

The Seventeenth Annual Tripp/Tanenbaum Holiday Letter

Dear Family and Friends,

It has been an exciting year for the Tripp/Tanenbaum clan. Jeffrey's Labor and Employment law group at Nixon Peabody had a very successful year, and won some estimable new clients for the firm. I have been participating in the creation of a new company with my friend, Nancy Corrigan. Beacon College Funding Solutions helps parents plan the best way to pay for college, with grant, scholarship and loan information for most any college of their choice, and excellent advice on asset and liability planning. BCFS will be moving into their new office at 1326 Castro in January – it's good to be back in Noe Valley, where Jeffrey and I had our very first home. We FINALLY closed on the new condo at the Mauna Lani on the Big Island of Hawaii in late March. We were in escrow for a ridiculous two and half years, but it turned out pretty spiffy. Serving on the very first Board of Directors as Treasurer has been quite a challenge, but rewarding. Fortunately, my one year term will be over in March of 2008, and I can focus on the new company as well as building CGTripp Enterprises, Inc. into a global powerhouse ;-). I did set up cgtrippenterprises.com – check it out when you have a moment. Now that I have Photoshop and Dreamweaver, I will be working on creating photo albums for my personal site, catherinetripp.com.

Then there was ALASKA!

Jeffrey's former associate at NP, Jennifer Arterburn invited us to her wedding to Jake Milstein in Girdwood, Alaska in June. 🌲 Wow! 🌲 Alaska in the summer is one of the most beautiful and wild places we have ever seen. We hired an amazing bush pilot who we found at (www.alaskabushsafari.com) for a two day tour, flew to a deserted beach to watch bears, flew over ice fields and glaciers, and stayed overnight in



Seldovia, a town that reminded us strongly of Cicily, Alaska from the old Northern Exposure series.



In July, we were thrilled to be back in Hawaii with Joy Stevenson and David Burks and their kids, Eleanor (Ele Pele) and Austin. The six of us saw the sunset from the top of Mauna Kea and enjoyed the Star Show from our astronomer guide. Catherine and Joy and David all attended the Thunderbird Graduate School of International Managements – Three MiM's on BI. The Stevenson-Burks clan lives in Singapore, so do not get to see them as often as we would like, this was a special treat.



Roland's Open Studio this summer generated much interest, and was his best ever – here is small sample of his newer artwork, called "Family" in acrylics. Next year, we will be putting together his website – the domain name is: treadawaystudios.com, please check in from time to time – there will be content soon!

We spent Thanksgiving among friends on the Big Island, and will be there for Christmas/New Year's and Jeff's 50th birthday!



Season's Greetings from Catherine, Jeff, and their House Lions: Luke, Leah and Figaro