



APRIL 2014

DEXTER REUNION JULY 10-13, 2014

DEVIL'S LAKE STATE CAMPGROUND IN LINCOLN CITY, OREGON

KEN AND LYNDA AND LYNN ARE HOSTS. There is a game planned, a raffle (or 2), a craft project (or 2). We are going to have a MAHVELOUS time.

WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT HAVING AN AUCTION THIS YEAR, SINCE WE HAVE MORE MONEY THAN WE NEED?

LaVerne Klancee Dexter-Call- Maybe we should do a children's auction? Maybe a treasure hunt? or a costume dinner....

Jeanetta Bernard- Could do it anyway but save the money for a later family reunion. Maybe?

Jackie Martin OR JUST HAVE AN AUCTION FOR THE YOUNG. THEY WOULD LOVE IT. NOT HIGH PRICES JUST FUN FOR THE KIDS.

Kenny Dexter- Lynda and I think that we could just raffle off the older people's things (Dollar or so a ticket) then have an auction for the kids. **Lynda plans on quilts (one for a male and one for a female). We also have a button guess raffle game.**

Marolyn Slayter- my vote is to do the auction we as s family may need to help a family member who is in great need and we would have it but it would have to be by family vote either in person or by email. **Oh by the we have an Afghan ready to raffle.**

Carolyn- why not have an auction and keep the prices low. Any proceeds could be used a way the family decided. The auction is fun.

Merle & Jeri Fowler- Hey, about the auction here's just a few thoughts: We who have so much shall help others. I suggest we have our elders (maybe the five or three or so of the oldest at the reunion, so this could be decided on during the reunion) choose a non-profit group or groups to donate to. For me I also feel that this should not be left for one or two people to decide on. I also would like to see at the beginning of the auction a kids only auction and the kids need to know how that works.

Derryll says: These are some great ideas, we will have further discussion, aren't committees useful? 2 votes for a kids only auction. Let's have some emails to organize that—Merle/Jeri I'll set up a chat on FB or private email group.



DEXTER FAMILY

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*Econo lodge 541-994-5281 *Motel 6 – 541-996-9900

*The Esther Lea 3803 S U.S. 101, Lincoln City, OR 97367; (541) 996-3606 www.esterlee.com

CAMPGROUND: <http://www.reserveamerica.com/>

Online in color at WWW.Dexter.US.Com

Dexter -9 Years and Zada -4 Years

Andy's Clan



Last summer, we went to Santa Barbara for a family vacation and Mom and Dad joined us. While there, they celebrated their 51st wedding anniversary and Greg and I celebrated our 15th. Dexter is 8 and finishing up the 2nd grade; Zada is 4 and excited about pre-school. Hugs and Love, **Kim & Greg**

THE ANDY CLAN

Sheri and I have had a good time since the last newsletter. The good news is we enjoyed several great trips. Three or four times a year we spend some time in Lyons. Last Christmas we had our whole clan at Debi and Mike's home in Stayton, Oregon. Santa was good to us and we enjoyed getting better acquainted with our new extended family. One of our new granddaughters, Mike's daughter Sarah, got married last summer and the two of them now live in Sacramento. The other daughter, Jenna is bringing a Great Granddaughter, Carolyn Ann Aker into our family very soon.

The August trip was to the Southern part of Africa visiting, Botswana, Zambia and Zimbabwe where we were on a photo safari staying in permanent tents and watching the animals up close and personal. Andy fulfilled one of his lifetime dreams, visiting Queen Victoria Falls. We also took a post trip to Cape Town, South Africa where we got to go to the Cape of Good Hope and also the most Southern point of Africa where the Atlantic and Indian oceans meet. It was a great trip, even the seventeen hour flight from Washington, D.C. to Johannesburg, South Africa and another back.

In October we attended our Navy Reunion in Oklahoma City getting to see old shipmates and visiting the Federal Building Museum, the Native American memorial to the ending of the *Trail of Tears*, and the Cowboy Museum that is absolutely astonishing and about a whole lot more than cowboys. Wow, another great trip.

Now for the bad news! Sheri has been diagnosed with an immune system disease and is on some very strong medicines including chemo. Her body has trouble fighting off any germs that come along. She has visited the E.R. a couple of times and takes a long time recovering from even the slightest colds/infections. So we stay away from anyone that might even have a chance of being contagious. Andy, oh, he just keeps getting older and older and older.



