

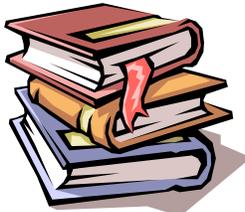
# The Lettini Newsletter

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## Highlights

Kara in Last Year  
Law School



Kim and Todd  
Start a Corporation



Inge has Heart  
Surgery



Michael's Viper  
Honored Twice



## Inge at her 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party

2004 was a very exciting year. Inge celebrated her 60<sup>th</sup> birthday at a surprise party. Must have had sixty or so people there. She retired from Island Park School (so we have two retirees now) – then in July she was not feeling well, so Kara rushed her to the hospital – to make a long story short, the artery to the heart was blocked – so they did an angioplasty and inserted two stents (back to back) to open up the artery. She is still a bit weak but recovering nicely.

Prior to that she made her usual spring trip to Las Vegas with three of her friends from school. And this year she and thirteen of her friends (who all turned sixty this year and have been friends for forty years) rented out Bloomer Mansion in Long Beach Washington for a weekend of fun, food and parties.

It was another great garden year for Inge. After all

## Kim and Todd's Year

Todd has started up a corporation – Encompass Corporation. He does construction, remodeling, woodworking and design. He also buys property and develops it and buys houses for remodeling. He seems to be working 24/7 with a few golf matches in between.

Kim is still the Director of Parkview Group Home and doing extremely well. She does a really good job of hiring people ... she has some super nice people working for her – all hand picked. A new car may be on the horizon for Kim – she's been looking at cool Dodge Hemi Durango's and wimpy Honda Pilots.

these years I still can't understand how she does it ... here it is mid-November as I write this and we still have tomatoes.

Since retirement, Inge does a lot of volunteer work. She spent more hours at the Kiwanis fireworks sale than anyone else and is currently volunteering two days a week at the Prospect Pre-school.

She's now into marketing ... err ... that is going to markets ... Farmers Markets ... and has a list of every Farmers Market in the area. On weekends she goes to several of them - mostly to get veggies ... some of them pretty weird. Then she cooks them ... and actually eats them. She even did some volunteer work at the Bellevue Farmers Market and got all kinds of free veggies for her time.

Kim and Todd went to Disneyland with their niece and Todd's family. I hear tell that they went on the Twilight Zone Tower of Terror ride. Kim was chasing Mickey all over DL and got so excited that Todd had to use a tracking device to find her.

Parkview has two parakeets that Kim hosted at her house for a while ... two dogs, a cat and two parakeets ... must have been exciting ... let's see - dog chases cat – cat chases bird ... humm.

Inge and Kim took a Korean cooking class together ... I am awaiting some gourmet Korean food very soon. Todd and Kim were the stars of our annual 4th of July Pop-it fight (it's like Dodge Ball but with Pop-its) – we had about a dozen fighters and I won.



### Kara's Pumpkin



### Kara's Year

Kara is wrapping up her law school career this year and will be graduating in May 2005. The family plans to join Kara for the celebration and help her move back to Seattle where she'll be living with an old friend from college. She plans on taking the Washington State Bar Exam this summer. From what she's heard, Bar/Bri will be her best friend this summer.

Her year has been packed with attending several fundraising events, she became a member of the local Opera Guild, and continues to be active as a student organization leader and member of the American Inns of Court. But it's not all work, now that the snow has fallen. Kara plans on using her Colorado ski pass every weekend, especially since she bought all new gear last year and only went once.

In addition, Kara has taken advantage of her four-day school-week to take a few trips as well. She kicked off the year with a trip to Vegas for a bachelorette party (no

### Michael's Year

I had a rather boring year. I did a lot of work most of the work for the Kiwanis, was elected to their Board of Directors again and was the Kiwanian of the year for the second year in a row. But due to a controversial meeting after the election (which turned into a political love fest) I decided that politics and community service should not go together (it's actually forbidden in the Kiwanis bylaws) – so I resigned. To this day I'm still 'pissed' off about what was said at the meeting.

My Viper received some recognition. The picture of it at Mt. Rainer made the Tenth Anniversary Viper Book. I also had several pictures in the 2004 Viper Calendar. It was one of the features in the Mercer Island Summer Celebration parade – I had some Kiwanis logos made up and displayed them on the car – a couple of Kiwanis members walked along side and passed out candy. Prior to the parade – in the staging area – the Seafair Princesses all arrived in their Corvettes – as soon

comment). A few weeks later she spent a long weekend in Memphis, TN to visit some old friends and workplaces. Finally, a few weeks after that, she came back to Seattle for a wedding, and had the time of her life.

For spring break, Kara brought her roommate and classmate Tally Zuckerman to spend some time with us. They saw all the sights, sampled all the cuisine and ventured out to all the local watering holes. Tally's sister and niece joined us as well for a couple days. They live in Portland, OR. It was very nice to meet them all.

Kara decided to work and play in the Seattle this past summer. Kim flew out to Denver to help her drive back, and thanks to Kim's inability to obey any rules of the road, they made it in a day and a half (it takes 21 hours to drive from Denver to Seattle). They had a lot of fun christening Kara's new car, a Honda Element. The Element is an orange-red color – so we dubbed it – the pumpkin. It is so roomy inside that we thought we could play a basketball game in it. And it has stadium seating, so if Ron Artest decides to start a brawl inside, those in the back seat can get a good view.

This summer, Kara worked for Todd as his business manager. She assisted in the set-up of his corporation and business structure, wrote-up by-laws, safety procedures, etc. She also helped in filing all the papers for the government. The phrase "I am not a certified attorney so I cannot give legal advice" became her tagline. Kara continues to work for Todd part time during the school year.

as they saw the Viper, they all left the Corvettes and came over to get their picture taken with the Viper ... I even got my picture taken with several of the Princesses. One of the drivers said that next year he's getting a Viper. I also took it to the usual car shows and car parades. It still gets a lot of attention even though it's two years old.

I had an opportunity to spend some time with one of my classmates (Joe Weber) from Stevens. He came out to Seattle for a couple of meetings – so we met for dinner on two occasions. Hadn't seen him for 40 years ... it was great fun reminiscing about the good old days.

I keep getting invited to financial and retirement seminars ... I usually toss them in the garbage ... but lately I've been going to some ... been averaging at least one free dinner a week. Well that's all for his year ...

**Have a Happy Holiday Season ... and keep safe.**

### 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!!!