



# JANUARY 2019



Alta Thiel McCarthy, Wannetta Howard Bernard, Jessica Hutchison, Terry Lanig, Orin Dexter, Crystal Dexter LaSan

# DEXTER FAMILY



Terry Lanig and Sheila Oleman (Jackie's) are hosting the next reunion, and there will be a newsletter out in September with more details because of needing to make reservations at the State Park in mid October.

I think they are leaning toward the very same campground and the very same campsite b/c of the play area and bathroom conveniently nearby.

Photo to the left is Sheila and Terry – Siblings, not cousins—but the theme generation just the same. (Thanks Sheila and Terry for going right outside in 34 degree weather for this photo)

I want to thank our 2018 hosts, Crystal, Rich and Ralph for purchasing the eats and preparing most of it during our first ever family provided food foray. No one went hungry. When we ran out of hot dogs, everyone else brought out theirs. From coffee to trash bins, biscuits to gravy, muffins to eggs, hot dogs to beans, chicken on the BBQ. I can't thank you enough. I know there was some disappointment surrounding the hungry hoards digging in before the chicken was even off the grill, but absolutely no one has complained to me. We have learned and now we pass the baton to the next host. Saturday was such a full day too, having added an early morning fishing trip to all the happenings. The fishing trip was successful, everyone came home happy, and also tuckered out—even our hosts. Do we want to do that again? Please speak up.



# ORIN'S CLAN

**Jackie and Elton.** We are having Christmas Dec 22nd at Sheila & Dan's I think there will be 35 of us. We do a white elephant gift exchange for the adults with real presents for the children, food and fun. Family together is what is important.

Elton & I will leave for Arizona the next day the 23rd, spending one night with Chuck & Billie. We are looking forward to a warmer weather. Terry & Lisa will come down to AZ in early February and we all plan to come back North mid April. Terry owns the business, but sister Sheila and her husband Dan will see that it thrives while they are gone.

Terry and Sheila are hosting the 2020 reunion. I am proud of them all, I'm happy they are doing well.

I fell on the back slick steps and sprained my ankle and now I am walking with a cane. So no dancing while I heal. Elton and I go to a lot of dances.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Klancee says nothing new, but she wishes everyone a happy new year and Lots of love and hugs.

## Derryll and Ralph

We had a small Christmas this year, just the 2 of us. Christmas day we ate dinner with long time Hood River friends, so don't feel too bad for us.

Thanksgiving was our big holiday, our house was full. It's a small house, so 7 people make it full. Crystal, Rich and Danica came up from Bend on Wednesday and stayed 4 nights. Ashley and Corey came out from Vancouver for dinner Saturday and spent the night. We played Yahtzee. Maybe you saw my 2 photos on facebook, I got them all outside for the line-up photo which I love so much.

Rich has a great job in Central Oregon, was recently promoted to manage the cold asphalt plant, and I can tell you he is a good family man. They spend time keeping up with the house and yard work, Crystal has had a vegetable garden for years, and Rich posted a recent picture of the yard calling it his park.

Danica turned 15 in October, and like all teenagers is anxiously spending this last year before driving on her own on pins and needles. She is a 9th grader now. We were lucky to have her visit us some during the past 2 summers and look forward to next year.

Also lucky for us—Merle and Jeri and 2 kids visited us for a day and the kids hung out and knocked about-Danica, Kennedy, and Aubree. Good BBQ too.

Ashley opened her own business a couple months ago, she is a licensed masseuse. Corey works for an HVAC company in Oregon City for over 5 years. If you live in the Portland/ Vancouver area, call her, she's on facebook, see the link on my FB page. Treat yourself, get a massage, win-win.

Our health is good, we wish you all a great 2019.

**Orina:** In April, I experienced a harrowing sight. What a night! 2 trailers went up in flames in our court in Brenda Arizona. They were back to back. Felt & looked like 3 or 4 trailers went up but thank God only 2 and everyone got out Ok.

I had just finished a TV program and was going to bed @ 11pm. It felt like a train went through my front yard then an explosion then 3 more explosions I was outside by the 2nd explosion and the flames were so high & huge!

I also had Thanksgiving and Christmas at our clubhouse here in Brenda. Jackie and Elton made it down for Christmas dinner.

Last month, my son and his son (Orin and Syafiq) had to endure being bachelors due to Zubaidah and Saafia going home to Singapore. It was time for her family to meet 2-year old baby girl. They are back now and calm and sanity returns to the small Texas town of Boyd.

