



Merry Christmas! We hope your year has been as full of love and laughter as ours has! If you are on facebook I'm sure you are MORE than aware of all of our activities this year. If not, then let me re-cap it for you!

We rang in the New Year 2015 in Fernandina Beach and divided the rest of our time in January between Smyrna and Fernandina Beach. We spent Valentine's Day in Antwerp with our friends (and the former tenants of our Smyrna Market Village condo) Chet & Amanda.

BJ had a girls' weekend in Fernandina Beach with friends Mary, Jenn & JeRie in March. When the news came about our new great nephew's birth, BJ made a quick trip to Raleigh to see new baby Max and his big brother Jack. We touched up the Smyrna condo and rented it to a new young couple. She's a physician's assistant and he works for the Braves. The location should be perfect for them since the new stadium will be close by. Later in March, our friend Eddie, from Argentina, rented a small hotel in Buenos Aires, so we spent a fun-filled week with 18 of our friends seeing all of the sights and eating lots and lots of beef!



April found us back on Amelia Island for Easter. We took a great twilight cruise & attended a beautiful sunrise service on the beach. Friends Ken & Rhonda came down for a visit and looked at some of the condos for sale in our building. We made a quick trip to Athens (Georgia) to see friends Tommy & Emily. We were missing Argentina so we went back with Amanda & Chet. It turned out to be a quicker trip than we had anticipated since a volcano erupted in Chile and sent ash in our direction, closing the Buenos Aires airport. We were able to get out by flying home from Brazil. We made it back to Fernandina Beach one more time in April for the Shrimp Festival.



We visited our house (Beauty and the Beach) on St. George Island, Florida in May with our friends Pat & Steve. We rarely get to go because it stays rented all of the time. We forget how much we love St. George! We've decided we will try to block a week for ourselves every year. When we got back from St. George, BJ headed to Fernandina Beach for an extended stay while the contractor remodeled the master bathroom. Tony came down on the weekends when he could. We had a great surprise when we discovered on facebook that BJ's Delta roommate, Andrea and her husband Rudy were in town.



BJ's college roommate Joyce came to Fernandina Beach for the Pediatrics conference in June and BJ got to be her +1 at the reception (which BJ calls the Pediatrician's Ball). Friends Bobby & Wendy spent a weekend with us at the beach too.

July brought great news with the birth of our "grandson", Grayson. You may remember from 10 years ago that we hosted Carina, a German intern who later returned to live here permanently and married a local boy (Brian). Carina has a great family in Germany, but we consider ourselves her American parents and consider her son our grandson.



We got another German daughter in July as well. Pia, another intern from the same company, stayed with us for 3 months. We introduced Pia to some American concepts like the County Fair, the Rodeo and Corn Dogs!





In August, we discovered a sink hole in our back yard. Thankfully we were able to have it repaired with no damage to the house.



We took Pia with us to Fernandina Beach in September. We kayaked to Cumberland Island and picked up shells. BJ went to the Delta Women's Golf Tournament at the Reunion Resort in Orlando. As usual, she did not win. ☺

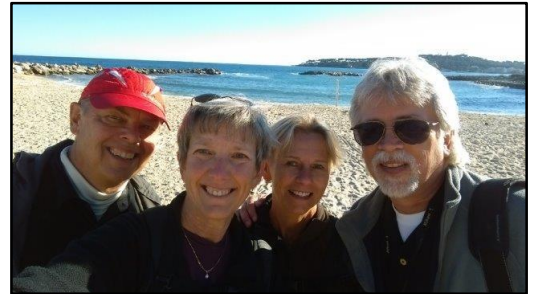


Pia accompanied us to Oktoberfest in Helen in October. She thought it looked just like the Christmas markets in Germany with all of the lights. We had a great time dancing at the Fest Hall. BJ even won a yodeling

contest! BJ got to spend the weekend with our nephew Jon and his family at Paws Awhile in Fernandina Beach, and later we took Carina and Grayson for his first trip to the beach. BJ and our friend JeRie were filmed as extras in a "Real Housewives of Atlanta" episode at our local Smyrna coffee shop. We don't know if it will actually air but it was a fun morning.



We planned to go to Paris for Thanksgiving with our friends Nancy & Brian but the terrorist activity scared us off. Instead we flew to Nice and visited some small towns in the south of France. We had a great time. When we got back we went to Fernandina Beach for a few days. We thought we had found the perfect lot to build our retirement home but the deal fell through. While we were at the beach, we got word that a young German couple doing an internship in Atlanta needed a place to stay. They had pre-paid for an apartment on Craigslist that turned out to be a scam. They moved into our house while we were gone!



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We came home in December to meet our lovely new "children" Tim and Vivi. They are really bringing joy to our Christmas season! BJ and Lucy flew to Fernandina Beach to be in the Pet Parade of Paws dressed in matching Mrs. Santa costumes. Tony and BJ flew to Fernandina the following weekend to look at some more real estate. When we got home, Vivi had finished decorating the Christmas tree! We'll be in town (Smyrna) until after Christmas and then it's back to Fernandina Beach to ring in the New Year.



2015 has been another GREAT year for the Morrises. We are so blessed to have each other as well as loving friends and family. We cherish you!

Happy Holidays! Much love from our growing family!

*BJ and Tony*

BJ, Tony, Lucy, Lola and all of our "adopted" children!

