 78209.

DONATIONS

If you didn't make your \$5.00 donation to our operating budget at the '77 Reunion, or since, kindly make it payable to the "Von Rosenberg Family" and send it to your Secretary.

I'M LOST! PLEASE FIND ME.

Newsletters to the following folks have returned to me with wrong addresses. Would you kindly read thru them and if you know their current addresses, please send them to me. The following addresses are WRONG:

Doyle L. Adams
Paradise 3
Odessa

Eddie Don Adams
1613 Alamo
Killeen 76547

Joe Allison Alexander
Rt. 1 Box 248 C
Austin, 78724

Oran M. Barrow
1010 E. 15th
Austin, 78702

Mrs. Carl W. Becker
Box 165
Wall 76957

Daniel W. Booth
221 Post Ave.
San Antonio 78215

James W. Booth
3043 Mallard Dr.
#102 Colorado
Springs, Colorado

Michael Brewer
5313 Pershing
Ft. Worth 76107

Tom Butts
5939 N. W. 35th St.
Okla. City 73122

Robert B. Connelly
Rt. 2
Waddy, Kent. 40076

CHANGES OF ADDRESS

The following Family members have announced these address changes:

Calvin Cowher
9032 Triola #2
Houston 77036

Ronald E. Pennington
2216 No. Dal Paso
Hobbs, N. M.

Harry G. Dinwiddie
820 Sunset
Baytown 77520

Mrs. N.E. Rabensburg
7920 Rockwood Ln.
Austin 78758

Paul Dyer Meerscheidt
Rural Delivery
Nordman, Idaho 83848

Wm. S. Dupree
111 N. 28th #152
Killeen 76541

Jimmie D. Roberson
1 San Shane
Sonora

Wendell L. Roquemore
4600 Oakwood #95
Odessa, Tx. 79761

Duane L. Eaks
Australia

Frederick L. Shea
Box 872
Lafayette, La.

Charles W. von Rosenberg (Historian)
4405 McKinney Ave. #104
Dallas, Tx. 75205

Ivan Wesley Eaks
Box 493
St. George, Utah

Charles E. Simmons
5803 Breezewood Dr.
Austin 78745

Eric E. von Rosenberg
5501 48th St. #120
Lubbock, Tx., 79414

Thomas L. Eyres, Jr.
8078 Willow Glenn Ct.
7315 Windfall Way
Citrus Heights, Cal.

Paul D. Starcher
Box 4412
Charleston, W. Va.

Frederick A. von Rosenberg II (Pres.)
9225 Clover Valley
Dallas, Tx. 75243

Peggy L. Hutchison
7504 Clarewood #270
Houston 77036

John L. Trujillo
413 Leslie
Lansing, Mich.

THE MAILING LIST

If you or any of your near relatives have moved since last year or if you know someone who isn't receiving the Newsletters, please send the correct addresses and I'll take care of it.

Nancy E. Kern
2241 Norfolk #B
Houston, 77006

Albert Karl von R.
453 Van Gordon or
363 Van Gordon
Lakewood, Colorado

James W. Lambert
125 W. 7th
Alice

Edgar von Rosenberg
Evant Star Rt.
Hamilton 78531

Eric E. von Rosenberg of Lubbock, Tx. completed his Masters degree in Public Administration at Texas A & M University in May of 1977 and accepted a position with Westinghouse Credit Corp. in Lubbock. Wife Jamilyn is employed by Century 21-Carl Sanders Realtors, also of Lubbock, Texas.

John Edward Lamberth
2725 Western Ave.
Orange 77630

Wade C. Walker, Jr.
2200 Laveaster Ln.
Okla. City, Okla.

DEATH

Miss Claudia Kern died Jan. 31, 1978, in Houston, buried in New Orleans, daughter of Jack C. & Katherine von R. Kern of New Orleans. She was the great grand-daughter of Frederich (Fritz) and Lena Groos von Rosenberg, both deceased, of La Grange, Tx. (Johannes Branch). Her grandfather was Ben von Rosenberg (pp. 138-9, Vol. II). This information is provided by Martin A. von Rosenberg of Conroe who sent it to Charles W. von Rosenberg in Dallas who in turn sent it to the Secretary.

