

Another year has come and gone. We hope that yours was a healthy and happy one.

We survived yet another 181 days with high school teenagers. Our movie total was back up to 57 this year. Janette is still doing aerobics and horseback riding once a week. She's even brought home ribbons from academy shows. Reinhard is computing more than ever (we've added a color scanner to our collection) and has added table tennis to his active sports list.

1993 was the first full year in our new home. We used the summer to get settled and entertain friends from Germany — Wilfried and his niece Ina, Stephan and his girlfriend Tanja. 100 people joined us in August for our seventh annual lot party in Barrington Hills. This time people received a guided tour of our house and a ride on our newest acquisition — a John Deere tractor! Landscaping proceeded at a rather slow pace (we did have a record-breaking wet summer in the Midwest). By late fall, however, we had grading, a pond, a driveway, and here and there grass blades were sighted.

Our biggest change for 1993 came in the form of two Lakeland Terrier puppies — Raudi (boy) and Tobi (girl). They were born in August and joined us in October. Toilet training is still in progress! Our only travel was a long weekend in St. Antonio for our annual language convention.

These and many other activities made it an exciting 1993 for us. We wish you all the best in 1994!