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GREETINGS:

REUNION TIME AGAIN! The 22nd annual Reunion of the Weyerbacher Family will be held July 12th. So mark your calendar, call up the family and make plans to attend. As I said last year, this is YOUR REUNION, YOUR FAMILY and YOU are needed to make it a success.

Early church service will be at Trinity Lutheran Church (Springfield) in Pleasant Valley at Nine. The altar flowers will be in memory of our ancestors. This is the church where Johann Nicholas Weyerbacher was one of the six men to establish the Lutheran and Reformed Faiths in 1761. Weierbachs still worship here!

Picnic time is from Noon to 2:00 P.M. at Silver Creek Park, Route 412 between Pleasant Valley and Springtown, Bucks County, Pennsylvania. A business meeting, followed by entertainment, will begin at 2:00 P.M.

Our guest speaker will be Carla J.S. Messinger, a descendant of the Unami Lenni Lenape people, from the Lenni Lenape Historical Society in Allentown. She will talk about the life of the Indian in early Springfield Township (where our ancestors settled) and will be in costume and have exhibits. Be sure to come. It will be an interesting program.

This will be especially appropriate for us as a Book of Biographies of Leading Citizens of Bucks County, Pennsylvania, published in 1899 states that Isaac Weierbach had a sister stolen by the Indians! I have not been able to substantiate this but then neither have I been able to account for all the sisters of Isaac who came with their parents, Johann Nicholas and Catharina Magdalena and their brothers Isaac, Johannes and Henry. It is a known fact that Johannes had two daughters stolen by the Indians in 1781, Catharine Elizabeth and Anna. Anna escaped but her sister preferred the life of the Indian and stayed with the tribe when her father followed her to the banks of the Allegheny after the War was over. Twenty six years later she was in Barton Township, (now Hamilton), Upper Canada. This has been my yearly vacation into Canada, trying to locate any information about this 'cousin' of ours!

Again I have to warn you all about the genealogy scam which now has expanded. Wirebachs, Weierbachs and Wirebaughs (all spellings) were receiving letters from Beatrice Bayley, Sharon Taylor and Halberts, offering Family Heritage Books. Now this group has been joined by Elizabeth Ross of Scranton and Mary Whitney of Ottsville. Mary asks only \$29.85 plus \$3.00 for shipping and handling for WIREBAUGHS ACROSS AMERICA or WEIERBACHS ACROSS AMERICA!

We have not printed a book yet, but for 22¢ I probably can tell you all you want to know about your family, and throw in a few family secrets!

An appropriate quote..

'The first thought of the man who has just discovered the name of his grandfather's grandfather is that he belongs to an old and superior family, and he is apt to put on airs in the presence of one who only knows the name of his grandfather!'

And another..

'The man who has nothing to boast of but his illustrious ancestors is like a potato..the only good belonging to him is underground!'

And to quote myself from previous years...

Don't forget to send me a change of address when you move! Get married! or have a baby...

Deaths of the following Weyerbacher Descendants (or spouse) have been reported to me during the year. The sympathy of the Reunion is extended to their families. Love's last gift-remembrance.

William Cecil Carruthers	71	Clearwater, Florida
Walter E. Clay	80	Bethlehem, Penna.
Ida P. Dech (Mrs. Harold)	74	Whitehall Twp. Penna.
William J. Grube	89	Bethlehem, Penna.
Charles W. Funk	94	Quakertown, Penna.
Martha Gardner (Mrs. Ronald)	73	Albuquerque, New Mexico
John A. Gross Sr.	72	Bethlehem, Penna.
Walter W. Kellow	85	Easton, Penna.
Charles A. Moore	68	Zionsville, Penna.
Forrest E. Weaver Jr.	77	Emmaus, Penna.
Frederick J. Wert	76	Emmaus, Penna.
Barbara Ann Weierbach (Mrs. Kevin)	36	Lebanon, Penna.
Charles S. Weierbach Jr.	70	North Fort Myers, Florida
Russell M. Weierbach	80	Whitehall Twp. Penna.
Fred W. Wirebaugh	93	Lansing, Michigan
Harold J. Wirebaugh	77	Bushnell, Florida

'One generation passeth away, and another generation cometh. But the Earth abideth forever'..... Ecclesiastes 1:4

With the death of Russell M. Weierbach we have lost one of the Reunion's most faithful supporters. He was treasurer since the Reunion was organized, was instrumental in selecting and placing the Weyerbacher Sun Dial memorial in Springfield Cemetary and in so many big and little ways quietly did his best to make the way easier for so many people. He will be missed so much by so many!

This has been an especially difficult year for me. Besides losing several close relatives and friends not from our Reunion group, I will miss Cousin Fred Wirebaugh. Ever since I first located him and added his family on our Family Tree he has been a firm supporter. My yearly visits to Fred and his wife Wilma acquainted me with a warm, 'cousinly' couple and Fred's letters always gave me a 'lift' as he was really interested in the Weyerbacher Family.

Again I quote from last year's SPRING LETTER: 'The final measure of a man is the good he leaves to the generations that follow him' This seems especially appropriate this year. The quote from Franklin and the Documents; By Brown and Angee.

Due to the loss of our treasurer it is necessary to ask for a volunteer from the Cousins to take over the duties of treasurer. I hope someone will be willing to assume this duty by Reunion time.

I have asked Anna Hedrick Lutz (Mrs. Phillip) of Dunbar, West Virginia and Carl C. McCallus of Avis, Pennsylvania to act on an Advisory Board. Both of these persons are dedicated family researchers. They represent the Johannes line. I am hoping to locate a cousin from the Isaac and Henry lines to join them on the Advisory Board.

See YOU July 12th.....
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HOUSE BLESSING FROM THE VILLAGE OF WEIERBACH

FRIEDE DEN KOMMENDEN	PEACE TO THOSE WHO ARE COMING
FREUDEN DEN BLEIBENDEN	PEACE TO THOSE WHO ARE STAYING
SEGEN DEN SCHEIDENDEN	PEACE TO THOSE WHO ARE GOING