

The Lettini Newsletter

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Highlights



Swimming at Mercerwood



Joce's 5th Birthday Party



The Pink Ladies



Going for a ride



Future Mafia Leader?



Jocelyn totally focused on my Mac and Cousin Charlie at Bon Odori



2010 – Another Year Blows By

Due to some of our readers becoming older and having difficulty reading our newsletter I have increased the font size by two fold.

On a sad note Grandma Lettini passed away in March – just a few days short of her 94th birthday. She was a good mother and grandma and always worried about everyone else but herself. So I guess I'll have to take up the worrying.

Grandson Charlie turned one and is now starting to walk and has teeth. We babysit him periodically and he is very curious about everything – so we have to keep a constant eye on him. He also loves to torture Darin and Kara's dog Kobi. He is almost starting to talk. I babysat him at this writing ... and I can tell you he is into everything. He opens every drawer and gets into everything. He will be talking very soon. He got to see his first snowfall and he said "WOW".

Granddaughter Jocelyn is now five but I think that she is really twenty-five ... she carries on conversations that would lead you to believe that she is a lot older. She takes computer classes, soccer, gymnastics and even tried taekwondo. It is a joy to see her grow up ... she is such a good and caring girl. If she thinks that Charlie is in trouble she will run to him and protect him.

Joce is a really good and caring girl. For

example when Charlie was in danger of falling she ran over to keep him from falling. In another instance when there was a loud noise she ran over and put her hands over his ears to protect him. Joce said that she wants to be a singer and her favorite singers are Carrie Underwood, Darius Rucker, Taylor Swift, Lady Gaga and Beyoncé. She sings every day in the car.

I got a call from Boeing asking if I would 'please' come back on contract part time to help out – well I must have taken a stupid pill that morning because I agreed. I went to work for Boeing Research and Technology – Phantom Works in the Black World. They do all the advanced R&D for the entire enterprise. I worked there for four months.

Inge had her usual successful garden ... but we did not have much of a summer this year – at least compared to last year. She also was the executor for the elderly lady that lived across the street and passed away last year – dealing with lawyers and the State ... but managed to get the Estate in order and sold her house. She is also very active in helping her childhood friends with cooking, weed whacking and painting ... and occasionally goes to one of our Casinos. She usually wins at the Slots. She is managing her health very well – better than I am.

Kim is still working at Bonney Watson



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!!!



Charlie, Jocelyn and Dominic!

and pretty much running the whole show there. She sets up the company BBQ picnic and does all the corporate reporting and meeting agendas. She and her boyfriend Danny are getting along greatly. Danny is a developer at Microsoft. Danny's son Dominic and Jocelyn get along very nicely most of time. They love to play with Legos and car tracks. Joce likes to try to coerce Dominic into playing Barbie ... but I usually am the one that winds up playing Barbie and Prince Charming. I have married Barbie at least a hundred times. She is into Disney Princesses ... so we have princess stickers all over the house. And I have a new alarm clock ... Joce comes in and wakes me up in the morning before going to day care.

Darin got a great job that he loves at Compete, where he sells marketing research. Unfortunately it requires a lot of travel and he doesn't like to fly. He has some pretty powerful clients – like Delta Airlines and the Marriot hotel chain. He is still an active golfer when time permits. He is also a fantastic cook ... his BBQ Ribs are intoxicating. He also is continuing to pursue his golfing career.

Kara (the attorney) did a pro bono case that went to trial and she won. She also helped organize the 4th annual Touch Downs for Tots auction, which raised almost \$20K for Seattle Children's Hospital. She pretty much is a stay at home mom now a days – taking care of Charlie. Kara has had a number of attorney offers – but she and Darin decided to sell their house and move to Tacoma to run a family business – a licensing office. They started work there part time - Charlie goes to Day Care and enjoys it.

I had to go to a doctor for the first time in 30 + years. He recommended a full exam ... so I agreed ... then I had to have a stress test and a prostrate exam. Well all turned out ok. I'll live

for another few weeks at least. But I am now on Blood Pressure and Cholesterol medicine. Yuck!

I had Thanksgiving dinner at Danny's house with Kim (a great meal with turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, etc) ... Inge will be feeding Thanksgiving dinner to the Homeless. Kara and Darin will be with Darin's side of the family. We will have a family dinner later with all of Inge's fantastic stuffing and turkey.

Kim, Joce, Danny and Dominic went to Disney Land this summer where they had loads of fun and met most of the Princesses. I went with Kim and Joce to see the Wiggles up in Everett. They put on quite a show.

We have been warned that this will be a very severe winter ... so I have our generator ready to provide power when the power goes out. If somebody sneezes in Montana we loose power. This is the problem with living on an island in the middle of Lake Washington. In preparation for the end of time on December 21st 2012 - Mercer Island has set up a water well to provide water in the event of an emergency and provided free containers. El Nino will be very bad this winter – we have been warned of an extreme winter. We have already had a windstorm, snow and freezing temperatures in the teens. But Charlie enjoyed it and Joce went sledding for the first time.

The Viper didn't see much action this year ... just one car show and less that 1,000 miles. Since Chrysler decided to end production – my Viper just increased in value. In a few years it may be worth three times what I paid for it.



Danny, Dominic, Kim and Jocelyn at a Baseball game