

THE SIXTEENTH ANNUAL TRIPP/TANENBAUM HOLIDAY LETTER

Dear Family and Friends,

Greetings from SF and Waikoloa! Last year's holiday season arrived somehow much too suddenly for me to write a letter, so I vowed that in 2006, we would get an early start on the cards and letters. Here is December 16th already, and this letter has to cover two years. All in all, life is good and we continue to spend time in our second home in Hawaii every chance we get, sharing meals, tennis and golf with dear friends like Barbara and Richard Bechelli, Sally and Gene Levy, Diane and Bob Vaughn, Ze and Hal Shapiro, Shelley and Andy Nichols, and many others. Jeffrey is now the Practice Group Manager of the Labor and Employment law group at Nixon Peabody, a challenging and rewarding position. I have been transitioning to financial consulting while continuing to manage Team Loan Goddess at Tse Financial. I learned how to create a Web Site, and hope to set up Roland's Studio on the web in the first quarter of 2007. 2005 started with a snowy visit to Manhattan – Greg Schanuel was in town, and helped shop for some fashionable clothing – a first for me. Brunch at The Plaza with Janet Rich, warm bagels for breakfast everyday, and authentic New York Deli in our room at the Lombardy, epicurean delight.



Flat Claudia's adventures in San Francisco in February were followed by the real life adventures of Claudia Isis in Waikoloa in June of 2005. Jim and Hayley joined us on the Big Island for a sun bathing, road tour, luau filled week.



Jeffrey has been traveling a lot, NY (where he has been able to get together with his mom Carol or his dad Ray) in Boston, Dallas, Seattle, Chicago and a bunch of other cities...Joy, David and the kids, Austin and Eleanor Renee were in San Francisco for a few days, we all took in Wicked – they already had the CD! We have been attending live theater in San Francisco more than ever before, one of the best, Wicked, went on from here to Broadway – hooray for Elphaba – she was so misunderstood. Joe Tripp came out for a couple of visits, it was great having Dad around for the scrapbooking project – we put names to faces in cherished photos.



March of '06 found us in LA attending the MPP Party at the Playboy Mansion – what a cool throwback to the 70's, and for a very good cause. We saw our friend Dave Goldberg and joined him and Lisa in Altadena for photos from their trip to Africa and the usual fabulous home cooked meal. This November's election was finally faboo, and we look forward to the changes in Washington. On Labor Day, Jeff went to the U. S. Open Tennis Tournament in New York, he says it is the best sporting event he has ever attended. Now he wants me to go with him every year – but without Andre Agassi, what is there to watch?

After a year of slow recovery and loving care, my brother Chris is back up and about and enjoys shopping, A's games and concerts. He was my chaperone for the Skyline High School 30 year reunion. I have reconnected with some of my Oakland friends, it has been most rewarding. Roland is experiencing success and recognition for his lifetime of art creation, and Mom is writing again – especially children's stories.



The new condo at the Mauna Lani is still under construction, we are now hoping to close escrow in March of 2007...well that aloha spirit is why we also love the place!

We hope all of you are well and happy now and in the coming year! Season's Greetings from Catherine, Jeff, and their House Lions: Luke, Leah and Figaro!

