

"A Peek through the Window for Sights and Sounds at Our Homes"

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We sincerely hope this edition finds you experiencing God's Love in your life. We are excited about hearing from you. Please know that we are praying for you as we send this to you.

We're glad to be your friends,

The Albertsons:

Howard, Sharron, Shari, Heather, Herb, Jenny, Abigail, Ben, Celeste, Shirlene and Jeff Kazmaier

If you have access to the Internet, you may find our year in pictures at <http://SharpWebPage.com/2001ChristmasLetterPictures.html>

Here is what we are doing now.

Howard – in Plano; an independent rep for Option Energy/New Power with deregulation of electricity in Texas

Sharron – in Plano; president of Golden Corridor Republican Women (GCRW)

Herb, Jenny, Abigail (7), Ben (5 1/2) and Celeste (2) - in Oklahoma City; beginning master's degree with World Vision/Eastern College; Usborne Books at Home rep and home school mom with three inquisitive pupils

Shari – in Olathe, Kansas; kindergarten teacher at Apache Elementary in Shawnee Mission School District, Overland Park; afternoon administrative assistant at Olathe College

Church of the Nazarene; evening adjunct instructor at Avila College

Shirlene and Jeff Kazmaier – in Olathe, Kansas; administrative assistant to three pastors in Student Ministries at College Church of the Nazarene; project architect with Lund Architectural Group

Heather – in Dallas; sixth-grade teacher at Spring Valley Elementary; volunteer in after school multicultural ministry

If you can linger longer, here are a few of the year's events.

All of us in Plano for Christmas 2000; in June gathering in the Colorado



mountains for the Reiff Family Reunion and to see Grandpa and Grandma Albertson; Sharron, Jeff, Shirlene and Shari joining Sharron's sister, Shirley Schmidt, in Washington, D.C. for the soggy yet thrilling Presidential Inauguration and wonderful March for Life, visiting with cousins and friends they haven't seen for years; Herb's family joining us for a week at Church of the Nazarene General Assembly in Indianapolis where he was a delegate to the Missions Convention while Jeff worked in his firm's architectural booth and Sharron and Shari worked in the Compassionate Ministries booth; meeting again in Kansas City to help with the wedding of Howard's nephew, Aaron & Lisa Proffitt



Howard coming home every other weekend from

consulting at Fidelity Investments in Boston, finishing his contract in time to help Sharron find another home and move in two weeks; supervising work done on the home and a new



fence; making contacts for several home-based business, including Retire Quickly and Option Energy, singing in a quartet with his cousins at the Reiff Reunion; doing legal research on-line and in conferences with countless others across the U.S.; keeping YahooGroups going for Mavica digital camera users, for extended family and the neighborhood

Sharron as president of GCRW [pictured here at her officers' installation with past president, Sharon Bradshaw,



U.S. Congressman Sam Johnson (left) and Texas Representative Fred Hill] planning events with a wonderful group of volunteers; attending conventions and activities at the state capitol; sending e-mails until early morning hours; passing out certificates for readers as children/pre-teen librarian at RCN [Parents, thanks for reading to and encouraging your children to read.]; publicizing more than seventy Life Chains across Texas to churches, crisis pregnancy centers and the media as state director for Life Chain [See web site LifeChain.net.]

Herb coordinating events as local Nazarene Missions International president at Lake View Park Church of the Nazarene; taking business trips



to Indianapolis and Dallas for EDS Healthcare Systems, then leaving his job to fly to Vienna, Austria for classes with internationals; mowing lawns for exercise and income; **Jenny** home schooling three competitive learners, sewing outfits for the family, giving successful parties for Usborne Books at Home; **Abigail** enjoying gym and music classes, happily announcing the prospect of a new sibling in April; **Ben** leading the troops at soccer practice; with **Abi** singing in children's choir, reciting poems and scripture; **Celeste** contentedly



carrying her "baby" the same way her big sister does, calmly observing the swirl of activity around her

Shari during her tenth year of teaching planning lessons for kindergarteners as well as grading projects and finals for her college students; making costumes for herself and Shirlene to wear in Olathe College Church choir's "The Victor" annual Easter presentation and "The Living Christmas



Tree"; working in the office at First Church of the Nazarene, Lenexa and now in the Compassionate Ministries

office at College Church where she helps with requests for assistance, bus ministry and single parents; skiing with friends in Colorado; camping with college pals in Oklahoma; moving four times this year - classroom, office and apartment - three at once; dining monthly with "survivors" of teaching in Kansas City, Kansas to share "war" stories; planning on a trip to Jordan and then somewhat relieved when it was cancelled; going out often with friends

Shirlene singing in choir with **Shari**; organizing events as secretary of Women's Ministries Committee; coordinating 25 hostesses for the annual Spring Brunch; joining **Jenny** in an



Usborne Books at Home business; **Jeff** serving as Vice President of their town home board of directors and as coordinator for the College Church Men's Bible Study; flying to Boise, Phoenix and Chicago on business; injuring his knee while skiing in Missouri; **both of them** each week taking home-made cookies to visitors to their Sunday school class; portraying Mary and Joseph in Christmas 2000 program; catching trout on a camping trip with **Jeff's** brother; flying to Dallas to help celebrate **Howard** and **Sharron's** anniversary and new home; passing their volunteer positions and her job in Student Ministries to others to

make time for a baby girl expected about December 12; redecorating the study to be a nursery; writing countless

birthday cards throughout the year and now thank you cards to gracious friends who have showered them with baby presents



Heather feeling blessed with wonderful students; becoming grade level chair with increased responsibilities when two teachers quit and one died; coordinating student volunteers at the Heights Baptist Lighthouse ministry in an apartment complex near her school, working with the teens, passing out food and clothing; counseling at summer camp; flying to California to be with a high school friend at the beach; teaching ESL summer school to multinationals; being a bridesmaid and attending other weddings; house, kid, and pet sitting; traveling to see another long-time friend in Missouri; working in the nursery at RCN on Sunday mornings, trying to keep track of all her pregnant friends and when they are due; doing CARE Groups with kids from various grades; participating on the Local School Council; integrating Reading, Language Arts and Social Studies with three other team teachers; gradually becoming more blonde ☺



This year's picture gallery is on our web site at <http://SharpWebPage.com>.

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We appreciate your friendship and we pray God's blessings for you and yours throughout the coming year. "Grace and peace to you from God our Father. We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you." Colossians 1:2-3 "May he give you the desire of your heart and make all your plans succeed." Psalm 20:4

"Talk" to you soon, The Albertsons