

The Lettini Newsletter

Christmas 2009

page 1

Highlights



Kim's boyfriend
Danny + Dominic



Joce's Birthday
Party



Ballet Recital



Joce the Fairy



Charlie with
pumpkins



Charlie Michael Robb at delivery and 1st day



2009 – Wow what a year

On August 17, 2009 at 12:04 PM - weighing 6 lbs, 9.5 ounces at 18.5 inches - Charlie Michael Robb was born to Kara and Darin Robb. Note the "Michael". He is doing great and growing very rapidly. We are **grandparents** again. Inge and I babysit on occasion when Kara and Darin need some time off. Charlie is a delight – he seems to accept all that is going on. And I swear I heard him say Ma-Ma and Da-Da on a number of occasions – and he is only three months old. I expect that he will soon be talking, crawling and playing baseball ... although Darin wants him to be a golfer. Yuck. He is starting to talk ... although it's baby talk ... but seems to be advanced for his age.

Joce is a total delight – she is developing a great sense of humor and is a really good and smart girl. She turned four in October and had four birthday parties ... if this keeps up she will need five birthday parties next year. If I had as many it would take a year to have them all. Joce got a good citizens award for collecting gloves and hats for the needy at her birthday party. She and her friend had a joint party and collected tons of items at the birthday party. They got recognized in a newspaper article. She also did an admirable job in her ballerina recital although she came on to the stage unexpectedly and waved to all of us. Oh well she was only three. She did great at her Xmas pageant and even shook her booty. We went to see the Wiggles show where she got to high five one of the Wiggles. And we went to the Disney Ice show ... it was much better than I had expected ... they did a really great job. We got to see Mickey, Minnie, Donald and Ariel. We all had a great time.

Jocelyn is taking Spanish, ballet and now computer classes at her day care. By the time she gets to kindergarten she will have a college degree. She seems to be very well adjusted to having two homes – Todd and Kristen (Todd's girlfriend) and with us. Kristen is a nurse and takes really good care of Joce.

We still play Barbie and lately it's been Poly Pockets ... I got her a Star Wars Lego set and she seems to like to play with it and make all kinds of weird Lego things. She and Dominic (Kim's

boyfriend Danny's son) spend hours with the Lego's. But of course the reason she likes it so much is because it has Princess Leia in it. She has about a dozen princess dresses like Snow White, Bell, Ariel etc etc. She likes to put them on and dance and sing. She like's Pearl Jams latest album.

My job as a consultant to Boeing ended ... I was asked to stay on as a full time employee but I declined. Retirement has some objectives - I wanted some time to myself. After all I've been working since I was thirteen years old. I keep busy painting, fixing things and I created a web site for a law group in Seattle and I also have my own two web sites and I manage the Washington Viper club web site. Too bad I don't get paid for them.

Kim is doing well at her job – she seems to be running the company – In her job she is known as the firing lady ... whenever some ones needs to be fired she gets to do it. Of course when she fires someone she has to take on their responsibilities ... pretty soon it will be a one-person company. She has a new friend (Danny – actually it's been made official now – he is her boyfriend) and his son (Dominic) they seem to be getting along vey well and are going to Maui in December ... I wish I could go. Actually they are in Maui as I'm finishing this newsletter. They have 80-degree weather and we are in the loooow 20 's – the coldest it's been all year.

Kara is looking for a new lawyer job since having her baby. She has several prospects, pending offers. For the time being Kara is being a mom – making sure that Charlie is doing well. She has a few prospects for a new attorney job and is carefully analyzing them. Kara is an active founding member of the Daughter's Guild, a Guild for Seattle Children's Hospital. This year, they raised over \$8,500 at their annual "Touch Downs For Tots" auction. All donations received are donated to the hospital to go towards uncompensated care.

Darin is between jobs at this time – but he is very talented and will soon have a job in his preferred field – sales. He is an avid golfer and is trying to get good

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



Happy Holidays to ALL!!!



Kara and baby Charlie Michael

enough to go on one of the professional tours. He golf's whenever Charlie lets him. He was excited about the fact that Charlie actually held a golf ball in his three-month-old hands. Darin is also a good cook and has invented several recipes for barbequed and stir-fried foods. Kara and Darin are planning a trip to Mexico next year. They have still been able to maintain a social life – and have plenty of baby sitters. Kara is currently interviewing Nanny's for when she goes back to work. One of the premier law firms in the area is interested in hiring her.

