



# The Von Rosenberg Family of Texas

NEWSLETTER

REUNION

**Date:           Friday       July 16, 1993**  
**Saturday   July 17, 1993**  
**Sunday     July 18, 1993**

**Time:           Register Anytime After**  
**3:00 P.M. Friday**

CAMP LONE STAR  
LA GRANGE, TEXAS

*An Invitation....*

*For You and Your Family to Attend*

VON ROSENBERG FAMILY REUNION  
OF TEXAS

## DEDICATION

The 52nd Reunion is dedicated to the memory of Phillip Alexander Meerscheidt. Phil died on August 14, 1992 after serving the Family Reunion Association as Secretary for twenty-one years. He was a driving force in the success of this Association thanks to his fine leadership, organizational skills, creative newsletters, and love for the Family members. He was very proud of the family history and the Reunions each July were the high point of the year to him.

Phil was an expert musician, beginning with the title of state high school French horn player, then to the U.S. Navy Music School in Washington, and back to the Corpus Christi Naval Air Station where he served as Drum Major of the band. He went on to earn his degree in Music from the University of Texas and served as a high school band director in Arkansas and South Texas before moving into musical instrument sales. He was an accomplished organist who was much in demand to play for Eastern Star functions.

Phil's outstanding ability as a teacher was put to good use in his Masonic Lodge, where he spent much time and effort instructing others. He was a recognized ritualist in the many Masonic-related bodies to which he belonged, and an acknowledged leader in every organization he joined, rising to the position of presiding officer in all.

Phil was an optimistic person who always kept a positive attitude, even while fighting the cancer which claimed him so quickly. At the age of fifty-nine, he had just completed a very arduous course to become a paralegal and was looking forward to the beginning of a new career.

Phil will be missed so very much by all who knew him. Our challenge is continue to support our Family the way Phil did. Albert N. Theel said: *'The Hands of God, How Great They Are - That Fashioned Each and Every Star.'* Phil was definitely a STAR and HE is in God's Hands.

## THE von ROSENBERG FAMILY COOKBOOK

*At the 1991 Reunion, Edna von Rosenberg of Cameron volunteered to chair the cookbook project. Nettie von Rosenberg Green of Rockdale and Jo von Rosenberg of Waco were co-editors.*

*Marjorie Taylor von Rosenberg of Dallas served as illustrator and artist.*

*This cookbook is very special. There are over 450 recipes contributed by 90 members of the von Rosenberg Family.*

*The love of our family is expressed in the way we have been able to best define these feelings....through cooking. These are special, unique, and mouth-waterin' recipes that will provide you with enjoyable moments of fun and ease in preparing and feasting on a wide variety of delicious dishes.*

*You will treasure the photographs taken from family history such as the Eckitten Estate in East Prussia, Peter Carl's Portrait, Scenes of the Nassau Plantation, Kurland and Esthland Coat of Arms, St. Martin's Lutheran Church stained window, Fayette County Courthouse of 1856, the von Rosenberg La Grange Store, the Family Reunion Prayer, Song, Purpose and Preamble. It is a hardback that is a family treasure and a book you will want to share with friends.*

*Phil Meerscheidt was so anxious for the completion of the cookbook. It has been dedicated to him as he was a leader in our Family for years.*

*The proceeds from the cookbook will be for the von Rosenberg Family of Texas Association. The executive committee will determine how to utilize the monies to further promote the family heritage.*

The enclosed brochure states \$16.95 per cookbook. The family price is \$14.95.

Make checks payable to:

**The von Rosenberg Family  
of Texas Cookbook  
P.O. Box 20601  
Waco, TX 76702-0601**

*Please indicate if you want the books sent or if you will pick them up at the reunion.*

*The authors would like to express their sincere appreciation to all the thoughtful family members who were willing to share their recipes, time, and ideas or in any way contributed to the success of this project.*

**MINUTES - BUSINESS MEETING  
VON ROSENBERG FAMILY OF TEXAS**

*Saturday, July 18, 1992*

Meeting was called to order at 4:00 P.M. by the President, **Oscar Paul Lytton**. The Pledge of Allegiance was given. **Darlyn Bechtol** moved to dispense with the reading of the Minutes. Treasurer's report was given by **Bill von Rosenberg III**, in the absence of the Treasurer, **Robert Hein**, who was on vacation. It reflected a balance in the operating fund of \$1,716.56 and a total of \$351.99 in the book fund.

