



Family Newsletter

2025 Fraga Picnic

August 9th

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August 9th Saturday starting at 11am

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3775 John R Troy, Michigan 48083

Arrival time : 11am-12noon and on

Memorial Tribute / Grace : 12:15

Children Games : 12:30 - 2:00

Eat and Enjoy the day : 2pm till ???

Raffle / pinto bean / 50/50 winners 4:00pm

*The Family Committee decided that the Children games will be played before our meal. Our family will have a brief Memorial tribute and say Grace at approximately 12:15. This will allow families to eat as desired and visit.

Friendly Reminder : No glass bottles, No Adult games, No food sharing table.

B.Y.O.F.B. Bring your own Food and Beverage. We will have a grill ready for those in need .

Please Note : Totes from the picnic ,signs and pictures , will be passed on to the Next Host Aunt Mercedes and Aunt Ellen Family

Hola Familia!

I would like to thank all you have contributed to this newsletter. I can't wait to see photos from the 2025 Fraga picnic. Please send me photos and I'd like to put out a little something for all to see.

I hope everyone is having a beautiful summer, enjoying trips, and seeing family & friends.

Many Blessings to all of you!

Love,

Kristen

From Vincent Fraga:

Lucy has earned a Bachelor of Education (BEd) degree and will be starting her first teaching job in September at a primary school in West London.

Natasha completed her secondary education and sat her GCSE (General Certificate of Secondary Education) exams over a period of 4 weeks in May/June. She will be starting Sixth Form College the final two years of secondary education (Year 12 and Year 13) and preparing her for university.

I've got a new job after 21 years at the same place and was appointed regional Director of Northwest ADASS (Association of Directors Adult Social Services). Not nearly as impressive as it sounds!

From Uncle Dan & Dean Fraga:

Uncle Danny and Aunt Helen held a family reunion at their house in June in which all their kids (Dean, Susan, and Greg), their spouses, and nearly all of the grandkids attended. Two new cornhole champions were crowned who will be able to lord it over the rest of us for one year.

Our youngest grandson John, Greg's son, didn't join us on our family's yearly get together weekend since he had recently driven to Alaska to work on some parks there. Another grandchild that recently moved, is our granddaughter Rosa who moved to Chicago to work there.

Uncle Dan and part of his family attended the "No Kings" protest in Troy, Ohio on June 14.

Helen and Uncle Dan will be going on a 2 week boat trip starting August 24th that goes to England, Wales, Northern Ireland and Scotland.

From Ralph Valdez:

In early May Ralph Valdez and Kevin Piotrowski took a road trip to Ohio and had a wonderful visit with Uncle Dan Fraga and Aunt Helen. "We both had some time off work and decided to explore parts of Ohio we had not been to before. Last November we enjoyed a road trip that took us through Ohio, West Virginia, Kentucky and North Carolina. In Belmont, NC (near Charlotte), we got to visit my Goddaughter Nikki (my sister Christina's daughter), her husband Pat Hartnett and their new baby Max.

But this time our trip was centered in Ohio, and we were so fortunate to be able to spend quality time with Aunt Helen and Uncle Dan. First, we caught up on family and life in general at their beautiful home in New Carlisle, Ohio – which by luck, just happened to be on the same street as our hotel – and then they treated us to a nice dinner at a nearby Mexican restaurant that they're fond of. Kevin and I just loved being able to spend a little time with them and we were impressed with how active they are and what great shape they're both in despite their own health challenges.

As my mother's youngest brother and as the last of our living Fraga uncles, we recommend everyone take time - if they can - to hear more about our family history direct from Uncle Dan and his memories of the family farm, our grandparents, his government work, his archaeological interests, and all of the amazing places throughout the world that he and our dear Aunt Helen have visited. They also shared news and updates of their own children, and you could just feel the deep love that they all have for each other. As anyone who has ever enjoyed time with them at our Family Picnics knows, they are very 'family oriented' and the joy, love and respect that they express for our family and our roots (and branches) is so invaluable and so endearing!"