The way you spell "sisters" is

t-r-o-u-b-l-e.

Nikki Coco Feagin, Jessica Hutchison, Debi Dee Garland, Emily Hutchison

Hello from the Wanda branch,

Has it already been two years since our last get together? How time flies. Hope you all have been well since we saw you last. Some how we don't get much family news except what Marolyn transfers to us from face book. I have become a face book fan!

Wanda is okay at this writing. She has been diminishing slowly but is still in there some where. Her physical health is generally good but her mental capacity is not so good. Her memory is getting worse all the time. Some times she calls me 'Mom' now as I do most of the cooking and stuff for her. She still makes her own bed and dresses herself. She has not forgotten how to do those things but most things are beyond her. She sleeps a lot now. Some times as much as twelve to fifteen hours in twenty four. That makes her care easier. We are still going to try and bring her to the reunion in July.

Marolyn is still working in north Portland at Sonitol Pacific. It is quite a commute each day. I pray her home most days. Especially Fridays! She is off to the beach this week for a break from home and work. She had cataract surgery this time last year and it seems strange to see her with out spectacles. I will be getting cataract surgery some time in the near future.

William also had cataract surgery last year. He is delighted with his sight now. He still needs glasses to read. In the late fall of 2012 Wm and I traveled to Florida to visit our delightful cousin, Pete, and to see the sites. If you haven't been you should try and get an invite. We had an amazing time and got to go to Key West and visit the Everglades.. Yes, we saw the sun most days! And not just between showers! We also got better acquainted with Jauna and her family who live close by. Pete's grand kids are really special.

Wannetta and family are still living and working in Nevada. We went to visit last September and to watch Bill drive around a race track in a couple of fancy cars. Have him tell you about it! We had a fun time. Bill is building Wm and I a different computer. Ours is kind of on the blink presently. We can't get our email so I come upstairs and use Marolyn's computer for that!

Hope we see all of you in June. Respectfully submitted, Carolyn

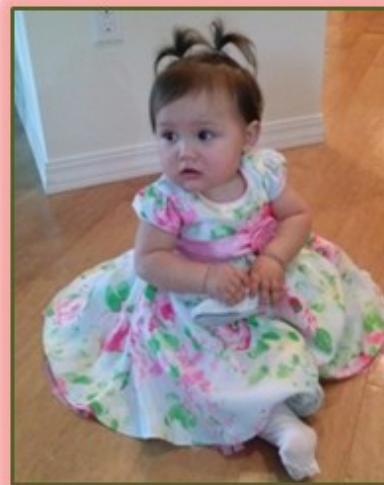
LOUGENA'S CLAN



MARTHA ANN DEXTER BOSH

Martha Ann Dexter Bosh graduated from Woodburn High School in 1946, then worked for the phone company. On a trip to King Hill to visit Orin and Helen in 1948, Marty re-met Clayton Bosh at a party where they played musical chairs. Clayton refused to let anyone have the seat in front of him except Marty and the rest is history. They married April 8, 1949. This year would have been their 65th

wedding anniversary. I say "re-met" because the Dexter family lived in King Hill when Martha was around junior high age. Clayton was friends with Jim Dexter (their birthdays were the same date) and they would taunt Martha, teasing her until she yelled at Clayton and called him a "buck toothed ape." Dad said he and Uncle Jim thought that was funny and an indication they had won the bout. Clayton died in June 1998, of complications associated with lung cancer, and Martha died of Alzheimer's Disease in July 2005. I miss them both every day.



Racquel Wikstrom, granddaughter of LouGena Bosh Wikstrom, celebrated her first birthday March 4. Her brother, Clayton, turned three two months earlier. They live with their parents, Sean and Tanya, in Fountain Hills, Arizona.

Merle & Jeri Fowler

WOW Its time for another newsletter well heres from Merle & Jeri Fowler Not many changes for us this last year or so Aubree and Kennedy are still being home schooled and doing very well. Jeris work now has split shifts so it makes for some very creative schudling some times. Jeri and Mike are both great teachers so these kids learn a lot. We were babtized last year the kids were kind of scared but they went thru it well. Merle injured his back at work in August and should return to work in April. Not much else to sayhere, Seeya at the reunion.

