

THE 1980 REUNION REVISITED

The 39th Reunion was held at Aggie Park in San Antonio, Texas, June 29, 1980 with 101 members in attendance. Registration began at 10:00 a.m. with visiting and "gossiping" lasting until 12:17 p.m. when the meeting was called to order. Little Robert Schock of San Antonio presented the flag of our country and a vivacious pledge of allegiance was rendered by all. Leo Meerscheidt, Jr. welcomed the Reunion to San Antonio and Oscar Paul Lytton of Mesilla Park, N. M. gave the visitors response to the Host Committee. After self-introductions, H. Clark von Rosenberg of Houston gave the Reunion prayer tenderly.

A very fine picnic style luncheon followed and the business meeting was opened at 1:45 p.m. The minutes were accepted as contained in the Newsletter, after which the speaker was introduced. Mr. Pat McGuire, Director of Education Services of the Institute of Texan Cultures of San Antonio, spoke on the "Aspects of Research of German Families in Texas."

Anna Campbell of San Antonio was declared the oldest member attending, age 91 (wow) the youngest proved to be Laura von Rosenberg, daughter of Wm. F. von Rosenberg III of Austin, 5 months; and the two members who traveled the greatest distance to attend were Erna Meerscheidt Bouillon and Pat Weeks, both of Seattle, Washington.

Frederick A. von Rosenberg II of Dallas gave the Treasurer's report after which Glenn von Rosenberg of Waco, Tx. conducted a memorial service for the following deceased members: Clarence Lundy, Winnifred Young, Ilma Meerscheidt Jenner, Alexander O. Meerscheidt, & Eli Roberts. Erna Bouillon spoke to us about her life, her small branch of Family members in the state of Washington and of her book which is a first class presentation.

A discussion on the topic of the day followed--printing the "Letters." Attempts to have the University of Texas at Austin print the material failed to materialize due to the fact they insisted on too many deletions and corrections--therefore after much discussion, a motion was made

and seconded that we retype the work ourselves, get it photo-reproduced and bound like a paper back book.

Financing will be by the \$20.00 per copy some members have already sent in, plus those members who will remit same in the future, plus \$100.00 and \$200.00 loans which contributing members will extend to the Family, interest free.

The next three Reunion sites were selected: 1981--Galveston; 1982--San Marcos; 1983--Austin. The San Antonio Host Committee was thanked very kindly after which our new Historian, Ray von Rosenberg of Taft, planted a new "bomb" on us when he announced he is making preparations for the formation of a new item called "Vol. III." The meeting adjourned at 4:15 with the feeling by all that much had been accomplished at this Reunion.

THE 1981 REUNION

We are pleased to announce that the 1981 Reunion will be held in the beautiful island city of Galveston, Texas, which will be another "first" for us.

The date: Sunday, July 12th, 1981. At the 1980 Reunion, President Wm. F. von Rosenberg, with full support of the members present, appointed a Host Committee for the '81 Reunion composed only of young adults. This was an effort to get our young people more involved in the Family "doings." And have they become involved! They are getting all their plans made in good order and is there a treat awaiting you. Wait till you hear.

The upcoming June Newsletter will contain full details about the plans for this Reunion but we do wish to announce at this early stage that the format will be changed this time. PLEASE NOTE THIS!

This year we will register at 9:00 a.m., the business meeting will run from 10:00 to noon, we will eat and the program and other events will follow.

You won't want to miss this great occasion but do remember to make your plans now for a 9:00 a.m. start time this year.

Galveston is an hours drive from Houston.

THE SOCIAL EVENING

As usual and by popular demand, the Host Committee is engaged in preparation for a Social Evening which may very well end up with an afternoon preceeding it.

The Social will be held in Galveston on Sat., July 11th, 1981.

Among other things, we will be attending the outdoor musical "Lone Star" to be held at the Mary Moody Amphitheatre at Galveston Island State Park. (See enclosed brochure for details).

It is said by many that a Galveston trip is not complete without seeing this extra-spectacular musical. Don't miss it!

'BOUT THOSE MOTELS

Because Galveston is a popular tourist city, motel reservations must be made early, early, early!

The Host Committee has designated the La Quinta Hotel as the official Hotel.

Their rates are:

- 2 people--2 beds 42.00
- 1 person--1 bed 39.00
- each additional person or roll-a-way bed- 4.00 each.

For reservations write to: La Quinta Hotel, 1402 Seawall Blvd., Galveston, Tx., 77550. Phone: 713-763-1224. When making your reservation, inform them that you are a member of the von Rosenberg Family and you may qualify for a group rate.

If you desire to go 1st class with beach front accomodations, the Host Committee recommends the Flagship Hotel, 2501 Seawall Blvd., 77550. Phone: 762-3681. This is in excess of \$80.00 per night.

