

# The Twenty First Annual Tripp/Tanenbaum Holiday Letter



Oops, 2011 was very busy and we missed last year, so two years in one! On this crisp sunny day here in Lucas Valley, Jeff and I just finished decorating the Christmas tree, unwrapping ornaments and counting our blessings. There we are in early December, at poolside in our beautiful new home at 4 Jasmine Lane (thanks for the pic, MJ). Our longstanding annual trip to Hawaii for Thanksgiving was replaced with dinner at the Schriers followed by a Skype call to our pals in Waikoloa while wearing aloha shirts and orchid leis sent by our friend Heather. As most of you know, Jeff is still recovering from Legionnaire's Disease, which kept him hospitalized through the month of October. He returned home in time to vote in the 2012 election. The re-election of President Obama spurred him on, as well as seeing the San Francisco Giants take the World Series again! Plans are in place for a visit to our favorite island in March of 2013.



Back in 2011, spring found us in Paris with two of Jeff's partners for a week in the City of Lights. Jeff and I then went on to England, and took a Harry Potter themed tour throughout London and Oxford and the countryside - where scenes from the movies were filmed - magic amid the Muggles. My trip to Wisconsin for a week at Joy's cabin on Little Elkhart Lake was especially memorable - there I am milking a plastic cow - Grandpa would be so proud ☺ Joy was able to stop over here for a couple of nights



earlier in November, and her husband David went to see Jeff at Rehab - hope to return the visits in Singapore in 2013, and most definitely at least a week this summer in Wisconsin. After 23 years at 89 Martha in San Francisco, we were ready to leave The City for a quiet place to live until we retire to Hawaii, so we sold the old homestead in September of 2011. Lucas Valley is one of Marin County's most beautiful places, and we can park for free almost everywhere! Our home phone number and mailing address changed, and just recently - our e-mail addresses - sbcglobal kept getting hacked (our apologies to friends who received spam). Over Christmas of 2011, my Dad came to stay for a couple of weeks, cousins Cathy and Skipper and Jody came over for a fine holiday repast. Dad's flying out on the 18<sup>th</sup> of December, and we hope to host another gathering here at 4 Jasmine.



During our March 2012 visit to Hawaii, we took over the Waikoloa condo from Aston Hotels, fixed everything up, and then set about finding a long term renter, who moved in this December, she loves the place. Also had the chance to visit with my dear friend Claire, who took this picture of me at the Mauna Lani Beach Club with a Shave Ice Martini.

July of 2012 gifted us with an extended visit with our beloved niece, Claudia Isis Brady. Here she is with the 50 pound Ono (a wahoo for those of you from Florida) that she caught on her first time out.



Jeff traveled to New York in early September for business meetings and the US Open with his mom Carol - he might have caught the bug there, investigation is ongoing. So far, no other reports of illness. We cannot begin to express our deep gratitude to all the wonderful people in our lives who stepped in with help and gifts and cards and love. Jeff is now doing very well and has started back to work.

Warmest aloha and Happy Holidays to you all,

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