

“ Member Profile”

This week's feature : Tom and Sandra Herren



Tom was born at St. Lukes Hospital, Cleveland, Ohio. He grew up in Bay Village and Lakewood with a brother, George, who is currently the owner of Academy Appraisal Associates in Canandaigua, N.Y. Tom's education began at Forest View Elementary, Bay Village, then Emerson Jr. High and H.S. in Lakewood. Ohio University in Athens, Ohio was where he majored in Industrial Design, College of Fine Arts , BFA. He was also an ROTC-Commissioned U.S. Army Officer. We want to offer our sincere Thanks to Tom for his service and dedication!

Sandra was born at St. John's Hospital, Cleveland , Ohio. She grew up in Staten Island, N.Y. and Lakewood, Ohio. Her education included Staten Island (3 grades), Cleveland (1 grade) and Lakewood (8 grades). She took Ballet and tap lessons after H.S. Sandra majored in Art then clerked for an Insurance company for 2 years. Then she became a stay- at- home mom where she raised her six children from her first marriage. Sandra and Tom met at Lakewood High School and recall the same exact beginning. He said “Hi I'm Tom, want to go steady”? and she said “Hi, I'm Sandy...Sure”!

Tom worked as a Seven-State Regional Director, California Wine Advisory Board, Mid-Eastern Regional Director, Almaden Vineyards. They experienced a 53% increase in sales each year for 3 years under his leadership! He also excelled as a Residential Real Estate Broker/Sales in California and Ohio. His track record includes being in the top 7% of agents in Ohio for sales from 2003-2006.

Their blended family includes 6 children from Sandra's first marriage. Oldest child Jim (63), Manages the Gift Store at Cleveland Metro Hospital. His partner Joe is a Retired Police Officer. Son Alan (61), Is IT Manager at Cbiz Co., while his wife Sheila owns a Pet-grooming business. Grandchild Malerie teaches school in Cincinnati, and grandson Wyatt is a Tattoo Artist in Denver, CO. Son Robert (59) Is a Supervisor for Burgess & Niple Co. , Akron, OH, and his wife Kelly is Sales Manager at Optics Lab in Akron. Three grandchildren include Coner, an Insurance Agent for Nationwide , Columbus while twin grandchildren Clare works at the Veterans Administration in Kansas City and Molly is a TSA Administrator for the U.S. government in Kansas City.

Sandra's son William (58), is a retired Aero-Space Engineer and land-owner farmer while his wife Allyson is a Gardner and Landscaper. Two grandchildren include Melissa who works as an Agricultural Specialist for the State of CO and Matthew works in the Auto Industry in Denver. Daughter Amy (52), has numerous Community- Assist jobs and "Family-Nanny" for a neighbor while husband Andy is an Auto-sales Dealership owner in Akron. 4 grandchildren include Grace as a Management Trainee at Heinen's Market in Westlake and Lilliana working as a Family Counselor for Catholic Charities in Cleveland. Grandchild Harmon is a junior attending Westlake H.S. while Josie is attending 3rd grade at Westlake Elementary. Youngest son David (49), is an IT specialist and an exclusive assistant of his scientist-wife Carolyn. They work together in her Hospital-located Private Lab there in Basel, Switzerland. The 4 grandchildren include twins Nels and Leni, both high school students. Poula, is a Jr. H.S. student while Lewis is also attending Jr. High.

Tom has twin children from a first marriage including son Kris working as a Zone mgr. For Grumman Aviation, MD while wife Karen is a retired Attorney working in community outreach. Two grandchildren include son Noah , a junior attending Boston College while son Joshua is a junior at Ellicott City, MD High School. Kris's twin sister Kara is an Attorney/Partner with CLRGO Law Firm, in Santa Rosa CA and her husband Chris is a Buyer with Industrial Supplies Co. in Napa, CA. 2 grandchildren are son Jake, a sophomore at San Diego State University and daughter Madison a senior at Santa Rosa H.S.

Sandra and Tom felt at home at POP when they joined! They consider some of their Mentors and Friends over the years to be : Bob & Betsy Englebert, Doug and Sharon Olsen, Whitey Westfall, Bob Skufca and John and Judy Cuciak. They currently are church service participants via the weekly Livestream. Sandra's hobbies are music, art, sewing & knitting, and home remodeling. Tom enjoys fixing, repairing, remodeling and renovating as needed for their home. He is a Model Car collector (18 ga) (43 current).

The bucket list they share includes trips to N.Y. (brother), Calif. (daughter), CO. (son), MD. (son) Switz.(son), and N.C. (extended family). Tom would like to someday own a Replica Shelby Cobra! He will have to consult with Phil Sprague on that one as he is a true hot rod expert! Both had been involved with the Welcome/Visitor Bag ministry that attracted many new members. Sandra and Tom know the blessings they have received from God. I'm glad we have been able to learn more about them!

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