

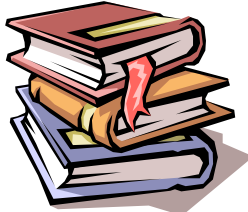
The Lettini Newsletter

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Fantastic Garden



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Kara Goes to Law School

A sneaky Kara applied to and was accepted in Law School (she never told anyone until she got accepted) ... and guess who got suckered into helping her move ... yup ... Me. I went to Memphis, where we rented a truck and car trailer and drove from Memphis to Denver. 'Murphy' was working overtime during the trip ... the first truck didn't have a trailer hitch (so we had to wait for another truck) ... that was a half day delay... then the car trailer ramp was stuck (another four hour delay)... then the trailer got a flat tire (three more hours delay) ... but we made it to Denver in two days ... you see, Kara didn't understand the speed limit signs. When we got to Denver, slave driver Kara worked the h*** out of me ... she wouldn't let me rest or even stop to get a drink of water ... it was all work, work, work ... and it was 100 degrees there.

Kim and Toddisms

Kim and Todd built a house in Bonney Lake and are selling it at a handsome profit. Kim is still working as the Director of Parkview Home and guess what ... this year she only fired two people. Todd is working for an architectural firm and also is starting his own business of designing, building and installing garage doors. All is going very well for the Dawson's.

Todd's baseball team made the semi-finals this year (way to go Todd) ... he is now huffing and puffing his way up and down the soccer fields in

But she is all set now in a very nice apartment with a very nice roommate.

Kara says that her classes and professors are all ok ... and so far she is doing very well. She is also making contact with some super nice students and getting invited to fancy places ... country clubs, baseball games, Bronco games, and she is going to attempt skiing after the semester is over.

All seems well with Kara and she is having fun ... but studying a ton ... and of course partying on the weekends.

She is looking for a summer internship ... any attorneys out there that can help? Or maybe she'll start her own law office.

Seattle. Kim is into exercising ... she walks whenever she can and is into arts and crafts.

Kim is doing such a fantastic job at Parkview that they are going to give her a nice raise. So when do we celebrate Kim.

Kim and Inge have been doing a lot of shopping this year ... they go to the market for special veggies ... some look like they are from another planet. They also frequent Bellevue Square (an up scale shopping mall) very often. What do you guys do with all the clothes???



Happy Holidays

Lets be thankful
that there is more
GOOD in the
world than Evil



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



**Happy Holidays
to ALL !!!**

Michael Buys a Viper

This may seem frivolous, but I have always wanted a Real Sports Car ... so, in July I bought a Viper, which in reality is a 'street legal' racecar – arguably, the fastest in the world ... and its ALL American. It has an 8-liter V 10 engine, rated at 450 horsepower with a six speed manual transmission. Its top speed is 192 mph and it goes to 60 mph in less than four seconds. The G-forces are unbelievable – like being in a fighter jet ... in fact its faster than an F-16 Viper fighter in the quarter mile. The only problem is that it loves gas stations ... and it's got an appetite for only the very best high - octane gas.

I have been in several parades, hot rod runs and car shows ... and I got to take it to the local racetrack and run it up to 110mph. I was too chicken to go faster, although my instructor was trying to get me to go 160-170 mph. The car is much more capable than I am.

I joined the Mercer Island Kiwanis and have been

very busy in Community activities ... too busy ... I may have to go back to work to relax a bit. Humm ... on second thought I'm enjoying retirement too much. I do the Kiwanis web site and am chair of the Youth Services committee. I also got the "Rookie of the Year" award. I guess it was because I was so active in the club.

We did have one problem this year, a water pipe broke in the kitchen and flooded most of the house and basement ... fortunately our insurance covered the damage ... but it took two months to return to normal. I took advantage of the situation to do some remodeling ... new shower tile, cabinet in the kitchen, Pergo flooring in the Dining Room. Looks pretty nice if I do say so.

I almost got selected for jury duty on a high visibility murder rape case. I came to within four of being selected. I escaped because I'm an engineer.

Inge's Year

Well Inge's green thumb was at it again ... another fantastic and productive garden. I tried growing some stuff also but most of it died ... I just don't understand how she does it. I think she hires a garden fairy to come at night and glue veggies to the plants. We dug up part of the backyard lawn and added five yards of garden soil and Inge's part was super productive ... my part was blah.

Inge helped out with the Kiwanis Fireworks sales and proceeded to sell more than anyone else. Geesh

... that's not fair. She also treated us to a bunch of fireworks ... we had a spectacular 4th ... shot off a bunch of artillery shells in our back yard ... these are the real stuff. Way cool !

Inge also got a Kiwanis 'Everyday Hero' award for doing so much community work. The Mercer Island Reporter did a nice article on her. She is very famous now. Check out her pix on our family website (www.mlettini.com).

She made her yearly pilgrimage to Las Vegas and as usual won.