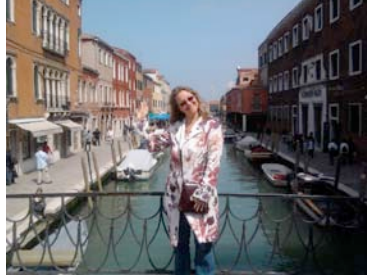


The Nineteenth Annual Tripp/Tanenbaum Holiday Letter

2009 was a year of travels, connections... and upgrades. In January, we put 20 solar panels on our house in San Francisco, and we've been sending less money to PG&E ever since. March found us in Hawaii, attending the Homeowners meeting, and replacing some directors with the help of like-minded condo owners. In April, I spent 8 wonderful days in Tuscany, Italy, celebrating Joy Stevenson's 50th and a bit belatedly, my own. A fine tradition, to travel with gal pals to the country of the Birthday Girl's choice. Art, Chianti tasting, long walks, much laughter, and oohh, the food!



We went to Jeff's 30th Brandeis reunion in June, took one of the folks from Nixon Peabody's Boston office on a Haunted Walking Tour, and of course Lobster dinners as often as possible.

Our beloved Figaro went to Kittie Heaven in June, we miss him still. Our other two cats, Luke and Leah remain incorrigible.



Turtle Independence Day at the Mauna Lani marked our July in Hawaii and we remodeled our Waikoloa condo. At about that time, I started writing for Examiner.com, and have been contributing articles on Banking and Finance for their internet publication ever since. We got back just in time to attend our friend Carleen's wedding at the Cliff House in San Francisco.



In August, a bunch of Oakland school days friends arranged a special picnic in Redwood Park via Facebook – Chris had a blast!



On a return trip to Boston, Jeff was able to have dinner with our friend Dave Goldberg who was in town working on a new movie. We won't give away the plot, but lots of animals involved and hilarity ensues. In September, two of my no longer lost friends from Skyline High came into town – Kristin Frykman and Ginger Lewis. We went to see Wicked – my third time, still lovin' it! Later on that month, we went to Washington, DC where we caught up with Bert and Tom Shipley, toured Arlington, Harper's Ferry and caught up on decades too long apart. Kristin and Maumi and Mark joined us for brunch at Georgia Brown's, museum hopping ensued - especially American History. I spent Labor Day weekend in Fort Bragg with A. B. and Connie – saw a local play, and wandered in the Botanical Gardens and walked the gorgeous ocean cliffs with these dear friends, and met some of my Farm Town pals in person.



October brought a special treat – a Halloween in Singapore. Jeffrey served on several panels at an international law conference, and a lengthy interview in the Straits Times followed. Nixon Peabody's going global. Over the weekend, Joy, David and Jeff golfed in Bin Tan Island while Eleanor and I went sky-borne over all the speed bumps. A short elephant ride and quick ski jet excursion, and it was back on the ferry for Singapore.



Over the fall, Bobby Irons and his brother Ivan brought over Joel and Matt, and the Irons Construction Company built us a new roof over our Atrium, with skylights that open and close – the closing being especially useful this surprisingly cold winter. We spent Thanksgiving in Hawaii, golfing for Jeff, writing for Catherine, many dinners with friends for us both. Just last week, Jeff went on another east coast swing – DC to work on a Supreme Court case, to Philly to visit with his sister Hayley, our brother-in-law Jim and our niece Claudia Isis, played a ripping game of Scrabble with his mom, Carol, and on to New York City dinner with Ray and Jeanne, then on to Boston for NP meetings. Pop and I bought a real Christmas tree this year, and we plan to spend Christmas Day at Sky House, grateful for our families and our friends this holiday season.

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