I was so pleased that Orin was able to come to our reunion last summer with the 2 kids, it was exactly 10 years since last time. I know they enjoyed being there too.

Thank you Kenny, again, for riding with me to the airport to pick them up, I sure enjoyed bonding with you on that trip.



## The Gramma Lamp

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 Orina
8. 2018 Merle Fowler

## LOUGENA'S CLAN



### BEAUTIFUL WOMEN:

Adrienne Golding Neerenberg, Hannah Golding Hayden, Gena French Tome, Jauna Simmons Tray, JD Jennifer Simmons (Gwen, Diann, and Pete's girls)

## MARTHA'S CLAN

LouGena Bosh Wikstrom writes to Ken:

I take V-D religiously since we get very little of the real stuff (from the sun) in the NW. also, I have had seven melanos removed over two years and D is essential to your immune system. I take it and other vits in the morning ... with coffee . Also, the melano- ma is now classified as genetic and I am to alert family members. Dad had "little skin cancers" that he would "pick off" (seriously?! Yes ...), so I doubt the propensity

comes via Dexter. But, now you know just in case

My reply to this is— Gena, both Klancee and I have had the Mohs surgery—Kenny & Carolyn too. So, it does run in the Dexter family. Your dad was so blonde, he added to your woes.

But picking them off? I mean, some might be ok to do that to, I guess. When I asked my skin Doctor, about their falling off because I rub Vitamin-E oil on them, he said some just fall off from irritation.

### 2018 DEXTER REUNION ATTENDANCE

Klancee Call  
Deryll Dexter  
Ralph Kupersmith  
Crystal Dexter  
Rich LaSan  
Danica LaSan  
Ashley Miller Green  
Corey Green  
Orina Dexter  
Orin Dexter III  
Syafiq Dexter  
Saafia Dexter  
Dan Dhabolt  
Phoenix Brown  
Jackie Martin  
Elton Kremer  
Sheila Oleman

Dan Oleman  
Eric Oleman  
Amber (Eric's GF)  
Tayven Bergara  
Kloey Bergara  
Alexis (Eric's GF's daughter)  
Terry Lanig  
Lisa Iverson  
Terry Lanig  
Sarah Lanig  
Ethan Lanig  
Hunter Lanig  
Cody Hill  
Katelyn Lanig Hill  
Brooklyn Hill  
Lorie Lanig  
Ember  
Brielle  
Cami  
Jeremy  
Shiree Lanig

Zoey Fox  
Nicole Stanton Taylor  
Austin Taylor  
Ariel Taylor  
Chyna Taylor  
Kenny Dexter  
Lynda Dexter  
Trinity (Granddaughter)  
Merle Fowler  
Jeri Fowler  
Kennedy Hallman  
Aubree Hallman  
Marci Dexter  
Margie  
Carolyn Howard  
William Howard  
Marolyn Slayter  
Wannetta Bernard  
Bill Bernard  
Jeannetta Bernard  
Andy Dexter

Sheri Dexter  
Debi Garland  
Jessica Hutchison  
Baylee Hutchison  
Joey Hanshaw III  
Emily Hutchison  
Michael Allen Behringer  
Anna Hutchison  
Wesley Allen Behringer  
Alta Thiel McCarthy  
Peter McCarthy  
Luke McCarthy  
Guests:  
Tacia (Danica's friend)  
Lori's Gkids' other Gma

### FISHING CHARTER

I asked on Facebook and here's some feedback:

Hell yes, had a blast!

Yes, I'd go again, it was nice to spend time with so much family.

I'd go again, I had a good time.

I reserved this time, gave up my spot, but will go next time.

Yes, but maybe it should be booked on Friday instead of Saturday the day of the reunion

Rich would have liked to go but he was cooking, but wants to next time.

Crystal said she and a couple others in our party were a little green, but as Ralph said, it was a windy day, and maybe some diesel fumes mixed in.

I guess in general it would not be discouraged, and if someone wants to plan a party, talk to Deryll and Andy about it.



# ANDY'S CLAN

Kim and Greg are now entering the teen years with Dexter and Zada not far behind. The family made a summer trip to New York for Greg's sister's graduation. They report having a lovely time. We missed them at the reunion, but we have all felt the "too much summer" syndrome. Which is why parents love Autumn!

