



Holiday Greetings and Update for 2021 from Joe and Patricia and our "core family": David, Aimée and John, and Lois and Tommy



We treasure our almost daily phone, FaceTime, or text chats with our two adult children, David (49) near Ensenada, Mexico, and Aimée (46), and her family in Murphys. And a weekly FaceTime visit with Lois (11) and Tommy (6) and text or video from our equally loved Son-in-Law (SIL), John (50 December 24!). Very anticipated is our monthly visit to the Gold Country, or seeing son David 2-3 times a year, here or there. "Es muy bien!" Sharing daily gratitudes by email has keeps us more in touch with our better selves and each other. For good health, and core and extended family, and friends were are very fortunate, humbled and happy. An in-person Lescroart wedding in Tahoe this year was an exceptional treat for us all. We talk to both sides of the family, or sneak an update on FaceBook (now Meta). Trying to "love more, debate less."



Us near David's carved sign and a family photo given to us by John and Aimée, in our den.

Aging and The Big Pan have change our M.O. this year. Our favorite local getaways are still drives to the coast, Half Moon Bay, etc., or the many nearby parks. We see and meet with neighbors, more in an outside setting. We help each other out more with house work and chores, but

still have our individual interests. Joe's latest adventure is riding an e-bike with a group of friends all over the bay area. He's back to doubles tennis twice a week, practices and some times plays 9 holes of golf, putting daily as meditation. Patricia zooms with our Church-group and CoDa, walks almost daily with several friends, gardens, is the chief cook and inside CEO and decorator. She is still makes jam, and is teaching Joe her bookkeeping plan and basic cooking. He employs her help in basic home repair items. It's all good. Amen.



Lois goes western in Arnold, filmed from a distance. Here's a closeup video of her singing a song she wrote about her brother Tommy. (Lyrics [here](#).)



David with his "son" Picasso, Patricia at her potting table, and me with my new e-bike and old truck. John's business, and David's sites.



On "the ranch" everyone has chores from cleaning the chicken coop to walking the dogs, to keeping up their land. This year Aimée is teaching Spanish and drama at L and T's Waldorf school in the Gold Country.

