

Historian's Report – 2023-2024

August 1, 2023, thru August 1, 2024

46th Annual Simon Family Reunion

2 Babies

- ♥ **Abbie Elizabeth Wheeler**, baby girl, daughter of Jamie (Simon) & Joe Wheeler, granddaughter of Jack & Kathy Simon, great granddaughter of John & Grace Simon, was born in Pittsburgh on August 8, 2022.
- ♥ **Everest James Ristau**, baby boy, son of Danielle and Josh Ristau, grandson of Matt Vybiral and Gail Vybiral, great grandson of Frank & Louise Vybiral, was born on October 9, 2023, in New Castle, PA. Everest joins big sister, Serenity (almost 2 years old).

8 Weddings

- ♥ **[Belated congratulations] to Jamie Simon**, daughter of Jack & Kathy Simon, granddaughter of John & Grace Simon **and Joe Wheeler**, who were married by the Justice of the Peace on May 15, 2021, in Clinton, PA.
- ♥ **[Belated congratulations] to Andrew (Drew) Reiser**, son of Diane LaKari, grandson of Frank & Phyllis Vybiral, great-grandson of Frank & Louise Vybiral, and **Auburn Heather Melton** who were married at The Church in Aurora, on July 2, 2022, in Aurora, Ohio.
- ♥ **Sgt. Matthew Vybiral, Jr.**, (of Pittsburgh, PA) & **Kathryn Blauser** (of Tionesta, PA), son of Matt Vybiral, Sr. and Gail Vybiral, grandson of Frank & Louise Vybiral, were married at Venus United Evangelical Church on September 2, 2023, in Venus, PA.
- ♥ **Taylor Vybiral & Trevor Skellie** (both of Erie, PA), daughter of Adam Vybiral, granddaughter of Frank & Phyllis Vybiral, great granddaughter of Frank & Louise Vybiral, were married on September 23, 2023, in Erie, PA.
- ♥ **John William Simon (Johnnie)**, son of Jack & Kathy Simon, grandson of John & Grace Simon, **and Chelsie Suprano**, were married by a Justice of the Peace at The Farmhouse on September 30, 2023, in Sarver, PA.
- ♥ **Christopher Holmes & Madison Lee "Madi" McIntyre**, son of Linda Holmes, grandson of Rusty & Dorothy Ehrenfeld, (great grandson of Russ & Gen Ehrenfeld), were married on September 30, 2023, in Prospect, PA.
- ♥ **Daniel Vybiral and Scott Hughes**, who celebrated their 25th anniversary in October 2022, were officially wed in a ceremony by the Honorable District Justice J. Wright (North Side), on October 20, 2023, in Pittsburgh, PA.
- ♥ **Jacqueline Ostrowski**, daughter of Anita & Dennis Ostrowski, granddaughter of Frank & Louise Vybiral, **and Aldo Marini**, son of Vasil & Vjollca Marini, were married by Officiant Brittany Reyes of New York, at the Pittsburgh Zoo & Aquarium, on April 6, 2024, in Pittsburgh, PA.

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3 H.S. Graduations

- ♥ **Hannah Klemm**, daughter of Michelle Klemm and Eric, granddaughter of Patty & John Lemro, great granddaughter of Frank & Louise Vybiral, graduated with honors from Knoch High School on May 30, 2024, in Saxonburg, PA. Hannah was a 4-year letter recipient for soccer, played lacrosse for 2 years and lettered both years. She plans to enlist in the U.S. Air Force.
- ♥ **Alex Robinson**, son of Amy Robinson and Skip, grandson of Patty & John Lemro, great grandson of Frank & Louise Vybiral, graduated from Shaler Area High School in Pittsburgh, PA on May 31, 2024. Alex was a member of the men's soccer team, played trombone in the school band & entered the Western PA Youth Rodeo Assoc. where he competed in chute dogging & bull riding. Alex's future plan is to enlist the U.S. Air Force going active duty.
- ♥ **Emma Adams**, daughter of Cathy and Rich Adams, granddaughter of Frank & Phyllis Vybiral, graduated from Cathedral Prep H.S. in June 2024. Emma plans to attend Slippery Rock in the fall.

1 Promotion

- ♥ **Michael Cilli** was promoted to Major in the U. S. Air Force on July 12, 2024.

2 Retirements

- ♥ **Daniel Vybiral** retired from AmRent, a provider of tenant screening, including employment & income verification to property management. Dan worked as a Senior Consultant Assistance Representative since 2015. He retired on June 25, 2024.
- ♥ **Michael Vybiral** retired from the Presque Isle Casino, in Erie, PA in April 2023.

Special Mentions

- **Kenneth J. Vybiral, Sr.** and Barbara Anne (Hammel) McMillen were engaged on Christmas Day, December 25, 2023.
- **Ken Vybiral, Sr.**, was sworn in to the PA Southwestern Veterans' Center Advisory Council, April 19, 2024.
- **Brooke Weiss**, daughter of Paul & Somer Weiss (Milroy, PA), granddaughter of Judy Torbin, great-granddaughter of Frank & Louise Vybiral, received top grades at West Virginia University earning 4.0 all 4 years. Brook interned at the Allegheny County Medical Examiner's Office in Pittsburgh, PA, from May 9, 2024-August 1, 2024.
- **Logan Klemm**, son of Michelle Klemm and Eric, grandson of Patty & John Lemro, completed basic training and graduated as an honor graduate from artillery school in the U.S. Army, Fort Sill, OK on May 30, 2024. Logan will continue his military career in the PA Army National Guard.
- **Dan Vybiral** was inducted into The German Club, in the Deutschtown neighborhood of Pittsburgh, PA in May 2024.
- **Ken Vybiral, Sr.**, was selected as "Post Commander of the Year 2024," for his outstanding achievements in promoting American Legion Post 80 programs.

