

Grossnickle Family News

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Grossnickle Descendants Meet for Their 74th Annual Reunion

On October 8, 2006, 103 descendants of Johannes & Peter Grossnickle, two immigrant brothers from Germany, met on a beautiful autumn day at the Grossnickle Parish Hall near Myersville, MD. This marked the 260th anniversary of the arrival of the family in America. Individuals traveled from Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and Maryland. Upon arriving at the Parish Hall, the family was welcomed with appetizers and a wonderful fall floral arrangement prepared by Carol Harne.

Family members were welcomed to the reunion by the President, Monroe Grossnickle, in the native language of Peter & Johannes Grossnickle. Family members then enjoyed the potluck buffet while a computer pictorial display of family photos was running. Family members could also trace their lineage on the large wall chart of the family genealogy dating back to the early 1700s.

After the meal, Pastor Tim Martin of the Grossnickle Church of the Brethren talked on the importance of family, drawing on the example of Ruth in the Bible. This was followed by significant family events during the past year.

Recognition was given to the most senior woman, which ended in a tie between Mildred Grossnickle and Lenore Humberson. The most senior man was Victor Torres. The youngest girl was Ella Kelly and the youngest boy was Andrew Mackle. The longest married award was given to Nevin and Ardenell Border (60 years), and they also traveled the greatest distance. The award for newlyweds was given to Ken and Dixie Twenty – married just 6 months.

Recognition was given to many first time attendees. There was a short business meeting, and a discussion of upcoming events including an auction, developing a family directory, gathering family recipes, and family trips to Philadelphia, Indiana, and Germany. A video tape was made of the reunion activities.

Planning is underway for the 2007 Grossnickle Reunion, scheduled for October 14, 2007. For information on the reunion, contact Monroe Grossnickle at 301-845-8947 or at cruellamc@aol.com.



Getting reacquainted!!!!

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