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At our first annual reunion in Seattle this July, Anyo, Kathie, Kris, Miki and Kan were discussing various relatives and what they were doing. It became apparent that as time passes, first and second generation family members are getting older and some have already died and with that family history has gone as well. Those of us in the second and third generation will soon be the ones left to carry along the threads of our respective family histories. We realized that there were some individuals we had not heard from in a long time. Others we know about but would like to get to know better. Since distance seems to be one of the factors that impedes communication, we thought that a newsletter sent to everyone, perhaps, once a year would be one way of improving this situation. In it we could include very short notes about the current status of every member who chooses to contribute. (e.g. X just moved and here is her new address: . She is working now for YYY company..) or someone can contribute some news item about another family person -- as long as it is true and informative in a positive way! Of course if anyone were interested in contributing some short articles on family history or anecdotes on some of our founding family members that would make it even more interesting to all of us. Since Christmas is usually too hectic to take on this kind of project we thought that summer would be an easier time to publish, and that we would look to an end of summer issue.

For the kick-off publication we are sending a list of names and addresses (the most current available) to everyone so that everyone will start with the same information and be able to contact whomever he/she wishes until the next edition!

Maybe this will lead to a bigger family

But even if we settled on current family gossip we would be maintaining contact ^{with each other} and in this way building on relationships that are very special - especially third generation family members ~~at least a year to be overcome the barriers that have existed between other~~

reunion sometime before too much time
passes.

We hope you all will participate so we
all can become better acquainted with
our farflung cousins and relations.

We have calculated that there are about
33 individuals at separate addresses,
including some in Japan and so a
donation to support the postage and
mailing fund would be appreciated.

Here we go!