

## Greetings (did you miss us last year?) with news from 1998 and 1999!

1998 started quietly – we stayed at home. School was gearing up to the 25<sup>th</sup> year dinner dance. Janette sold her horse Mark and after much shopping found the perfect new horse in October: Baryshnikov (Bary). We took a long weekend trip to Toronto in March and then hosted the 19<sup>th</sup> school exchange with Germany. Our pool started its 2<sup>nd</sup> season in May. Once again we enjoyed many visitors. Our furry friends, Raudi and Tobi, received some dog training (with little apparent success). The big summer event, however, was a trip to England with Louise and Chelsea. We rented a car. Reinhard drove (on the left side) and Janette directed. Reinhard and Janette then continued on to Munich and we spent a wonderful week in northern Italy with Herbert and Gerlinde. We hosted our 12<sup>th</sup> Lot Party. The new school year started with Reinhard taking over Internet Club and Janette continuing as the Chicagoland treasurer of AATSP. After our Christmas Eve visit with the Taylors in Oglesby, Jeff and Yunxia visited and then we flew to California to spend a few days with the CA Wannars followed by a visit to the *Bellagio* in Las Vegas.



1999 started with a little more noise. We had the basement done (walls and carpeting) in a German Expressionist theme. At school we were readying for our Block Scheduling debut in late August. We hosted our 20<sup>th</sup> exchange. Reinhard is now the webmaster for the high school. Check it out at <http://www.hehs.d211.org>. At home he's currently going through new purchase withdrawal (2 years without an upgrade!) Summer was busy: Reinhard and Janette accompanied 21 students to Munich. Our house was repainted. The pool season was again in full swim with many visitors. Reinhard's 50<sup>th</sup> birthday was celebrated with a visit to the Mayo clinic in Scottsdale, AZ with our friend Marty. Janette lounged at the pool while Reinhard had a complete physical (not a mental) check-up. Everything checked out ok. After our road was paved, the driveway sealed and our 13<sup>th</sup> Lot Party (90 guests) left, the summer was over. Our Block Scheduling year at Hoffman Estates High School started successfully. We went to Dallas for our annual national language convention and celebrated our 14<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in November. In December Reinhard and his poker buddies celebrated 6 years of monthly poker. The year ended rather quietly. No faraway trip to the dateline in Tonga, but rather a quiet weekend at a resort in Lake Geneva (Wisconsin!) But that's ok with us. We've had a great two years and are doing fine. We still enjoy going out to eat and seeing movies (127 in the last two years).



**We enjoy seeing our families and friends and we wish you all good health and happiness in 2000!**