



JUNE 2017

DEXTER FAMILY

The reunion (Fri-Sun: July 13-15, 2018) will be hosted by Derryl and Ralph and Crystal. We have decided the reunion will be at Devils Lake State Park at the coast again. There is so much to do there, and it is close to motels. We always come a day or two early so if you want to reserve early too, please do.

Uncle Andy suggested a fishing charter, or a whale watching charter. Those interested must let him know by the same date –October 13th. His email is mcpodexter@gmail.com

SHEILA OLEMAN
Has volunteered to be
the new co-auctioneer

The Oregon State Parks system allows reservations 9 months to the day prior to the desired camping date. So, on Oct. 13th you can telephone or go online and reserve for Friday July 13th. (or 10/12 if you're coming Thursday July 12th)

The phone number to reserve is

800-452-5687 Reservations

503-731-3411 Reservations

⇒ And the online site is <http://www.reserveamerica.com/>

⇒ Motels nearby are

⇒ Comfort Inn and Suites, 541-994-8155

⇒ Econo lodge 541-994-5281

⇒ Motel 6 – 541-996-9900

⇒ Or do an internet search for other desired lodgings.

- ⇒ The reunion is the 2nd weekend in July, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, and there are usually lots of folks that come a day or two early. (Wed or Thurs)
- ⇒ Lunchables and drinks purchased by the family fund will be available in the group area on Friday and Saturday so we can just sit and enjoy visiting with one another.
- ⇒ I can't stress enough for everyone to bring seating. Picnic tables are extremely hard to move. And at the end they are even harder to put back when the crowd has diminished.
- ⇒ Klancee and Ken bring your canopies please. Jackie thank you for the use of yours last time,
- ⇒ Ice-cream social, crafts on Friday. Andy wants to charter a fishing or whale watching trip.
- ⇒ Pot luck, auction and picture taking on Saturday.
- ⇒ I'll post a schedule of events on a white board: pot luck , auction , photo taking, family meeting, crafts and other planned activities

LOUGENA'S CLAN

Wayne and
Lougena
Fowler's

children are planning a family get together July 18 through the 21st on Whidbey Island where we will all get together and reconnect. Here is the current news:

Gwen Fowler and her partner Brett Arvidson are living on the island and will be moving at the end of the month. Their new place is going to have a studio for Bret because he loves to paint. Gwen will continue her extraordinary needlework and continue taking care of her health. Her daughter Adrienne has three children with her husband Aaron. They live in Hillsboro and will be coming to visit Gwen at the end of the month to help her move. Hannah lives in Portland area as well with her daughter Maecy who is a fabulous singer and actress I look forward to seeing her perform in a competition in early June.

Wanda Simmons mostly known as Pete is living in Florida enjoying the sunshine and heat and still working two jobs. She is an energizer bunny even when she's sick. Her daughter Jennifer is in Florida as well working as a personal trainer. If you want to get fit get ahold of Jennifer she's inspirational. Pete's second daughter Jauna and her husband Casey are in Florida as well. They have the two most adorable children Rylan and Alyssa they're beautiful kids well-behaved brilliant everything you want in children. Nolan Pete's youngest child lives in McMinnville; he and his sweet lady just welcomed a new child Hunter Dane into the world.

Wayne Fowler Junior also known as Bo lives in the Grand Coulee area. His son Damon is engaged to be married I don't have any dates. Wayne's daughter Keisha married Erek Puccio a few years ago and they have a little girl named Kinsley she's adorable, just like her mommy.

Diann French a.k.a. Tinker is living in Federal Way with her husband Terry. Diann retired in August and is enjoying her time as a Pensionista. She's visiting friends and family currently getting ready for a trip to St. Louis to see their son and then Diane Sosne go on a road trip with her high school BFF. Diann and Terry have two children. Gena Thome and her husband Eric have two children Brienne age 8 and Marshall age 5. Their home is in Woodinville Washington. Gena teaches second grade and Eric is a mechanical engineer at General Dynamics. Diann's son Bret French is married to Jaclyn Yetter and they live in St. Louis, Missouri. They have a six-year-old daughter Audrey who is full of energy and life keeps you on your toes and is so much fun. Bret works in the accounting department at Graybar and Jaclyn teaches high school chemistry at an excellent private school.

