



JUNE 2020

DUE TO COVID AND GOVERNOR BROWN'S MANDATE OF GROUPS NOT TO EXCEED 25, THE JULY 2020 DEXTER REUNION IS CANCELLED.

DEXTER FAMILY

This newsletter is being published on the fly to officially notify everyone that the 2020 Reunion is cancelled.

It's really sad to have to cancel this reunion, I'm going to miss everyone. I have attended every reunion since about 1990—30 years. My hope is to publish 2 newsletters per year until the next reunion.

Klancee asked me, and I don't know the answer, but do we really have to wait 2 more years. Couldn't we plan a reunion next year? Would that throw off the 2 year cycle, or would we have one in 2021 and 2022. The beauty of AND.

I asked the representatives to write about how they and their families are faring during this pandemic. Since I forgot about the demonstrations happening everywhere, I'm glad some of you spoke to them, it is important to recognize our nation's crying out for social change along with the Covid and the horrid bickering in Washington DC. I do wish the protestors were more cautious though, especially since they are also some our town.

We stay home because it is the right thing to do, we take care to keep our distance, we wear face masks and fear going out to the grocery store, our people are losing jobs and getting others, there is uncertainty and insecurity everywhere. Hopes and dreams were postponed or dashed, where only a few months ago there were marriages and babies and graduations and reunions being planned, now there is unrest, dissatisfaction, and disease. Smart people should be able to figure out how to make a vaccine, and figure out what the noise is all about and take action for necessary reforms to quell the unrest.

I so appreciate everything the 2020 Reunion committee had planned so far, and I know Sheila, Terry, Amber, and the Albany folks had been making plans for the "best one ever." I am hoping their plans can be held on simmer and they will be willing to turn up the heat again once we do know. I know a BBQ chuckwagon was planned so simmer is the correct metaphor.

I want to send my love to everyone, take this time to appreciate your family, stay safe, wash your hands, don't touch your face. Derryll

MARTHA'S CLAN

Lougena, your trips to Arizona are noted by those of us that are FB friends, and I love seeing your beautiful face everytime. Its also especially nice when you share Arnel's face.

LOUGENA'S CLAN

Diann—Ditto. I keep up with a few of your children by having friended them on FB. Aaron who works from home often writes about their gardening and he, Aidee and the kids and their daily lives.

EUGENE'S CLAN

Marci, Teresa, Lee, Deano, Blessings to you all, please keep in touch with us via this newsletter. Even though life can be mundane at times.

ANDY'S CLAN

ANDY & SHERI Here — we are in the middle of the COVID-19 Pandemic and we have been exiled in our home approaching 100 days. Sheri has a lung problem and I have a heart condition, which means we would most likely succumb should we contract this terrible virus. So, we will not be socializing until our medical profession has perfected a vaccine. We have been with each other all this time and we are still talking to each other. WOW!

During this time we have been nurturing our ailments and doing a lot of catch up on things we want to do more of. We have read a lot of books, watched a lot of movies, worked jigsaw puzzles and played a lot of parlor games. Andy has been doing some writing and Sheri has been editing them, and now she pushes to get the next chapter. Andy hopes others will be as motivated as she is. We hope to get the latest (book?), Death by Golf Ball, to Amazon before too much longer. Andy has several more books in his brain, but freeing them from his brain and let them flow through his hands, out his fingers and into the word processor is another demand. Oh well, if the exile last a couple of years, perhaps he will catch up. If anyone would like to read some of his short stories, or maybe help new books with ideas and editing, send an Email at mcpodexter@gmail.com

In 1957, when Andy was in the Navy's Boot Camp his company was given an afternoon to go downtown San Diego. Before leaving, the Company Commander told them to behave themselves. He went on to say that Sailors have a bad reputation even though ninety percent are great people; ten percent ruin the name for all of us. Similarly, I think that the majority of the current demonstrators are good people demanding

change, ten percent are bad people ruining the reputation of the majority. We will get through the virus and demonstrations a changed nation that will be better and stronger. Love, Andy and Sheri

Kim, Greg, and the kids are all holding their own. Transitioning to work from home went well, all things considered. Zada moved to remote learning and we're just glad it's coming to a close for the year. Dexter remains in treatment in Utah; he looks and sounds great in our regular conference calls. We're looking at a long summer and an uncertain fall. Although the effects of C-19 have been challenging, it is racial injustice that hurts our hearts. Raising multi-racial children and a Black son takes that pain to a whole new level. The weight of it all (racial injustice, C-19, budget cuts, remote working, home-schooling, and more) is almost too much to bear. It is with love in our hearts that we wish you all the best. May you always feel safe, healthy, and happy!

