



# MAY 2022

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I'm So excited for the upcoming July reunion. Sheila and Terry promise to not disappoint.

DEXTER FAMILY

I have really promoted the host(s) of the upcoming reunion, Terry and Sheila Lanig (Sheila Oleman). I am so proud of them, and love them to pieces.

Friday Breakfast- Muffins/Bagels, Fruit and OJ/Assortment of juices  
Friday Lunch- Hamburgers, Hot dogs, chips & baked beans. Hosts will bring a BBQ to cook this stuff on. (Cook TBD)

Saturday Breakfast- Muffins/Bagels, Fruit, Pancakes & Eggs. (Need a volunteer to cook)

Saturday Brunch/Pot luck Dinner- Hosts will pick up Safeway chicken, potato salad, cole slaw, raw veggies and jello.

For dessert that is what everyone else is to bring.

Other activities during non structured times will be playing at the beach, aquarium in Newport and casino. The auction just after the pot luck dinner on Saturday (time to be determined). Klancee, Derryll, and Orina are going to provide paints, ideas, patterns and help for painting on rocks. You need to bring a rock or two of your own to paint. Who can paint a fairy? One other activity for youngsters would be welcomed if you would like to volunteer. Last I heard the Lougena Clan will be here and hopefully will do the Tinkerbell ceremony again.

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BE SURE AND THANK JACKIE'S CHILDREN SHEILA AND TERRY FOR HOSTING. AND PLEASE VOLUNTEER TO HOST THE NEXT REUNION.

## **NEBRASKA TO OREGON**

As promised in the last newsletter a write-up of the Vernon Dexter family's move from Nebraska to Oregon is done. I thank Uncle for this project started last August. We are lucky he did this for us. Our brother Chuck Taylor, being nearly the oldest cousin and having lived in Idaho during some of that time was a huge help as well.

This document was mailed to first cousins and is online at [dexter.us.com](http://dexter.us.com) if you want to read it.

Uncle has challenged us to write up our history and provided an outline for us. Get it from me. Klancee and Derryll are working on theirs using Google Docs. Google Docs are cool.

## ANDY'S CLAN

Emily, Michael, and their family moved into the family house in Lyons, they are thinking about buying it. Working hard and raising their kids. Anna is in school and learning how to read! Wesley is growing, learning, and a very sweet little boy.

Jessica and Joe are expecting another baby in May or June, Oliver Lee, any day now!

Baylee is a teenager and decided she loves track just as much as dance. Joey is a rambunctious little

boy that loves to climb and jump and is excited about being a big brother.

In 2020, I moved in with my best friend Tom, we live in Lebanon, when we are not camping.

I am working my last year with the State of Oregon. Retirement at the end of February I think...

I will become a part-time consultant for as long as I can after I retire. Living with a chronic broken neck and I got a pacemaker this February. I'm ready to slow down and smell the ocean!

~ ~Dee!

Please join the group on facebook if you haven't already.  
Search for DEXTER FAMILY REUNION  
(it has the 2014 photo of everyone)

## The Gramma Lamp

It appears to be working its way through first cousins before moving onto next generations.

1. 2004 LaVerne (Klancee)
2. 2006 Aunt Wanda

3. 2008 Debi
4. 2010 Jeanetta (Cousin once removed)
5. 2012 Pete
6. 2014 Derryll
7. 2016 Orina
8. 2018 Merle

## WANDA'S CLAN

Our family has seen some major changes in the recent months. Fortunately we were not affected much by COVID. Of course we did pay attention to the peril it posed to everyone, including our family. We learned to wear masks and still do when we are out and about. There have been major changes for all of us. We sold the house in Troutdale and William and I moved south to Carson City, Nevada and are sharing Bill and Wannetta's home here. The most important change is that Jeanetta added a member to our small family. Donte is now one year old and is such a delightful baby; we all love him so much. We praise God for him and Jeanetta.

Moving was not an easy chore for us after twenty plus years. In fact it was very hard on eighty plus people. We still have unpacked boxes and other items that will need to be dealt with at some future time. Hopefully after I have moved on from this life. But who can predict the future?

Recently we had a visit from our dear cousin, Debi Dexter Garland.

If you are wondering where all of Hannah's and Wanda's things are, they haven't disappeared from the family forever. Derryll has several boxes of items that she can dispose of as she feels fit. I have an idea that some of those things will end up at the family auction at the next family gathering. Just don't look at me! I have taken care of them as long as I want to. And I doubt I will be bidding on any of that family history. I pray that all of you special people are okay and doing well. If you get down our way we would love to see you. God Bless you all. Your oldest cousin, ~ Carolyn.

## ORIN'S CLAN

My son Orin and family installed solar panels to ease the burden on electrical grid in Texas. They also installed a swimming pool which you can see an aerial view of it on facebook. They will be at family reunion; this year Orin's wife Zubaidah is coming too, and afterward they will go to Singapore for 3 weeks to visit her family. I've been busy with my Texas hold'em poker games in the community rec centers but players are thinning out migrating North for the summer. With the exception of coming to Oregon for the reunion, I will stay in Brenda AZ where I have been for 10 years now. Much like you northerners in winter months, we southern Arizonians try to stay indoors during the hot months. ~ Orina

