



# SEPTEMBER 2015

Greetings~

We are looking forward to the 2016 reunion. Plans are unfolding and things are looking wonderful..

The reunion is going to be at **Silver Falls State Park**. The Weekend of **July 7, 2016!** I plan to be there setting up and waiting for you Wednesday July 6 and will remain through Monday July 11 for clean up. All volunteers are welcome to come early, stay late, and have fun with Jessica and me!

We plan to occupy Camping loop D which backs up to the Cabin loop. I will be in a cabin! There is plenty of everything to accommodate all of our needs.

Everyone should make their own reservations and plan early. October 2015 is the best time to call and reserve your site. After the 7th of Oct (9 months).

We are planning a weekend with a variety of fun options for kids of all ages and the back up option of just enjoying the company of, and getting to know more of our family!

As we get closer to the reunion I will post more info on our family reunion page on Face Book.

Please remember to bring your family t-shirts, something for the auction and pot luck dinner.

We have plans to have some light meal options throughout the weekend. Hotdogs, corn on the cob, and other camp side fare, s'mores kits and ice cream social!

There are many things to do within the park and we are planning to have some games and fun competitions to keep things lively.

I sure hope we have our musicians show up to lead the family sing-a-long, it has become a family tradition over the years!

Sincerely , Debi & Jessica, 2016 Hosts

## **NEXT REUNION—JULY 7-10, 2016 MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS EARLY**

Reservations can be made 1 day to 9 months ahead of time. Call (800) 452-5687

**There are links to the campground and the online website at  
[WWW.Dexter.US.Com](http://WWW.Dexter.US.Com)**

### **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY:**

Co-auctioneer for 2016. ,  
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### **T-SHIRTS**

will be offered for the 2016 reunion. Watch Face Book and the Spring 2016 newsletter

DEXTER FAMILY

## ANDY'S CLAN

Sheri and Andy have dedicated most of this year to relocating. After a short cruise to Mexico in January, we started decluttering our house by filling a Pod and putting it in storage. Then repairing and getting the house ready took a couple of months. We put our Napa home on the market in June and ten days later it was sold with a forty five day closing.

We knew we wanted to live in the Lincoln, California Del Web Senior Community and found a home we liked with the golf course eight fairway as our back yard. We rented back our Napa home for two weeks that gave us the ability to close on Napa and take the money and pay for our new home in Lincoln.

We had movers pack us out on July 22 and deliver it the next day. We have been sorting and putting things away since. Most of the stuff that was moved has been put away. We have also made a couple of speed trips to Lyons.

We will continue organizing until the end of September when we go to Minneapolis for our annual Navy reunion. When we return we will have the Pod delivered and the sorting starts again. We hope to be done by the end of the year. It has been a busy and trying year but when it is over we will know it was worth the effort.

Love to all, Sheri and Andy

## The Gramma Lamp

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

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 of found in violation of the above rules, and the fine will go to the family fund.

The lamp has been displayed in these homes:

1. 2004 LaVerne (Klancee)
2. 2006 Wanda
3. 2008 Debi
4. 2010 Jeanetta
5. 2012 Pete
6. 2014 Derryll
7. 2016 Mwaw Haw Haw

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### DERRYLL SAYS:

There are no photos in this edition of the newsletter, I think I can get it all done with only the 4 pages and tshirt order form insert this way. For photo updates, you can look up almost everyone on Face Book. And I will post the newsletters and some new photos on dexter.us.com website.

Klancee will post in the family page on Face Book about where you can go to look at the t-shirts. I managed to order a crew neck last time and love it. (the pricing is different so you have to work with her if you go outside what is offered on the order form.)

Debi is planning many wonderful things for our next reunion. I am looking forward to it. It will be in a beautiful park. Remember to make your reservations early. There is a link on my web page dexter.us.com to that.

We all give our thanks to the fire fighter in our family—cousin Kenny! He spent a grueling 2 weeks on a fire line in Washington. There were-still are-so many bad fires this year.

In my family, Ralph and I are enjoying retirement. We go to the coast with friends, he fishes (a lot) and I make crafty things—I've been learning metal-smithing (I make fire!). And we nap.

Daughter Crystal's husband Rich gave up long-haul truck driving, and came home and got a job—Hooray! She said he missed half of Danica's growing up, it's time to be home. He is working driving dump truck all over Central Oregon and putting in a lot of overtime. Danica is in 6th grade, turning 12 in October.

