

Happy Holidays from the Morrises!



We have had a great year, despite the pandemic! There are things we've missed (like traveling), but we've had fun on our little island paradise. We were glad to be at home at "Sand Torini" so that we weren't quarantined in our tiny condo! Bobby and Wendy Farrell and Joyce and Mark Shoemaker were with us for New Years followed by a visit from Mary Jane and Robert. BJ and Mary Jane hosted the "Stitchers" club and taught a class on machine embroidery. Everyone was duly impressed by BJ's spacious Craft Studio! BJ went to Atlanta in January for the funeral of the father of our friend JeRie Wilson and again in February for our friend Angel Meriwether's dad.



We made a quick trip to Jefferson in February followed by a stop at our old house in Smyrna. The new owners have done a major renovation. We are so glad they are loving the house! Our old co-worker, Jack Candy, visited in February and we had a few family visits in March (Tony's brother Terry and our nephew Jonathan and his family). We sold our condo in Smyrna, so we are officially full-time Floridians now. Our island beaches were closed on March 21st, much to our dismay!



We stayed busy riding our bicycles, walking on Egans Creek trails, playing cards, making masks, doing jigsaw puzzles (with a little help), zoom conferencing, and binge watching everything on Netflix. Tony's mother turned 100 in April (without us). She tested positive twice for COVID but exhibited no symptoms, thankfully!

Restaurants were closed, or only offering take-out, so we did a lot of cooking. Tony was so anxious to eat out that we drove to St. Mary's for lunch when Georgia opened their restaurants on April 27.

The beaches re-opened on May 4th! It was great to be able to enjoy our sunrise walks on the beach again with Lucy and all of her friends!

BJ and Mary Jane sold some of their inherited Jackson County property. On the way back from closing, BJ got to spend time with Carina, Brian, Grayson and Ellis Whitaker in Marietta. Mary Jane, Robert, Jonathan, Max and Millie Ables visited us in May as well. Vacation rentals reopened just in time for Memorial Day weekend so BJ was busy with her business, [Sand Dollar Vacation Rentals](#). COVID-19 preparations made an already busy summer season even busier.



The Ables family came back in June, this time in full force! Mary Jane, Robert, Jonathan, Megan, Jack, Max, Millie, Lauren, Jared and Jared's friend Cassie! Tony's brother Terry visited us again in July and then we drove to Marietta to celebrate Grayson's birthday and see our niece Lauren and her husband Scott.

In September, we had a socially-distanced retirement party for our friend Nancy on the roof. It was a great kick-off for Labor Day weekend, spent at "tent-city" with friends on the beach in front of our house.

Carina, Brian, Grayson and Ellis spent Fall Break with us. We learned that we are going to be Oma BJ and Opa Tony again!





The annual Delta Women's Golf Tournament was cancelled so BJ decided to throw a substitute tournament for a few close friends. She called it the COVID-19th Hole.

BJ went on a farewell kayaking trip in October on Lofton Creek with our friend Maria Solomon who has since moved to Colorado.



We attended Halloween Yappy Hour at the Surf. Lucy wore her little jockey outfit but didn't win any prizes.

Tony sold his last Sunbeam Tiger. He said he had checked it off of his bucket-list so he could let it go. Stay tuned for what is next on his bucket list!



Tony's brother Terry, friends Pat and Steve Cole and Gerry Guthrie were with us for Thanksgiving.

BJ's college buddy Beth Lane and her husband Mark came to visit us in November. It was great to see them!



BJ had her girlfriends over for a craft day to make GPS signs for everyone's home.

BJ and Mary Jane sold their Chicopee Village rental home in Gainesville, Georgia in December. They are very happy that the new owner also had relatives who had worked at the mill and is as sentimental about the house as they were. There are a lot of memories in that little house!



As we reflect on the year, we realize how very much we have to be thankful for. We have been fortunate to have our health, a comfortable place to live and great friends and family to love.

We hope and pray that 2021 will be a great year for everyone!



Our love, BJ & Tony, Lucy & Lola