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Family Association Newsletter

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

The 2011 SSS Family Gathering will be held in Kidron, Ohio on July 8,9, and 10.

Family Association Regroups – Many of you are aware that Rev. John R. Smucker was a main reason for the success and vitality of the SSS Family Association. John R's passing in 2006 created a void which has gone unfilled these past years. Joe Smucker, immediate past president of our association recently resigned from the position citing health issues. James M. Smoker will be serving as your interim president until our 2011 family gathering meeting and elections which will be held in Kidron, Ohio, July 8, 9, 10. We are looking for individuals who would be willing to have their names entered for consideration. Current vacancies include: President, Vice President, Secretary, Board Members-at-Large (Ohio, PA, Canada), Webmaster (establish, develop, and maintain an SSS Family Association website)

Please contact Jim Smoker 717-292-4709 or jismoker@verizon.net if you have interest in any of the above positions.

2011 Family Gathering Planning Team – The Kidron, Ohio SSS Family Gathering planning team met in Wayne Co., Ohio in September to kick off planning for the 2011 Gathering. Planning team members include:

Bruce Smucker	<i>Co-chair</i>	330-465-7207	smuckersplace@aol.com
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Darrell Smucker	<i>Treasurer</i>	330-262-8024	morganst@sssnet.net
Pauline F. Smucker and Arlene Moore	<i>Food and Beverage Co-Coordinator</i>		

The Gathering will be headquartered at the Central Christian School, Kidron, Ohio. Early plans include:

- Genealogy Center – Update your family records or search the SSS Family database
- Self-guided auto tour of SSS sites, the J. M. Smucker Store and Cafe', and Amish furniture and crafts houses in the Wayne Co., Ohio area.
- Displays of SSS Family Quilts and Memorabilia –
(If you are interested in displaying a family heirloom or quilt, please contact Sue Kindt at suekindt@aol.com)
- A Fraktur workshop led by Emily Smucker Beidler
- Presentations by noted Anabaptist historians from Goshen College
- Children's Activity Center
- Ingathering Common Meal on Friday, July 8

The Planning Team is open to your thoughts and inputs to help make this a successful event. Please contact Bruce Smucker or Ken Smucker with the thoughts and ideas you'd like to share.



URGENT APPEAL!

We have an outdated and incomplete mailing list which is based on those individuals who have been entered as SSS Family Association "contributors", "inactive", and the 2006 Lancaster, PA Family Gathering attendees.

After receiving this newsletter, please contact your immediate family members and ask if they have received the newsletter.

If they haven't, ask them to contact Jerry Smoker at jismoker@msn.com by mail:

Jerry Smoker, 1514 Hollywood Drive,
Lancaster, PA 17601,
or by phone: 717-397-8052.

Please provide your former address if you have moved and have a new address as well as your e-mail address.

Thank you for enabling us to update our mailing lists to better inform you of our SSS Family Association upcoming Gathering in Kidron, Ohio.

Have A Photo To Share?

We are looking for stories and old pictures of our SSS Family Heritage we could post on our website some day. Please look into those boxes and photo albums and be prepared to share when our website is established.



CALLING ALL OLD/NEW QUILTS - Many cousins have in their possession today quilts done by family members from our pasts. Whether in pristine condition or tattered, they still deserve respect and to be seen by others. Those that have a quilt they would be willing to bring to the reunion, please do so with a message attached as to who prepared it, name of pattern, and date done if possibly known.

Also, many of us cousins find quilting a present hobby. We would also like to have them on display with the above information and the genealogy linkage.

Also, if anyone would like to donate a quilt they have made it could be sold at an auction at the end of the reunion, please so advise. The money would go toward help plan the next SSS Reunion, to create and to maintain an SSS Family Association website, and/or obtain assistance in data entry to assure the family records are up-to-date. Please contact Susan Kindt with information as to how many you would like to display. Susan Kindt, POB 247, Marcellus, MI 49067 (269) 816-1421 or email to: Suekindt@aol.com

Genealogy Update - John R. Smucker spent many years compiling genealogy information about immigrant Christian Schmucker's descendants. Before his death, he asked D. Richard Miller to prepare his papers for placement in the Mennonite Church Archives, Goshen, Indiana, where they could be preserved for access by other genealogists. This has been done.

D. Richard Miller and Arthur A. Smucker continue the massive task of entering into a database all of the information John collected. The database now includes 45,764 persons. Also, because Christian's descendants have spread around the world, Richard and Art would like to identify persons in many communities who will gather and submit updated information a mation about marriages, births, deaths, and other family changes are appreciated. You may contact D. Richard Court, Goshen IN 46526-6529 or d.r.miller@maplenet.net with information or questions.



SSS Snowbirds Gathering – Each Winter some SSS Snowbirds gather in Bradenton, Florida to enjoy a meal and each other's com pany. The next SSS Snowbirds Gathering will be held at Stacy's Buffet, 4848 14th Street West, Bradenton, FL, on February 12th, 2011. The gathering starts at Noon.

Larry Smucker is the contact person at 863-816-5014. The restaurant phone number is 941-752-3666.

The Schmucker Farmstead. Circa 1760. Now available to guests. **Recharge** on hallowed Schmucker ground.

Entering the farm lane, you see open fields on both sides; corn, alfalfa or wheat grows in them. You are entering a peaceful, quiet world. Once inhabited by our founding father, Christian Schmucker in 1760!

As you are on the farm, you may ask questions about farm life, gather eggs, feed the animals, help in the garden, clean the stalls and barns—and even watch us build sheds and playhouses. How about milking the family cow at 6:00 in the morning?

Enjoy a delicious home-cooked, full-course breakfast from our kitchen (except Sundays).

The guest quarters are for your relaxation and comfort. The sitting room overlooks the farm, and the bedroom overlooks the garden and pastures.

If you would like to experience Lancaster County at it's most authentic and untouched splendor, call 1-877-272-7252 for more information or to make reservation by phone. Steve Stoltzfus and family look forward to your stay!



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