

# Christmas 1998

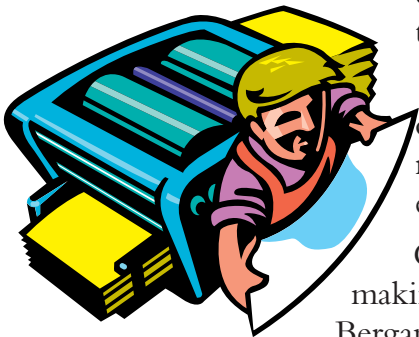
DEAR FRIENDS,

When we reach our age (!), priorities in life seem to shift. Realization that we do not live forever pops up in our minds more often as time passes. That realization overcame Yoko when she found herself doing nothing else but working and thinking about her work during every waking moment. It may not have been the best timing to call it for a quit, but then, there has never been any good timing for it anyway. After 14 years at Xerox and XIP, Yoko asked for a break in September. The life during the whole month's off in October was the most "conscious living" experience in her recent memory.



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She got to know her neighbor friend much more by taking a walk together every day enjoying glorious autumn days. She even watched humming birds sucking sugar water outside our kitchen window every day. The house started to look "lived-in," we ate cooked meals in the evening at normal dinner hour, weekends were spent doing some relaxing activities not just catching up with sleep. Enjoyed a lot of lunches with friends (and not even having have to worry to hurry back to office after lunch), and even managed going to a downtown café with a book at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. (You'd be surprised to see quite many people doing the same at that hour of the day!)



During the break Yoko's two sisters joined from Japan to enjoy this rare opportunity to receive her undivided attention. After a month's break, Yoko returned to XIP working only half time in a different department and enjoying the privilege of being able to get out the office while sun is still out.

Giordano worked helping printer factory workers to measure color, making trips between Corvallis (Oregon), Regensdorf (Switzerland) and Bergamo (Italy). Several conferences kept him busy throughout the year.

His success in organizing at SPIE for the past few years is taking him to a new responsibility of starting another (what else) "Internet imaging" conference.

Travelling remains as our most favorite activity. Yoko and Giordano took a trip to Florence, her first time ever and his perhaps 50th or so. He used to escape to Florence almost every month from the gloomy Zurich weather while he was living there. Thanks to Giordano, our stay was quite an outside-of-a-guidebook experiences. Included were many visits to very local vinaios, attending a formal ceremony to welcome an aspired painter to Florence—who happened to be a son of prime minister of Latvia—being invited to a kitchen of an Italian Mamma who happened to be a famous color scientist. 24 hours stop at Lugano included a nice dinner with his friend couple whom Giordano met at the pensione where he worked as a bartender after classes during high school years.

Deanne has decided to stay at home after the summer break from the UCSC taking a quarter off. She's been working in the same restaurant she worked last summer. End of summer reward was a trip to New York City, where she stayed at her high school class mate, who is now a new model for GUESS JEANS. Deanne found NY to be pretty exciting and she certainly hopes to return in near future.

We all wish you a wonderful 1999!

Love from Giordano, Yoko, Deanne