Merle Fowler and his wife Jeri live in the Tri-Cities area in Washington state. They have three children living with them Michael, Kennedy and Aubrey. Merle has a daughter Tara living in the Spokane area who has three adorable children. Merle and Jeri continue to be very active in their church. They have both taken on leadership roles in their church. Joy and blessings, Diann

WANDA'S CLAN

I just want to tell the cousins that they warmed our hearts when they all came to the celebration for Mom. I hope I was able to say hello to every one there. Probably not. We did not expect quite so many people to respond. But then Mom made a positive effect on most lives she touched. Carolyn

Editor's note:

In February many of us were at Aunt Wanda's Memorial Service in Gresham. We clean up nice and it was nice visiting with everyone again. Photos are available on facebook.

Please, if you would put photos on facebook in the Dexter Family Reunion page that Debi made, then everyone will see them and be able to find them again easily. If you post on your own FB page, the posts disappear so fast from my purview due to my other friends posting their daily thoughts and food photos.

Pretty Please—Derryll

JIM'S CLAN

It seems to me like a kind of a slow boring life. I retired at the end of March this year, after almost 40 years with the City. I am staying busy umpiring softball on three levels, from 9 years old up to ladies with 9 year old daughters (I umpired some of these ladies when they were 9 year olds). We bought a newer camp trailer and wish we had more time to camp, but—see above about softball—most of which will be done at the end of May. We want to do a long trip the first of June going to places to see the kids/family who are far off and not too local. Lynda told me she sees less of me now than when I was working. I can make a twenty minute trip to town last over three hours, good for me. To finish up, I only set the alarm clock once in the last month.

Kenny

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 To be announced

ANDY'S CLAN

My parents have faced several

health challenges this year, primarily dad had a heart valve replaced. It was a very tense morning, and a few hick-ups in the first few days that scared the heck out of us, but over all the surgery was a resounding success. He is now 35 again!

Mom had a toe joint replacement, I didn't even know that was a thing! Healing has been going well. She had an eye surgery that has been concerning, but healing. They have not slowed down much, going to the theater, traveling, and getting ready to take a road trip up and down the west coast to attend Kim's graduation!

Congratulations to Kim, on a second Masters degree! (I wonder if she knows she doesn't have to keep going to school? She even works at a school.)

Kim and Greg are going to be celebrating 20 years of marriage. Holy moly! I guess that's happens when you stay married.

Dexter is 12, OMG! He discovered girls, they're cute and fun to talk to. He has a girl friend!

Zada is 8 and a very social butterfly, loves her arts and crafts, and keeping her mom and dad busy!

Zada and Dexter came to visit for a weekend after Christmas. We had a blast. Baylee came over too and I had a grandkids, niece and nephew, slumber party! So much fun, late nights, watching movies by the fire, and too much candy! Best part of being the Aunty and grandma is breaking the rules, eating junk food and knowing you get to sleep when they go home!

Nikkie was recruited to test code (sounds like computer stuff) and she agreed to work part-time temporarily. But before her first day she was working full-time permanent... and not quite sure how that

happened. Nikkie and Dustin have been married over ten years and continue to live in Atlanta with their adorable puppy, Penny, who is nearly perfect in every way. I enjoyed spending a week with them last year, we went to Tybee Island, great beach, great condo, great food!

Emily is a CNA at Stayton Hospital, recently got engaged to Michael, no wedding date yet. They are going to have another baby, due on Halloween.

Anna is two, loves animals which is good since they have been living on the family farm this spring.

Jessica started a new job this year working as a resident aid in a nursing home. She adopted two energetic, little puppies. Joe finally ask her to marry him, the **wedding date is October 17, 2018, put it on your calendars, everyone is invited!**

Baylee continues to compete in dance team, doing well in school, and loves her cousin, Anna! Anna loves cows!