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Birthday Milestones

- ♥ Dorothy Bielski celebrated 93rd October 15, 2023
- ♥ Ruth Simon celebrated 92nd December 23, 2023
- ♥ Mike Vybiral celebrated 55th January 3, 2024
- ♥ Matt Miller celebrated 35th January 3, 2024
- ♥ Jennifer (Bielski) Walter 40th January 12, 2024
- ♥ Diane LaKari celebrated 50th January 14, 2024
- ♥ Lynette Vybiral celebrated 50th January 28, 2024
- ♥ Johnnie Simon celebrated 40th January 29, 2024
- ♥ Denny Ostrowski celebrated 75th January 31, 2024
- ♥ Drew Reiser celebrated 30th February 10, 2024
- ♥ Matthew Walter celebrated 35th April 2, 2024
- ♥ Joe Ostrowski celebrated 30th April 3, 2024
- ♥ Patrick Weiss celebrated 50th May 5, 2024
- ♥ John (Jackie) Simon celebrated 75th July 21, 2024
- ♥ Joseph Maltese celebrated 30th August 10, 2024

Anniversary Milestones

- ♥ Russell (Rusty) & Dorothy Ehrenfeld 60th anniversary, Feb. 8, 2024
- ♥ Ron & Mary Lou Ehrenfeld 60th anniversary, May 10, 2024
- ♥ Rick & Paula Simone 50th anniversary, July 28, 2024

Officers – Election 2023:

President – Cherie Lou Hoolihan.
Vice President – Michelle Klemm
Treasurer – Michael Vybiral

Secretary – Adam Vybiral
Historian – Anita Ostrowski

Change of Address: Please be sure to notify the Secretary of any new address changes.

Respectfully submitted,

Anita L. Ostrowski

Anita L. Ostrowski, Historian

46th Simon Family Reunion, Erie, PA – Sat., August 10, 2024

Website: <http://www.simonfamilyreunion.org> Email: anita03@outlook.com

Prize Winners

Prize table: 20 tickets \$5

Reunion 2019

Lottery tree: Denny Ostrowski

Sellers: Ken & Mary Lou (\$5 each ticket)

Chinese Auction

Sellers: Cherie & Erin (20 tickets \$5)

Prize table

Sellers: Cathy & Jack (20 tickets \$5)

Three \$100 Cash prizes

(COVID-19) Reunion 2020

Three \$100 Cash prizes:

Judy Torbin (not present)

Jeff Vybiral

Heaven Vybiral

Reunion 2021

Three Lottery trees:

Adam Vybiral

Scott Hughes

Amy Robinson

Three \$100 Cash prizes:

Jackie Ostrowski

Mary Lou Scheer

Judy Torbin

Reunion 2022

Three \$100 Cash prizes:

Patty Lemro

Tom Vybiral

Taylor Vybiral

Reunion 2023

Prize table & Chinese Auction

Sellers: Cathy Adams & Cherie &

Mackenzie Hoolahan

Three \$100 Cash prizes

Mary Lou Scheer

Amy Robinson

Heaven Vybiral

Reunion 2024

Prize table & Chinese Auction

Sellers: Cathy Adams & Cherie

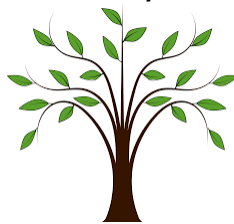
Three \$100 Cash prizes

Dan Vybiral

Diane LaKari

Greg Simone

Visit our Simon Family Reunion website



Go to the **Guestbook Tab** on the website to submit stories & remembrances or send photos (old or new) for consideration to Kayla Vybiral or Anita Ostrowski. Go to the **Contacts Tab**. Website: <http://www.simonfamilyreunion.org>.

For all other family happenings, including birthdays, graduations, family holidays, etc.
Kayla Vybiral and Taylor Vybiral volunteered to start and update a Facebook Page.

Additions ***to 2023-2024 Historian's Report***

The following additions were brought to attention of the historian, the during the reading of the Historian's Report, on Sat., August 10, 2024 (Erie, PA):

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For next year's Historian Report

2024-2025

Promotions

- ♥ **Joseph Ostrowski** was promoted to Sergeant in the Pittsburgh Bureau of Police on _____, 2024. Joe was reassigned (from Zone 1) to _____.

Engagements: *generally, not for announcement – but will make an exception for the Senior crowd!*

- ♥ *Ken & Barbara (see Special Mentions)*

Weddings:

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Retirement

- ♥ **Anita Ostrowski**, retired from Allegheny County Department of Human Services in downtown Pittsburgh in April 2025. Anita worked for the County government as an Administrative Assistant for 14-1/2 years; the first six years with the Children's Team in the Office of Behavioral Health, the next six years with the Deputy Director of OBH and the last 2-1/2 years working for the Director of DHS.

Birthday Milestones

- ♥ Brienna Robinson celebrated 25th August 25, 2024
- ♥ Linda Holmes celebrated 60th Sept. 6, 2024
- ♥ Janet (Bielski) Walter celebrated 65th Sept. 28, 2024
- ♥ Dorothy Bielski celebrated 94th October 15, 2024
- ♥ Patty Lemro celebrated 70th October 4, 2024
- ♥ Anita Ostrowski celebrated 65th November 3, 2024
- ♥ Paul Ehrenfeld celebrated 70th Nov. 29, 2024
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Distant future reminders...2028-2029

Retirement

- ♥ **Diane LaKari**, to retire from UPS in 5 years (2029). She has 30 years in now (as of 2024) and will be 55 years of age.
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