

WORD FOR THE YEAR 2014: FOOD

Scott and I are polar opposites when it comes to food. Guess which list is mine!

Spicy	bland
Colorful	white or brown
Veggies	starchy or none
Baked	fried
Variety	same
Moist	dry
Fingers	fork
Fresh	processed
Fish	steak
International	American

In 1982, Scott and I began a Christmas tradition that consisted of taking turns filling a glass cookie jar with a gift that would last all year. For instance, one year I filled it with golf balls (a miss—sadly I chose the wrong brand) and on one year he gave me 12 pairs of earrings, one gift box to open each month (a hit). Last year was my turn for The Jar. I chose the theme of food.

My goal for the year was two-fold: increase my recipe repertoire and expand our social network. Each month (almost), we invited a new couple over for a meal in which I tried one new recipe. (Sadly I didn't record the recipes for this document.) I learned I needed to match the type of food (plain vs. exotic) to the personalities involved. In keeping with the theme, I also planned monthly restaurant dates with Scott. Besides cruise food, our favorite was The Melting Pot (fondue) in August for our 39th anniversary.