



Merry Christmas!

It was another busy year for the Morrises! We continued playing real-life Monopoly. We haven't passed "Go" yet, but we have purchased another property we landed on! We sold our beloved "Beauty and the Beach" on St. George Island, FL and bought a "lighthouse" on Amelia Island, FL. Our intention is to remove the existing house & build our retirement home on the lot. We put the Lighthouse on the rental market until November while we worked with a local architect on house plans. We offered the existing structure for free to anyone who wanted to move it to their lot but so far no one has been able to justify the cost of moving it.



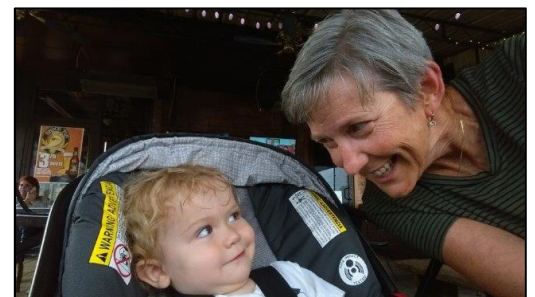
We still have our Fernandina Beach condo at Sand Dollar Villas, affectionately nicknamed "Paws Awhile". This year, we redecorated the master bedroom and started renovating the guest bathroom. We plan to put it on the rental market next Spring, but meanwhile, we're enjoying staying there quite often. We took 20+ trips to JAX in 2016. (It's good to be an airline retiree!)

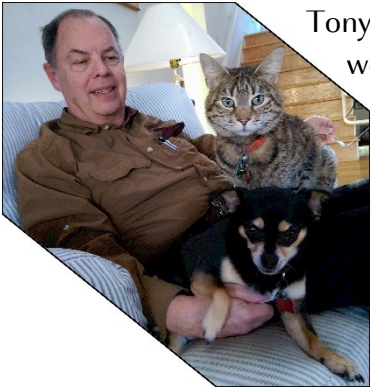
We "adopted" some new German children. Tim & Vivi came to live with us kind of by accident when the apartment they had rented and paid for in advance turned out to be a Craigslist scam. We grew quite fond of them during the 6 months they stayed with us. They accumulated so much luggage while they were here that we had to make a trip to Hamburg to visit them and take some of their things to them.



Lucy & Lola continue their reign as queens of our household. They have become frequent flyers on the Atlanta-Jacksonville route when we go to Fernandina Beach. Lucy is a great traveler but Lola likes to let everyone know she is on the plane by yowling loudly on take-off and landing. Lucy gets us up for a 2-mile sunrise walk on the beach every morning.

We have officially become Florida residents so we won't be paying those pesky Georgia taxes anymore. Now we just have to worry about Hurricanes! Hurricane Matthew gave us a bit of a scare this year and the lighthouse took on some water but we were very lucky and sustained little damage. We plan to sell our house in Smyrna and buy a small condo there so we can have a place to stay when we visit our German grandchild(ren)! Grayson is expecting a sister next year!





Tony is still enjoying his job with LGE Community Credit Union, doing most of his work from home (wherever home happens to be and whoever happens to be sitting on his lap).

BJ is involved in a number of endeavors, including travel agent, machine embroidery and managing rental properties. She also launched her film career, appearing as an extra on "The Real Housewives of Atlanta", "Family Feud", "The Rachael Ray Show" and a Hallmark movie called, "Christmas in



Homestead". She tried to appear as an audience member on the "Biggest Loser" finale but got bumped off of the flight to LAX by an extra-large fellow who needed an additional seat.



Tony's mom is still hanging in there at 96! She broke her hip in January and did a stint in rehab but she's doing much better. She has moved to Belmont Village in Buckhead.

We've continued to travel this year, although most of our air travel was between Atlanta and Fernandina Beach. We did get a few international ventures in. We made a quick trip to Antwerp, Belgium over Thanksgiving just to do a little sightseeing and visit a friend.



In August, we chartered another barge with 24 of our friends. This time the barge sailed from Cologne to Amsterdam while we bicycled. We slept and ate on the barge and bicycled during the day. Our biking distance was 177 miles over 7 days.

We've got a few trips planned for next year, but hopefully much of our time will be occupied with building our dream home!

We're not sure exactly where we'll be for Christmas, but wherever we are, we will be wishing you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Much love from our family!

BJ and Tony

Lucy

Lola