Nikkie and Dustin bought the Lake house from Dustin's parents, added another boat and spend weekends at the lake with their puppy, Penny.

I went back to college to get a graduate degree. Kim has two now, I will never catch up at this rate!

Jessica and Emily each added a new Grandson to my repertoire. Grandkids are the best kids.

Mom and Dad have enjoyed several cruises this year, and continue to travel around the country... they are raising a pretty high standard for retirement!  
Debi

## WANDA'S CLAN

Carolyn and William celebrated 60 happily married years on January 2nd.

Marolyn was ill late winter 2018 and in the hospital some, but has been well the rest of the year. Carolyn and William are blessed with just the "minor irritations of old age."

Also a bit of news—Wanda's adopted son Rocky has contacted them on Facebook. They had not heard from him for years. He says that he was in an accident and lost his memory for several years, then it started to return, slowly. He says he is now well and living in Grand Junction, Colorado. It's good news when lost family comes back.



Aubree & Kennedy Hallman



Daniel Dhabolt

I woke up today with the song **Run River Run** by Loggins and Messina running through my head. It makes for a perfect theme for this newsletter—the next generation.

Generation X—the great grandkids of Vernon and Hannah and the grandkids of the Greatest Generation—my dad and his siblings I am including Uncle Andy and Aunt Shari in the GG, although technically theirs was referred to as the Invisible Generation—can anyone tell me why? Who gets to name these things—Invisible and GenX?

These GenX cousins are highlighted on every page with a photograph. Thank you everyone for helping provide these photos. Especially my sister Klancee, who has worked hard to get pho-

### Watching the River Run

If you've been thinkin' you were all that  
you've got  
Then don't feel alone anymore  
'Cause when we're together then you've  
got a lot  
'Cause I am the river and you are the  
shore

And it goes on and on, watching the river  
run  
Further and further from things that we've  
done  
Leaving them one by one  
And we have just begun, watching the  
river run  
Listening and learning and yearning to  
run, river, run

Winding and swirling and dancing along  
We passed by the old willow tree  
Where lovers caress as we sing them our  
song,  
Rejoicing together when we greet the sea

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### LOST:

#### VASE WITH ORIENTAL DESIGN.

Danica bought and paid for a vase at the auction but didn't get home with it. Is it among your treasures?

**Gwendolyn Marie Fowler**  
**Nov. 22, 1950 to Sept. 2, 2018**



Gwen Fowler aka Given Bliss passed away early in the morning Sunday September 2nd, 2018 with her family by her side.

She was preceded in death by her mother Lougena Mae Dexter Fowler August 26, 1929-March 15, 1950 and father Wayne Allen Fowler November 29, 1919-March 22, 2006.

Gwen is survived by her daughters Adrienne Golding Neerenberg and Hannah Golding Hayden, her sisters Wanda Rose (Pete) Simmons, Hannah Diann (Tinker) French, brothers Wayne (Bo) Fowler Jr, and Merle Fowler, and companion Brett Arvidson, and Adrienne's daughters Norah, Nancy and Nellie, and Hannah's daughter Maecy.

Friends and family attended a Memorial gathering for Gwen at Foothills City Park, in Lake Oswego, Oregon on Saturday, October 20th remembering her with loving words, song, henna tattoos and poetry.

Gwen and Brett lived at Oak Harbor Washington, where he continues to reside. They loved the area, and some of her ashes will be placed when the Garry Oak is planted in the park in Oak Harbor in the spring. There will also be a plaque installed there in her memory.

*Oak Harbor is "located most beautifully on a gentle slope rising from a wide beach of pure white sand. Scattered about over the town site are beautiful oak groves, affording refreshing shade and pleasing to the eye." [author F.B. Hawes in his 1913 book Island County, A World Beater]*

*The Garry oak is described as aesthetically pleasing with rugged bark, thick, gnarled limbs and a shaggy crown. Sometimes described as a symbol of nobility combined with strength, This magnificent form of oak species became living monuments for early Oak Harbor citizens when loved ones were dramatically lost.*

Here is how the family came to this dedication: Brett is the project engineer for the new waste water treatment plant in Oak Harbor. During this project the park underwent a restoration which includes a splash pad, and replacing a number of the oak trees. Because Gwen loved plants and birds and worms it just seemed like the perfect thing to purchase a tree in her name and mix some of her in with the earth when it's dedicated. Like it is said – Nobility and Strength.

Namaste' Gwen, Wendy, Given.