

Happy Holidays from the MacKenzie's *2009*, *our first full year in Ohio*

Karen This past year has been a difficult year, for many reasons. Not the least of which is the fact that Karen was diagnosed with Marginal Zone Lymphoma. It is slow-growing and will be a chronic condition that will always be present but controlling it will help keep it dormant. The anemia that accompanied it has had more of an impact than anything else. She is well on the road to recovery now, but it was quite traumatic on the onset. The cancer was discovered after blood tests were run in preparation for minor knee surgery.



Karen has been keeping busy with her new design business, Keeping House and Home, LLC (www.keepinghouseandhome.com). Although not many are doing much decorating these days she is working on establishing her client base and getting more familiar with the lay of the land. She has created her own line of dog treats and toys called *Oh My Stars!* dog treats and sold them at the local market on Saturday mornings through the spring to fall.

Her favorite thing from 2009 has been getting her knee surgery so she can start running and exercising again. She is looking forward to reaping the rewards from all the hard times suffered this year. She has joined the OSU Women's Club, the Presbyterian Woman's Club, several real estate groups for business networking, she is now an officer with NKBA (local chapter of a professional organization) and is active in the neighborhood civic association and Girl Scouts, two PTAs, WOOF (a group working on developing a dog park), and Sustainable Worthington.



Canoeing at Findley State Park, Ohio

Audrey

Audrey Started the 5th grade this fall. She has a great group of friends at school and in the neighborhood. Her favorite time from 2009 was when she and Perri went to Camp Weekaneatit summer camp in Georgia, a camp for kids with Celiac Disease. She also got to see a Columbus Blue Jackets NHL game and a couple OSU women's hockey games and has gone to Lake Michigan with a friend's family.

Perri

Perri started the 8th grade in the fall. She has continued taking Chinese classes on Sundays and has found a new Girl Scout troop that she likes. She has gone to a few rock concerts, - Fall Out Boy, Cartel & All Time Low. Her favorite thing in 2009 was going back to Atlanta a couple times to see her friends.

Scott

I rode my bike to work several times during the summer. It is an eleven and a half mile ride and most of which is along a bike path next to the Olentangy River. This year was a bad year for the construction industry; therefore my firm had to make several layoffs. It was very sad and difficult to see my coworkers get laid off. My favorite thing from 2009 was the fact that I have kept my job.

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We have explored many different new places in Ohio—camping, hiking, state parks, fossil digging. In the summer we went to Pigeon Forge with family and friends. We went to Dollywood and did some horseback riding. We went to Missouri early in the summer to Camdenton and Jefferson City, Audrey and Perri really loved staying with their aunt Lianne for a few days. We went to Branson, MO and back to Jefferson City in December to visit family. Our little Corgis Oliver & Jiniwin continue to amuse us daily. Oliver won two costume contests, one at Findley State Park and the other at the Western Reserve Corgi Club Halloween party. We all drove to Dayton, OH for Thanksgiving dinner and again for an early Christmas dinner with Aunt Evelyn.

Best wishes from all of us to you for the New Year

Perri Audrey Karen Scott*