

Happy Holidays from the Morrises!

“We’ve had a great year, despite the pandemic!” That was the quote from our 2020 newsletter, and it is still relevant for 2021. Here’s hoping that 2022 will allow us to get back to focusing on things other than vaccinations, masks and quarantines! We didn’t do much traveling this year, so here’s a bunch of random stuff we did to keep busy!

We hosted New Year’s Brunch for a group of folks who did the Southern version of the Polar Plunge!



Tony’s sweet mom passed away January 12, just shy of her 101st birthday. We stayed close to home in January and February, only taking one quick trip to Atlanta to deal with executor duties.

In March, we got our COVID-19 vaccinations. BJ hosted a St. Patrick’s Day book club while Tony celebrated at the Green Turtle wearing his kilt.



Tony’s brother Tim & sister-in-law Barbara visited us.

BJ flew to Atlanta for a North Georgia winery tour with her girlfriends.



Jon Ables’ family dropped by for a night on their way to Tampa. BJ enjoyed going to the Jacksonville Zoo with them.



Our friend Eva Marie Burns turned 60 in April, giving us an excuse for a rooftop party!

Our old friend Kim Weathersby surprised us with a visit.



We drove to Atlanta for a small family memorial service for Tony’s mom.



BJ and her partners Pat Cole & Terri Nichols closed on the sale of their business, Sand Dollar Vacation Rentals.

Our newest German grandbaby, Finley was born! BJ flew to Atlanta in May to meet her. While she was there, she had dinner with friends.



We hosted a Mother’s Day Brunch on our deck



We came in 2nd place in a Scavenger Hunt to raise money for a local charity.



We took the kayak out for a paddle in the marsh.



Our niece Lauren and hubby Scott May came for a visit and we took a ride to Cumberland Island on our friends Chick and Rebecca Armstrong’s fabulous new boat. We took an Amelia River Cruises sunset cruise with friends.

Our friend Les Nelson's retirement celebration at Limerick Junction was the reason for our first flight to Atlanta in June. BJ also flew up for the funeral of a friend's mother and again later to take our German daughter Carina & the kids to our cousins' blueberry farm in Jefferson.



Carina and family came to visit us the following weekend and stayed thru the 4th of July.

Friends Tim & Diane Young stopped by for a visit in July. We drove to Albany, Georgia for an engagement party. Back home, we ran into our cousins Keith & Jody Porter, their kids and grandkids at the Surf restaurant. BJ and friend Terri Nichols planned to visit our friend Maria Solomon in Puerto Rico but full flights caused them to come up with Plan B which

landed them in New Orleans for a night. BJ's college roommate Joyce and her husband Mark Shoemaker came to see us (and attend a convention).



BJ was the guest of honor for brunch on her birthday at the Florida House.

In August, BJ's sister Mary Jane, brother-in-law Robert, nephews Jon and Jared, niece Megan, great nephews Jack and Max and great niece Millie came to visit.

Our friend Nathie Knell came to visit along with Marily & Ricky Barfield and Ken & Rhonda Mason. We took the Amelia River sunset cruise.

Chick and Rebecca took a big group of friends on a boat ride to the Palms Restaurant in Jacksonville. BJ flew to Atlanta for dinner at our friend Sue Sherrill's house.



We attended a September wedding celebration for our friend Sandy Harris' daughter, Claire. Friends Gene & Sandy Rasclé stopped by for a short visit on their way South. Our friends Bobby & Wendy Farrell came for a visit. Tony's brother Tim spent a weekend with us. Chick and Rebecca's daughter Allison got married on Crane Island. BJ flew to Atlanta to visit Carina and have dinner with her girlfriends.

We attended Oktoberfest at Amelia Tavern.



Carina, Brian, Grayson, Ellis and Finley came to visit for Fall Break.



BJ attended the Delta Women's Golf tournament in Palm Coast in October while Tony went to a shower for Eva Marie's daughter Charlotte and her fiancé Sabri.

We took our first international flight in two years to Hamburg to attend the wedding of our German children Tim Johannes and Vivi Hummitzsch.



BJ flew to Atlanta to go trick or treating with Carina and family aka "The Simpsons".

We flew to Atlanta and drove to Dahlonga for BJ's 40th College reunion that was supposed to be in 2020. We had dinner with Mary Jane and Robert.



BJ flew to Atlanta in November to attend the gender reveal party for niece Lauren's baby due in April (spoiler alert – it's a girl!).



Tony and BJ (Team Red Boule) competed in the international Petanque tournament, finishing 100 out of 144 teams. Mary Jane and Robert came to cheer us on.



Lucy was in the Parade of Paws again this year and we had a great time at the Dickens festival.



Carina's mom and stepdad Christine & Bernd Braeden and her sister Sandra flew over from Germany to spend Thanksgiving with us and Carina's family at our house.

That's about it for our year! Hope you've had a safe, happy and healthy year too!

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!!!

Love,

BJ, Tony, Lucy and Lola