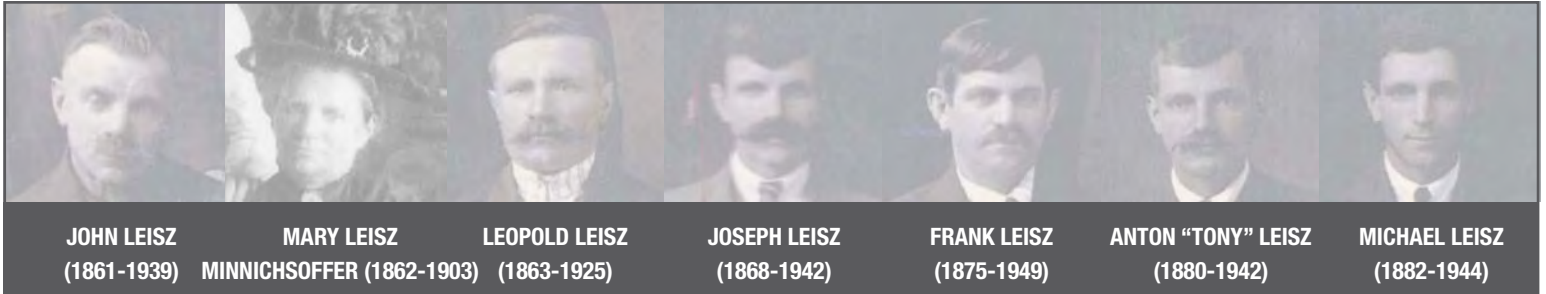


CELEBRATE THE LIFE OF OUR ONE COMMON ANCESTOR AT THIS GRAND EVENT—100 YEARS IN THE MAKING!

Leisz FAMILY REUNION



MARKING THE 100-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEATH OF ANNAMARIA "MARY" SCHMIDT LEISZ, MOTHER TO MORE THAN 1,000 DESCENDANTS

September 27-30, 2018
Turtle Lake, Wisconsin

THIS IS YOUR OFFICIAL **REGISTRATION** PACKET AND INCLUDES:

**EVENT
SCHEDULE**

FUN FOR THE
WHOLE FAMILY!

**COSTS
AND REGISTRATION**
DATES AND METHODS

TRAVEL

ARRANGEMENTS

BY CAR, PLANE OR
TRAIN

HOTEL

AND LODGING

FOR YOUR BUDGET
AND COMFORT



SAVE MONEY! EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION ENDS JUNE 30th! ACT NOW!



A VERY special anniversary

The year 2018 marks the 100th anniversary of the death of Annamaria Schmidt Leisz, who immigrated from Europe to the United States in 1893 with her sons and daughters. Today her descendants number more than 1,000. If you're receiving this special mailing, you are one of them.

Born just north of Vienna, Austria on June 14, 1840, Annamaria was a courageous, stalwart woman who bore 12 children with husband Leopold Leisz (b. 1835), lost four of them in infancy or early childhood, then was widowed in 1893. She left her village of Nemetpereg, Romania (today known as Peregu Mare), immigrated to America with her children, and started a new life in northern Wisconsin. An early settler of Turtle Lake in Barron County, Annamaria lived there nearly 25 years before she died on July 31, 1918 at age 78. She is buried in the cemetery at St. Ann's Roman Catholic Church in Turtle Lake.

**your ancestral
surname:**

Leisz



**HOTEL
AND LODGING
FOR YOUR BUDGET
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The last time descendants of Annamaria Leisz reunited was in **August 2002** in Turtle Lake, Wisconsin.

Now, 16 years later in 2018, it's time we gathered again to commemorate the 100th anniversary of her passing.

A block of rooms has been reserved at the St. Croix Casino Hotel in Turtle Lake, Wisconsin:

St. Croix Casino Hotel
631 US Highway 8/63, Turtle Lake, WI 54889
800-782-9987

Ask for LEISZ GROUP, Group ID # 4703817

Questions? Ask for Angie or Joe in Group Sales Dept.

Suites sleep up to 5, with a king bed, queen pull-out couch, microwave and fridge, table with 4 chairs, extra half bath. Other rooms are standard queen or double beds, and also have a small microwave and fridge, and table. Rates (without tax) based on double occupancy, are:

THU & SUN: \$78 standard room, \$134 suite ■ FRI & SAT: \$98 standard room, \$167 suite

Once the block of rooms is full, you are on your own. Cutoff date for making your reservation is September 6, 2018—assuming there are still rooms available to book. All reservations must be held with a major credit card, and each individual family is responsible for their reservation.

OTHER LODGING OPTIONS: travelwisconsin.com/northwest/barron-county/turtle-lake

**TRAVEL
ARRANGEMENTS
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TRAIN**

Turtle Lake is in the northwest region of Wisconsin, in Barron County, and near Eau Clair and Minneapolis/St. Paul, MN. If you wish, you can fly into Minneapolis/St. Paul International Airport, and rent a car for the 80-mile drive to Turtle Lake.

