# The Lettini Newsletter

## **Highlights**



Star Wars Halloween



Seattle Glass Museum



Darin and Charlie Golfing



Keeping Golf Scores



Fifteen-Foot Sunflower

### Christmas 2014





Cheerleader Joce and Charlie at 5 - Caitlin at 3 BD Party.

#### 2014 - Another Great Year.

Well I turned 27 this year or maybe it was 72 – I get confused at my age. I've not been very active this year - my ankle held together with a metal plate and five screws keeps me from jogging like I used to. But I do go for walks. The Viper stayed in the garage most of the year - no car shows. I am still looking for ET via SETI@home but he/she eludes me. I also am still trying to figure out Quantum Physics - but I'm just not smart enough. I go out to lunch once a month with a bunch of Boeing retirees and periodically up to Everett for lunch with some of my past employees. They wish I would come back because I was progressive and actually got things done.

We finally got rid of one of our frustrations and got rid of Comcast - perhaps the worst Company in the world. We are now with Direct TV - with over 285 channels at half the price and with exceptional customer Support - something that Comcast doesn't have.

Inge had another great garden - we expanded the front garden and she had unbelievable production - especially tomatoes - every kind you can think of. She grew a fifteen-foot sunflower but the wind blew it down during a windstorm. She went to Hawaii with her friend and

met up with another friend who lives in Hawaii. Sounds like they had great fun. Inge continues to teach her class in medication - err I guess it's meditation walking. And she continues to feed the Homeless in Seattle. She goes for Acupuncture treatments periodically and her health is stable. She celebrated her 70<sup>th</sup> birthday – we had a surprise party for her.

Jocelyn was on a softball team and did very well. She also was on the Norwood swim team - she did very well in the free style swim. Now she is a member of the Eastside dance club - they are really cheerleaders and participate in various local events. They may even dance at a Seattle Storm basketball game. She loves reading books (has a million books) and is doing well in third grade. Yes, she is already in third grade. She got her ears pierced and didn't flinch a bit.

Dominic is in fourth grade and is learning to play the Viola - whatever that is. He still loves making things with his Legos - and is quite an accomplished gamer on the Internet. He and Joce also have an X-box and like to play games on it. Most of the time I watch but have no idea of what they are doing. I am not into games. Dom and Danny have been working on a online video game design



#### The Family at Mercer Island

program at home called game salad.

#### **Happy Holidays**

Lets be thankful for what we have



We hope that everyone has a Great Holiday Season and a Prosperous and Healthy New Year



Charlie is now in Kindergarten - wow am I getting old. Charlie is Charlie - cool calm and collected - it seems like nothing fazes him. He is learning to golf with his dad. He is in a Christian Kindergarten in Tacoma and doing well. He likes to come over and play with grandpa.

Caitlin is very vocal and rules the house. Also she bosses the kids at preschool and tells them what they should do and where to sit. The teachers love it. She has a mind of her own and knows exactly what she wants - and you had better do it or she will scold you.

Kim is still a senior manager at Bonney Watson and has taken on responsibility for a new site as the administrative leader. She and Joce rode the California Screaming roller coaster in Disneyland. It took Kim 30 minutes to recover after going at 55 MPH plus going upside down in a loop and she screamed for the whole ride. She volunteers for just about everything at school and Girl Scouts.

**D**anny is still a Program Manager at Microsoft. He, with his school buddies and sometimes the whole family go on camping trips. Danny plays soccer on a company team.

Kara is still with a Tacoma Licensing bureau managing the licensing sub agency and does charity work for the Children's Hospital. She brings the grandchildren over for visits and they love to play with our toys and in the sandbox in our backyard and go to one of our parks. Kara and Darin celebrated their anniversary at a wine tasting in Walla Walla.

Darin moved on job wise - he is now working

for Adroit Digital - a data warehouse. He loves golfing and spends weekends improving his game. Both he and Kara love to travel - Mexico, Las Vegas etc. Also his job demands that he take trips to the home office in New York. He and the kids build paper airplanes and go bike riding a lot. He is also perfecting his BBQ craft.

We had an incredible summer - temperatures in the 70's to 80's with little humidity. One of the best summers ever. Of course we had the Blue Angels come for our Summer Celebration - they are always incredible - and we had great weather so the did their high show.

**B**oth families like to go skiing - we have great mountains and ski resorts in the Northwest.

I was asked by the Stevens Institute of Technology to provide advice to the graduating class of 2014 – well they published it. Amazing.

I am now a member of the Stevens Old Guard – it's been 50 years since I graduated. Wow – can't believe it. How did I ever get through it – looking back I can't see how I passed those classes.



Joce the Softball Player.