



April 2010

JULY REUNION MORE THAN A DREAM, IT'S A REALITY JULY 15, 16, 17, 2010

Dexter family

Here's the word: We reserved 10 campsites and all 10 are taken. This is very good news. Anyone not camping can find information about motels or go on craig's list or VRBO.com and find private rentals in the Detroit Lake area. But a warning about this: Don't go to Michigan. I found some really nice places, before realizing I was in the wrong state.

The campsites are already paid in full, you will be paying back the family fund. An *even* \$80 check made out to Derryll (mailed or hand it to me or Crystal at the campsite.) I have listed the camp assignments on the last page, so if you want to go early, you can contact the campground and ask if your site is available. You will pay the campground directly for that however.

Ralph is going to be with us for only one partial day (maybe), as he is the grounds coordinator for Relay for Life in Hood River County—for the 2nd year in a row. *Sadly* this is the same weekend as our reunion 2010.

Albany folks, do you have a 'grill' that's easily portable for cooking a potluck main dish? We will be having a potluck again on Saturday afternoon, right before the auction I believe. These are 2 activities that brings the group entirely together.

Yes! We will have an auction this year. Klancee Call and Larry Lanig are co-auctioneers. Try to set aside a few bucks to buy something. I believe we are going to have some great hand-made items again.

Who gets up early? I have a question for you, in years past, some of the uncles cooked breakfast, does anyone want to volunteer to do this? It can't be me, I get grouchy before eating (as someone can attest who's not my husband). I have the pancake griddle and will bring a spatula. It's kinda nice to have another time when we all gather together.



I just had a call from a Charity asking me to donate some of my clothes to the starving people throughout the world.

I told them No Way!! Anybody who fits into my clothes isn't starving!!

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I want to thank Crystal and Rich and Sheila and Dan for their fantastic job in scoping out the campground for us. All campsites have been taken from our reservations, however, from experience, I do know that some folks release sites, so do check the campground directly if you still want to camp, or contact one of the folks in the newsletter, many camper sites have room for tents. The

My son and his wife plan on coming home mid July after an extended stay in Singapore. Everyone, save your \$\$ as I will have a couple of items of Hannahs to go on the auction block. I'm going to be in Oregon for both my family reunions, Orin's and Helen's.—Orina

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PETE FROM FLORIDA

All is well. Life is good. I saw the sun last month. My granddaughters and daughters are kind, loving and loved. All three of the "grands" enjoy ice skating. Adrienne enjoys creating the costumes. Hannah is looking forward to doing their makeup for competitions. I just like watching them fly past me as I freeze my butt on the sidelines. We skate on Wednesday afternoons at the Sherwood Ice Rink so if anyone is in the area we would love to meet up and chat for a bit.

For the first time ever it looks like my family will all make it to the reunion. I look forward to introducing you all to my beloved Brett who is just the most wonderful person on earth.

Even though I am not good at writing or even keeping in touch through facebook, I often reminisce about the gentle, cheerful energy which is created each time we all gather. I think of you fondly.

Also, Gram made a ceramic wall hanging which she gave to Aunt Nellie. It is decorated with grapes and is very unique. When Aunt Nellie moved from her house in McMinnville she gave me the hanging. I've had it in various places over the years and think it is perfect for a



patio where it is somewhat protected. Since I now live in an apartment and have no place to hang it, I would like to donate it to the auction if there will be one or maybe do a raffle and give it to the winner.

In Love's Presence, **Gwen/Given/Gwenma/Wendy**

Jim and Donna are doing well. We have 5 children and are expecting grandchild 14 this summer. James and his wife Karen have 4 beautiful children, and are having a busy time between the kids activities. He works as a metal fabricator, and has a side business of his own making gold sluices, if anyone is in the market. Fadrah is set to graduate this year with a degree in Geology/Hydrology, and is going to Intern with the Monsanto Corp this summer. She has 3 children that keep things hopping for her. Krystal and Matt have 2 children, and Krystal is set to graduate with a degree in Education/Public Management/Political Science. Matt has put helicopter school on hold to pursue his degree in Business Management. The kids are getting big!! Chad has 1 more year, and has put his travels with political groups on hold to finish school. He will have a degree in Communications/Political Science, and has applied for an

internship with Southwest Airlines in Dallas. Jami and Jason are looking forward to having their baby healthy and happy. It's given mom some trouble so far. This will be child 5 for them, so they have their hands full. Jason works for the City, and Jami in tech support for Dish Net, and on the side they are starting a business growing bamboo for industrial plantings. We are grateful that the children are all doing well. With them on their own, and enjoying careers, it's time for the old folks to figure out what we want to be when we grow up now!!!!