New gravemarker for our "Great" Grandma

Please consider a gift to replace the 100-year-old worn headstone at Annamaria Schmidt Leisz's grave. It's time that her final resting place be marked with a more permanent gravestone. See the enclosed Registration Form to donate. Even if you can't attend the Reunion, your donation is a gift for the ages! **Please make check to: Leisz Family Reunion, put "For Gravestone" in the memo, and mail to 514 North 6th St., Sheboygan, WI 53018. Please note if your gift is In Memory of a deceased Leisz loved one.**



reunion highlights



LEINENKUGEL'S BREWERY TOUR

Leisz German roots run deep in Wisconsin—and so does German beer making! Our ancestors kicked back with a cold brewski after toiling on the farm. Get a taste of their experience on this special Leisz Bus Trip to the Leinenkugel's® Brewing Company in Chippewa Falls, WI. A tour of the historic brewery in Chippewa Falls introduces nearly 150 years of German-inspired beer brewing, and the Leinie Lodge® is filled with historical photos, vintage brewing equipment and Leinie's collectibles to purchase.

WHEN: Fri., Sep. 28; tour bus departs from Turtle Lake Casino Hotel at 11:30 am, and returns approx. 5:30 pm.

RESERVE YOUR SPACE TODAY! This special event has a limit of 27 attendees.



Thu., Sep. 27th: PRE-REUNION GOLF OUTING

Why not arrive a day early and join in the Leisz Family Golf Outing! We've reserved 32 tee times at the Cumberland Golf Club, offering some of the finest golf and Northwoods autumn scenery in Northern Wisconsin. The course, just 16 miles from Turtle Lake, offers a challenging yet playable round of golf for all ages, and many Leisz descendants living in the area belong to this club.

WHEN: Thursday, September 27th, 10 am tee time

WHERE: Cumberland Golf Club, 2400 5th Street, Cumberland, WI

Already a club member? Let us know so we can hold a tee time for you, email leiszreunion@gmail.com

LEISZ FAMILY STORYTELLING AND ORAL HISTORY

Fri. and Sat., Sep. 28-29



Don't miss *international* renowned storyteller and oral historian Tracy Chipman, who will lead a very special workshop on Leisz family history on Friday afternoon, Sep. 28th. Tracy will draw out stories and precious memories from our family members, including those most senior among us. Tracy lives in Menomonie, WI, the land of her birth,

where, like our Leisz ancestors, "*milkweed, red granite, Great Lake waters and all four full seasons*" have shaped her. Tracy will also be a featured guest Sat. evening, Sep. 29th at our Leisz Family Dinner event, where she'll share what life was like for our ancestors living in the sometimes brutal, often beautiful Northern Wisconsin in the early half of the 20th Century. Tracy will appear twice during our reunion weekend:

FRI: Sep. 28th Leisz Oral History Workshop with Tracy Chipman, 1:30-4 pm, location to be announced

SAT: Sep. 29th Leisz Supper Club Party at Das Lach Haus in Cumberland. Tracy will provide after-dinner entertainment starting at approx. 7 pm.

MORE ABOUT TRACY CHIPMAN: www.listentoatale.com

TURTLE LAKE MUSEUM SPECIAL TOURS

Do Not Miss! Museum guided tours and talks at the new Turtle Lake Museum! Facility director and retired school teacher Dave Skrupky and volunteers are prepping a very special program to tell us all about Turtle Lake "fixtures" at the time our ancestors farmed the area—such as Blix's Store, the Train Depot crash, the Pea Canning Factory, the Dairy Cooperative and much, much more. Learn about life BEFORE electricity, snow plows, telephones, hospitals and modern conveniences we take for granted. Our Leisz ancestors lived hard lives—we owe them a debt of gratitude.

WHEN: Tours from 10 am to 3 pm on Sat., Sep. 29th.



Support Turtle Lake history! Join in the Leisz Family TURTLE LAKE TROT 2-mile walk/run on Sat., Sep. 29 from 8-10 am. Proceeds will benefit Turtle Lake museum and historical efforts.

FRI FISH/BRAT FRY & BOWLING TOURNEY

A "real" Wisconsin fish fry at Spare Time Bowl, Bar & Grill in Turtle Lake (brat/burger bar also available)—plus a Leisz Bowling Tournament pitting one family branch against another for big win!

SAT SUPPER PARTY & ENTERTAINMENT

THE capstone reunion event! Group photos by family branch, genealogy displays, dinner, memorial video, awards and recognitions, storyteller Tracy Chipman, music and dancing.

SUNDAY MEMORIAL SERVICE & BRUNCH

To honor our many Leisz ancestors, laid to rest at St. Ann's Cemetery. Unveiling of new headstone at our Great Grandmother's grave, followed by farewell brunch at St. Ann's Hall.

To:

100 YEARS IN THE MAKING... your CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION NOT TO MISS! SEPTEMBER 27-30, 2018



2018 Homeward Bound Leisz Family Reunion
Leisz Reunion Planning Committee
514 North 6th Street
Sheboygan, WI 53081

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DID YOU KNOW?

This lady was born in 1840 in Europe. She had 12 children with her husband before he died tragically in a tavern fire in 1873.

After being widowed, she and her 8 living children immigrated to America, stopping for a time in Chicago, and then relocating to rural Turtle Lake, Wisconsin.

An early settler of Turtle Lake, she toiled to help her 6 sons, 1 daughter, and their families to make a living through farming.

When she died on July 31, 1918 in Turtle Lake, this woman had 43 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren. **YOU ARE HER DESCENDANT.**

