



January 2011

ANDY AND SHERI

Dexter family

What a wonderful year 2010 was for Sheri and Andrew. We were very busy visiting and traveling and are hoping for another fun filled year in 2011. Andrew remembers as a Boy thinking, "I hope to live long enough to write the year 2000." Now we are ready to start 2011, He's still going strong and Sheri believes he is still thinking like a boy. We are now looking forward to writing the year 2030. We think we can make it, We think we Can, We think we Can! What do you think?

Thanks to those organizing the great Dexter Family Reunion that was well organized, good selection of spaces, great food and having some members return after a long absence was nice.

Andrew wanted to make an impression so he wore one of his favorite shirts. It made such an impression that Kenny complimented Andrew several times. As Kenny and Linda were leaving, Kenny again made a compliment about the shirt and Andrew finally got the message, took the shirt off and handed it to Kenny. Kenny got out of the car, put it on, got back in the car, said good bye and drove off. So, don't ever say I wouldn't give my family the shirt of my back. Kenny, Andrew hopes you enjoy it, because the pockets were filled with love.

Oh, and during the reunion, Kenny gave Sheri his shirt, so he too, would give someone in the family the shirt off his back. His shirt pocket was also filled with love and would not wash out.

Happy new year to all.

UPDATE FROM GENA WIKSTROM

Sean Wikstrom wed Tanya Nguyen in June 2010.

Sean is the son of Robert and LouGena Bosh-Wikstrom. The wedding was attended by Arnell Bosh and his sons Dave and Brian and Brian's wife Erin. We were also so pleased that Marolyn Slayter was able to attend and participate in the joyousness of the event.



Dexter Reunion 2010 – Detroit Lake State Park, Oregon

Attendees: 52 in all

Wanda Renoe, Marolyn Slaytor, Carolyn & William Howard, Wannetta & Bill Bernard, Jeanetta.

Andy & Sheri Dexter, Debi & friend Mike ____, Jessica & Bayley, Emily.

Orina Dexter, Klancee Call, Derryll Dexter, Ralph Kupersmith, Crystal Dexter, Rich LaSan, Danica.

Chuck & Billie Taylor, Jackie Martin, Terry Lanig, Kaitlynn, Lisa ____, Mara, Terry Lee Lanig, Sarah, Ethan, Shelia, Dan, Eric Oleman, Dan Dhabolt and Phoenix.

Ken, Lynda & Jimmie Dexter, Lynne Wilhelm, Greg Dexter.

Pete Simmons, Juana & Alyssa, Nolan, Jennifer, Merle Fowler & Geri, Kennedy, Aubrey.

Marci Dexter, Marjorie Garza.

Announcements:

Oldest, Wanda Renoe; Youngest Bayley. Also Aunt Wanda's was honored for her 90th BD.

Distance traveled: Juana and Alyssa; nearest: Debi.

First time attendees: Dan & Phoenix, Bayley, Jeri, Kennedy, Aubrey, Mike.

Gramma lamp went to Jeanetta and will likely be set up at Wanetta and Bill's in Carson City, NV.

Ken's Video: Kenny said to contact him for copies of the video he took—which include the sky as he did the back flip off the chair.

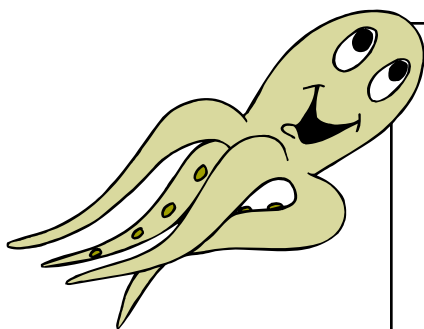
Auction We did pretty well given the economy— over \$600 was raised to replenish the fund. Today there is \$840 in the family fund. We will have another auction in 2012.

