

**Happy Holidays from the Morrises!** It's that time of year again when we bore you with the details of our year! Of course, if you are on Facebook, you've seen all of this before so this will be old news for you.

## Fun in Fernandina

We are still loving where we live! There are so many things to see and do here. Just to name a few, there's the New Year's Day Polar Tropical Plunge, Full Moon Beach Bonfires, Shrimp Fest, Oktoberfest, Axe Throwing, Sea Turtle Hatchings, Right Whale Festival, Petanque Tournaments, Yappy Hours, Mah Jongg, Book Club, Volunteering, Boat Rides, Beach Days, Duck Pinz, White Oak Animal Conservation, Black Friday Pajama Party, Dickens on Centre Festival... We could go on and on!



## Travel

We're starting to get back into traveling, although it is hard to find time with all of our local activities. BJ flew to Atlanta 8 times to visit family and friends. BJ went to Homosassa to watch her niece-dogs compete in the Jack Russell Races in February. We rented an RV and enjoyed glamping at the Suwanee Spring Reunion Music Festival in Live Oak, Florida in March. In May, we chartered a barge and bicycled around [Holland](#) with friends, then continued to [Lake Como, Italy](#) to finish the trip. September took us to [Germany](#), where we bicycled from Trier to Koblenz along the Mosel with friends, something Tony has been wanting to do for years.



## Parties

It seems everyone is getting married and having babies (not our peers, but their kids). We hosted and attended a number of showers and engagement parties. Tony turned 70 this year, which called for "That 70's Party" with everyone dressed in 70's garb. We celebrated 35 years of marriage this year. We even had a Hurricane Party during Hurricane Ian.



## Visitors

We enjoyed visits from many friends and family this year! Carina, Brian and the kids came twice this year, although they had to cut one visit short when Hurricane Ian dropped in unexpectedly. BJ's sister Mary Jane's family were frequent visitors too. Even little 3 month old Emily came to visit. We were glad to have Tony's brothers Terry & Tim visit. One highlight was a visit from friends to celebrate "John Denver Weekend"! We love to show off our island paradise. We usually have an available bed. If you find yourself in the area, please stop in for a day or three! If you prefer a longer stay with your own space, we offer a friends and family discount at our condo. Check [VRBO](#) for availability. Email [BJ](#) for the rate.



## Pets

Our sweet kitty, Lola, passed away on December 23<sup>rd</sup>. We are heart broken. She was 13 years old. Chihuahua Lucy, also 13, gave us a health scare in August. We thought we were going to lose her, but a round of steroids brought her back to health. She is still with us and bringing us joy every day.



We hope you have had a wonderful year, filled with love and laughter. We love receiving your holiday cards, letters and emails! Stay warm this Christmas, wherever you are! We are expecting a low of 23° Christmas Day!

Our love,

BJ, Tony & Lucy