The Viper only attended one event this year – I am still the Webmaster for the Washington web site (but have resigned as of the end of the year). I don't drive the Viper much any more ... too expensive. Health Insurance for Medicare is abominable. Please Obama do something to help us seniors. I have been analyzing the various health insurance options and am totally confused. I want one universal policy not a selection of A through Z options.

I was asked by AARP to provide information on health care. I wrote up an analysis of our situation ... AARP liked it so well that they wanted to come out and videotape me and take it to Congress. I told them they could use the write up but I did not want to be videotaped. I'm not one to be in the limelight – I prefer to be in the background. It was taken to Congress and President Obama and posted on their web site.

Inge turned twenty-fourty-five this year (hee hee) and gets to take advantage of the non-benefits of Medicare. She had another productive garden ... again it's November and we still have tomatoes growing. She planted tomato plants all over the neighborhood ... wherever you look in our neighborhood you will see Inge tomatoes. I should mention that Joce helped her plant the tomatoes as well as carrots and other veggies - and helped maintain them by watering them. Inge still frequents all the local markets and brings home all kinds of good veggies. She is the executor for the lady across the street that passed away last year and she maintains her property until the state sells it. We had another great Thanksgiving dinner ... Inge's stuffing is FANTASTIC ... she should put the recipe on the web so all can enjoy it. She spent most of Thanksgiving Day feeding the homeless in Seattle. We had our dinner on Tuesday so we could have it with Jocelyn.

I am doing a lot of non-volunteer – volunteer work ... I am the Washington State focal for the Planetary Society (which promotes space travel), and I created a web site for a Seattle law firm (www.evanstonlawgroup.com), I also maintain my web sites www.mlettini.com and the Washington State Viper Club web site (for the time being) (www.wavca.org). I also do Macintosh trouble shooting on several web sites.

We suddenly have deer(s) in our neighborhood ... they are

eating Inge's tomatoes. We have no way of understanding how they got here. We are an Island in the middle of lake Washington with the only access being two bridges. We also have Raccoons that are wrecking our back yard lawn ... but they are sooo adorable. Maybe we should start up a wild animal zoo.

Kim and her boyfriend Danny (note the boyfriend) are always together ... and Jocelyn and Danny's son Dominic get along very well ... they play together at both our house and Danny's. Danny is really nice – we all like him a lot - and he works for Microsoft ... also ... he used to be in a band in his younger days. He even has a CD out that really sounds good. Also, I hear tell he is a good cook.

I joined the Pacific Science Center this year ... so we get to go see all kinds of neat stuff ... dinosaurs, butterflies, science events and the planetarium. Joce loves the planetarium ... the last time we went she was all excited because they talked about Jupiter and she got to see Jupiter in our telescope. Maybe she will be an Astrophysicist when she grows up. We have also seen the butterfly exhibit and the dinosaurs. It's a great learning experience. We have a family membership.

Kim is managing to keep an active social calendar as well – in between taking care of Joce. When she is not taking care of Joce she is usually out with Danny or one of her girl friends. I forgot to mention that she manages the Company Social events ... board meetings, company picnics, etc.

Inge has also been helping some of her friends who have been ill. Visiting them and cooking for them. She also planted tomatoes at their houses ... I guess it figures that the tomato lady would have done that.

I go out once a month to meet up will fellow retirees for lunch. Thus far we have solved all of the world's problems – but no one listens to us. Mark and I still go out for lunch occasionally – we solve all the technical problems in the world – maybe we will someday come up with something really fantastic – like a solar powered Viper ;-).

We finally joined the twenty-first century and bought a fifty-inch 1080p 600 Hz Plasma HDTV along with a Blu-Ray BD player. We also have a Wii. Kim is the Wii master and Joce likes to play as well. I don't play computer games. Darin and Kara also have a Wii and are beginning to Wii as well.

I gotta tell you about our summer ... it was FANTASTIC ... the best since I have been out here (1964) and maybe the best ever. It was sunny and warm from March through August. It was great for outdoor activities.

Ashes, our cat, is still going strong and is very demanding ... all she does is eat, sleep and demand attention. Kobi, Kara's dog is now all grown up and is also very demanding. Something about animals I guess.

Well now to get ready for Christmas ... what do I get for who ... what do I want ... yuck ...

Have a great New Year!!!