

## **The purpose of the Bentheimer's International Society**

**The purpose of the Bentheimer's International Society is to promote understanding and interaction between the people of Grafschaft Bentheim and its descendants in the United States and Canada.**

In pursuit of this purpose we have set forth the **following goals:**

### **Educational**

Collection and preservation of records and stories of immigrant families.

Quarterly Newsletter and meetings.

Publishing histories and genealogies.

Internet web site.

Facilitating family connections between cousins on both sides of the Atlantic.

### **Social**

Facilitate international trips and gatherings.

Aid and promote interaction between family members across the Atlantic.

Provide scholarships for exchange students.

Hosting visitors.

Tri-annual gathering

These goals carry benefits for members on both sides of the Atlantic.

Much time and effort has been invested by the officers and the board of directors to organize and launch this society but there is a great deal of work yet to be done. We welcome and encourage members from all parts of the world but as a young society it is important for us to solidify our internal organization so that we can become viable and vibrant for many years to come. This will require focused, centralized leadership which can communicate effectively and meet personally on a regular basis, making decisions regarding the direction of the organization for the greater good of all of it's members.

It is the intent of the society that all members, regardless of location are of equal standing. All funds including membership dues and private donations are collected to be used for the good of the society as a whole and should be easily accessed by the leadership for this purpose. All dues and donations made to the Bentheimer's International Society are the property of the society.

**An International Representative** will be appointed by the officers for the purpose of facilitating the exchange of information between the society's officers and members in the representatives' location. The representative will also act in an advisory capacity to the officers and would be responsible for the distribution of the newsletter. Expenses connected with the business of the society, including newsletter distribution will be submitted by the representative for reimbursement.

Holland, MI

in the year 2004