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Committee Newsletter July 2002

“The Kalmyk Spirit - Lives On!”

We would like to start out by saying a **great big THANK YOU** to everyone who came out to support the Kalmyk community for the 50th Anniversary! It turned out to be more than just another picnic and dinner. It was a celebration of our strengths as a community and a fitting tribute to our parents and grandparents who made the journey some 50 years ago to make a better life for their families.



We're Still Here...

We apologize for not updating you sooner, but after the celebration the committee members who gave “above and beyond” for the celebration, had to get back to their normal lives. Our committee members gave up nights (some times working straight through the night), weekends and even holidays to put together the festival in September. They deserved a much needed rest!

We are still here and working behind the scenes to continue our goals to educate and celebrate the Kalmyk community. However, we cannot do it alone. We are looking for volunteers to donate their time and their vision to help us continue to unite our community.

911

Just 10 days after our celebration our country was hit by the most devastating blow since that of Pearl Harbor some 60 years ago. And though it touched close to home, our community was left virtually untouched. We were extremely fortunate. This was a hateful crime, and having just celebrated our “American-ness”, we were proud of our country’s

resilience and out-pouring of patriotism.

If you have any family members that have been affected by this tragedy, please contact us and we will honor them in our next newsletter.

God Bless America!



Get Your Dance Shoes On!

Well it’s time for our first fundraiser of the year! We are happy to bring you “Midsummer Dance Party 2002”.

As a celebration coinciding with Gegan we would LOVE to see everyone out there strutting their stuff! We will have a DJ playing music from the 50’s to today *including all your old Kalmyk favorites!*

There will be a performance by the incredible “Tegin Dolgan” Song and Dance Troupe at 8pm. Get your seats early!!!

The specifics:

Place: Ukrainian Club, Franklin Street, Philadelphia PA

Date: July 13, 2002

Time: 7pm - 2am

Price: \$ 20 at the door (16 and over)

Food, soda and beer **will be free** (while supplies last!)

No one under the age of 21 will be served alcohol.

CASH BAR

Food donations are greatly appreciated!!!

Free guarded parking lot will be available, so no worries!



Kalmyk Fun Fest 2002 (50 + 1)

Although the dinner was a wonderful celebration, it was the day at Black Bear Lake that was the highlight of the weekend. It was extraordinary to see Kalmyks from all over the world! The displays were great, the performances were incredible and facilities were a perfect venue to relax and enjoy our friends and families.

Therefore, we are doing it again! Same weekend, same place, same times.... be there!!!!

The specifics:

Place: Black Bear Lake Country Club (flyer to follow)

Date: August 31, 2002

Time: 12 - 8pm

Price: \$25 (ages 1 and up)

Food will be available, but as last year it was more fun to share picnic baskets with each other! There was some confusion about grilling last year (they were not allowing barbecues) but this has been cleared up and **YES** you will be allowed to bring grills/hibachis this year (designated areas will be set up close to the picnic areas).

We are here to stay...

As a committee we are going to continue to find new ways to support, improve and celebrate our culture. To that end, we are still working on some old initiatives that got pushed back a bit during the hustle and bustle of the festival last year.

Committee Members Include:

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Kalmyk Archives

We are looking for any and all documentation on the Kalmyks, we collected some information for the 50th but we are always on the look out for stuff to add to our archives. We know that everyone has a little bit of our history in documents and photographs. We are trying to establish an reference archive for all to use. Anything you would like us to copy or scan, please contact Lee Urubshurow.

Census

We are still trying to document all the Kalmyk-Americans and their families. Our goal is to make family trees for each person who came over on the original list as well as everyone who has come since (most of them overlap each other all over the place!) IF you would like to include your family (or if you would like a copy of the family trees we have already created contact Lara Urubshurow.

The Kalmyk Cook's Cookbook

One of our largest requests is to compile a Kalmyk cookbook. We are going to take it a bit further, we are looking for Kalmyk cooks favorite recipes (even if they are inspired by other ethnic dishes). **All the cooks will get credit for their contributions!** Contact Sagan Sanderson or Naya Ubushin.



Calling all Shutterbugs!

We are in the process of updating and expanding our website. If you have any pictures of our past events we would love to include them on our website or future publications (newsletter and such). Please contact Dave and Sagan Sanderson.

If you interested in joining our team,
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