



Merry Christmas
Happy New Year

Joyeux Noël!
Bonne Année!

Schöni Fäschtäg!
Schöni Wienachte

2009 was a year of reunions with friends abroad and appreciation of the French language! Our "French year" began with a visit to our home in Redondo Beach from nine members of the french mountain biking club, VTT Nantais. We were honored by Tom and Iris Hoffman's invitation to

their wedding at Rapperswill Castle by Lake Zurich, awed by the majestic Alps of Switzerland and charmed by the traditions of Appenzell! We thank our french teacher Valerie Riffault, the Martins and the Martres for making our month in Sancerre/Cosne-sur-Loire wonderful! We were delighted to be reunited with Jean-Jacques and Elisa Picot for more fun times, enjoyed visits from Daniel and Maggie Van Orbeek who came from Belgium to see us in Sancerre as well as Madge and Jim Wilson who, like us, adore France! Monique Moigneaux and Michel Babette graciously treated us to the cuisine and marvels of chateau country in La Sologne. Most of all, thanks to all our friends and family at home for sharing with us many wonderful biking and skiing adventures, and happy social gatherings! We look forward to many more in 2010!
Best Wishes & Happy 2010! Louisa and Greg

