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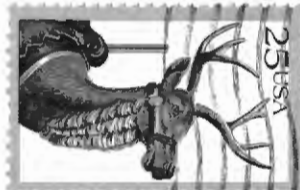
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The Lenhert Newsletter, Volume 2

Welcome to the first issue of volume 2! As you may remember from the last issue, volume 2 of the newsletter is a cooperative effort between Karen Haldeman, John Engle, and Bob Barrett. YOU are an important part of the process, too: we need YOU to send us news items, address changes and articles.

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This first issue of volume 2 contains a few items of reunion interest. In addition, we've started a very special feature. Since some of us really don't know each other's "stage in life", we plan to include several autobiographical sketches ("Who Are These Lenherts?") in each issue. You are welcome to write a short (1-3 paragraphs) sketch to help us learn about you (see sketches in this issue for ideas).

Please send all correspondence about the newsletter (address changes, news items, autobiographical sketches, donation to help cover costs, articles, suggestions, etc.) to Karen Haldeman, RD 2, Box 2165, Grantville, PA 17028 (or phone 717-469-0649).

Another Way We Need Your Help

Unfortunately, the newsletter is not cost-free. We would appreciate a \$5.00 donation per household to cover copying and mailing costs. Thank you. (send to Karen)

In Future Issues...

...look for more autobiographical sketches, notes from the family chaplain (Martha Lady), articles about "out-laws" who have passed away, genealogy/history items from the family historian (John Engle), and family news items.

News from Somalia - Barbara & Lamar Witmer

The following was excerpted from a letter written to Dave Eshelman, who forwarded it to the newsletter editor.

Bob Barrett is an Assistant Professor of Engineering at Messiah College, where he has been teaching for 22 years. He really likes the great challenge of Messiah and the shepherding of the engineering students, "but it is much work". Bob is also involved with the missions group, World Christian Fellowship. He likes to sail his 14 1/2 foot sail boat. Racing really turns him on. Also, Bob is getting involved with white water canoeing and rafting. David, his youngest son, is in engineering at Messiah College and enjoys his studies. He toured the U.S. and Europe this summer with Continental Singers.

Joanne Barrett, mother of three grown children, has now left her job as morning dining room supervisor (five years) and is returning to part-time nursing at Messiah Village. She is now writing music with Dwight Thomas and expecting to release a new musical for children from Lillenas Publishing Co. called "Who's in Charge?" (story of Gideon). She is also busy writing to Linda, currently with Operation Mobilization in India, and Rob, newly graduated from Eastman School of Music and currently job hunting in Minneapolis. Husband Bob is teaching college again, and a new era of togetherness is developing in a nearly empty nest.

they finally left the Messiah Village community destined for Ndola, Zambia, where Daryl has been teaching in the Theological College of Central Africa. Vaughn (6) and Nevin (2) quickly adjusted to the Zambian culture. Lois has been helping in the library and with the bookkeeping at TCCA.

But now after extended delays, Daryl's work permit for Zimbabwe has arrived. They moved at the beginning of September to Bulawayo, where Daryl is greatly needed as an instructor at the Theological College of Zimbabwe. This was their original assignment until the work permit did not arrive. Daryl will also be involved in pastoral training and leadership.

They will appreciate your letters and prayers during the remainder of their three year assignment.
(Written by Al Heise)

Karl Hess lives in a suburb of Cleveland, Ohio, with his wife, Betty, who is an elementary math specialist. Their children are Gretchen (24), a kindergarten teacher near Boston; Kristen (22) looking for work in San Francisco; and Megan, a sophomore at Wooster College.

Karl's vocation is caring for people. He earns his living by practicing pediatrics. They worship at a local Presbyterian church where Karl is an elder and chairs the peace and justice task force. His primary avocation is working with the Hunger Project whose goal is to do whatever is necessary to end death by starvation on the planet by 2000.

(Editor's note: The Hess family, "connected" to the Lenherts through Aunt Mary Lenhert--sister of Ruth Hess--has recently been adopted by the Lenhert clan. We were glad to have Karl attend the reunion this summer.)

"We recently received the letter informing us of the money which was sent to my parents for us. Thank you for it. I think the fact that we were remembered is more important than the amount.