Jim is going to retire from the Railroad where he works as a track inspector in the next 3 years. Donna is hoping to do the same, but we've found that we need hobbies!!! How on earth do people retire?????????

Hope all is well with everyone, and we didn't make anyone too sleepy while we bragged a bit. Our love to all!!!!

WANDA'S BRANCH

Hello Family!

We hope you are having a good spring. I hear you California residents got most of our rain during the winter. Hope the moss isn't too thick! Our winter was very dry so we may not have as much water as usual this summer. The last I heard the reservoir at Detroit Lake was very low so best inquire about the levels before you drag your boats to the reunion. Fortunately we have been having a wet March so things may turn around.

Wanda is slowly losing ground. She is still mobile and alert to what is happening now. She just won't remember what you told her two minutes ago. Tell her about going out to a meal and she remembers very well! She had a bladder infection this spring and was pretty ill. Then the medication they gave her kept her feeling bad until it was gone and out of her system. Now she seems okay. She also has a callus on the ball of her foot below her left big toe that gives her a bad time. It seems better since she saw the podiatrist. We hope to keep her going at least until her 90th birthday so we can have a big bash for her at the reunion.

Marolyn is still working at Sonitol Pacific a security company. She was awarded the distinction of winning Employee of the month for March because she is so good at collections.

Wanetta and family are still in Nevada working for the DMV. They plan on being at the reunion. Jeanetta is also working for the Nevada DMV.

William and I are busy all the time. I thought retirement was when a person slowed down! Not us! We have a few health issues but keep them under control.

Hope to see all of you at the family get together. Stop by if you pass our way. We live less than a mile up the hill from Troutdale. Our phone # is: 503-667-2979.

God Bless, Carolyn

Marolyn Slayter February Employee of the Month



Marolyn Slayter brings an upbeat and professional attitude to her work at Sound Security and that has made an impact in collecting monies owed by clients. The Board of Directors recognizes how challenging the accounts receivable position can be and appreciates Marolyn's focus on goals, her commitment to success, and her ability to adapt in dynamic situations. To show their appreciation, they named Marolyn Sound Security's February 2010 Employee of the Month.

Since she joined the team in April of 2009, Marolyn's efforts have yielded impressive results. Sonitol Pacific's bad debt expense has been reduced by 21 percent. Similarly, our "Days Sales Outstanding" has been reduced by 24 percent, from 14.16 days outstanding to 10.86 days outstanding.

"Marolyn is a professional who is detail oriented, goal driven and committed to success," Barbara Hamlin said. "She is a quiet, considerate and thoughtful co-worker who extends those traits to her clients as she goes about her business everyday with an eye towards exceeding expectations."

Collection calls aren't always received well by clients, but Marolyn is not intimidated by any call or situation. She strikes a balance between sympathy and firmness. In Marolyn, our clients find an understanding listener, but not a pushover. She knows when it's time to put her foot down and be stern and isn't afraid to hold people accountable for their choices. The pre-call research she does ensures she communicates clearly and accurately with clients.

Even if a collection call frustrates Marolyn, she never lets it show. She appears unflappable and always in a good mood.

Marolyn is a valued member of the team. Her teammates know they can come to her for help and she will be open to taking on additional projects or tasks if it's in the best interest of the client, the company or the team.

DIXIE AND ROY DEXTER

We made it through the winter ok. I'm still working for Helena. Dixie is going back to school. The kid's are still good. Trevor is washing dishes at Enders cafe in Soda, Trent is looking for a job, Travis made it home off of his mission, and is in school now at BYU -I, and has himself a girl friend, looks serious, Britany is at school also at Byu. I and doing well she has really good grades. Tyson is doing well in school he reaches his Advanced reading goals for each semester, and still doing Basketball and has improved drastically We travel to Basketball weekly for tournaments. Brianna is doing really well in school and loves it, she also was in Basketball this year and is growing like a weed well that's all for now.

Love you all. Roy

KIM AND GREG

My dog is old and arthritic; baby Zada is facing medical issues that may be serious or may be nothing; Dexter is five, enough said; Greg's losing his hair; I'm finding added weight; the house and yard are falling apart; and so it goes with never enough time or energy to go round. Heavy sigh and a big smile. Overall, we are very blessed and grateful for all we have in life: a sweet dog, a strong baby, a charming son, a wonderful husband, my health, a home, and all the joys of family. Love, Kim, Greg, Dexter and Zada