



Hello friends and family far and near,

2017 was another good year for the Dixons. Jim and I are staying reasonably healthy and Jim continues to still run and play tennis some each week and work on computers at Saturn Computers. I continue to work at Ball State University in the International Programs office since I enjoy it and I figure it keeps my mind sharp plus I do quite a bit of walking during my breaks.



*(The photo on the left is Dan and Patrick Dixon when Patrick gave Dan a tour of the C17 he flew all over the Pacific while he was stationed at Hickam AFB in Honolulu.)*

We so enjoyed several trips to the Hawaiian Islands over the last three years, but Patrick and Brittney and our two grandchildren, Will and Claire, are moving on. They were briefly stationed in Monterey, CA for about three months and we took a week-long trip there last spring. It happened to be the time when the harbor seals were giving birth to their darling newborn pups, so we got to see many of them on the protected beaches. Just a delightful experience. Patrick became a Major in the Air Force while he was in Monterey, CA this past summer.



*(The photos on the left were taken at the ceremony in Monterey, CA in which Captain Patrick Dixon became Major Patrick J. D. Dixon.)*

*First is the photo with Patrick's family, Brittney, William and Claire and the photo on the right is with his brother, Daniel, who also attended the ceremony.)*



*(The photo above left to right is Will 5, Major Patrick Dixon, Peggy and Jim Dixon, Claire 2, Brittney and Dan Dixon at the fabulous Monterey Aquarium in Monterey, CA.)*

At the end of our trip to Monterey, I then accompanied our Dan home to Seattle for a few days in which Dan catered to my every whim. Visiting Bainbridge Island via ferry, eating special grilled cheese sandwiches, visiting the Chihuly Garden and Glass museum near the Seattle Needle and just being with Dan were highlights. Jim visited Dan in Seattle in the fall and they had a great time doing things Jim was interested in seeing and doing like touring the computer museum.





*(Photo at left is of Dan Dixon and Peggy Dixon enjoying the amazing displays at the CHIHULY Garden and Glass in Seattle, WA. Chihuly created the glass displays in the center of the Children's Museum in Indianapolis and at the Bellagio in Las Vegas.)*

*(The photo on the right is Dan Dixon, third from left, and part of his international Universe Sandbox team.)*



Dan is still in Seattle supporting about 10-12 expert employees around the world as his Universe Sandbox program continues with great success. Plans to expand sales to other countries in various languages and a new app of the program for phones are quickly coming to fruition. We are so proud and happy for Dan and the success he has thus far achieved.

Patrick and Brittney and Will (6) and Claire (2.5) are now stationed temporarily near Washington, D.C. where they are all learning to speak Portuguese in preparation for their three (3) year stint in Basilia, Brazil. Patrick is now a Major and will be working daily at the American Embassy. We plan a short trip to see them in Washington, D. C. in the spring and then will hopefully be able to plan at least one trip per year to visit them in Brazil. Our grandchildren are a joy to us and in between in person visits, we Google + our family usually about once per week.

All our family are planning to be at our home for briefly just before Christmas this year and that has not happened for several years, so this will be a very special Christmas together. Our niece, Carolyn and Victor are expecting her first child next spring and they will be here sometime during the holidays too.

We look forward to another good year and hope yours will bring much happiness, health and success to you and yours. Keep in touch. Friend me on Facebook – Peggy M Dixon. Happy Holidays to you all! Peggy and Jim Dixon