"We are getting into the hot season here. Just the past few days it has gotten noticeably hotter. I guess that's the end of the cool weather until next June! Actually, it sometimes cools off a little in January. Lamar says it hasn't actually gotten much hotter, but the humidity has gone up. Our bedroom and Isaac's bedroom are at the side of the house toward the breeze (facing the ocean), so we can stay more comfortable in them.

"Isaac is sitting on the back of my chair, his back to me and his legs hanging over the edge. He's at the stage that he likes to be close by and frequently crawls over us, sticking his finger in our mouths, pulling our hair, etc. He does play pretty well by himself, too.

"I would like to say thank you to the rest of the family, too. Could you put this in the next newsletter: 'Lamar, Barbara and Isaac send greetings from Somalia and thanks for the money which was sent from the family.' " Love from Barbara, Lamar and Isaac.

Late word is that Barb and Lamar will be home on furlough in October 1988, and will be spending a few months in the States. They will be staying in Dayton, Ohio, and can be reached through Galens' address (see temporary address below).

Address Changes

✓ Rob Barrett
8900 60 1/2 Avenue
New Hope, MN 55428

✓ Robert and Donna Beachy
208 Timber Trall, Apt. F
Bel Air, MD 21014

✓ Daryl & Lois Climenhaga
Vaughn, Nevin
P.O. Box 711
Bulawayo, ZIMBABWE

✓ Tim and Karen Haldeman
RD 2, Box 2165
Grantville PA 17028
(717) 469-0649

✓ Janet Helse
4251 Round Top Road
Ellizabethtown, PA 17022

✓ Jesse and Fern Helse
200 N. Jefferson St.
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Pitsburg, OH 45358

✓ Keith and Susan Helse
Laura, Sarah
Dallas N.E.
Albuquerque, NM 87120

✓ Kurt Helse
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Who Are These Lenherts?

Mary Olive Lady returned to Zambia on September 6 to her assignment as Resource Person to Leadership Training with the Brethren in Christ Church. Responsibilities include coordinating Theological Education by Extension (TEE), adult literacy, and the development of of Sunday School materials and Christian literature in the vernacular. Christian education workshops are held at various centers throughout the year.

Living and working with the friendly and warm-hearted Tonga people are special fringe benefits of life at Sikalongo Mission. Mary Olive also enjoys walking and birdwatching as a hobby.

Martha Lady has now been a chaplain at Messiah Village for more than three years. In February of 1988, she was asked to also serve as associate pastor at the Village church. This was rather unexpected, for it was a new idea not only for this older congregation but for the Brethren in Christ Church. There has been some talk of Martha's ordination (the preliminary work has been done), but at this point "we shall see".

With increasing population at the Village (now well over 500) and increasing age of the residents, the work of the chaplains is increasing. Martha continues to find it challenging and fulfilling. Organ lessons give her an "off the job" challenge.

Martha continues to marvel how her experiences from the past have prepared her for the work she is doing now. God's timing has been so good.

Many of you may be interested in an update on **Daryl and Lois Climenhaga's** current activities. After prolonged preparation and an additional delay,

their many hours of work to coordinate the reunion and presented them with a gift. After other expressions of thanks, Martha Lady closed with prayer. Informal adjournment followed. (Submitted by Karen Haldeman, Recording Secretary)

1988 "Out-Law" Initiation Quiz

As part of the 1988 initiation rites, Tim Haldeman (the only new in-law at the reunion) was required to obtain autographs of persons who fit the answer to the questions listed below. He got them all—and memorized them for the initiation ceremony. How well would you have done? Answers will appear in the next newsletter.

1. Who travelled farthest to the reunion?
2. Who's the oldest family member here?
3. Who is the youngest family member here?
4. Who spent a year recently in Ireland?
5. Who just returned from Africa?
6. Whose son is getting married Labor Day weekend?
7. Who might be ordained as a minister soon?
8. Name four people who came from California.
9. Who came from Arizona?
10. Who injured himself playing wallyball?
11. Who works for American Airlines?
12. Who is a Braniff pilot?
13. Who once had a Boston Terrier named Crystal?
14. Who teaches math in California?
15. Who teaches in Pennsylvania?
16. Who spent her winters in Florida?
17. Who raises sheep on his farm?
18. Who enjoys canoeing the streams of Kansas?
19. In which couple do both teach public school?
20. Which couple present has five children?
21. Which couples met at Messiah College?

