

Celebrating together set the tone for this Reunion day!

One hundred and fifteen years after Henry and Catherine Detwiler, along with their family members, met for the first time, their descendants met to continue the tradition.

Family members arrived on a sunny summer day, Aug. 20, 2011, to sign in at Camp Innabah, Pughtown, Pa.

"Branching Out and Remembering Our Roots" was the theme of the day, suggested by Zachary Zern.

Family members brought along with their own special "Reunion Recipe" foods to share and items for the display which contained the name "Detwiler," either in or on it.

Some items included the following: Photo Mug of Henry and Catherine Detwiler from 100th Reunion; Framed photo of The First Reunion owned by Christopher Feters; Bible of C. Naomi Detwiler, Hymnal of Jeanne Detwiler Gottshall, Bulletin of the Ordination of Rev. Arthur R. Detwiler; report cards, postcards, penmanship books, cake napkin from the 100th Anniversary, sheet music owned by Frances Detwiler Espenship, a wooden holder which held apple butter containers owned by Arthur L. Detwiler and a copy of The Daily Republican, dated

Aug. 18, 2003, with a photo & article showing the Detwiler Family Time Capsule which was to be sealed and to be opened in 25 years. A large poster with the idea created by Kevin Roussey noting "Remembering our Roots" 1897 - 2011, 115 Year Later, was placed on the display table.

A moment of silence was held prior to the giving of the Grace, followed by the singing of the Doxology, with accompaniment by Christopher Feters on the piano.

Table centerpieces of "mini" trees, with painted gold and green silk leaves were created and made by Megan Roussey.

All enjoyed the buffet meal, after which a group photo was taken with the backdrop of the heirloom quilt, which is kept in a different family's home for one year.

The quilt created by Martha Weed was signed by each attendee at the 100th reunion.

The signed and framed Family Crest is also housed in a different family member's home until the following reunion is held as well.

A "Coconut Tree" was created by Amy Roussey. Each of the kids colored a paper coconut and then placed it on coconut tree.

Make and take cr were available for ages. Swimming v available from 2 p.m t

p.m. as well as canoeing, ping-pong, and reunion games. Christine Roussey provided prizes for the children's games and activities.

Dick Lusch reviewed a large Detwiler Family Time Line, which had been created by Nick Zern and Dick Lusch and presented at a previous reunion.

Members were recognized, and Historian Dick Lusch gave a Historian report including births, deaths and marriages that have occurred since the last reunion.

Wendy Lusch Zern handled the door prizes for this reunion.

President Sandy Lusch reflected on the family's proud heritage, remembering Hans Detwiler who arrived in the 1700's and the 12 children of Henry and Catharine Detwiler, whose names are all included on the "Remembering Our Roots" poster of today.

She shared with family members an 1881 Autograph Book of her grandfather, Harry L. Detwiler, who was elected as the first President



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From left to right pictured are Cecile Feters (Secretary), Eric Feters (Treasurer), Sandy Detwiler Lusch (President) and Dick Lusch (Historian) during the 115th annual Detwiler Reunion at Camp Innabah.

August 20, 1910 and served until August 16, 1947.

Her autograph book displayed was dated Dec. 25, 1953. She was elected as President Aug. 16, 2003.

"Another year has passed and we continue to value our past heritage, and the traditions which continue to this day. Each family member values the importance of family and

together we plan for future generations." The next reunion will be held Saturday,

Aug. 18, 2012. A "Family Motto" will be adopted at the 2012 Reunion.

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Detwiler family celebrates 115 years