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## *Our Family Holiday Traditions*

*by*

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At this wonderful time of the year, we of course wish you and your family the happiest of holidays -- and also thought it would be nice to share how some of our own families celebrate these special days. (Maybe you'll even get some good ideas!)

My family and I watch White Christmas together every Christmas Eve in our matching pj's. - Jennifer Nakamoto

### **Living Trust Seminar**

**For the public and also  
for our existing clients  
who want to bring  
family or friends!**

**Saturday,  
December 2**  
Torrance Marriott Hotel  
9:00 - 11:30 am  
3635 Fashion Way

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**Tuesday,  
December 5**  
Torrance Marriott Hotel  
9:30 - 11:30 am  
3635 Fashion Way

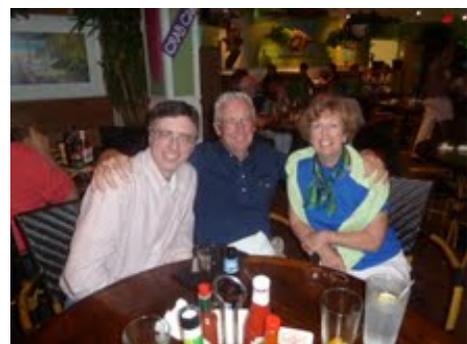
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**Wednesday,  
December 6**  
Torrance Double Tree  
Hotel  
6:30 - 8:30 pm  
21333 Hawthorne Blvd.

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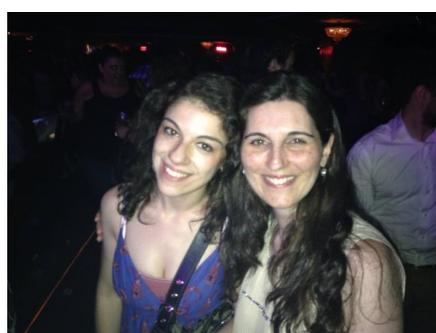
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For a number of years we did Yankee Swap which I think is what it's called. So everyone buys one gift and wraps it in newspaper and we draw numbers to see who picks first. Then you go in order and pick a present and you can keep it or swap with someone



else who has already opened a present; and usually the last one has the best pick! - Peter Keon

On Christmas Eve, my family travels to our in-laws for dinner and gifts. Also during that time, we collect donations, toys, food and clothes from all of our family members so that on Christmas day, we can pass them out to the homeless in the Los Angeles area. - Qiana Rivera



I grew up celebrating Christmas as every typical young child might: drafting and sending letters to Santa, decorating the Christmas tree, and buying and wrapping presents for family. However, in my adult years, I choose to take advantage of the

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**Tuesday,  
January 9, 2018**  
Torrance Main Office  
9:30 - 11:00 am  
990 W. 190th Street  
Suite 500



### Office Locations

For your convenience, we have multiple office locations throughout Southern California.

#### Main Office:

**Torrance Office**  
990 W. 190th St.  
Suite 500  
Torrance, CA 90502

#### Other Local Offices:

**Pasadena Office**  
790 E. Colorado Blvd.  
9th Floor  
Pasadena, CA 91101

**Woodland Hills Office**  
5850 Canoga Ave.  
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Woodland Hills, CA 91367

**Orange Office**  
333 City Drive West  
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**Newport Beach Office**  
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Newport Beach, CA 92660

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family time the holiday affords me. When possible, I travel home to Boston to spend the holiday with my family, treasuring the moments I have with loved ones in my presence. In the end, my desire is to spend these moments with those who have made a difference in my life and who love me unconditionally. - Lia Momtsios

On Christmas my family makes a Jamaican feast filled with rice & beans, goat, beef patties, and steamed vegetables. We play reggae and dress up our miniature Santa Claus to look like Bob Marley and sit around the tree to open our presents. The children open their gifts and the adults help to assemble the toys. We make this holiday about the kids! - Kristy Hardiman



This will be my first Christmas as a mother, and I am looking forward to creating new Christmas traditions with my husband and infant daughter. - Jane Lee

One of my favorite Christmas traditions consists of me begging my mother to open presents on Christmas Eve. And after 30 years, she has never given in. - Alexandria Gilner



