



### Preface

First of all the great and good news: *the USA reunion 2002* is going to take place!

A courageous and encouraging decision of the organising Baldwin committee for, especially in America, there is still a great deal of hesitation to fly and the economic situation does not stimulate people so much to spend extra money. But still it is going to happen and I would like to say: Seize this opportunity, take part in this unique reunion and avail yourself of the opportunity to see 'God's own country'!

The registration term has been extended till: July 1, 2002.

If you really cannot join this reunion, it might be a good idea to join the annual *Camping Weekend* in IJzerlo. It is always a very relaxed, informal, friendly and pleasant event.

Wim Somsen [518] writes enthusiastically about this event on page 12.

Certainly something worthwhile!

The news about the scheduled *Cultural Somsen Day* is less positive. It will have to be cancelled because of lack of interest. Of course we regret this very much for especially Jos Somsen [1426] has invested much energy and creativity in this activity. For her efforts we owe Jos a great deal of gratitude and together with her we are waiting for another and better opportunity to realise such an attractive plan.

I wish you much pleasure and satisfaction reading this Somsen Horizon.

On behalf of the board,  
Theo Somsen

### A NEW FACE

by Theo Somsen [227]

From the very start **Derk Somsen [413]** has been a member of our board. Possibly Derk was the most practical one of all of us but certainly the youngest one (41). As 2<sup>nd</sup> treasurer he did not have to act very often but much more as administrator of our database. It was an enormous job to set it up and to keep it up-to-

date and this database enables us, among other things, to post every issue of *Somsen Horizon* to the correct address. Moreover, the right copy – English or Dutch – has to be posted to each address.

Derk also provided a survey of outstanding donation fees thus enabling us to send a reminder from time to time

(hopefully you do not find such a reminder with this issue of *Somsen Horizon!*).

For Derk's job you need the qualities of a monk, that is, you have to be able to concentrate very carefully on processing the many mutations in our database.

This certainly is one of Derk's qualities and this quality he is going to use for a totally different goal. Derk is going to study for his PhD at the university of Wageningen. This means that he will have to concentrate on his graduation research and his thesis. It stands to reason that he will not be able to work for our board any more, which we regret very much.

We are very thankful for Derk's contributions. We are reluctant to let him go but we do wish him a very successful rounding off of his graduation.

Dear Derk: see you later as D.J. Somsen PhD!



Derk Somsen,  
Zutphen



Berto Somsen and son  
Thijs [3690], Eibergen

**Berto Somsen [423]**, first cousin of Derk, was willing to take over the job of 2nd treasurer and administrator of our database. Berto is 39 and belongs to one of the Eibergen branches of our family.

If you want to know more about him consult page 261 of our family book where you will find him under his official Christian names *Albertus Wessel*.

We wish Berto a very hearty welcome and we do hope he will experience pleasure and satisfaction in our family (foundation) through his contribution to it! ■