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Dear member of the family society

First things first: **the next Family Reunion will take place 1.-2. of July 2017 in Kuhmo.**

Our two year period is now in half way. The first year included the family reunion and other planned activities. At the end of the year there was a spike of people joining our society, and the positive trend has continued.

There was also a growth in number of family books sold. A small number of books are still available, so everyone still contemplating on buying the book should order it as soon as possible. You can purchase the book on our website, or by calling a member of the board. This is also possible with other merchandise we have available on our website.

As the summer approaches, seeing the family pennon on flagpoles gives me warm thoughts. Hoist the colors high!

The complaint we made about the taxes of year 2012 has been processed. The verdict (KHO d:no 2318/2/15) was not what we our our advocate hoped for. We were denied an appeal. In practice this means that any possible profit we gain is taxable. In any case, we have been pioneers in this legal matter.

For ensuring a fair treatment in the future, we must all use what any means we have to influence the legislators.

In January Tuula Piirainen passed away, leaving a huge gap in our midst. The quiet but diverse work she did in different roles for the family society is beyond measure. We had to redistribute tasks among the board, and outsourcing couldn't be avoided.

The boards' orders:

Tuulikki Kemppainen, who started a work trial with the family society last fall has now been hired as assisting genealogist, funded by pay subsidy from TE Office. Her job includes processing the genealogy data, entering it into the database and other assisting tasks. The emphasis of the research is on the members of the Piira-tribe in the area of Savo-Karjala.

In the same context Jorma Piirainen, the leading genealogist and the honorary chairman of the society, was hired to work for the society. His task is teaching Tuulikki and overseeing her work. Jorma was also nominated as the treasurer.

The Family Reunion will be held on **1.-2. of July 2017 in Kuhmo**, so pencil that into your calendar. In 2017 ur society will be celebrating both Finland's 100 years of independence and 400 years of Eskil. The planning is already started. We are happy to take any feedback you have on the program, and we will be adding a good amount of the data the DNA research has produced, and the latest news in genealogy research.

Accountant Eeva Komulainen of Kuhmo was hired to do the society's bookkeeping.

Cooperation between family societies continue. Latest activity was the seminar in Mieslahti institute in Paltamo. Both I and our leading genealogist participated.

New forms of cooperation arose, and I am working to make them concrete in the future.

In June, right before the midsummer festival, we will be over at Baltic, “**In the Footsteps of the Jaegers**”.

Among those Jaegers was **Uuno Eemil Piirainen** (1899-1931) b. in Kuhmo.

Uuno is found in the Family Book in the section 3030. His rank in Finnish military was lieutenant.

We will add an journal of the trip on our website. We are planning other updates on the website to keep your interest up. The number of visitors there and on Facebook have been satisfactory.

With this bulleting we include the membership fee. For clarity's sake I'm informing you that the bill is mailed to you annually. So it is important you give us your mailing information. It is my wish to have correspondence with you. On our website you can find a form you can use if your mailing address changes. Also traditional mail and calling us on the phone works just fine.



In the picture: The board of the Eskil Piira family society

From left: Pekka Piironen, the vice chairman, Roine Piirainen, Seppo Piirainen, Esa Piirainen, Anja Pulkkinen, the secretary, Antero Piirainen, Jorma Piirainen, the treasurer/the leading genealogist/the honorary chairman, Risto Piironen, the chairman

I wish you a good summer!

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Risto Piironen
the chairman