ORIN'S CLAN

Billie & Chuck Taylor

Billie's Mom died in October. We had a memorial service on March 22.

Chuck had an ultra sound on his carotid artery which discovered a 55% blockage. They will do another ultra sound in 6 months. At this point in time Dr is not considering surgery.

Tracey had and ACL transplant in Feb. He is recovering nicely. He is still in a brace and doing physical therapy, which will continue for awhile.

Darcie and Don are getting married Oct 4th this year. They have been dating for 6 years. Cody and Apryl will be getting married in 2015.



Cody & Tracey Taylor

The reunion – We are staying at the campground as follows:

- Billie & Chuck, yurt C30, in Thursday out Sunday
- TC & Family, yurt C29, in Thursday out Sunday
- Cody & Family, tent C32, in Thursday out Sunday
- Christie & David Haun, tent C31, in Thursday out Sunday
- Darcy (sister) & Mark Burns, RV B20 in Wednesday out Sunday
- Darcie will not know until the last minute weather she can get time off. If she does, she will stay with us or pitch a tent on her Aunt Darcy's site.

LaVerne Dexter Call,

Wow, winter is almost over, well officially is it, but! I spent the winter again in Arizona and don't know how many more years I will be able to do this. We had some cold weather there but surely nothing like my cousins and friends in the north.

While I was in AZ I went over to San Tan Valley and visited with cousin Lynn for a night, we really had a great visit. I am hoping we get to do more of it. She has a beautiful home and I met her husband Guy and he is a really friendly nice guy what a time I had, thanks you Guy and Lynn. Darn why didn't I remember to get a picture??

Orina, Jackie, and I had a few months together in AZ and Jackie's son Terry and his whole family was here at Christmas we had a beautiful visit and a great Christmas dinner, thanks to all the help. Jackie went home to Oregon with them.

Eric came down and spent two months and what a nice visit and warmer weather he had from his northern Utah weather. He left early March and I left a week later. I stayed a Bailey's Hot Springs on the way home just north of Beatty, NV.

It is nice to be back in a house and out of my motor home, My son James is doing well still working at the same place, Maria is at the same place, Melissa is playing football with the Nevada Storm a woman's team here.

George and Angie who had my great grandson last year are now expecting another in 7 months and they are pretty sure it is a girl, one of each that gets it out of the way right away. Nothing spectacular has happened so this is it till I see you at the family reunion. Love to you all.....

The Gramma Lamp

18" tall ceramic "thing-ga-ma-bob"



LaVerne is the first "victim" to have the honor of displaying this goblet in her home for 2 years, and then she must pass it on. Kenny wrote up 3 pages of rules for it, but Lynda took charge and cut them down. they are:

1. It must be prominently displayed in your home.
2. You must help update the diary with information about you and your family.
3. It must be brought and passed on at the next reunion.
4. the lamp possessor will be fined \$5 if found in violation of the above rules, and the fine will go to the family fund.



. Who is the handsome fellow?



Pete got the Gramma Lamp. She said she will give it to the next host. That, my friends, is Ken and Lynda! Do you guys have it? Or is Pete bringing it from Florida?

Someone is going to start a database of important dates. At the next reunion I will have a sign up sheet. Andy has this thing mapped out in his head, let's get it down on paper.

JIM & DONNA DEXTER



Seriously, who's gonna pick Andy's brain clean? Andy, I have lots of crab pickers, are you ready?

You know you're from Idaho when... You've had to remove skunk smell from a: pet, vehicle, relative, sleeping bag (or any other camping equipment) or body part more than once in your life.



THE DEXTER WOMEN



Dexter Family Newsletter
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KENNY & GREG DEXTER



Terry caught a 6#
Bass on "D" Lake
in 2012.

RICH, CRYSTAL
& DANICA LASAN

Grandma Jackie wanted me to send you a photo of the newest addition to the family, so that you could put her arrival announcement in the news letter.

Zoey Elizabeth Fox. Born Feb. 1st 2014, 6lbs 7oz and 20in long. To Shiree Lanig (Larry's daughter) and Flint Fox.

Holding the baby is Larry Dean Lanig—the baby's Grandfather—and our auctioneer

