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Dear member of the society

In our last bulletin I promised to start working and I surely have had a lot of it. The start has been full of new things but with support I have learned a lot and made progress.

The new board had the first meeting in Kuhmo on the 12th of September. In many ways we laid down the general outlines for the future.

Short term targets

We decided to employ a person to work part-time. Her duty is to add and feed family data to our data base. After the trial period we continued the contract of employment until the end of this year, after which we still have a three months' option.

Medium term targets

On the bases of the feedback in our family reunion we are organizing a trip called

“In the Footsteps of the Jaegers” to the Baltic countries in June 15th – 20th 2016.

During this trip we shall learn about the history of the Jaeger movement and see the main scenes of the event in Lithuania and Latvia.

The first night is in the ship (Baltic Queen Tallink Silja) in the harbor of Tallinn and the last night in Hotel Viru***** in Tallinn. Other accommodations are one night in Jurmala (Hotel Jurmala*****) in Latvia and one night in Liepaja (Hotel Promenade*****) and one night in Palanga (Hotel Gabija*****) in Lithuania.

The preliminary price for the trip is 685 e/person in a double room.

The price includes the bus transport from Kuhmo, the ship voyages in B2-cabins, the accommodation with breakfast and dinner, the program and the services of a professional guide.

The leader of the trip is Jorma Piirainen and the responsible travel agency is Matka-Kyllönen Oy in Kuhmo. Our guide is Lt.Col. Juha Myyryläinen (founder of the Jääkäri-Museum).

Bookings for the trip and further information with Matka-Kyllönen (tel. +358 8 6520771) **by the 30th of December.** The first 40 persons will get along. The members of the family society with their families are preferred. Act now if you want to be with us.

In January the travel agency sends the binding pre-payment of 100 e/person. The rest will be paid in the beginning of May 2016. Further information about the trip on our website www.eskilpiira.fi and on the website of Matka-Kyllönen (www.matka.kyllonen.fi).

The trip is our contribution to the anniversary of Finland 100 years.

Long term targets

The board also laid down general outlines of the genealogical research. We shall systematically gather and save genealogical data of the members of the Piira-tribe in the area of Savo-Karjala.

People with the surname Piirainen, Piironen, Piironen, Piira etc. belong to the Piira-tribe, if it has been proved that their ancestors are of the same origin and thus relatives with each other.

Based on the gene research we know that the Piira-tribe in Kainuu region and the Piira-tribe in Savo-Karjala area are of the same origin. The writing form of the surname or the religion is not a distinctive factor. In Finland the Piira-tribe comes from the south-west of Finland. If we go even further back in the history our forefathers belonged to the Baltic-Finnish peoples, more closely to the so called Western Tšudes, who have now disappeared.

The genealogical research continues using the traditional methods of documentation but if needed gene research, too. We hope we have something new to tell you in the next family reunion in 2017.

The family meeting in Joensuu in 2015 also stated that in 2017 the board should have a plan whether to publish a second part to the family book or to publish an additional edition of the book. The board drafts the matter during the next two years.



A founder member of our family society, Mrs. Kirsti Peuramo (on the right) had her 100th anniversary in September 29, 2015. She celebrated in Kontula in Helsinki. Her sister Marjatta Liinajarja (98) is on the left in the photo. Our society was represented by Mrs. Marja-Liisa Lampinen with flowers and a CD of Sibelius' music.

You can read of the remarkable contribution these ladies have given in founding our society in our Family Book. We still have copies of the book for sale. You can place your order on our website or by phoning to the chairman or the treasurer.

I wish all our members a peaceful Advent and Christmas time and all the best for the New Year!

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Risto Piironen
The chairman

PS. We send enclosed a reminder of the membership fee to those who have forgotten to pay it. Please note that non-payment leads to losing your membership.

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