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IT'S REUNION TIME AGAIN! Mark your calenders. JULY 10, 2011 will be the 46 annual WEYERBACHER FAMILY REUNION. All family members are invited to attend. Morning worship will be at TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH in PLEASANT VALLEY. Church services are at 8:00 AM and 9:30 AM. Weyerbacher descendants have been worshipping here for the past 250 years.

After church, join us at SILVER CREEK PARK on Route 412 in Springtown, Bucks Co. PA (only 1 mile out of town) Picnic time is from 11AM to 2 PM rain or shine. There are three large covered pavilions at the park. There are two grills available with charcoal and lighter provided. If you like, bring a desert to share with your cousins.. At 2:00PM a short business meeting will be conducted. After the meeting, Judy Weierbach will run her popular trivia game.

OTHER FAMILY REUNIONS: The Lancaster Wirebach Reunion will be held on August 7, 2011 At Buchmiller Park. They will gather at noon and have pot luck luncheon between 1 and 1:30 PM at pavilion #32. Contact Donna (Wireback) Frankford at 717-299- 2456, for more information.

FAMILY BOOK NEWS!!

After more than four years of work, the Weyerbacher Book has been completed and is now available through the internet, at LULU.COM. The name of our book is "THE WEYERBACHERS OF PENNSYLVANIA, est. 1751 - Eleven Generations in America". The book is 710 pages, including approximately 250 photos, documents and detailed stories, in addition to just over 500 pages of family lineage (nearly 14,000 cousins). The price for the 8 ½ x 11 " hardcopy book is \$60,00, plus applicable tax and postage and handling. Or for \$20,00 you can download the book as a pdf file which can be read and searched on a computer using Adobe Reader or other free software. Please note that a portion of the proceeds benefit the Weyerbacher Family Reunion. Note also that LULU periodically advertises discounts.

Once accessing LULU, type in Weyerbacher. LULU allows you to review the front and back covers as well as the first ten pages. LULU will only accept credit card transactions (no personal checks, money orders or cash). If you don't have access to the internet and don't know anyone who does, please contact me (Robin Jones at chispa@optonline.net) and we will see if we can make an alternate arrangement. In addition, we will have several hard copies for sale at the reunion. Cash would be greatly appreciated.

Now that the Weyerbacher book has been completed, I will eventually be looking for a home for all the documents Warren gave me for the book. The Springfield Twp. And Bucks Co. Historical Society will be given first dibs. If you would be interested in obtaining letters , family charts etc. primarily from 1965-2005 please contact me to discuss. Please, also be prepared to discuss

particular family names to search for. This does not include most of the photos and other documents from the photo albums brought to the reunion each year. Photo documentation on John Wirebaugh of Ohio (born 1806) and his family are especially well represented.

During our visit to the Pleasant Valley Lutheran Church Cemetery last July, I noted that three of our ancestors graves had over time become damaged. They are Isaac (b.1730) and Anna Weyerbacher and Aaron Weyerbach (b.1821). I visited the graves in March to discuss repair costs with the owner of Hellertown Monument Company. The repairs would be done both by the Lutheran Church and my monument contact. The estimate given by both parties totaled \$375.00. It would be desirable to have the repairs made this year. Any contributions would be greatly appreciated. Checks may be made payable in the same manner as the annual membership fee.

Last year we visited the Pleasant Valley Lutheran Church and associated cemetery where so many of our ancestor's worshipped and were ultimately laid to rest. Nicholas Weyerbacher helped establish this church in 1763. A return trip is planned for those who are interested.

In early April, Terry Lee (webmaster), Harry Weierbach (treasurer) and I visited Warren to present a copy of the Weyerbacher Book to him. He was very pleased that his work had been published and was happy to see so many familiar photos in print, especially the one of Lily and him during their 1969 Ohio trip. Warren who will turn 95 in June is in remarkably good shape and spirits and hopes to make the reunion this year. A photo of that visit can be viewed at www.weyerbacher.org.

-Robin A. Jones.

FAMILY NEWS:

Congratulations to; Stacy Karnes, daughter of Nancy Karnes who graduated from Millersville U. on December 19, 2010. Olivia Kelsey Wota Jones will graduate from Monmouth University in May 2011. .Miranda Wota Jones graduated from Old Tappan High School in May 2010. Jessica Ann Silvi, daughter of Anthony and Ann (Wirebach) Silvi will graduate from Penn State University on May 15 2011. She is presently teaching in the Penn State area. Her brother AJ is a freshman, studying chemical engineering, at Northeastern University in Boston. Erin Ewing, daughter of Patrick and Amy (Wirebach) Ewing will graduate from Conwell Egan Catholic High School in June. She will be attending Penn State in the fall with her sister Kaleigh, who is completing her sophomore year.