I (Debi) got divorced... again! I have not met my fourth Ex—husband, yet... I finally bought my grandparents/parents house in Lyons, found out I have diverticulitis and have been trying to kill myself with food. Not sure how to break that addiction! If I figure it out, I will publish and be famous! Keep an eye on the New York Times best sellers list!

In summary: my sister is getting old, I'm dying, my parents are becoming bionic, and Zada may be the only one who knows that The Hokey-Pokey is what it's all about!

Debi



Dexter Family Newsletter
Derryll Dexter



T-Shirts, Sweatshirts

You can still order from Klancee—she has the account and logo setup in her name. But you can preview favorite styles and colors at:

www.queensboro.com/home

Send her the number of the item, the price, and the size and color you want to:

klancee.dextercall@gmail.com,

or call me 435-733-1868,

Or send it US mail, check and order to

LaVerne Call
45 Franks Lane,
Sun Valley, NV 89433

Debi did a great job hosting the 2016 reunion. She says she's a bit OCD (obsessive), and her post-reunion thoughts are: To order up less rain, organize games better, and not worry so much about what everyone else wanted her to do. This event is made the very best by the very best people—YOU!

There were 39 people at our 2016 reunion at Silver Falls. Orin's clan-20, Andy's clan-12, Jim's clan-3, Eugene's clan-2, Wanda's clan-1, and 1 guest—a friend of Danica's that has attended before. Sadly, 4 clans were not represented—Vale, Verna, Martha, and Lougena.

I would like to remind everyone to please come out and enjoy this event every 2 years, and to participate in the Saturday events—photo session, auction, and pot luck. The rest of the time, drop by often to meet your extended family, and also go take advantage of the local sights and tourist attractions.

At this reunion Uncle Andy eulogized Aunt Violet, wife of Eugene and mother of his 5 children (Floyd Eugene, Teresa Pamela, Lee Vale, Dean Byron, Marci Janet.) Deno came to this reunion. We are sorry that Marci, Lee, and Teresa weren't in attendance for this. Floyd passed away in 1967 at age 14.

Chuck Taylor Clan:

In April 2016 we bought the house we have been renting the past 9 years with our daughter Darcie and husband Don. We have done a bit of remodeling adding a family room, storage room and coverage patio. I (Billie) retired in Dec 2016 giving Chuck and me a lot more time together.

TC and Nicole are still in Lincoln City. Their oldest (of 3), Sam, graduated from high school last year. He is currently working at the Nike Outlet Store in Lincoln City. Ariel competed in volleyball this year. Austin is doing well also. TC continues to build his business as a personal trainer there. They added a Siberian Husky to their family – a puppy – and so the training begins!

Darcie had open heart surgery on April 18th and is recovering nicely. It will take 4 months for the sternum to completely heal. Her job with Western Emulsion has been very supportive during this time.

Cody and April had a baby Feb 13th, a girl, “Juniper Eva Noma Rene”. The last 3 names are all grandmothers. Cody continues to be a scout leader for Leo's den. He is really good at it. Chyna competed in track this year and made it to districts. Cody is a Sous Chef at Pie and Vine in Ashland, OR.