If you wish to move further inland and pay a lesser price, write to: Motel 6, 70404 Broadway, Galveston, Tx., 77551. Phone: 713-763-366.

Motel rates are:

- 1 person 11.95
- 2 persons 15.95
- 4 persons 18.95

Note: No swimming pool and you'll be charged extra for T.V.

All roads lead to Galveston July 11 & 12.

Paul Dyer Meerscheidt of Nordman, Idaho, reports that on 6-5-80 his son, Albert Paul, was married to Hester Catherine Mallonee in Las Cruces, N. M., Aug. 11, 1979. They are doing graduate work in Tacoma, Wash. She is in law school and he is on a Masters program. Paul Dyer suffered a stroke after the '79 Reunion but has recovered admirably and can get around quite well with a cane.

Paul Dyer, Leo Meerscheidt, Jr. of San Antonio and Henry S. Meerscheidt of Menlo Park, Calif. joined each other at the '80 Reunion in San Antonio, the 1st time the 3 brothers had been together in about 40 years. Now that's a real Reunion!

Jack Hellmuth has a new address: 2618 Hopeton, San Antonio, Tx., 78230.

Charles W. von Rosenberg, Past Historian, has reservations for the Oberammergau (German) Passion Play for which he leaves June 13th and returns July 4. Since the 5 1/2 hour performance is given only every 10 years, he figured if he was to see the performance, he'd best not wait for 1990.

Pat Jolly, wife of Tom Jolly and daughter of the Secretary, will be graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Technology from the University of Houston on May 16, 1981.

Meet the Prez in Galvez July 11 and 12.

I'M LOST. PLEASE FIND ME

The last Newsletter to the following members were returned to me with wrong addresses. Please read through them and if you know correct addresses, please send them to me:

- Eddie Don Adams
- Lester Eugene Adams
- Mark P. Aguilar
- Joe Allison Alexander
- Grah M. Barrow
- Sam L. Deason
- Dr. Elwood R. Bernhausen
- Kelli Jean Bernhausen
- Mrs. George A. Bissell
- Mrs. Carl Black, Jr.
- Peter A. Blyberg
- Daniel W. Booth
- James W. Booth
- Mrs. Elinor Elizabeth Brewer
- Daniel Oliver Campbell
- Johnny Courtney (next page)

- Mrs. Charlotte Cowher
- Mrs. Bobbye Jo Culver
- William T. Dodgen
- Ivan Wesley Eaks
- Wesley G. Eyres
- Wayne Fricke
- Weldon Fricke
- Marcus I. Hellmuth
- Dan Hiatt
- Gary F. Hodge
- William Dana Hodge
- Brant Hornberger
- Gilmere Hornberger
- Stephen G. Hornberger
- Linda Ann Jackson
- Allan C. Jennings
- Lt. Wendell C. King
- John Charles Kirley
- Kent Cordon Kirkley
- Cecil E. Kneip
- Gary Kneip
- Celia Lambert
- James William Lambert
- H. Leroy Lamberth
- John Edward Lamberth
- Nancy L. Lamberth
- Sandra J. Lamberth
- David Lane
- Caleb T. Lauderdale
- Berta M. Liszner
- Jerry R. McDonnell
- Rives M. Meerscheidt
- Jim Meyers
- Rebecca Myers
- Jack Nowlin
- Jerry W. Parker
- Malcolm G. Peterson
- Donald E. Prosser
- Mrs. N. E. Rabensburg
- Walter G. Rabensburg
- Jimnie D. Roberson
- Benjamine Rowe
- Rebecca Anne Schenck
- Richard Davis Schenck
- James & Marilyn Sczech
- Frederick L. Shea
- Gilbert Speckels
- Mrs. Johanna Sykora
- John M. H. Ulrich
- James H. Vaughn
- Albert Karl von Rosenberg
- Alvin Michael von Rosenberg
- Alan B. Wardle
- Alan Fairfield Weeks
- Joseph T. Wiggins
- Fred B. Wilson, Jr.
- Thomas J. Wood
- W. Udell Woodward
- Willererson M. Yeary
- Timothy Zierke

Parents with college students take heed:
 A college student wired this message
 home: "No mon. No fun. Your son."
 His father cabled back: "Too bad. How
 sad. Your dad."

THE MAILING LIST

If you or any of your near relatives have
 moved or if you know of someone not re-
 ceiving the Newsletter, please send me
 their addresses so we can mail to them.

VOL. II

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 \$13.50 per copy to Robert
 Hein, 413 Ridgemont, San Antonio, Texas,
 78209. "We have only a few left."

DEATHS

The following deaths have been reported
 to the Secretary since the last
 Newsletter:

Edgar Reinhard von Rosenberg, died Nov.
 10, 1980, San Angelo, Tx., the last of
 Peter Carl's grandchildren.