Thank you to: Wanetta and Crystal for the help in booking and collecting the funds;

Klancee for buying all the breakfast goodies;

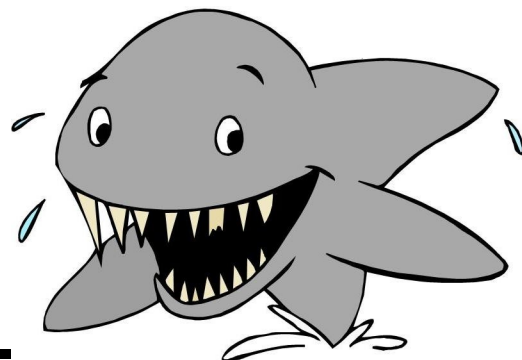
Crystal and Rich for the chicken dinner and the home away from home, and BBQ grills. You guys really know how to do it!

Klancee, the coffee set up was much appreciated.



Uncle Andrew Says

In the word "SmileS" there is a mile between the esses, however smiles drastically shortens the distance experience between two people.



KEN AND LYNDA

Hope I am not too late to publish. Ken and I really enjoyed the reunion, sharing a place with Greg and Lynn, Jimmie spent some good quality time with his uncle. Our life is not quite the same but close to it.

Lucinda and Cato (Jenee's oldest two) had their Christmas pageant this week and Cato is the class cut up it was so cute to watch.

Lynn went to Jason's graduation in Phoenix (Avondale) He graduated Dec. 3, 2010 from UTI institute for diesel mechanics. Planning on living in Las Vegas near his aunt on his fathers side. Pray for him to get a good job please.

Aimee took a cruise in October, you will have to ask her how it was, (I am still pouting because it wasn't me. Lol—laughing out loud).

November was sad for me, my mother passed away on the 12th, from her 20+ year illness. So in many ways it was a blessing. Now I am asking everyone to keep my dad in prayer, they were together so long I worry he too will be lost. We spend every weekend we can with him.

Jimmie is still working at Denver airport doing great. I am so proud of him.

If anybody wants some snow, we will send some to them. Not too bad now the rain washed most of it away. Ken requests everyone to shove a snow shovel around, when you reach an area they have no idea what it is, let us know so we can move there. LOL.

Love to all and God Bless
Lynda

Klancee's news,

Wow it is Christmas and Eric and I are in Arizona and loving the warmer weather than the north country. We got here the last week in Nov. I have a group of women her in Arizona who I go away with for a weekend and it was the first weekend in Dec. It is a Spiritual Retreat and we really have a good time with our workshop and meetings and being together.

This last year was a full year a sad year and a year of acceptance. I spent last Jan. Feb. and March here in Arizona with Eric and stayed on Jackie and Mel's place some of the time. It was a good year here, staying with Jackie and Mel and having Orina here and Larry also. I am so glad that I got the winter with him before he went into surgery and got to sick too recuperate. This last winter with him will be a gift to me and the memories I always carry will have it included. I am glad I got it.

Let's see now, after being in AZ until mid April and then went back to Reno and got some things done there, mostly just packing and repacking for a trip to Utah, where I needed to go to physically renew my drivers license. While I was there my brother in law was put in the hospital and almost died there so Eric and I started doing a 24/7 shift to be with him and watch over him. Two weeks of that and we were worn out but glad that we did it. The Dr.s had made a major mistake and almost cost him his life, he is now home and doing really well.

I went back to Reno to get ready for my trip to the family reunion the second week in June, got there and did what needed to be done for the family reunion. Left the first week of July went over to the Oregon coast and slowly made my way up the coast to Newport then inland to Jackie and Mel's and then to Detroit Lake.

The Family reunion was a huge success. Thank you to Crystal and Rich- Way to go you two. When I went back to Reno, Orina came and stayed with me and Eric came over from Utah the first weekend in August. He brought one of his classic cars and we did Hot August Nights. His daughter Dina came over for the weekend and his son Chris who lives there and his girlfriend joined us and we all did the Hot August Nights thing with the classic cars, I don't know how many cars showed up but I would guess around 5,000 or more, that is a huge group of classic cars and bunches of money spent on them.

James and Maria and Aldo and George took a couple of trips this last summer. and health wise are doing really well. Melissa and her husband Trevor are also healthy and happy. Trevor got home from Afghanistan in March this year. He relayed some of what he went through, I am so proud of him for his action and his service to our country, and to everyone who gives.