Debi is still working for the State of Oregon, loves spending time with the kids and grandkids. Recently bought a kayak and is planning to spend the summer socially isolated in the middle of a lake.

Nikkie and Dustin still live in Atlanta, continue to be productive and fulfilled in their respective jobs in the tech field, and have been safely sheltered in place since early March.

Jessica and Joe got married on October 17th with immediate family and a couple close friends in attendance. The kids are growing and doing well.

JIM'S CLAN

Kenny and Lynda live in Electric City, Washington, this is where our grandmother Hannah is buried. Her 2nd husband, Chet Robinson is reportedly buried next to her but his marker has been grown over. Kenny is trying his mightiest to locate it, local American Legion went out to the Spring Canyon cemetery to find, and clean grave markers and hopefully Chet's will be uncovered. Aunt Lougena Fowler is also interred with Grandma Hannah, and is mentioned on the gravestone. Some of the auction money went to purchase the marker, and we all had input as to what was engraved on it. Those who attended the 1994 Reunion at Electric City went out to see it.

ORIN'S CLAN

Jackie: During the Virus we—Elton & I & Terry & Lisa did our Quarantine on our 4 wheelers out in the great big Desert in Arizona! We had to stay longer than our original plan which was to come home in April, finally getting home on June 5th. Elton forgot to tell the post office of the extended time away and all his mail was returned to various senders, being that they thought he had abandoned the premises.

Derryll: We washed our hands, we stayed home, I sewed a few masks, he went to look at the river, fishing has been good—the catching, not so much. Food is a huge focus for people during this pandemic. Me too, I have never ever cooked this much. I found it interesting that not only toilet paper was scarce, so was mayonnaise, tuna for awhile, tomato bisque soup. There are a whole lot more moms having to prepare daily lunches where the schools did that before. I order curbside pickup at the grocery now and I like it, I may just keep it up. I took April off the jewelry studio, returning May first to not much to do because all craft fairs are cancelled. Since my glass studio is at home, I have picked up a couple new tricks in glass fusing which is exciting. I am thinking about internet selling.

Crystal & family are mostly staying home, Danica is distance learning. Grading is pass/fail, not ABCDF. Rich worked throughout, he brought home tons of hand sanitizer, and masks. Crystal sells on Facebook Marketplace and loves it.

Ashley and Corey have bought property and a home in Battle Ground, and are staying home and complying with Washington Covid requirements.

For LaVerne's (Klancee) family, I was in the end process of selling my house when the stay at home order came, I finished selling and moved into my motorhome. I have been here with my son James, his wife Maria, grandson Aldo and his wife and my great granddaughter Davina who turned 5 on 5/5. We have stayed at home safe with each other. So far I have not been out and around many people. Grandson, George and Angie and Benjie and JessieMae have stayed home and only came to visit once outside. We had a Bar B Q last weekend and my granddaughter Melissa and husband Trevor came up, it was good to visit with them. I go grocery shopping once every three weeks. James and the family have been great company to be with. We have not been touched by the covid-19 close to home and I pray that it stays that way. I hope to read that everyone is safe and well. Eric in Utah is safe with his family and we all are still staying home and staying safe. My son and granddaughter- in law, Irene, had to work the whole time. This is going to be a whole new change for the world. Stay safe, stay happy.

Orina: Things are pretty much the same with me with or without Covid 19. Summer just started earlier for me due to shut down.

Orin and Zubaidah both worked through as as they are deemed essential workers (at least I think so Hee-Hee) . DOD & USPS.

Syafiq who is 13 now, was quite affected, school is about the only outside contact with friends he has due to their secluded home (they live in the country in Texas.)

