

Dear Member of the Family,

Summer 2011 is over. But we still remember the Family Reunion in Kuhmo on the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> of August. On Saturday we made a trip to Lentiira, a village about 40 km from the centre of Kuhmo, a village that surprised us with its natural beauty, tidiness and liveliness. The village society arranged the visit with skill. On the way back we saw the Lentua rapids and in the evening we had a nice get-together with Tuula and Jorma Piirainen.

The official celebration took place on Sunday the 7<sup>th</sup>. The print fresh Family Book *Eskilin jälkeläisiä – Piira – Piirainen – Piironen – Piironen* by *Jorma ja Tuula Piirainen* was in the main role.

Jorma Piirainen told in his speech about Eskil Piira and his family in the late 1700<sup>th</sup> century and early 1800<sup>th</sup> century. Later on he explained the contents of the book and the process of making it. Reverend *Jorma Karanko* and Ambassador *Kari Karanko* told with a multivideo performance about Karanko –Savolainen – Piironen family. *Dale Piirainen* told about his ancestors who moved from Finland to the USA. *Rauha Määtänen*'s theme was The Piirainens in Korholanmäki in Sotkamo and official greetings from the Parliament brought *Raimo Piirainen*, a member of the Parliament.

*Pekka Piirainen*, the president of the society, said in his speech that the society had achieved a record in new members, the Family Book brightened the brand of the society and the economy of the society was in good shape.

The standard of the society was given to *Timo Piirainen*, a member of the board since many years. Special thanks we given to Jorma and Tuula Piirainen for their hard work in making the Family Book. Jorma was nominated of a candidate for the honorary president and Tuula for the honorary member (to be put into effect in the next meeting after the society has accordingly changed the rules).

The agenda of the general meeting was according to the rules.

The board 2011 – 2012: Pekka Piironen, Kuopio (president), Heimo Piironen, Koli, Timo Piirainen, Autti, Marja-Liisa Lampinen, Helsinki (secretary), Jorma Piirainen, Kuhmo (vice president), Jaakko Kampman, Kuhmo, Antero Piirainen, Sotkamo

Substitutes: Martti Piironen, Joensuu, Juha Kampman, Kuhmo, Liisa Leppihalme, Nummela

Treasurer: Tuula Piirainen

Auditors and their substitutes 2011 – 2012: Tenho Piirainen, Kajaani, Kaarlo Piirainen, Kajaani; Saara Aho, Kuhmo, Pekka Piirainen, Kajaani

Other items on the agenda were accepted: the Accounts of 2009 – 2010, the Annual Report, Budget for 2011 – 2012, Plan of Action for 2011-12.

You find more detailed information on our web-sites [www.eskilpiira.fi](http://www.eskilpiira.fi). There are also many new pictures in the gallery.

## **FAMILY BOOK - GREAT IDEA FOR A CHRISTMAS PRESENT OR A BIRTHDAY GIFT**

Our warmest thanks to all of you who helped us to make the book!

The book concentrates on the descendants of Eskil Piira, nearly 20 000 people in over 4700 tables. This A-4 size book weights almost 3.5 kg and has 900 pages. Quite a brick!

The book has two parts. In the first part there are articles about the family, genealogical research and the family society followed by many stories of the family members in Finland and abroad. The second part consists of the family tables, index and sources. The book includes many photos, some of which are very old and valuable, even from the 1850's.

The book has sold well. But it is still available for 85 € (+postage fee in Finland 11 € and e.g. to USA 43 €). You can order the book from our web-site or from Jorma Piirainen, tel. +358 8 652 0498. The book is available only in Finnish.

### **MEMBERSHIP FEES**

The invoice of the membership fee will be posted in January 2012. The fee for 2011-2012 remains 30 €.

Have a nice rest of the year 2011!

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president

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chairman of the book publishing committee