We look forward to seeing everyone in 2018. **Love from Chuck and Billie**

DOG DAYS (THINGS TO THINK ABOUT) Derryl

- Dogs are part of your family, and you bring them with you on your vacations (the park system allows pets.) But with so many families with dogs that are coming to the reunion We have minor requests for the group site for everyone' safety and cleanliness and mindful dog manners to think about.
- This is a touchy subject, and I think there are things that dog moms and dads need to be mindful of in the group area.
- Dogs don't always know how to behave. They get excited and forget their manners. They are social and need to meet and greet everyone, there are lots of smells, lots of tasty things stuck to a child's face, or another doggy butt. They don't even know that where they pee might be a child's play area.
- Do you know who among us are afraid or allergic of dogs, germ-a-phobic, or doesn't want their child sniffed or licked, or who doesn't appreciate the standard crotch-sniff themselves ?
- Dogs barking in or near the group area puts me on edge, so maybe the option is to leave the dog inside your camper where its comfortable for them and their food and water is available to them.
- I think that when you enter the group area, if you happen to have your dog on a leash, you should sit on the periphery with your pet. If you then want to be in the thick of it, perhaps you could get a sitter or take doggy back to your camp.
- Once you and poochie are settled down I will even skootch over and visit with you.
- I am reminded too that doggie doo-doo bags should be in your possession to pick up yours and perhaps other leavings!

In the 1998 newsletter some people alluded to the lack of family reunion guidelines, this was brought to my attention again at the '98 reunion.

The Dexter family reunions were started in 1986 by a few of Hannah's and Vernon's children (first generation) attending. Some guidelines were originally established and others added. The ones below are essentially still in effect. Perhaps now would be a good time to restate these guidelines. We have been having wonderful gatherings that are good examples of our people coming together with positive attitudes with good will and love.

THE DEXTER FAMILY REUNION

Our goal is to provide the family a time to renew relationships and share in good fellowship with love for all that attends.

GUIDELINES

- Reunions should be held the third weekend of July of each even year.
- Federal, State, County and City laws and Park Regulations will be observed.
- Each family member that comes to the reunion is expected to come with love in their heart, charity in their soul and good will to be shown to every other person there. They should not come with anger, chips on their shoulders or personal grudges to resolve. If anyone that is planning on attending cannot come with a positive attitude, it would be much better if they did not attend. Each member is responsible for his or her own conduct and no one has the right to degrade another for any reason. Alcohol, substance abuse, ignorance or "it was just a joke" is not an excuse for degrading or abusing another.
- Physical violence cannot and will not be tolerated at the reunions. If the host cannot resolve the situation, they will ask those involved to depart the reunion and/or call for assistance from proper authorities.
- The reunion group site is alcohol and drug free.
- A family business meeting will be held at each reunion.
- All blood and adopted descendants of Hannah and Vernon and their significant others are invited. We have extended a standing invitation to other individual members of the Degraw family, but not as a group.
- The Dexter reunions will not be combined with other family reunions (other events might be appropriate, such as a wedding or a birthday party).
- Hosting the Dexter Family Reunions will be rotated from clan to clan on a voluntary basis.
- A family auction was very successfully started to help bear expenses common to the family. The money is to be passed from host to host on an honor system, with a simplified accounting (see example in the Christmas 1998 newsletter). Each reunion attendee is encouraged to bring a gift to be auctioned off (see auction guidelines in the December 1999 newsletter).

COMMENTS

Anyone having comments or recommended changes to these guidelines will be heard at the reunion business meeting.

Andy

Flea traps available

I mentioned to someone at the family reunion last year that I have some flea traps for fleas on animals or in the house, I said I have some and I would give them to them, I do not remember who it was. IF I said this to you please let me know so that I can send them to you. Sorry that I have forgotten. **Klancee**

ORIN'S CLAN

Orina: In May 2016 my son, Orin and Zubaidah gave birth to Saafia (Sophia) and I was lucky enough to be present as she came almost 2 weeks early. She is such a beautiful baby. I hope some of you got a peak of pic's they put on face book. My grandson Syafiq is a great big brother.

After 3 years of suffering and being treated for sciatica I finally got a correct diagnosis. In Sept. 2016, I had a total hip replacement. So simple but still scary for me. Jackie flew down to help me, what a Godsend!

My 10 yr old cat did not know what was happening as I had 3 trips away from her—3 weeks for Saafia's birth, one for the reunion, then hip surgery.

I am flying to Ft. Worth again this June, Syafiq is turning 10. and Saafia will be 1 YO by then (May 4).

