

## From The Streiffer White Home December 2000

We thought that with the kids grown, and no more soccer games, we would have time on our hands. Not so! It has been an active time for all of us so let take a few minutes to recap our last year with you.

Mary is still working at EPA Region 5 in downtown Chicago. She is part of a team of people who are trying to identify and develop strategies for protecting remnant high quality ecosystems in a six-state area around Illinois. She's spending her extra time sewing, knitting, quilting, reading, watching movies - anything except studying! She also gets to be a grandparent to four wonderful little boys as does Henry - roles that they have enjoyed getting used to.



In front, Jeff. From left to right, in back: Anna with cat, Stephen, Aaron, Julia, Robert, Samuel, Catherine, Henry and Mary. Jenny, Nathan, Jacob and Zane missed our Thanksgiving celebration.

Henry is still working at Scott Foresman. For those non-teachers in the crowd, they are the largest publishers of k-6 textbooks in the world. They also happen to own Prentice Hall, Addison Wesley, The Financial Times, Penguin, DK (Dorling Kindersley) ... He enjoys the computer work that he is doing for them, but hates the drive to work. (it is about 20 miles north of us, and it takes a

long time to drive if there is traffic. In fact, during this last snowstorm it took him 4 hours to get home!) We bought a condo in Chicago that is in an old building (1918), one block from Lincoln Park (and the lake). He has learned more than he ever wanted to know about wiring, insulation and fuses from the turn of the century, as well as how to hang things on plaster walls without having the plaster fall off the chicken wire.

Stephen and Anna: Stephen is still doing material science work at Argonne National Labs in Chicago and celebrating his second year with Anna. They recently bought the most wonderful town house in Oak Park. Anna is a Social Worker and currently works for an HMO but in her spare time she is also an artist. Stephen works much too much,

and travels often, but we get to see them at least once a month for a Bagel Breakfast. What a treat!!

Jeff and Julia: They have bought a house to better accommodate them and Julia's 2 sons, Jacob (8) and Zane (6). Julia's x-husband moved and the boys now live with Jeff and Julia. Both have passed the Bar in California and Minnesota. Jeff is currently working as an attorney for Educational Credit Management Corporation, in St. Paul. Julia is working as a law clerk for a judge in Stillwater, MN. She has been there a year now and is just starting to look around for other opportunities. Jeff continues to be a sterling stepparent. He does so well!!

Robert and Catherine: Rob graduated and then was hired to teach at the University of Wisconsin, Madison with a joint appointment in the Philosophy and the Medical Ethics departments. He and Catherine have two brilliant and beautiful sons, Samuel (6) and Aaron (1). Catherine enjoys working at home nurturing them. We get to see them every few months, but Robert stays incredibly busy traveling, teaching and writing. His chosen specialty is GMO's (genetically modified organisms).

Jenny and Nathan: The youngest couple is living in College Station, TX. Nathan is attending graduate school there in the psychology department. He seems to be loving it, especially the warmer weather. Jenny was working as a vet assistant. We say "was" because last week she was selected in the 4th round of the first-ever U.S. women's soccer draft. She goes to San Diego in February to start playing. Nathan will join her for the summer, and her season will be over in August. At the end of the season they will go back to A&M for the winters. If you are in Boston, D.C., N.Y., Philly, Raleigh, Atlanta, San Jose or San Diego this spring or summer, look for the WUSA soccer games to see if San Diego is playing. You'll find her in the midfield playing with a big smile.

Aunt Honnah (Henry's aunt) and Harold (Henry's father) are still living in an assisted living village in New Orleans. They are healthier than most and Henry gets back to visit them every 3 months or so. With much work, Mary's dad has almost completely recovered from the stroke he had in March a few years ago, and her mom had a knee replacement that went extremely well. She walked the day after the operation. So, as you can see, three generations (oops, I forgot, four generations!) of healthy, happy people. What more could we ask for?

We've had a lot of company in the short time we have been here. And we LOVE it!! So if you are planning to be in our area for any reason please give us phone call at (773-281-0484) and plan to stop in. We are thankful for our wonderful friends and family and wish all of you much joy, laughter and love in this holiday season and into the next new year.

With much love,

*Henry and Mary*