THE FOLLOWING DEATHS WERE REPORTED TO ME:

Robert Tempelton, 90 Albuquerque.NM.

Jessie Wireback (#978) d 3-1-2011, Saginaw, MI.

Daniel S. Frankford, d 11-7-2010

Shirley Florence Wirebach, child of 1492, d 6-15-2010

The sympathy of the Reunion is extended to all who have lost loved ones.

KEEP US INFORMED:

Please keep us posted on your family news. We want the newsletter to be as interesting as possible. You can do this by writing to me, Harry Wirebach at 303 Pinewood Dr. Levittown, PA. or email at htw1934@aol.com Please put family up-date in subject line.

You can also send family up-dates to Robin Jones at 4 Leveridge La. Pompton Planes, NJ 07444l or email chispa@optonline.net

WEYERBACHER BREWERY: The brewery, located at 905 Line Street, in South Easton conducts tours every Saturday at 12:30, 1:15 and 2:15. They have ten to fifteen different beers available for tasting. Dan has always been very generous to the reunion. I am sure that he would appreciate if you are in the neighborhood that you would stop in to see his operation.

FAMILY BUSINESS: As you know, a few years ago it was voted to implement dues of five dollars per family. The dues go to cover the costs of the park rental and the costs of printing and mailing the newsletter. Thanks to all of you who have sent in your yearly dues and in some cases an extra donation. This will go a long way toward defraying our expenses. Without your help, we would not be able to reach all of our family. Send your dues, changes of address, phone number, and email address to Harry Weierbach at 1431 Schoolhouse Lane, Perkasio PA 18943. Also if you have new additions to add, such as births, deaths, marriages we would like to know about them.

SEE YOU ON SUNDAY JULY 10

Harry T. Wirebach, President Weyerbacher Reunion 303 Pinewood Drive Levittown, PA 19054 215-945-4585	Warren Wirebach, Historian 101 Holly Hall, Pineford Middletown, PA 17057	Robin Jones, Secretary 4 Leveridge La. Pompton Plains, NJ 07444	Harry T. Weierbach, Treasurer 1413 Schoolhouse Lane Perkasie, PA 18943
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HOUSE BLESSING FROM THE VILLAGE OF WEIERBACH

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

WEYERBACHER FAMILY REUNION ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP FORM

Dues: \$5.00 per household Payable to: Weyerbacher Family Reunion

Mail to: Judy Weierbach, 1431 Schoolhouse Lane, Perkasio, PA 18944

Name: _____ **Address** _____

City, State & Zipcode _____

Telephone and Email _____

In the future, we would like to send as many newsletters as possible by email to save costs.

DID YOU KNOW....

- The name “Weyerbach” refers to a stream or brook that has been dammed to capture or to raise fish. There are a number of Weyerbach villages in Germany and Switzerland.
- Today, there are more than a dozen spelling variations of our family name.
- The earliest Weyerbacher of which we have a record was Hans Otto, born about 1640.
- Hans Otto was a mayor in Baumholder in today’s Germany.
The first Weyerbacher immigrants were woolen weavers, making coverlets that took eight days to complete and sold for about a dollar.
- After three years, the first Weyerbachers bought a 163 acre farm and became farmers.
- Johann Nicholas (Hans Nickel) Weyerbacher was a founder of the Springfield Church in 1763.
- Isaac Weyerbacher, at age 47, enlisted in the local militia during the Revolutionary War.
- In 1781, Elizabeth Weyerbacher was abducted by Indians in Northumberland County, PA never to return to her family. She preferred to live with the Indians.
- In Lebanon, PA, there is an impressive monument to the first Weyerbacher immigrants. The “first” Weyerbacher is described as Isaac Weyerbacher, born in Switzerland, came to America in 1691, died 1742. The source of this information is unknown.
- The Weyerbacher spelling is widely used in Indiana by descendants of immigrants that came to America about 100 years after our line.

These and other stories can be found on our website www.Weyerbacher.net and in the recently published book, **“THE WEYERBACHERS OF PENNSYLVANIA.”**

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