

December 31, 2016

Michael,

What a year this has been. It was an IMPACT year. If you know the story about the mason jar, rocks, pebbles, sand and a cup of coffee then you know that we filled the entire mason jar to the top.

2016 was about Family, Focus and Celebrations.

FAMILY

Let's start with family. First, came Hayley and Ryan's wedding in May. An incredible feeling to hear the music and begin the walk down the aisle to "give Hayley away". Truly it was everything that a "Pops" thought it might be. A transition from one place in time to beginning a new life as a lifelong partner.

Our families had several BIG birthday's this year.

A month before the wedding, my sister celebrated her 50th birthday.

Summer came and we celebrated LynAlise's 30th birthday and Vince Ambriola's (Tina's Dad) 80th birthday. Vince's birthday was with all the cousins and family in Michigan. It was not a day or weekend to be missed. There were many stories told and some created that weekend.

It is amazing that I have 2 daughters in their 30's when I keep thinking that I am only 33! Thinking young keeps me feeling young.

FOCUS

For years I have taken the time to stay fit by focusing on several athletic events as targets to train towards. Usually a half marathon or two and then the Hotter 'n Hell 100 bicycle ride. I took it a step further this year by training for and completing my 1st 70.3 Half Ironman in Augusta Georgia. I admit to picking one that met my physical abilities as the swim was in the Savannah river with the current. Got to love having nature on your side. My goal was to complete the event in under 6 hours and I was successful in my quest.

The bonus to this accomplishment was having Tina join me in the training and her completing her own Half Ironman triathlon.

Earlier in the summer, Tina and I both ran the Napa to Sonoma half marathon and had our personal best times of just under 2 hours. We celebrated at the finish with the dancing and wine tasting.

CELEBRATIONS

The year was full of celebrations. The first came in late January as Ryan Baker, Hayley's fiancé got his residency match and will be at UTSW here in Dallas starting in June.

The year ended with us celebrating two business anniversaries 15 years for Tannery & Company Wealth Management and 1 year for our accounting firm Tannery & Wilkinson Accountants+Advisors.

Life has been good for me , Tina and our families and we are excited about the adventures to happen in 2017.

Michael