From Karen Fraga:

Karen (widow of John Fraga) and Joyce are continuing their world travels. This year is Iceland, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Germany, Poland and Estonia.

These are all second trips for Joyce as she's been to 76 countries.

They have also rejoined Rotary and are members of the Rochester Rotary Club.

Slim is a new rescue dog from I heart Dogs and a great companion to Leader Did Daisy.



From Monique Anthus:

Quite a busy spring for our family.

Dave and Monique sold their home in California and relocated to Lake Havasu, Arizona.

Jacqueline graduated from Virginia Tech this May with a degree in Biochemistry . She will continue her studies at Boston University, majoring in Biomedical Forensic Science. We are very proud of her hard work and commitment to her studies.

Sophia had a successful second year at Loyola Marymount University. She performed in a professionally choreographed tap performance, choreographed her first piece for the spring performance, and she was also invited to perform in several senior thesis dance pieces. Her artistry is growing! David slipped out of retirement quickly and started a new position with Keysight Technology.

Elizabeth and Joe met with cousins (Danielle, CC, Teresa, Peter and Courtney) in Paris this summer. Making many great memories!

From Paulette Checkeroski:

Tim Sr. won 1st place in the 3D archery shoot in the Super Senior Class at the ASA Pro Am in Metropolis, IL! After all he has endured he's still got it!!!

From Lenore Fraga:

Paul and Lenore seem to always be traveling these days! Since the beginning of the year, they spent time in Lake Havasu for Monique's birthday with all the Paul Fraga family, went to Puerto Vallarta in late February with Paul's siblings (more celebrating) and they've made several trips to Seattle to visit with and/or babysit their granddaughter there (ok, and to visit their son and daughter-in-law). They also went on the river cruise from Budapest to Amsterdam in May/June.

Teresa Fraga (Paul's daughter) spent 2 weeks with her cousins & sister-in-law, Courtney, traveling around France in June. Seems she got the travel genes! Peter was there for work so he made a surprise rendezvous and spent a few days with them all.

From Nicholas Fraga:

My daughter Avery Fraga (Joe Fraga's great-granddaughter) graduated from Mason High school in the top 10% of her class. She'll be attending Maine Maritime Academy in the Fall to study Marine Biology and be on the swim team.

After 42 years in Healthcare Human Resources. With 20 of those years at- Beaumont Hosiptal, Carole Fraga (Joe Fraga's daughter) has happily retired in Janurary 2025.

From Danielle Jones:

Paris is always a good idea!

A mini-Fraga Reunion took place in France this July.

Danielle and C.C. (Camille Von Dreele) Teresa, Peter and Courtney (Paul), Elizabeth and Joe (Monique Anthus) all met in Paris, and were joined by Danielle's BFF, Marissa.



From Len Radjewski:

Fraga Family Website (Annual review)

With help and input from Laura Fraga (Martin/Marilyn), Dean Fraga (Dan/Helen), David Radjewski (Carmen/Bill) and Bill Radjewski (Bill Jr/Joyce) we have decided to do an annual review of our website.

There are two levels of access to our website-

1) general access and

2) restricted access (ONLY to Registered users)

To register as family members, if you have not done so already, all you have to do is click on "REGISTRATION" at the top of our website www.thefragafamily.com, enter your name and create your own password. All new registrations are reviewed and then either approved or denied so we control who has access to restricted sections..

Please take a few minutes between now and the picnic (August 9th) to look around on our website for any content you would like placed in our Available only to registered users sections of the website. By the way, do this review without logging in.

Please send any questions or content you would like in the Only Registered Users section to Len Radjewski at michoacantomichigan@gmail.com



I will end this with news that my Mom (Camille) & my sisters (Danielle & CC) adopted puppies! A Brother & Sister.