Lois Campbell Gaskill Carnes, Past Pres.
 of our Association, died Nov. 25, 1980,
 San Antonio, Texas.

Lucy Goldthwaite von Rosenberg (Mrs.
 Hermann U.) died Dec. 25, 1980, Coving-
 ton, La., buried in Austin, Texas.

Gertrude von Rosenberg, age 90, of Austin
 died Tuesday, Feb. 24, 1981, buried at
 Austin, Tx., Memorial Park.

THE EMIGRATION LETTERS

Copies are still available of the booklet
 "Emigration of the von Rosenberg to
 Texas, 1849," compiled and published
 first in 1938 by Walter Otto Wupperman,
 secondly by Mrs. Harold (Monte von Rosen-
 berg) Fletcher in 1960, and thirdly by
 Phil Meerscheidt in 1976. Please send
 your check of \$6.00 per copy to Robert
 Hein (see address above under Vol. II).

 Surely you know Oliver Campbell denies
 that he married Henrietta because her Dad
 left her a fortune. He would have marri-
 ed her no matter who left it to her!

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Have you been wondering about Rebecca Koenig lately? I had been and was really elated to receive a nice letter from her. It is the kind of letter I wish more folks in the Family would send to me.

Rebecca is the daughter of the late Lois Marie von Rosenberg Todd and B. E. Todd and her grandfather, Albert von Rosenberg was one of the sons of Alex von Rosenberg. She is married to Rodney Curtis Koenig who is an associate trust attorney with the distinguished Houston law firm of Fulbright & Jaworski.

The Koenigs have 2 sons. Erik, age 15 and Jon Todd, age 14. Both are students in the Spring Branch School District. Erik is an active member of the Boy Scouts of America with the rank of Star Scout and is also one of the top four mathematic students at Spring Woods High School. Jon is also active in scouting, is an accomplished pianist and plays clarinet in the Spring Oaks Jr. High School Band.

Rodney Koenig is a graduate of both the University of Texas and the University of Texas Law School while Rebecca is a graduate of the University of Houston having earned a B.A. in political science. She passed her Brokers test and is involved in sales for the Guest Realty Co. In her spare time, she writes the Todd Family history which she is very interested in, serves as Legislative Chairperson for the American Association of University Women, West Harris County Branch, and does volunteer work at the Harris County jail. The Koenigs are members of Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church in Houston.

Rebecca reports that Ali Bahrami, who is the husband of her sister, Lucy Lynn Todd Bahrami, reside at 1936 Warren St., San Fernando, Calif., 91340. They also have two sons. Sassan and Cyrus, born 11-23-80.

Donald Lee Lytton of Mesilla Park, N. M. married Kimberly Ann Briggs, May 26, 1979, in Las Cruces, N. M. A belated congratulations to the newly weds but please, can anyone send their address?

Did you hear about the time Leo Meerscheidt, Jr. was asked for a contribution to help the "Old Ladies Home"? His question was-"What are the old ladies doing out on a night like this"?

If you haven't made your 80-81 donation to our Family Budget, please feel free to do so immediately. Kindly make your check payable to: "Von Rosenberg Family" and send it to your Secretary.

Birth--Lauren Heidi von Rosenberg, daughter of Susan and Wm. F. von Rosenberg III of Austin, born 1-4-80. Welcome, Lauren.

Birth--Robert von Rosenberg, son of Roger and Robin von Rosenberg of McAllen, Tx., born 12-5-79. Be a "hoss," Ross!

Carol & Albert Campbell of New Brunswick, N. J., joyfully announce the adoption of a new son, Andrew Scott, Aug. 13, 1980.

The next Newsletter will be sent you in June, about 3 months hence. If you have news or information you wish included in it, please send it to me as soon as possible and we'll get it in.

LOANS FOR THE NEEDY

As indicated in the minutes of this Newsletter, a motion was passed to appeal to our members for loans in the amounts of \$100 and \$200, interest free, to finance printing of the "Letters." Many members did so at the '80 Reunion but you who weren't there, we don't want you having that "left-out feeling"--so we are asking you to lend the Family one or two hundred dollars to bring this project to a conclusion. You will be repaid as we sell the "letters" like we did on the printing of Vol. II. Please give this your serious consideration, make your check payable to the "Von Rosenberg Family" and mail it to your Secretary.

We've been close to breaking our attendance record lately. Maybe Galveston?

Plan your vacation and Reunion on friendly Galveston Island, the beautiful resort and coastal city. OR, if it helps you to remember better, on July 11 and 12, "Let us all make like a cow patty and hit the trail"--to Galveston. See you there!

This Newsletter is respectfully submitted by:

Phil Meerscheidt
Family Secretary