

# Barile Holiday Greetings & Update, 2015

## TOMMY'S FIRST CHRISTMAS

Lois kept asking her mom and dad for a brother or sister, and on September 4, 2015 her wish came true. Thomas Joseph Miles was named after John's father, Tom Miles, and my dad, Tom Barile. It was a home birth, and all went according to plan.



## MEANWHILE 5 1/2-YEAR-OLD LOIS IS GROWING IN LEAPS AND BOUNDS

A kindergartener in a [Chinese immersion school](#) just a block from where she lives off Grant Avenue in North Beach, Lois amused us and some friends by counting to 100 in Cantonese. Last week Patricia brought her stethoscope and a few other props to Lois' class to give a hands on lesson in personal hygiene and have students listen to their hearts. Lois is interested in plays, drawing, reading and music (she just started piano lessons). She skis, swims, and rides on her little bicycle with her dad and Papa Joe. She has an impish side to her: she was once observed trying to fool some friends that she was speaking Chinese when she was just faking random sounds with credible intonation, gestures, and inflection.

## AIMÉE AND JOHN: DIVERSIFIED!

Besides adding a new family member, John and Aimée are still part owners and managers of both [The Presidio Pizza Company](#) and [The Fishbowl Bar and Grill](#) which are side by side on Divisadero and Pine in the Center of SF. John's production company, [Hush Productions](#), puts on city-wide events on Halloween ([Ghost Ship](#)) and New Years ([Sea of Dreams](#)). Part of this company is a novel idea which rents out headsets to large groups of people who will listen to DJ music silently (so as not to disturb others). That part has gone national. Aimée still does voice-overs and commercials. Her work in the non-profit [FOGG](#) theater company is doing well and will be producing their latest original musical, [Bottle Shock](#), a true story about a Napa Valley wine winning top wine awards in France in 1976. She also worked on the project to [rebuild Joe Dimaggio Park](#) which just opened in November. Before Tommy's birth the family did a family commercial for Xfinity, which you may have seen on television. And yet through all of this drama and diversification, they make time to play, and really lead pretty balanced lives. Our kin seem so busy these days.

## PATRICIA SHINES AS HOMEMAKER, MOM, M-I-L, AND GRANDMA (MIMI)

For someone who has some serious disabilities (fibromyalgia) Patricia totally amazes me by her involvement with everyone: family, friends, neighbors, and church community. I (Joe) get a kick out of how

Patricia (Mimi) and Lois grok each other, both fluent in songs, nursery rhymes, children stories, etc. They can sit and talk for hours, and be more present to each other than I could dream of doing. Patricia and Aimée are closer than ever now that they share the joys and challenges of having children. Patricia still makes her jams, has an active garden, and is constantly adding bits to the house. Just last week she hosted eight of her nursing friends to a wonderful pre-Christmas dinner, and this year she will be having Christmas dinner here with David and Eno, John and Aimée, Lois, and Tommy, John's mom, Karen, and her friend, Peter. Patricia maximizes and manages her life and her time, often amazing me where she gets the energy and motivation.

## DAVID AND ENO ARE DOING WELL IN "THE CITY OF ANGELS"

[David](#) got better-paying new job this year as a programmer for a another game company. His [Bizzy Bubbles app](#) is on iTunes. He's still involved with his Buddhist practice, plays in a band, and is active with Eno in [Landmark work](#). Eno still runs her [African Charm](#) business both on the internet and at weekend shows. She continues to turn out motivational talks on YouTube. They will be coming up this year for the winter holidays.

## STILL BLESSED WITH A GOOD BACK I AM STILL FREE TO BE VERY ACTIVE

For fifteen minutes, twice a day, I religiously do core-building exercises to keep my back strong and free from the disabling injury I suffered three years ago. This still allows me to play tennis, golf, bicycle, and hike with friends and family. Aside from the physical activities, I still enjoy tutoring middle-graders in math, which I have been doing for five years. I enjoy watching MSNBC, PBS, *60 Minutes*, *Madam Secretary*, and *The Good Wife*. Love the Warriors. Still read *Time*, history bios, and other genres, and write to help clarify my thoughts. Patricia and I do day trips and go to the mountains monthly. Last year we went to Hawaii with [Road Scholar](#), and I camped with David in Sequoia National Park, where [a bear taught me to keep my distance](#). In February our family is going to Disneyland to celebrate Lois' sixth birthday. We are very grateful for all of our blessings, and try to help others in different ways who are not so fortunate.

*We wish you the best for 2016!*



Lois, Aimée, John, Tommy, Patricia, Joe, David, and Eno