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Dear member of the family society,

The board of the family society has outlined the tasks and activities for the next two years. In 2013 the family society celebrates its 30 years' anniversary. The next family meeting takes place in the same year. Genealogical research is one of the main tasks of the society. The research will be emphasized in finding the forefathers of Eskil Piira on one hand and the genealogical contacts with the Piirainens/Piironens living in the area of Leppävirta/Heinävesi (Central-Finland) on the other hand.

As a start to this research the board decided to arrange a genealogical seminar together with researchers studying Piirainen/Piironen families in Leppävirta and Heinävesi. On the agenda of the seminar there will be connections between these families (in Kuhmo and Leppävirta) and different methods in finding information. The results of the seminar will be presented in a further seminar during the next family meeting in 2013.

The next family meeting and celebration takes place in summer 2013 in Kuhmo. The exact date will be stated later. Instead of the usual trip there will be a genealogical seminar. A committee was nominated for the arrangements of the meeting and the seminar.

Trip to Viena Karelia in 2012 and to the USA in 2014

Next summer after Midsommer fest on June 25th – 28th 2012 we arrange a trip to the Solovetsky Islands and Monastery in the White Sea and to the village of Tsuba (N 66° 16' 30.02", E 33° 03' 46.57"). These are the areas where the forefathers of Eskil Piira presumably carried on the business of making and selling salt. This four-day trip has expert guiding. The price of the trip is 515 €/person (those with own visa 440 €) and it includes hotel accommodation (3 nights), breakfasts and dinners mentioned in the program, ship trip to Solovetsky, visit to Sekirnaya Hill, guiding and group visa. More information from Travel Agency Matka-Kyllönen (tel. +358 8 6520771 and web-site www.matka-kyllonen.fi) and from our own web-sites www.eskilpiira.fi. Also the president or the vice president Jorma Piirainen give information. The first 20 persons are taken to the trip in entry order. Act now!

Our route goes through many interesting places known from the Finnish - Russian war in 1940 -1945 such as Rukajärvi, Kiestinki and Kiskis Hills. The road takes us also through Viena folklore villages such as Kalevala, Vuonninen and Vuokkiniemi. We also visit the town of Kostomuksha. Detailed program is at end of this paper.

For 2014 we plan a trip to the USA to meet our American cousins. The board decided to start studying the various possibilities for the trip. You will hear about them later.

Family book still available

The family book has sold well and we have not received but good comments. We still have the book in store, but you should make your order as soon as possible to be sure you get your copy of the book. You can order the book from our web-site or by phone (+358 8 652 0498). We are going to arrange presentations of the book in several libraries in Kainuu and Northern Karelia. Follow the web-sites and local newspapers.

During the two last years we have got many new members to the society and the web-sites have been frequently visited. In 2011 there were approximately 7400 visits meaning about 620 visits a month.

We want to develop the sites so that members can send old photos for identification on the sites. The pictures can be sent to our webmaster Juho Piirainen webmaster@eskilpiira.fi. Other info on e.g. board meetings will be added, too.

Remember the member fee

Enclosed we send the member fee payment form of 30 € for 2011 – 2012. That makes 15 € for one year. Gift cards are still available (web-site or phone).

I wish all the members of the family society a prosperous year 2012.

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Pekka Piironen
president

PROGRAM OF THE TRIP TO SOLOVETSKY AND TSUBA

25 th June 07.00 hrs	Departure in Kuhmo, ride to Kostomuksha, then via Tiiksa and Rukajärvi to Russian Kem
19.00 hrs	Accommodation at Hotel Prichal, dinner
26 th June	Breakfast Boat trip to the Solovetsky Islands (2.5 hrs), a tour in the Monastery, lunch, trip to Sekirnayja Hill In the evening return by boat to Kem, dinner
27 th June	Breakfast Trip goes further north via Louhi to the the village of Tsuba, return trip via Kiestinki to Kalevala Accommodation at Hotel Sampo in Kalevala, dinner
28 th June	Breakfast Tour in Kalevala, further via Vuonniinen to Vuokkiniemi, coffee at the village house Kostomuksha, shopping possibility Return in the evening to Kuhmo

Further information from Matka-Kyllönen Oy (Kainuuntie 84 88900 KUHMO, tel +358 (0)8 652 0771 www.matka-kyllonen.fi). Instructions for visa and payment at the travel agency.