

Somsen-Genealogy

by Dick Somsen [130]

If you have seen the last update (Edition 2010) of our Somsen-Genealogy on our website www.somsen.org it must have struck you that this edition has become much more attractive because of the addition of pictures connected with the people and families who are mentioned. Should your picture be lacking or would you like to replace your picture by a better one, please send it by email to somseogenealogie@kpnplanet or post it to my home address: Monteverdilaan 175, 8031DL, Zwolle, The Netherlands. Of course the picture will be returned to you. I wish you pleasure visiting our website and I hope to get a lot of response.



Dick Somsen from Zwolle

Family announcements

Born:

29-06-2010: Guusje [6932], d.o. Freek Vincentius Gerardus (Freek) Spanbroek [6445] and Jantien Somsen [552]

05-11-2010: Kira Michel Coe [6969], d.o. Ty Adrian-Lee Edwards [3872] and Taryn Michel Coe [5562]

23-11-2010: Tim Jesse [6968], s.o. Jelle Spruijt [5989] and Kim Rhaisa Somsen [700]

20-11-2011: Hailey Noëlle [7257], d.o. Richard van der List [5758] and Adrie van Dijk [185]



Guusje



Hailey Noëlle



Eduard (Ed)
Wijngaard

Deceased:

17-08-2007: Danny James Heyerman [5168], 58, Michigan, USA

20-08-2008: Raymond Kenneth Ista [2781], 65, Woodville, WI. USA

27-11-2010: Willemina Everdina Gerritsen – Somsen [1187], 93, De Heurne (known as "Aunt Zus")

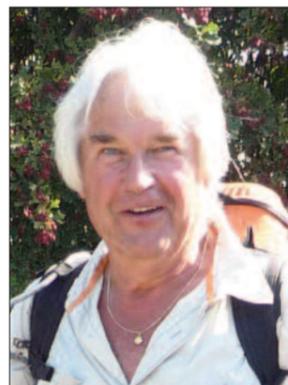
13-12-2010: Eduard (Ed) Wijngaard [5574], 80, Harderwijk

The treasurer would like to ask your attention for the letter enclosed

850-Mile Walk

A life without walking is hardly imaginable for Johan Somsen. Next March he hopes to leave for Japan for an 850-mile pilgrimage past 88 Buddhist temples. Before the publication of Somsen Horizon 24 Johan hopes to be back home again.

In the next issue of Somsen Horizon we will publish a review of his 1250-mile hike from Maastricht (Netherlands) to his daughter in Monaco in 2010, which took him 67 days.



Johan Somsen, walking



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50 Naughty Children's Rhymes

Message of our chairman



Johan Somsen [1089]

The newsletter you are holding now is a bit delayed due to a combination of factors. By now we have left a cold January behind us and February brings us closer to sunnier days. Because this newsletter appears in February we will – for practical reasons - also publish the next issue of Somsen Horizon a little later. You may expect it in June.

Further down in this newsletter you will find an article about the Somsen Camping Weekend with the traditional barbecue. We would love to see many visitors and therefore I would like to urge you to bring a lot of Somsens or Somsen-related people in your environment along. We will offer you a day-programme for Saturday. More information can be found in Somsen Horizon 24 in June.

Now that I am addressing you with the intent to recruit new Somsen supporters I would like to draw your attention to this: in the section family announcements we can read who have passed away, but we also find happy messages about birth and marriage. This also has its consequences for our family foundation. The decrease of the number of supporters does not keep pace with the increase of new Somsen Foundation supporters. For that reason we have to ask you continually to be alert and stimulate Somsens in your circle to join us. Some time ago we suggested the plan to offer your children a year's sponsorship as a birthday-present for the younger generation is not only very welcome but absolutely indispensable. Without your support we cannot carry on!

Johan Somsen [1089] chairman

Who can help us?

by Johan Somsen [1089]

Since our first Worldwide Somsen Reunion in 1997 Dick Somsen from Zwolle has been the focal point for genealogical matters. When we established our family foundation in January 1998 he stayed connected to us as our advisor in the field of genealogy. In this function Dick has done a great job for us and of course we hope that he will be able to carry on for a long time. But March 2 Dick will celebrate his 82nd birthday and, though he is still in good health, it is wise and even necessary to find somebody who is prepared to concentrate on the genealogy of our family. It stands to reason that Dick will coach this volunteer. All the research was completed a long time ago but it is very important to keep our genealogical database up-to-date. If we do not find a successor our family has a serious problem and that is not what we want. **Who is going to help out?**

50 Naughty Children's Rhymes

by Harry Somsen [146]

December 11, 2010 the little book "50 Naughty Children's Rhymes" by Johan Somsen was presented in the library of Epe. The total net proceeds of this volume will be donated to the KiKa Foundation – Children Cancer Free. The publication of this small book started as a joke. Johan Somsen wrote the songs for his grandsons but it got out of hand and they were published in a small book. The book contains many funny rhymes en illustrations. Eye-T webdesign from Heerde sponsored the building of a website: www.50stoutekinderversjes.nl with an email address: info@50stoutekinderversjes.nl



Family barbecue in IJzerlo on Saturday August 27 at 7 p.m.

by Johan Somsen [1089]

As we made known in the previous Somsen Newsletter there was great disappointment among the many people present at the barbecue when we announced that the board seriously considered stopping this tradition.

Therefore we have decided not to put a stop to it for the time being. But we like some more action like doing excursions or organising activities in which many people can take part. And of course at the end of the day there is the barbecue.

The details of the programme will be published in the next issue of Somsen Horizon in June. But now it has already become clear that there will be a large number of young Somsens. So, please spread the news and urge your relatives to come along. Do not forget to note this date in your diary.



Terrace in IJzerlo during the annual barbecue

Fourth Worldwide Somsen Reunion in the USA in 2012??

by Johan Somsen [1089]

The great 2007reunion is still fresh in our memories but time does not stand still and so the next reunion in the USA is rapidly approaching.

During the 2007 reunion a considerable group of young Somsens gathered together; most of them American Somsens but the German branch was also represented. It looked all very promising – the plans they were making were all about a possible next reunion in the USA. Recently we had contact with Stephen Somsen in the USA about this matter and he will try to find out what the



Somsens in the St. Helenakerk



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possibilities are and of course we will give him our full support. Of course 2012 is in the future but still it is not such a bad idea to tentatively start with the preparations. As soon as we have more news about this we will pay attention to it in our publications and of course we will also use our website www.somsen.org to spread the news.

Maybe it is even worth taking this into account when planning your holiday trips. If, for example, you have plans to make a trip to the USA then it might be useful to plan it in 2012 so that you can combine it with a visit to the reunion.

Furthermore we have noticed in 2002 that our American relatives are very capable of organising a splendid reunion. Then about 130 Somsens travelled to Baldwin, WI, from every point of the compass. American, Canadian and Dutch Somsens still cherish precious memories of this event.