I was in Utah and my sister had an appendix blow up so I flew to Oregon to help out,. My last night in Oregon, I spent with Aunt Wanda, Carolyn, Bill and Marolyn, What wonderful host and hostesses they were. I didn't have any trouble with the searches at the airport and was disgusted that they didn't want to PAT me down. :))

So in closing I hope everyone's Thanksgiving and Christmas was exactly like they wanted it to be. Mine will be all I make of it,

Love to you all. Klancee (LaVerne)

Orina's news

I am on an open ended visit in Fort Worth Tx where my kids decided to make their home.

Orin has a job at Lockheed and Zubaidah at the Merriott, I get to watch my grandson— what a pleasure.



Phoenix Dhabolt and Danica LaSan

Derryll's News: 2010 could have been a better year for me. I had lots and lots of sicknesses, mainly small, get-over types, and one large one—Klancee mentioned my appendix had burst. I had them removed laproscopically on October 30th. That is my biggest sickness last year, and in life to date. I'm hoping for a better new year. Which, if you count my daughter and granddaughters visiting, then already it is. They came up new years weekend instead of Christmas. We had a nice time, and we sure enjoy seeing the kids grow and change. Despite what that means to the rest of us (pushing us into our aging process as well). I am signing up for Social Security against the outcries of everyone about "waiting until full retirement age". I ain't gonna do it—wait that is. I am cutting back hours at my full time job this coming summer and will keep working my 2 night jobs, but will be able to do those in the day time, which gives me back my evenings. I have plans to cook dinner more, read more, craft more, nap more, travel a little more, and "pursue happiness" a lot more. Ralph is plodding along and sad he has to wait 3 more years to retire—he's 3 years "younger." Send him some sympathy, ok?

DIANN FROM WASHINGTON

Dear Family,

Terry and I have been living in the Puget Sound area for over 3 years now. What a difference it is. We didn't realize how much we would miss our old life. But we are creating a new life or routine for ourselves. (Too much time on the couch in front of TV.) Terry works at Valley Freightliner as the Service Manager. When he isn't at work he likes to have projects at home. He recently finished a display cabinet and an entertainment center in our family room.

I work for a fairly young Training Fund (it is like a Pension Fund to pay for Education for Healthcare workers.) I have been there for almost 2 years. I was the second staff person hired and now we are at 22. We have been very busy. We both love to spend time in Woodinville with our daughter Gena and her family. Gena and Eric have a daughter Brienne

who is about 19 months old and is talking up a storm. It was so sweet the first time she handed her mom the phone and said "Call Fairy Grandma." Well you guessed it I am "Fairy Grandma." I grant wishes and give kisses.

Our son Bret married a wonderful young woman Jaclyn almost 2 years ago. They have had a lot of changes since then. They are living in St. Louis, Bret is working for a large electrical supplier and continuing his education, Jaclyn is teaching Chemistry at an excellent private school and the best news is they are expecting a daughter in April. We are so happy for them we would just love to have them nearby. Jaclyn's family is in St. Louis so they are getting lots of love. Terry and I are earning more frequent flyer miles. I'm sure we will be getting even more when the baby comes.

Love and Blessings,
Diann French (aka Tinker, Hannah Diann Fowler:)

Fall Colors

Sheri and Andrew lived in Maryland for three years and have made four trips to New England to see the fall colors. However, the fall colors here in Napa this year are by far more spectacular than any we saw in New England. The trees are retaining their leaves as they turn brilliant red, purples, yellows oranges and a variety of greens. Some of the trees and shrubs have coats of many colors. We are learning to marvel at the beauty we have close to our homes.



Pearl DeGraw-Barrington McKinney



Born October 14, 1914 Passed away on August 27, 2010.

Pearl was preceded in death by her parents, George and Stella DeGraw, all her sister's and Brothers, Fred, Hanna, Iris, Mae, Nellie, Georgia, Eugene, Eunice, Laura, Andrew and Lorraine, both husbands, Steve Barrington and Bob McKinney and daughter Janice.

Funeral Arrangements are pending but probably on Monday August 30, or Tuesday August 31.

