

Happy Holidays from the Morrises!

We were really hoping to celebrate Christmas in our new beach house this



year, but things here happen on "Island Time". Our original estimated completion date of mid-November has come and gone, and the house is still not dried in. The builder's new estimate is March 31. We're glad he didn't say April Fool's Day! You can view our blog to see the progress:

<http://sandtorini.blogspot.com/>



We decided to sell one of our "Monopoly" properties since we didn't pass "Go". We sold the Smyrna Market Village townhouse. We still have a two-bedroom condo on Spring Road that is our home base when in Smyrna. We're using the garage as a storage unit until the new beach house is finished. That condo flooded in January when a frozen pipe in the attic burst. Thankfully everything could be repaired. We are living at Paws Awhile, our two-bedroom Fernandina Beach condo, but we are looking forward to making it a vacation rental.

We take sunrise walks on the beach every morning with Lucy and sometimes Lola. Tony is still working remotely for LGE Community Credit Union. While Tony works, BJ goes to the YMCA, rides her bicycle and plays Mahjong with girlfriends. We have joined the local Pétanque club and even played in the international tournament. BJ joined a book club, but they mostly read wine labels.

Our travel was severely curtailed since we felt the need to stay close and keep tabs on the building process. We did about 20 short round-trip flights to attend family reunions, birthday parties, funerals, visit with friends and deal with real estate issues. In March, BJ and her sister Mary Jane went with friends to Belize. Our big trip for the year was to a chateau in the Burgundy region of France with 20 friends.

We got a "new-to-us" car. Volkswagen recalled our 2013 diesel Jetta due to pollution problems with the exhaust system, so we turned it in and got a Toyota Venza.

Tony's mom is still rocking along at 98 years old. She gave us a scare in July, but she seems to be doing better. She was the resident of the month for November at Merryvale Assisted Living.

We worked with our Fernandina Beach Delta friends to put together a Memorial weekend to remember Hilton Stallings. We had lots of fun while raising money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. We've decided to make it an annual event.



We had several visits from family and friends during the year. We got to play Oma and Opa during Thanksgiving week! Carina and Brian brought Ellis (1) and Grayson (3) to the beach for the week. We had so much fun building sand castles, going to the zoo and the playground.

That about covers our year. Hope yours has been wonderful and that your holidays are special!



*Love,*

*BJ, Tony, Lucy & Lola*