Family News

Aunt Norma Lenhert was a featured resident in the Messiah Village "Echoes" newsletter.

This fall, **John Engle** spent two weeks in Switzerland doing genealogical research of the Engle family with his brother and father. **Ruth** joined John for an additional two weeks of hiking in the Alps and touring Switzerland and southern Germany.

Mark and Melissa Heise will be going to Montreal in November where Mark will receive his diploma as an Associate in the Casualty Actuarial Society. Congratulations, Mark!

Jenny Engle is working for a bank in Burlington, Vermont. **Sue Engle** is employed by American Airlines in Hartford, Connecticut.

Linda Barrett plans to return from her overseas service in mid-December 1988.

Congratulations to **Curtis and Carolyn (McCowan) Eshelman** who were married September 4, 1988. **Grandma Mary Eshelman** was able to fly to Missouri for the event.

And congratulations to **Mindy Staires!** She and Gary Dobson plan to be married May 7, 1989. (Another "out-law" to be welcomed at the 1991 reunion!) Mindy is working part-time as a dental assistant; Gary is the produce manager at a local grocery store and is looking for a job with the county.

Wesley Lenhert is now working as an executive for a plastics company in California. Aunt Gladys reports, "They make the plastic packing forms that come around many of the things we buy."

Beth Lenhert sends her thanks for the gift from the reunion. She says "I want to let you know how grateful I am for the money you all lovingly collected and sent to those of us who are involved in 'Mission' work. I like to believe that we all are involved in active mission service."

"My life has taken a slightly different direction than I last reported. In June I called off my engagement and am much at peace with that decision. I am staying in NYC directing the tutoring program for 1 more year, nursing and working in the neighborhood."

Minutes of the 1988 Lenhert Business Session

President David Eshelman called the meeting to order at approximately 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 9, 1988. Dave expressed thanks to Myron Lady (vice-president) and Aunt Norma Lenhert (secretary/treasurer) for their part in reunion committee work during the last three years. The minutes of the 1986 reunion were approved as printed in the Lenhert Newsletter.

On behalf of the futures committee, Al Heise made a motion to hold another George H. Lenhert family reunion at Bear Trap Ranch in three years. This motion was seconded and passed unanimously with little discussion. An amendment to give latitude for the time of year and location to the new executive committee was made, seconded and passed. The following slate of officers for the ensuing triennium was presented and subsequently approved unanimously: Joanne Barrett, president; Bob Yiengst, vice-president; Karen Haldeman, secretary/treasurer.

Mary Olive Lady expressed deep appreciation for Dave Eshelman's work with the newsletter and requested continuation of it. Dave declined to accept this responsibility. After further discussion, the following volunteers to head the newsletter committee were accepted with appreciation: Karen Haldeman, editor/solicitor; John Engle, word processing/design; Bob Barrett, copying/mailing. After still more discussion, it was agreed that the committee will determine a subscription price for the newsletter.

Some family members stated that they have a preference for holding the reunion in late July instead of early August. The executive committee will take this into consideration. Remarks were made that we need to be somewhat flexible with Bear Trap Ranch scheduling. All agreed that the Saturday p.m. through Wednesday a.m. time frame was great. We discussed pros and cons of meeting at Bear Trap Ranch (or another Colorado location) versus a place such as Kenbrook Bible Camp in Pennsylvania. Most folks prefer Colorado, especially as a place where most of the family can get away from their home areas and responsibilities. This advantage was felt to outweigh any disadvantage of rough paths and roads and high altitudes.

It was reported that the offering for members of our family involved in full-time mission work totalled \$800.00. This will be divided evenly (per capita) between Lois and Daryl Climenhaga, Mary Olive Lady, Beth Lenhert, Barb and Lamar Witmer, Cecil Eshelman, and Linda Barrett.

Many thanks were expressed: Dave E. thanked members of the various committees for helping to ease his load; thanks to Dale for photography; thanks to Aunt Mary Eshelman (not present) for her participation by making communion bread and toffee. In addition, the group thanked Dave and Marty for