Historian's report was given by **Dale U. von Rosenberg**. The von Rosenberg house at Henkel Square is in disrepair. It was not restored after being used for a movie.

The property is in the process of being transferred from Mrs. Bybee to the University of Houston. He also reported that the Star of the Republic Library at Washington-on-the-Brazos does not have information on the von Rosenberg family.

A copy of each of our four publications will to be sent for their collection. Dale still needs help with Volume III.

Old Business: Chairperson **Edna von Rosenberg** had **Jo von Rosenberg** report on the status of the cookbook. August 31st is the last day for recipes. Any ideas about the cookbook please send the information to **Edna von Rosenberg**, Box 177, Cameron, Texas 76520.

**Darlyn Bechtol** reported that she has children's T-shirts for sale. If there is interest they can be reordered.

New Business: The President asked for a motion on next year's Reunion. **Glenn von Rosenberg** reported that this year the Camp is charging \$65.00 per adult and \$46.00 per child. The cost has increased and they have a waiting list. If we prepay in February there will be a 10% discount. This means approximately \$3,500 to \$4,000 from family members who would be willing to loan the Family money until the Reunion in July. Glenn also discussed membership and how we can increase our attendance. The Camp has a total of 104 beds; we are using approximately 62 this weekend.

**Roger von Rosenberg** moved that we come back to Camp Lone Star next year and try to get the prepayment made. Motion was seconded and carried. Glenn asked than anyone interested in helping with the prepayment talk with him.

**Nettie Green** had 200 mugs made with the Family crest. The one time \$30.00 charge for the drawing is good for 3 years. Price \$3.00 per cup or 2 for \$5.00.

The company makes a variety of ceramic and plastic items, **Nettie** would appreciate any ideas on other items we might want imprinted.

**Phil Meerscheidt**, the Family Secretary gave his report. He thanked **Glenn von Rosenberg**, **Darlyn** and **Gary Bechtol**, **Kurt von Rosenberg** and several others for their help this year. He explained his health problems during this past year and concluded by promising he was going to whip this cancer so the Family would not need a new secretary. This was met by a round of applause. Phil stressed the importance of working on Volume III.

He discussed the lists which were sent last fall showing everyone living in your city or state. Plans are to update these list and send them out again. He asked for help to maintain membership status.

Phil reported that our Treasurer, **Robert Hein** asked to be replaced. He has been Treasurer for 32 years. We appreciate his devotion and years of service to the Family. **Bill von Rosenberg III** of Austin has graciously agreed to be nominated for Treasurer next year.

The President announced that the Devotional Service would be held at 10:00 A.M. Sunday morning with **Clois Green** presiding.

The details of the 'The Hunt' were announced by **Dale U. von Rosenberg**. The teams will leave at 7:00 P.M. and should be back in time for the dance.

Recognitions: The youngest member in attendance was **Leah Michelle Green**, 17 month-old daughter of **Art** and **Susan Green** of **Abilene**. She is the grand-daughter of **Clois** and **Nettie Green**. The senior present was **Edna von Rosenberg** great-grandmother of the youngest member present. **Hildegard Lindsay** traveled the farthest, coming by bus from **Titusville, Florida**. She last attended a Reunion 35 years ago.

**Sarah** and **Leo P. Meerscheidt, Jr.** of **San Antonio**, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in early July with all five children present. Their youngest son, **Reeves**, retired from the Air Force after 20 years service. **Jack** and **Ruth Campbell** had a baby girl July 15, 1992. **Margaret Lee** announced they would be moving from **Burnet** to **Gonzales** due to her husband's job transfer.

**Darlyn Bechtol** announced that the dance would be held in the Youth Dining room, beginning at 9:00 P.M. Glenn announced that the cost of the DJ has been covered.