Granddaughter Ashley is engaged to a great guy, they live in Vancouver, WA. She is still working part time as a waitress and part time as a massage therapist. Wedding sometime next year—they say.

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### Family meeting at Devils Lake 2014.

- Family loves the coast, though it's cool, as Ken said it's easier to dress warmer than cooler.
- We want to do more communal stuff. Auction will continue. Planning to provide lunch and snack items for the group site on Fri & Sat. There's enough in the family fund to do this.
- Everyone needs to continue to encourage participation.
- More tables so the kids have a place to sit and eat rather than trying to have them eat off their laps.
- More lawn chairs.

## WANDA'S CLAN

Hello Family.

What a year! We pray yours was blessed. I enjoy seeing all the posts on Face Book. And photos of our great grand children! Ken, I have been praying for you since I read of your fire adventures. We surely got tired of the Arizona style weather this summer. We are enjoying the cool and rain!

Most of you likely know, Mom, aka Wanda, fell and broke her left hip on May 22nd. She had surgery to repair it that same evening. It was a hairline fracture so they were able to put in pins instead of replacing the whole hip. She is so resilient! She heals so quickly it seems unreal. At any rate after the hospital she entered a rehabilitation facility and spent several weeks in physical therapy. I went every day I could and supervised her lunch and attended the rehab sessions. I learned quite a bit and helped brow beat her into cooperating. Marolyn stopped in to visit her for at dinner time every week day after work. (Marolyn is still working at Sonitrol Pacific.) We became well known at the care center because most of them wondered who was who!

On August 14th we finally brought mom home with us. In the mean time we arranged to put her on Medicaid and rearranged the house with safety in mind. We also purchased some things to help with her care. I think we may have over done it but the best buys were the bed and chair alarms. She can't move without our knowing it! We also now have home health coming in most days. The most valuable help is the in-home care arranged by the County and the physical therapist arranged by the Doctor. Home health will only last a few weeks but the in-home care will be permanent. We will have in-home care three days a week which will free William and I up to do other things like shop. We may even be able to arrange a visit to the beach. That will be a welcome respite.

Wannetta, Bill and Jeanetta came to visit over Independence Day. We had a good time. Netta and Bill are in Houston, Texas this Labor Day week end. That is where Seliena and her family live now. Of course the big draw is the grand babies, Brantley and Adelyn! Carson City is still where Netta and family live.

Bud is living in El Paso. He would like to get permission to come to Oregon to live. It is a wait and see thing. He is working at a factory that sews uniforms for the government and doing well at it.

Autumn and family are still in Pendleton and Sarah and family live in Walla Walla, WA. They have three children each. Autumn has one boy, Marcus, and two girls, Madelyn and Megan. Sarah has two boys, Hunter and Gunner and one girl, Samantha. They are all so cute! And if you don't believe me ask their other grandmothers! I love keeping up with them on Face Book! They change so fast.

As I said, Marolyn is still working five days a week! She will attend her high school reunion this next week end. Otherwise she stays pretty close to home. Wm and I have had one short trip to the beach this year, but the rest of the time we spend our time keeping the home fires burning. We are looking forward to the family reunion next summer and are hoping it is close enough so we can bring Wanda. We shall see! Oh, on a happy note, Sharon and Andy have come to visit once this summer. That is always a pleasure! Come see us if you go through Troutdale. Carolyn

## VALE'S CLAN

Roy Dexter—Idaho

We are all well; my work is going good. Dixie is working and the kids are all doing well in school. Travis is teaching History at a school in Mountain Home. He and Amber have a boy, Kade, just over one year old. Britney just had a baby girl—so we have 3 grandkids now and her husband is working.

Julia Loretta Brown, age 84 of Mountain Home, passed away on Sunday, Aug. 30, 2015, at a Mountain Home care center. Per her request, no services were held. Cremation was under the direction of Rost Funeral Home, McMurtrey Chapel, in Mountain Home.

Jewel did many thing during life, most notably starting the Sunset Bar with husband, Bill. After selling the Sunset and retiring, she and Bill enjoyed many happy days hunting, fishing and taking care of their home and property.

