

Some of our Highlights in 2010

BABY LOIS, aka Lolo, Lo-Rider, or Lo Bacca,*

Ten months old on Dec 17, our grand-daughter, Lois Ann Miles, is by far the best gift we



could ever imagine for this and many a year. We are fortunate that Aimée and John live 30 minutes away (in SF), and mom and baby are able to visit us once a week for a day or two, give John a break, and let us see what Lois has learned. It's amazing how much she changes week to week.

* When upset Lois has a wookie-like trill not unlike Chewbacca of Star Wars.

RAFTING DOWN THE STANISLAUS RIVER

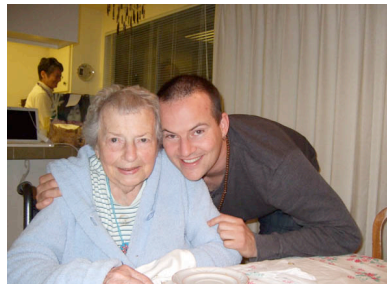
The last week of June was a great week of fun and play at Twain Harte, culminating with a 8 mile slow (4 hour) raft ride down the river at Knights Ferry. Present with us were John, Aimée, Lois, David, John's sister Emily, husband Dave, their three kids, John's mom Karen, and Patricia's sister Lorraine, husband Larry and Ali. We ate like kings, swam, played tennis and golf, and visited.

WHUZ UP with OUR KIDS

Aimée of course has her hands full raising Lois and building their nest in an old apartment they rent in North Beach. She

regularly auditions for voice-overs and / or appearances for radio, television commercials, or parts in video games. Even Lois has jumped on board, getting her SAG (Screen Actors' Guild) card, and auditioning for several commercials. It's a flexible and well-paying job, and Aimee is building a good rep in the SF ad industry.

David is still juggling several different jobs in LA, but spending more of his time on his new startup company called Nerd and Artist. He's the artist, but still does quite a bit of



programming in their effort to produce a high end program which will allow anyone to create a unique web page. We wish him and his partner Micah the best.

Aimée's husband John is still part owner of Mojito and The Fishbowl, taverns in the city; and John still promotes music.

We're proud of them all.

ABOVE is a pic of David and his Gramma (94) who still lives (with help of loving caregivers) in her house in Belmont. She's doing well.

DAY TRIPS & GETAWAYS

After both reading *Spanning the Gate*, we took a little day trip to

visit and walk across the Golden Gate Bridge. Still fed up and put off by air travel, Joe is trying to arrange more local trips such as this one and our visits to Niles Canyon, Academy of Science, and many other local sites within driving distance.

Of course, we make our monthly trip to check out and stay at our cabin in Murphys in the Gold Country. We now have a friend and caretaker there, and the skunks have gone away. Hooray, a win for us all!

WHEN AT HOME Joe still plays tennis 3-4 times a week, golfs (getting his fifth hole-in-one in October), and tutors kids in math twice a week. He also keeps both houses in good repair. Patricia gardens, walks, cooks, sews, nurses, and is involved in her church group--surprising all by reciting "The Night Before Christmas" *as a rapper*. Life is good, especially when the kids and grand daughter visit often as they do.

BELOW: John, Aimée, Patricia, Lois, Joe, and David in Davis at John and Lisa's (Lescroart) where we had a wonderful Thanksgiving Day dinner with 40 of the family present.



HAPPY HOLIDAYS!