Jackie's clan-Jackie spent a substantial amount of time in Arizona this year. A tornado blew the roof off of the structure covering the mobile home. Much work was required. Beyond that, card games and other fun things filled her months. Jackie's granddaughter (Terry's daughter) Katelynn Lanig is getting married to Cody Hill on June 2nd.

DERRYLL

October 28, 2016 we attended the wedding of Derryll and Ralph's granddaughter Ashley Miller to Corey Green. A special thank you to Kenny and Lynda for driving all that way to join us. Wasn't it so cool that there were cabins available? The venue was perfect. Rain was predicted, and it certainly did rain Thursday and Saturday. But on Friday, the day of the wedding, it turned out to be a perfectly clear day. We were able to be outside without coats or umbrellas. What a blessed way to begin their lives together.

Crystal works at Bed Bath Beyond in Bend, Rich at Tri-County Paving in Redmond. Danica is 13 and in 7th grade, she's done some of the cooking lately.

Ashley is making steps toward owning her own business-she filed for her LLC and got a business license and rented a location in Vancouver. She is a Licensed Massage Therapist.

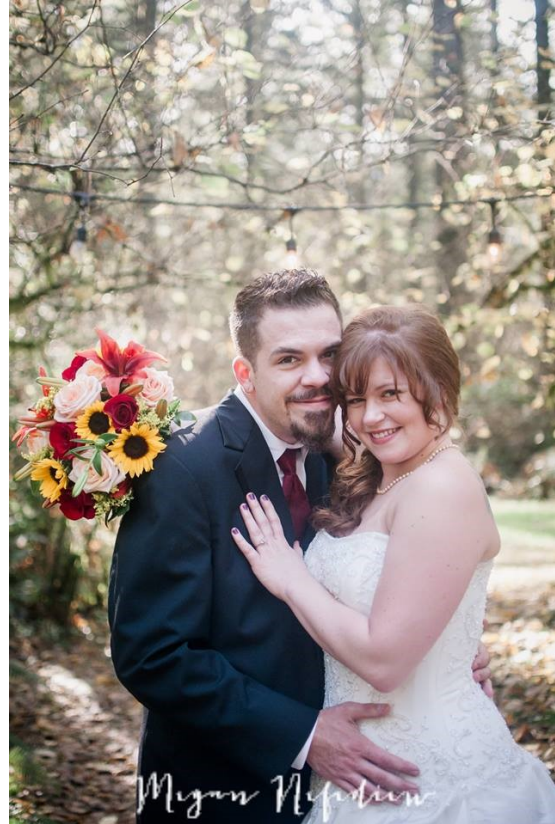
Ralph is chasing the elusive fish (every day—no fish—no fish at all).

I STAND CORRECTED: There have now been 4 salmon caught so far this week (May 24-29).

I had a hysterectomy taking with it several precancerous polyps, worry now gone.

We saw Ken and Lynda 3 more times so far in 2017, they drive through Hood River to Portland, so we get lunch or coffee. It is nice getting to visit.

Derryll had lunch May 24th with Andy and Sheri when they were driving through on the way to the wedding of Marci Dexter's step-son.



Klancee or LaVerne whom ever you know me by, I had Basal cell carcinoma removed from forehead and nose. This is the 2nd surgery on my forehead and first on the nose. You probably saw photo on FB. IF NOT AND YOU WANT TO I will repost it to you....I Posted the pictures on purpose they were not beautiful. but NEITHER is cancer and that is what happens when you hang your face out in the sun too long we get face cancer. Don't want to make anyone uncomfortable but JUST AWARE of cancer the all knowing face is always in the sun.

Also I had major surgery in April 2016, I have been suffering for 35 years with bowel obstructions, although this time it wasn't just obstructed it was closed up—no business going on down there—in or out. The surgery was scheduled to be an hour and a half but it was over 3 hours. The Dr. said he had never seen anything so ugly before. This was repair to long term intestinal issues, but I went go into it further for your peace of mind but I want to remind you to **REMEMBER TO EAT YOUR GREENS AND YOUR FIBER.**