

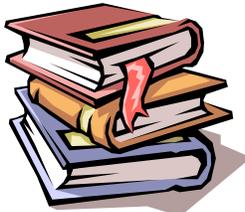
The Lettini Newsletter

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Highlights

Kara in Second
Year Law School



Kim and Todd
Super Busy



Inge has Another
Fantastic Garden



Michael's Viper
now Famous



Lettini Ladies Selling Fireworks

Another year has gone by. This was the best summer ever in Seattle. We set a record for most consecutive days with sun in the 70's and 80's and went a record number of days without rain.

After having been retired for two plus years now - I am still enjoying it. I am very active with the Kiwanis and was awarded the Kiwanian of the year award. I am their Youth chairman, head their cartridge collection program, lead the scholarship program and was elected to their Board of Directors. Oh yeah, I'll also be taking over the fireworks program.

My Viper is doing great. It got a new exhaust system installed – which boosts horsepower to almost 500 hp. It can go to 60 in 3.8 secs or less. It went to a half dozen car shows and was the car of the show in

most. I guess it's so popular because it is a limited production car and not many people get to see them in public. It even got featured in the Mukilteo newspaper as the coolest of the cool. It was also in three car parades. In one, ten Vipers convoyed to Edmonds for the Fourth of July parade. It was awesome to see all that power moving up I-5. We totally stopped traffic on a number of occasions.

Took it to Mount Rainer for a photo shoot and met some Chinese tourists who had never seen one before. One of them asked me if he could buy it from me on the spot. I declined.

I still keep in touch with the Boeing people ... morale is very low with all the layoffs ... sure glad I'm not there to have to lay people off.

Kim and Todd's Year

Kim and Todd had very busy years. Kim is still Director of Parkview Group Home. They love her there and don't want her to leave ever. She came to the Kiwanis in September and gave a presentation about the home and featured the clients and what they do. It was very well received.

Todd is still working several jobs. He works for an architectural firm and also has his own business that he is trying to grow larger. He designs, builds and installs garage doors for businesses and homes. He's been working almost 24/7 and plans to retire early.

Since turning 30 Kim seems to have acquired

'locked car with keys inside syndrome'. She has done this about a half dozen times. So whenever she goes out now we alert AAA to have a truck ready to come and unlock her car. Oh well, age will do that.

I see the amber lights – that's Kim's new theme song ... when she sees an amber light the foot goes down to the floor in order to get through before it turns red.

She was involved in an accident (not because of her theme song) and was rear-ended by a truck. Guess they had police, aide cars, fire engines and maybe even the National Guard came. Fortunately the only injury she sustained was a very sore neck.



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 !!!

Viper at Mount Rainer



Kara's Year

Kara is now in her second year of Law School and doing well. She interned this past summer as a law clerk for the Chief and Senior Administrative Judges. She wrote draft opinions, sat in on hearings and mediations, then did research on Administrative Law Central Panels across the nation. A senior judge presented her research to the Directors of all the Central Panels at a Symposium. The paper will be submitted to a law journal for publication. In her summer Trial Law class she did so well as a Trial Lawyer that she got the highest grade in the class and was asked if she wanted to represent the school in some kind of contest. She was too busy, so she declined.

Besides partying, she works as a nanny and part time for a lawyer. She is also the Outreach Coordinator for the law schools Amnesty Chapter, did their web site - and managed

Inge's Year

Inge took her normal trip to Las Vegas during spring break with two close friends and as usual came back a winner. She took an additional ten-day trip to the big island of Hawaii to visit another close friend and was joined by even another close friend on the last five days.

The town she stayed in was very tiny – about 500 people – not the usual tourist place. Her stay was very enjoyable and restful. It was nice and quiet, the people were very friendly and she could walk everywhere to see nice landscape and water. Evenings were spent with her friends sharing wonderful meals. She got to see a White Sand Beach near Kona and visited Hilo several times to see a local farmers market – and spent one night in Oahu taking great digital pictures and sent candy, fruit and leis home. Yummy.

Inge still works at Island Park School and they still can't get along without her. She has had her picture in the Mercer

to get a Faculty member as an advisor. Also, she's the Project Manager for the Social Justice Action Group (she supervises and bosses a bunch of IL's on social legal matters) and a member of the American Inn of Court (that's a partying group). Note: Kara made me re-write this to be legally correct ... geesh.

She runs in marathons and is planning to take up skiing or snowboarding. Hope she has good medical insurance.

One thing that she did was finally get rid of her trouble plagued PC and bought a Macintosh ... good move Kara. It runs all the programs she needs for school and the OS is Unix based and is completely crash proof.

Kara has been Colorado-ized and has been to every major event in the state ... it's a part of her education, I guess. She has moved to a different apartment with Tally, one of her classmates. They had planned on renting a house but got scared off after the house was burglarized.

Kara had the opportunity to come home on several occasions this summer ... and helped with our gala Fourth of July Fireworks display. We closed off the street and fired off hundreds of fireworks ... many of them artillery shells ... just like the real ones but a little tamer. They go up several hundred feet and then explode with multiple bursts.

Island Reporter so often that people and kids all over the Island know her by sight.

She was in a charity fashion show ... Gilligan's Island meets Mercer Island. The Professor from the show was there ... he lives in the area. She got to model 'leather' ... yup, 'leather' ... to this day I still get wisecracks about that.

Inge spent a lot of time helping the Kiwanis sell fireworks ... that's our main fund-raiser for the community. She had the highest sales and spent the most time there. Even Kim and Kara got to sell some.

Unwinding is one of Inge's favorite pastimes. Every Wednesday she has acupuncture and she and her acupuncturist go out for food and conversation. Some Fridays, she and some co-workers get together after work at the local Roanoke Tavern for beer, nachos and talk.