# von Rosenberg Newsletter VOLUME 2, ISSUE 9 NOV. 2006

# Second Annual Golf Tournament

Please plan on joining us for the "Second Annual von Rosenberg Family Reunion Golf Tournament". This will be the Friday of the Family Reunion weekend. Golf course and time are still to be determined. We will make it a fun "Florida Scramble" team format where all levels of golfers can contribute to their team. We will also make it affordable for all.

This year if at all possible we will have the tournament at the LaGrange golf course, and will try to set mid-afternoon tee times. Please RSVP with your name and team, or we can put together a team for you. Reply to Bill von Rosenberg III at billvr1229@sbcglobal.net; 512-922-5719 cell; or 512-258-5719 home.

The Officers
Wish everyone a
Very
Merry Christmas
And a
Prosperous
New Year

## Volume III is an Important Book

First, it has great photos—over 300 that have never been seen by the majority of the family. Also, photos of Memel, past and present.

Tidbits and articles written by family members about historical points of interest. Biographical sketches of Generation 5. Photos of the heads of families for the first three generations covered in Volume I. Corrections and updated information to both Volumes I and II. A complete index and compilation of over 2300 names.

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### General Store

There are plenty of books available in the VR Family Store. These books are sure to be cherished family possessions and make excellent gifts. Just mail your check (payable to von-Rosenberg Family of Texas) and request list to: Forrest Campbell, 8218 Creekline, San Antonio, TX 78251, and your books will be shipped promptly.

 Vol III
 \$25.00

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 \$13.50

 VR Cookbook
 \$14.95

 Ancestral Voices
 \$25.00

 Emigration Booklet
 \$6.50

 CD of Photographs
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 Vol. III/CD Combination
 \$40.00

 + \$4.00 shipping and handling

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## Minutes of the last reunion

#### REUNION MINUTES July 22, 2006

The business meeting of the 65th Reunion of the vonRosenberg Family of Texas was called to order by President Pam Peters at 1:00 p.m. on July 22, 2006. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the President welcomed everyone.

Martin vonRosenberg, son of Arthur & Frances, traveled the farthest distance, coming from Phoenix, Arizona. Edna von-Rosenberg, at 96 years of age, was the oldest family member present. The youngest member present was Rebecca Juranek, three years and four months old; the daughter of Ann and Tom Juranek. Achievements were given by a number of the family members, including graduations and gainful employment of their children.

Self introductions were made and Branches 1, 5, and 7 tied for the most members in attendance. Motion was made, seconded and carried to dispense with the reading of the Minutes of last year's meeting. Bill vonRosenberg read the Treasurer's Report, showing an ending balance of \$4,428.23.

Ann Barnes, Historian, could not be here due to family illness. Arthur vonRosenberg presented some new information on the family from 1490 to Peter Carl. Billie Beth Baker presented information on Alex, who was killed in the Civil War. His descendants would have been Branch Six.

#### Old Business:

Glenn vonRosenberg stressed selling books. Wayne Scholz moved that we pay \$2,000 on the book loans. That will leave us owing the family members a balance of \$2,000. Motion was seconded and carried.

#### New Business:

Motion made, seconded and carried to hold our Reunion next year here at Camp Lone Star at the same time as this year.

The Secretary requested that the family members send her their change of address, because it costs us money for the Post Office to forward your newsletter, or return it to her due to an incorrect address.

The President asked that everyone send in their registration forms for next year's Reunion. She has to give the Camp the number of people we will have for meals, and it is difficult when we don't know who is coming.

Neale Rabensburg reported that the Courthouse tour this morning was very enjoyable. Everyone who went on the tour agreed with him. Neale also invited everyone to the Meerscheidt House at 7:00 p.m. tonight for a reception.

The President encouraged everyone to participate in the silent auction, as this is one way we pay for the expenses of the Reunion.

Glenn vonRosenberg brought up the subject of re-organizing the Historian position from an elected position to a committee, due to the vast amount of talent we have in the family now, and the tremendous job that is involved. Discussion was held on the idea, and Roger vonRosenberg moved that we change the by-laws from an elected position to a committee of four to seven members. Motion was seconded and carried. Suggestion was made that there be one member from each branch on the committee, but not limited to one member from a particular branch. The committee is to meet and elect their own chairman. Notice of the proposed By-Laws Amendments will be included in the Spring Newsletter, to be voted on at the 2007 Reunion.

Neale Rabensburg asked for the authority to try to get the Meerscheidt Letters that were on loan to the University of Texas. Glenn moved that we give Neale the necessary authority; motion seconded and carried.

The Sunday devotional will be held tomorrow at 10:00 am. We will also honor the memory of the Family members who have passed away during this past year.

Meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

Shirley Meerscheidt, Secretary

#### The vonRosenberg Family Historian—An Update By Ann Barnes, Historian

An inventory of Historian Holdings has been sent to the Officers. Roughly 400 photographs were sent to the Fayette County Library and Museum on October 18, 2006, and arrived safe and sound on October 20th.

Ann suggests that we now start a collection of photos from about 1920 on, since we have had very few of those. People can send originals they no longer want, email them, send copies, etc. Any originals sent will be scanned and then sent on to LaGrange.

#### **Devotional & Memorial Service**

A Devotional was conducted on Sunday morning, July 23, 2006, along with a memorial service for the following family members who passed away since our 2005 Reunion:

Charles H. vonRosenberg died on October 29, 2005 in Fayetteville, North Carolina (Branch 4)

Fleetwood Giles died December 28, 2005 (Branch 2)

Pat Lamberth, wife of Hellmuth Leroy Lamberth, died January 18, 2006 (Branch 2)

Mrs. J. Russell Lang, born Helen Olga Reutzel, died February 10, 2006 (Branch 5)

Edgar Lynn (Tiny) vonRosenberg, brother of Ray vonRosenberg, died March 11, 2006 (Branch 7)

Fred E. Grinstead, Date unknown (Branch 5)

Russell Campbell died July 2, 2006 (Branch 5). Russell and his family have been faithful attendees at our Reunions, and he was missed at this year's Reunion. However, we were pleased that his wife Anita and family were with us.

#### **Family Website**

Don't forget to check out our Website at www.vonrosenbergfamily.com. We appreciate the efforts of our webmaster, Steve Hornberger, a member of Branch 1.

#### <u>Updates</u>

We regretfully report that Clark vonRosenberg, Branch 7, died August 9, 2006. Clark was instrumental in keeping our Branch 7 records up to date for many years, and attended the business meetings every year. We will miss his presence at the meetings. Several memorials have been sent to the Family Treasurer in memory of Clark, for which we are very grateful.

Here are the births which have been reported to the Secretary:

Branch 1: Etham Moses Udall, born August 20, 2006 in Mesa, Arizona to Jeffrey and Sally Udall; grandmother is Ann Barnes. This is Ann's 16th grandchild.

Branch 1: Hudson Jack Marcey, born December 13, 2005 in California to Carin Caubin and Anthony Marcey. Grandmother is Laura Lee Caubin.

Branch 3: Olivia Grace Sommerfield, born June 2, 2006 in Victoria, Texas to Elizabeth Ann and Justin Dale Sommerfeld. Grandmother is Mary Margaret Moss Read.

"Please help us keep our records up to date by reporting new information to our secretary, "Shirley Meerscheidt, 7731 Joplin Street, Houston, Texas 77087, (713) 643-7793. "E-mail is shmeerscheidt@aol.com. Thank you.



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