We knew her as Aunt Judie, Vale's first wife and mother of Vicki Dexter Cuddihee of Albuquerque, New Mexico, and Jim Dexter of Grace, Idaho. Julia was out of the family from the time Jim turned 3 years, she raised Vicki whom we have only seen in the June 2013 newsletter photos., thanks to Uncle Andy and Aunt Sheri who lunched with Vicki, Mike, Lexi & Leah (husband, daughter, granddaughter) in Albuquerque, NM in April 2013.

# ORIN'S CLAN

The Orin Dexter Clan~ Orin and Helen Dexter, (Helen's 4 before Orin, Maxine, Jackie, Chuck, Larry, Orin and Helen's~LaVerne, Derryll, and Orina.

## Jackie Martin News

I have a new Great Grandson via Terry Lee & Sarah Lanig. His name is Hunter Aiden Dean Lanig and he was born May 27 2015. Hunter joins his brother Ethan Lee Lanig. They are at home in Hillsboro Oregon.

Lorie Lanig and I bought a motor home together . We have been on some trips so far, the first one was in August to Buell Park in Polk County for a reunion on my mom's side of the family.

Lorie's son Jeremy & family moved in with Lorie. I am doing better and looking forward to our re-

## Chuck Taylor's clan-

We are taking in new in-laws as Darcie married Don Greenamyer on Oct 6, 2014 and Cody will be marrying April Crossett Nov 2015.

Cody's marriage brings two grandchildren to us, Leo, age 8 and Chyna Noel, age 10. Both families reside in Medford, Oregon.

Tracey and family are still on the coast in Lincoln City, OR where he is still a Fitness Trainer at Taft Athletic Club. His oldest, Sam, is a senior this year. Ariel is entering the 7<sup>th</sup> grade while the youngest, Austin, is entering the 4<sup>th</sup> grade.

We are keeping busy with our mini farm. We had a garden this year which Chuck has done a lot of canning from. We had a turnover in chickens so we have 4 new ones plus we got 2 bunnies this year. Chickens are already laying a total of 4 eggs most every day. Always a challenge to keep them all safe from raccoons, but so far we are managing.

Our love to all,

Chuck, Billie & family

(Editor's note- Photos of Darcie and Don at their wedding are in the January 2015 newsletter-at Dexter.US.Com ).

## Klancee's only address is

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Please make note of this address because I have not been receiving mail at times this past year. I only receive mail at this address now. Thanks!



Dexter Family Newsletter  
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I spent time in Oregon at the coast this year and got to see some things I have wanted to see and do for a while that was a gift. I love that I was able to see some of my family a little more while I was there, I found that what I thought I wanted to do isn't really what I wanted to do after all.

## A note to family:

We are lucky to have this kind of close family. I know we don't always call, some we never do. We don't write, I am lazy and or just busy. WE are Aunts, Uncles, cousins, sisters and brothers, In-laws and outlaws. We care even if we are not together or close all the time. I think of some of you more than others but that doesn't mean I don't care about all of you, Facebook helps me think of some of you more than the ones not on my page, seeing your name and comments makes me think of you, always with a smile, even when we are disagreeing. WE are family. Family means that we have a connection and that connection to me means that I am loved. NOT all families have this. AND at one time I didn't have it, because I kept myself away from my family for selfish reasons of my own, some emotional some mentally dysfunctional. I am glad that I have allowed myself to get to know YOU, MY FAMILY again, to go to the reunions knowing we are a flawed group and loving everyone anyway.

I want to say **THANK YOU TO EVERYONE ONE OF YOU!** You who make the effort to come to the reunions all the time. You who come once in a while and even you who never make it. WE all have our reasons, our desires, and our commitments, I attend because I have allowed myself to wake up from my childhood teaching. (the parental voice in my head). Things that were told to me that wasn't really the truth, the dysfunctional things I allowed myself to believe that kept me separated. So, to those who can come in July of 2016, and to those who don't, please know I am glad to know you, and hope to see you sometime in the future and if not we are still family.

## What I get out of the reunions

Meeting my family who I haven't seen in a year or two, or longer.

Allowing myself the courage to do things with people I don't see often and getting to know them AND letting them get to know me.

Having a vacation, and connecting with a group of people.

Re-connecting and being able to talk about things WE did as children and then doing new things to talk about again with the people I am connected to.

Sincerely, LaVerne Dexter Call (Klancee)