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The news from my family is Crystal and Rich's daughter Danica graduates from High School on June 9th. I'd like to brag that we escaped Covid in our little group, but nope. Granddaughter Ashley and her husband Corey got it. Last November they were down for the count during Thanksgiving. So they had their turkey in December. We also did not escape another major medical emergency in November, Ralph had a big-ole heart attack. 5 days at Providence in Portland and they were able to stabilize him, open his blocked artery with drugs, and release him back to the river. In the Gorge Ralph watches the fish count as they migrate East, and checks the river level daily and do some fishing. Me, Deryll, I rent a studio where I make fire, I make sterling silver jewelry and I fuse glass. I have done some quilting this year. ~ Deryll and Ralph

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There is really nothing different or exciting happening in my family right now. My son and daughter-in-law Maria are still living in Sun Valley, NV. My granddaughter Melissa is doing very well. I traveled from Arizona where I spent the winter then back to Sun Valley the last week in April. Peaceful quiet Arizona to the city that is noisy and everyone has a dog that barks at everything. I have reservations for the reunion and hope to see a lot of people then, I believe that there are a lot of families that are not going to make it this year. Sorry to miss you all. I never got covid and have been relatively healthy, just old age related things, bones, knees, hip, arthritis. My sisters and brother are having face to face meetings once a week, I love that. We tried to start a family face to face and Kenny was the only one who joined and it just dropped off. It was great to chat with you Ken.

. I am, of course, looking forward to auctioneering this summer, and will pick out my assistant later. Last time my assistant was Sheila, but this time she will probably be busy with co-hosting duties. ~ Klancee and Eric

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Life in Medford Oregon is much the same for us. We are due for another grandbaby soon, and will report next time on that. Chuck got rid of his chickens to free us up and it looks like we'll be at the reunion. Chuck is working on the history of him and our descendants as per Andy's challenge. Our kids Tracey and Cody are loving their families. Our daughter Darcy is having some problems with her heart, and we are all going to work hard at keeping her healthy and with us for a long time. ~ Billie and Chuck

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- Owyn Jean Brown Hill born May 2022, son of Phoenix Brown . Phoenix is my sister Maxine's granddaughter.
- Our sister Maxine had 2 great-grandbabies last year; Eliza Victoria Johnson May 2021 (Dave King's grand-daughter), Isla Winifred King Sept 2021 (also Dave King's grand-daughter).
- And our brother Larry a great-granddaughter: Addison Shane Taylor Aug. 2021,

Remember last time and on facebook I spoke of Aunt Wanda's boxes of pretties???? Ok, I still have 2 boxes that I am bringing to the reunion. I am not taking them home afterward. There are nice things, and you will own one at the end of the weekend. Also there were some wonderful hand embroidered quilt blocks which I have sent to some members of the family, but for those I didn't mail someone needs to pick up your branch blocks at the reunion. I spilled the beans last week to Jeannetta about making a crib size quilt with Wanda's family blocks for little Donte' who is a year old now. Donte' is Aunt Wanda's great-great grandson.

Adrienne and Aaron, you have received 2 boxes in the mail from me, but the quilt blocks for your branch are still with me. I'm hoping your daughter will want to take on the project and finish a small quilt. I'd be glad to assist in any way.



Back: Ethan, Jamilyn,xFadrah, Krystal and Mike  
Front, Donna, Jim, Kaleb, Brooklyn, JD and Chad

Jim and Donna Dexter, Vales Clan.

We've got 5 living children between us, Jim, Fadrah, Krystal, Chad, and Jamilyn.

Jim is married to Karen, they have 4 children, Hailie ( married to Merrick and have a son Cayden); Chase ( married to Angelica and they have 2 children, Addie and Beau) Landon and Raistlen.

Fadrah is married to Tyson, they have 3 children

## VALE'S CLAN

Wm Dexter, Mariah, and Gypsy.

They've been living in Ghana but will be moving stateside the end of the month.

Krystal is married to Mike, they have 3 children, Troy, Brooklyn and Kaleb.

Chad is engaged to JD and they are the Dads to a cute Goldendoodle, Apollo.

Jamilyn has a son Ethan that just graduated, and she's dating a sweet man with 5 children.

The old folks are just doing the same thing we always do. We're retired.

We are going to be getting rid of.....well, anything I can because my antique habit has become an issue, lol. Jim loves to read and help our neighbors. He loves to walk and checks in on folks and visits.

This has like EVERYONE missing, and if I fill in the blanks you'll have a hundred pictures, lol. But that's 4 out of 5 of the kids, and 3 out of 11+

## HISTORY OF OUR COAT OF ARMS

The Dexter Coat of Arms was designed by Uncle Andy and included everyone who attended reunions. We had our first T-shirts in July 1992, and in 1994 each branch of the family declared a family color. Pete Fowler had the flag that we hang at every reunion made using the coat of arms. Find a description of the symbols below.

The DEXTER shield was created to represent our family's heritage since the marriage of Vernon Orin Dexter and Hannah Rose DeGraw

The rose was selected as the family flower in honor of Hannah "Rose." The yellow rose was her favorite

The theatrical mask represents our great sense of humor, constant jesting and appreciation of the arts.

The wheel represents our strong ties to mechanical equipment, including automobiles, trucks, trains, airplanes, construction and farming. Most of us are skilled laborers

The yellow ribbon reminds us that no matter where we may wander, the family will have a "Yellow Ribbon Around the Old Oak Tree" to welcome us home.

The eagle symbolizes our patriotism and service to our country in the military, civil service and community volunteer programs.

The book symbolizes our interest in education, religious convictions, and relaxation reading

1917 was the year that Vernon Orin Dexter and Hannah Rose DeGraw were married and from that union the DEXTER family, as we know it, had its beginning.