Chuck Taylor's clan – We are blessed that none of us got sick and only Tracey lost his job but is now working again. Tracey's clan came from Lincoln City for my birthday over Memorial Day and Cody's clan hosted a backyard campout, complete with a campfire dutch oven dinner (Cody is an awesome cook). We paired Scout kids with non-Scout kids and had some friendly competitions; tent pitching, fire starting with flint & steel, rope climbing, etc. What a truly special weekend.

In June there was a baby shower for Cody & April. Darcie lead some fun games; nursery rhymes, price is right & “my water broke” ending with revealing the baby is a girl. We now await the arrival of Willow Hemlock Ash Taylor in July. Darcie noticed Cody's initials (CCT) match his children's surnames – 2 Crossetts, 2 Cichys and now 2 Taylors – yep, keeping them in pairs. Chuck had his cancer well check and passed with flying colors.

VALE'S CLAN

Greeting from the JV Dexter clan. 5 kids, 11 grandkids and 2 great grandkids on our branch of Vales tree. Everyone's doing well.

VERNA'S CLAN

Alta McCarthy & Family

Oldest of my 4 kids lives in Brookings, OR, and, already being a somewhat non social person, staying away from everyone is— so far so good. My oldest girl had just move to Albuquerque NM in Nov. 2019. I believe any hope she had of living in a city and having a social life is gone. She has been a stay home single now since Feb and is trying to come back to the west Coast. It is a lonely time to move to a new state when you don't know anyone.

My husband Peter, myself and our youngest two who are living with us as they get more education have been in 95% lock down since the last week of Feb. Peter and myself are both high risk so other than when we can't telework no one leaves our property. Lord let me find some dirt because I need a bigger garden.

We have tried to stay positive as we have lost family and friends to Covid 19. We have our closest family and friends safe so far, are blessed to have jobs that let us work from home. We worry about how long said jobs last as we work in alternative education field but we don't dwell on it.

I wish for everyone to stay safe and secure while our world figures out how to go forward in this very dangerous time. Stay safe and stay sane everyone. I hope to see you all and get to know you more as time allows.

WANDA'S CLAN

Greetings and love to our Dexter family near and far:

We have been praying for everyones continued health and safety every day. We pray for all of us as a group but if you need special prayer please inform us and it shall be so. We trust that we would hear about you one way or another in case of some need.

Our oldster group of three have not been doing well since 2020 hit. First in February William developed a hernia. Fortunately our little hospital a couple of miles away has a great caring staff, William had surgery as soon as possible even though the doctor had to stay overtime. He is now completely recovered with only three small scars to attest to the fact that he was cut on. To those of you who were aware of the need, Thanks for the prayer.

As if that wasn't enough trouble, in early March Marolyn became very ill also. I thought that she was having one of her bechet's syndrome attacks. And I think she was but it wasn't. quite that simple. Thank GOD for our little hospital and good staff. Dr. Starley, the doctor who fixed William up was on call that weekend also. Because of the Covid19 quarantine at that time I could not even go into the hospital with her. I am usually her advocate but this time I could not even enter the hospital. Dr Starley, her surgeon, phoned me instead of face to face to tell me that surgery was urgent as soon as possible because she had a ruptured intestine. It was a new one in my experience but he warned me that she could develop an infection very quickly without immediate surgery. So he took her to surgery that evening. She was in the hospital for about two weeks and then went to a care center when she was able. During those weeks we could only talk on the phone because of the quarantine. She is still recovering slowly. She wears what is called a stoma bag on her stomach and that is where the waste is caught and she removes it herself mostly. She is scheduled for surgery to repair her insides in August or September. I will try and keep you informed on the Dexter FaceBook site. I am not the best at posting there but will make a special effort.

William and I have been keeping close to home because of all the events around us. We have only gone grocery shopping and to visit one friend in all the weeks we have been isolated. Bill and Wannetta did come up from Carson City in May. It was great to see them. They may be able to return in July.

As you may or may not know, we are planning on selling this house and moving to Carson City when we are able. We thought it might be this fall but with Marolyn still on the mend we have postponed it until next Spring. Marolyn will be moving north to live close to her niece, Sue. Having to postpone the reunion was sad for us as can't really plan much until we are settled again. Please keep in touch and take care of yourselves. You are important to us. Love to all, Carolyn