As an avid reader, I'm in a book club, where we have a Christmas Cookie Swap for our December Book Club Meeting. We all turn into little Patty LaBelle's, Martha Stewart's, and for those who are not quite handy with a measuring cup, we find the most eloquent

Keebler Elf Cookies our monies can purchase. Just a dozen is all that is asked of each member, but it turns into a very sweet feast! - Shantadee Gadson

One way we celebrate the holidays, in my family, is by creating and reciting a Haiku; which consist of a three-line observation about an ephemeral moment usually connected to nature. So my



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Haiku for the year is as  
follows:

Every year we gather to  
celebrate Christmas with those  
we hold dear. Friends and Family near and far, our laughter  
rings out clear. Making merry, we need no worries, as we  
welcome the new year.- Edric Kim



Every year my family  
gathers at a selected  
cousin's house, where more  
than 20 of us cousins  
including our spouses and  
children get together and  
have a huge feast on  
Christmas Eve. Our  
tradition includes all of us  
buying different gifts for all  
the children and watching  
and enjoying as they open  
them! - Arlyn Villanueva

After our Christmas dinner, each  
year it is tradition for my family to  
play card games. We enjoy  
playing Uno, Rummy and Crazy  
Eights. The card games are  
great because no one is focusing  
on the television or their smart  
phones, just family time. - Jeff  
Edgerton



My family had a little  
different tradition  
than others in our  
neighborhood  
because we  
observed Hanukah  
rather than  
Christmas. I  
remember, as a  
child, feeling  
downhearted and

left out because most everyone else had a beautifully  
decorated Christmas tree and we didn't -- until my Mom  
informed me we got to celebrate for eight days instead of  
just one and would receive presents on every one of those  
days after lighting our Hanukah candles! - Phil Kavesh

When I was young, living in a small town in Kansas, the  
anticipation of Christmas was the most important thing to me  
in life. Deciding what Santa should bring, making my list,  
and mailing it off to the North Pole was an exciting event.  
Mom and Dad would put up the tree and we would cover it in

lights, ornaments, tinsel and put a big piece of cotton (fake snow) around the base. The house was always full of wondrous smells and holiday music. Christmas morning was the most exciting day of the year and Santa never failed to bring me just what I most desired! - Aeon Dream

My favorite Holiday tradition, is continuing to create new traditions with my new family. - Dave Navarro



## **SPECIAL SEMINAR:**

### How Can You Take Advantage of The New Tax Laws?

Congress and the President are about to finalize the first major tax reform legislation since 1986!

As soon as the law is enacted, we will hold a series of special seminars for our clients and their guests.

Watch out for our upcoming email notice of the dates, times and places -- and be sure to reserve your seats and attend!

## **Recipe of the Month**

### Chocolate Chip Cookies

*Prep Time: 10m - Cook Time: 15m - Ready In: 40m  
18 Servings - 285 Calories per serving*



#### Ingredients

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 cups semisweet chocolate chips
- 1 cup packed brown sugar
- 1/2 cup white sugar
- 1 tablespoon vanilla extract
- 1 egg
- 1 egg yolk
- 3/4 cup unsalted butter, melted

## Directions

1. Preheat the oven to 325 degrees F (165 degrees C). Grease cookie sheets or line with parchment paper.
2. Sift together the flour, baking soda and salt; set aside.
3. In a medium bowl, cream together the melted butter, brown sugar and white sugar until well blended. Beat in the vanilla, egg, and egg yolk until light and creamy. Mix in the sifted ingredients until just blended. Stir in the chocolate chips by hand using a wooden spoon. Drop cookie dough 1/4 cup at a time onto the prepared cookie sheets. Cookies should be about 3 inches apart.
4. Bake for 15 to 17 minutes in the preheated oven, or until the edges are lightly toasted. Cool on baking sheets for a few minutes before transferring to wire racks to cool completely.

Recipe from [Allrecipes.com](http://Allrecipes.com)

## Thank You



Here is a very special to all of our clients who have referred family and friends, or forwarded our newsletter to them! If you are part of a group or club and you would be interested in having us speak to the members on important estate planning topics of interest, please contact us at [info@kaveshlaw.com](mailto:info@kaveshlaw.com).

## Quote of the Month

**“ Love recognizes no barriers. It jumps hurdles, leaps fences, penetrates walls to arrive at its destination full of hope. ”**

*Maya Angelou*

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