



Patrick – Will – Claire – Brittney – Peggy – Jim – Dan in Mexico for Carolyn & Victor's Wedding – Feb. 2016

Happy Holidays to all! 2016

Can you believe another year is almost over? I am happy to report that this has been another great year for the Dixon family. Jim and I continue to have good health with just a few minor problems to overcome. But we are still kicking, walking, playing tennis, (Jim still runs some.), enjoying every day and living for the few days and moments we get to be with our family. I continue to happily work at Ball State University and Jim continues to work with a few computer clients building and repairing computers. We still have our two dogs, Brigit 11 years old and Reesy 6 years old plus three rescue cats inside, Isis, Kali and Athena and our 2-3 mostly feral cats who have heated shelter, Maud, Midnight and Sunshine. Usually about 3 to 4 friendly cats find our front porch each year, so we get them fixed, vaccinated and wormed and find a new inside home for them.



Brigit – 11 years old



Reesy – 6 years old



Isis – 16 years old

In February, (see photo above) we all traveled and met in Mexico City where we enjoyed one of our best vacations together. We toured the sights in and around this huge city and traveled south 150 km to stay at a beautiful old hacienda for the weekend and attend the gorgeous wedding of our oldest niece, Carolyn and Victor. It was magical and loads of fun.



Daniel with Claire and Will in Hawaii.

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(The photo to the left is the Patrick Dixon family ready to go Trick or Treating in Hawaii with Will as Darth Vader, Patrick as a Storm Trooper, Brittney as Rey, and finally, little Claire as Princess Leia.)

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then, they will be all over the U.S. for various trainings for the new position. Planned places include Monterey, CA; Washington, DC; Latin America for 6 months (Patrick alone), Wright Patterson AFB for one month and then finally, Brasilia, Brazil. So, if all goes well and we keep our health, we will plan to visit them in Brazil in about three or four years to see our only two grandchildren Will (5 years old) and Claire (18 months). Our little Will is obsessed, thanks to his uncle Dan, with Star Wars and Legos and loves his Montessori preschool. And little Claire is quite the little dare devil explorer (she seems to be fearless) and just learning to express herself. We wish they lived closer, but thank goodness for Goggle Plus and Skype and Facetime.

We wish you and your families a wonderful New Year 2017 with all good health and success. Happy Holidays to you all! Peggy and Jim Dixon



Will's 5 year Star Wars birthday party at the playground at Hickam AFB/Pearl Harbor Joint base. Left to right – Jim, Peggy, Brittney, Claire, Patrick, Will and Dan Dixon.



The Dixon family at Kualoa Ranch on Oahu where scenes from Jurassic Park were filmed.