

2005 Newsletter

Greetings!

It's **REUNION TIME AGAIN! MARK YOUR CALENDARS: July 10th** will be the **40th WEYERBACHER FAMILY REUNION**. In honor of this milestone, if you have never joined us, or it has been a long time, make this the year to attend.

Join us for morning worship at the **Weyerbacher Family Church**, which is **Trinity Lutheran Church** in Pleasant Valley. The early church services are held at 8:00 am & 9:30 am, and the altar flowers honor our ancestors. In 1761, Johann "Nicholas" Weyerbacher and 5 other men founded this church and established the Reformed and Lutheran faiths. Weyerbacher descendants have worshipped here for 244 years!

After church, come on over to **SILVER CREEK PARK**, located near the intersection of Routes 412& 212 just outside of Springtown, to get reacquainted with your cousins. Warren Wirebach, our family historian, will be available for consultations after church and throughout the day.

PICNIC TIME is from 11 am to 2:00 pm. RAIN OR SHINE. There are 3 covered pavilions at the park. There are 2 grills available. Charcoal and lighter fluid will be provided. Bring your choice of meat or a veggie alternative to grill, or bring a box lunch. If you like, bring a dessert to share with your cousins.

At 2:00 pm a short business meeting will be conducted. After the business meeting, Judy Weierbach will run the traditional Family Trivia Game.

ATTENTION! There will be a contest to see who can match up "Now" and "Then" photographs. If everyone would bring a photo as a child and a recent one, they will be put on a poster. There will be prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.

OTHER FAMILY REUNIONS; THE HOOVER FAMILY REUNION, for the descendants of Catharine Wirebaugh and John Hoover, will be held the Sunday before Labor Day, August 28, in Kylertown, Clearfield County. The Lancaster WIREBACH FAMILY REUNION will be held Saturday, June 25, at Long Park on Harrisburg Avenue, Lancaster, Pa. For additional information contact Donna Frankford at 717-299-2456 or Roberta Seeley at 717-945-0491. THE CRESSMAN FAMILY REUNION will be held on the first Saturday in October, which is October first, at the first UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST in Quakertown, Pa.. For more information contact Gem Nelson at gemnells@AOL.com or at 5675 Apple Butter Road, Coopersburg Pa. 18036.

FAMILY NEWS

KUDOS to Helen Wirebach Bucher, who was 100 years young on May 16 this year. A dozen red roses were sent by our historian Warren Wirebach. If you would like to send a card, her address is 200 Cottage Drive, Palmyra, Pa. 17078 Apt. #212.

Check out the **WEYERBACHER FAMILY REUNION** website at www.weyerbacher.net All of the previous newsletters are posted on this site.

The **WEYERBACHER** Brewing company, located on Line Street in South Easton conducts tours every Saturday from noon until 2 pm. **WEYERBACHER BEER** is sold in PA, NJ, MD, NY, DC, VA, OH, and MA. To locate distributors, and to find out what is new at the Brewery go to www.weyerbacher.com.

In April, an Open House was held at the Brewery. Despite a day of pouring rain, an enthusiastic crowd enjoyed the tasting and hors d'oeuvres. Among those attending were Lower Bucks residents, Harry and Jean Wirebach, Shirley Wirebach, Ann (Wirebach) and Anthony Silvi, and Amy (Wirebach) and Patrick Ewing.

Deaths of the following Weyerbacher descendants were reported to me. I apologize if one of your loved ones is not listed here. The sympathy of the Weyerbacher Family Reunion is extended to their families.

Eileen P. Wirebach (Mrs. John)	85	Levittown, PA
Gretta Wirebach	69	Easton, PA
Norman W. Nelson	79	Bethlehem, PA
Josephine Caruthers	84	York, PA
Carl C. McCallus	84	Avis, PA
Karla K. Weierbach	52	Lebanon, PA
Elsie Burch	80	San Diego, CA
Mary Emma McBane	98	Alliance, OH
Phillip W. Lutz	77	Dunbar, WV
Howard Wireback	died May 10, 04	Lancaster, PA

Please send births, marriages, deaths and other family news to Warren Wirebach or me.

FAMILY BUSINESS:

At the 2003 business meeting, it was voted to implement membership dues of \$5.00 per family. These were to pay the costs of printing and mailing the newsletter and to pay for park rental and entertainment. In the past, the reunion president paid these costs from his pocket and the collection at the picnic covered the park rental. These costs, paper, envelopes, postage, printing, park rental, entertainment, flowers for church now exceed \$700.

In 1966, cousins Dr. Lilly and Warren Wirebach founded the Weyerbacher Family Reunion. At each reunion a plate was passed. The collection was used to pay the reunion expenses. When this was not enough, Warren made up the difference himself. Harry and Judy Weierbach donate the prizes for the trivia game. Dan Wirebach donates some of his fabulous Weyerbacher Beer also.

Due to a shortage of funds this year, we are asking family members with musical talent to come and perform for us. Also, if you have a story to tell, especially about family history, it would be greatly appreciated.

No one person should have to bear the cost of the newsletter and picnic. This is a family association. Please fill out and return your **WEYERBACHER FAMILY MEMBERSHIP FORM** and send your membership dues to **Judy Weierbach**, 1431 Schoolhouse Lane, Perkasio, PA 18944. Also please include your phone number and email address.

In honor of our 40th Reunion, and in addition to our usual guessing games; this year we will be adding a new one. We are asking all the cousins to bring a **THEN** and **NOW** picture of each family member in attendance for the game. The pictures will be placed on display. First, Second, and Third prizes will be awarded for those cousins who make the most matches. (Immediate family correct matches are eliminated in case of a tie)

Any one with an item to put in the newsletter is welcome to send it to me. This can be family news, family history, or simply an interesting story. I will be glad to include it. Please get it in before April 10.

See you on July 10th

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HOUSE BLESSING FROM THE VILLAGE OF WEIERBACH

Freide den Kommenden Peace to those who are coming
Freude den Bliedenden Joy to those who are staying
Segen Scheidenden Blessing to those who are departing