There were 89 in attendance.

## Directions to Camp Lone Star

For first time attenders, on Hwy. #77 south to Victoria, is a bridge spanning the Colorado River. About 150 yards from the southern end of the bridge is a sign for "Camp Lone Star". Turn east on that road and go 2 miles to the Camp.  
*See you there!*

## COST

The cost at Camp Lone Star is **reasonable** and compares favorably with any other manner of financing your Reunion expenses. The cost is prorated and is determined by your arrival time. If you spend the full 2-1/2 days there, you'll have 5 full meals (all you can eat), 2 nights lodging, plus full use of all facilities for approximately \$65.00 per adult and \$46.00 per child. Age 5 and under--no charge! If you arrive Sat. or Sun., your charge will be prorated from the above figures. Vans and campers are not recommended: no place to park them. If you have questions of the host, write: **Mr. Garland Midget**, Mgr. camp Lone Star, P.O. Box 8, La Grange, TX 78445, or call:409-247-4128.

## TRANSPORTATION

If you need transportation to and from the Reunion this year, please let your Acting Secretary, Glenn vonRosenberg know.(817-772-4990 or send on registration form.) Not attending the Reunion because of transportation is no longer an excuse, so let us know if we can help you. We want you to come, in fact we insist!

## MEETINGS

**Business Meeting:** 4:00 P.M.

Saturday July 17, 1993

**Memorial/Devotional Service:**

10:00 A.M.Sunday July 18, 1993

**Dance:** Saturday Night at 9:00 P.M.

**Day Camp for Klds:** Saturday

Enjoy "The Hunt" swimming, canoeing, walking, bridge, 42, Skipbo, washers, eating, dancing, relaxing, and sharing von Rosenberg stories.

**\*THIS WILL BE THE ONLY NEWSLETTER SENT BEFORE THE 1993 REUNION!**

## FROM THE FAMILY OF PHILIP A. MEERSCHIEDT

*Thank you so much for the memorial given to the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children in Phil's memory.*

*The von Rosenberg Family was an important part of Phil's life and he was very proud of the Association.*

*You all were very special to him, and you are very special to me.*

*Thank you for all the prayers, cards, calls, and memorials. They are very much appreciated.*

*Love, Mrs. (Shirley) Meerscheidt*

**MARRIAGE:** Erin Rene Ybarra, Second oldest child of Dr. Bruno and Judith Ann von Rosenberg of Austin, married Capt. Kevin Douglas Palko of the USAF, Sat. Sept 7, 1991, at Saint Mary's Cathedral in Austin. Kevin is a graduate of Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colorado, and is from Dearborn, Michigan. Congratulations! Please send their present address and it will be added to our mailing list. Vol II, P. 201.

### **BIRTHS:**

Evan Marcus von Rosenberg was born Nov. 24, 1991. He is the son of Valerie and Alex E. von Rosenberg, 258 N. Bellefield, Pittsburgh, PA 15213. See Vol II, P. 204.

Erin Marie Campbell was born July 15, 1992 and is the daughter of Jack and Ruth Campbell of Rockaway, NJ.

### **DEATHS:**

Phil Meerscheidt, Family secretary died on August 14, 1992 after serving the Family for 21 years.

Dolores Krause Rollings, late wife of James Melvin Rollins, Victoria, TX died May 21, 1990. Vol. II, p. 250.

Milton K. Krause of Victoria, died June 10, 1992. Vol. II. p. 250.

Dr. William J. Wingo, husband of Laura Miller, died in Birmingham, Alabama, March 20, 1993 of hypothermia as a result of East Coast blizzard complicating an existing ailment. Vol. II, pp. 150-151.

Oliver Campbell of San Antonio died May 8, 1993. He is survived by his wife, Henryetta. She is currently recovering from a December car wreck.

The above information has been received since the reunion. If you know of anyone that has not received a newsletter, please forward that information to us and we will send one out immediately. Also please send any information that needs to be shared with the family concerning addresses and news.

Many thanks to those that have contributed to the family newsletter information.