Sandra J. Lamberth
Box 9830 S.F.A.
Nacogdoches 75961

Fred B. Wilson, Jr.
1504 S. 1st
Temple 76501

Caleb T. Lauderdale
Box 1724
Garland

Wayne R. Youngblood
401 W. Live Oak
Austin 78704

Charles S. Lytton
3rd Marine
San Fran., Calif.

Timothy Zierke
Shady Traylor Park
Temple 76501

Sharon Lee Lytton
30 So. Pearl #312
Denver, Colo. 80209

Gary Zwernemann
Rt. 3 Box 243 B
Bryan 77801

Jack Nowlin
8250 Park Place Blvd
Houston

Paul Dyer Meerscheidt of Nordmann, Idaho, retired from the U. S. Air Force in Dec. 1968, moved to Spokane, Wash., and worked a spell for the Wash. State Dept. of Social & Health Services. His wife, Ardeth, worked at Fairchild A.F.B. until last summer. Son Albert will graduate from the U. of Wash. this year and son John is now in his 2nd year at the same school. Paul Dyer writes and I quote:

"Have often wondered whatever happened to the Meerscheidt family history tree or whatever Aunt Martha Meerscheidt was working on many years ago (she had me doing some typing for her in 1940-41). Have searched all my trunks, etc. but don't have any of the material. As I remember, "Opa" Paul Meerscheidt had a search made of records in Germany prior to WWII and much valuable info on the family was obtained. Probably not much of this remains after WWII destruction.

Can we request all members to search for this information if the location is not known? I would very much like to see this project completed and would be very much willing to give financial assistance for expenses, etc. to persons working on this project. Felt that we should do this as I'm afraid the work Aunt Martha did may be mislaid. I do remember that a lot of her efforts were toward translation of German into English so a knowledge of German would be almost essential unless she did complete this portion of the project." End quote.

How 'bout it, Charles W. or anyone else, have you any knowledge about this?

HOORAY FOR RAY

The 1978 annual convention of the Texas Educational Theater Association, meeting in El Paso, Texas, on Feb. 4, 1978, viewed a presentation of "Will of Wills," a one-act play presented by a cast of 15 from El Paso's Coronado High School. The play deals with William Shakespeare as a youth in school. The author? None other than our immediate Past President, Ray von Rosenberg of Taft, Texas, that's who! His play was the winner of this year's contest for which he received a cash award for the best play submitted, and for which the Association will help find a publisher.

HooRay for Ray!

Following the 1977 Reunion, Esther von Rosenberg of Austin made available some 40 documents which have no been translated (some had long ago been translated by Walter Wupperman) with the assistance of Irma and Ernest Guenther and incorporated with the prior letters of the von Rosenbergs and Meerscheidts. These are a valuable addition in completing the story of the Pioneer Family.

On return from the '77 Reunion, I received a phone call from Sherman, Tx., from Diether von Rosenberg. He teaches English in Cologne, Germany. He, with a group of other teachers from Germany, was at Austin College in Sherman last summer. He, some years ago had been in contact with Ernst von Rosenberg (now deceased) who gave him a copy of "The von Rosenberg Family of Texas" which had become lost. Since the family records in Germany (East) are not readily available to West Germans he wanted a photocopy of several pages which I supplied. Also he had no record of his earliest progenitors, which from Familie Froelich and the handwritten scroll I was able to supply, showing his descent tied in with ours from a half-brother of Peter Carl's great grandfather! The birth date of his progenitor was about 1750. He had checked telephone directories to locate me (after tries to several). He said he found more von Rosenbergs in the Texas directories than in a number of large city directories of Germany he had checked.

a number of memorabilia brought from Germany have been located and identified by Charles and these will be listed in their entirety in the June Newsletter.

IN CLOSING

Please begin making your plans now to attend the Social Evening and Reunion in Round Top on July 8 and 9. It will be another jolly good occasion and you and your family members should be there. Don't forget to make your motel reservations as early as possible.

This Newsletter submitted by:

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Family Secretary