



It was reunion year for Yoko. When she accompanied Giordano to Kyoto, Japan for a conference she was able to see four women friends with whom she worked over twenty years ago! You can imagine how exciting and nostalgic it was for the five women chatting away for six straight hours in a restaurant. It makes you wonder where all those years went. During their ten days stay in Kyoto and at her home in Japan, Yoko managed to see other old friends, strolling the back alleys of the ancient Capital, replenishing all the wonderful memories of her favorite place on Earth. It was a rare occasion that Yoko could see her second sister in California and in Japan, twice in one year.

In September, another long time friend came and visited us from Michigan when she drove West with her daughter who was accepted at Stanford Law School. It was a reunion after 13 years of long-distance phone calls and sporadic Christmas cards. This friend and her husband will spend this Christmas in California with us and, of course, their daughter. We hope this will be the beginning of a renewed relationship of our extended family.

Until a month or so ago, Yoko's work life this year had been uneventful. As the "empty nest syndrome" hit harder, she decided to join the women's reading club this summer, thanks to her colleague's invitation. This club has been around for twenty years and it consists of eight to ten members including several of the original members. Giordano is happy to see Yoko busy reading good books instead of being a couch potato in front of the TV. He was beginning to worry that Yoko's brain was slowly atrophying.

Giordano's life hasn't changed much this year. After taking over the project of updating our bathroom and after a rather vicious towel-bar war, things are back to normal. We feel we really need a break from house repair projects now. In addition to his normal work hours, Giordano has been spending a lot of time in writing papers, collecting and reviewing papers, and taking on active roles in several major conferences. A PARC Forum on the Internet's impact on publishing attracted a crowd over twice as large the average, and a controversial suggestion to replace color fidelity with color integrity as a goal in color reproduction drew attention at this year's Color Imaging Conference in Scottsdale.

Deanne survived her first year of being a UC Santa Cruz slug with a mini crisis, which in retrospect, was an almost inevitable part of a freshman's (or 'fresh person' as they like to call themselves) first year away from home. She managed her life very well and was back on her feet within a short period of time. She concentrated on those core classes like math, chemistry, biology and psychology in the first year and is thinking of focusing more on art and perhaps sociology this year. By the way, for those of you who don't know about UC Santa Cruz, its liberalism is reflected on the school's "clothing optional" policy. Deanne spent much of her summer working in a trendy restaurant in downtown Palo Alto and at the Stanford Bookstore to earn some extra cash for a car. By September Deanne had blisters on her feet and no car. A trip to New York this spring will make up for it. In the meantime, she is still enjoying herself at the beautiful UCSC.

