

Christmas Letter 2017

There has been a big change to our lives: We sold our Georgia home and now live full time in Amelia Island Florida! Of course, soon after we moved out of the old home, hurricane Irma hit and we had to flee the island and seek shelter in our children's homes in Atlanta (no damage).

Travel this year included the usual February weeks in Marco Island, an Alaskan cruise, a summer (HOT) visit to San Diego & Palm Springs to watch Elle play golf, NYC & my 50th high school reunion in Goshen and, soon after this writing, a December trip to NYC and Emily's wedding in Warwick. Bob took solo trips to Cuba and later the UK to hang out with some internet folks. When Bob was traveling, I had friends visit me in Marco & Amelia (Lia, Pat, Anne & Cathy). I just finished a fun pre Thanksgiving trip with all six grandchildren (and Meg) to Disney World (Bob stayed home). Janie had a big family Thanksgiving dinner (hers and ours) including Molly & Sam's new baby Cooper.



We spend a fair amount of time in Atlanta (and on the road) visiting our kids and the grandkids. As the grandkids get older, much of the time visiting is going to their athletic and school events like Ally in cross country runs (Bob's HS/College sport), Andrew playing ice hockey, Dean at tennis matches, Keira doing gymnastics and, of course, Elle on the golf course. We even watch Grady (only 7) play tennis and sing in the chorus. We'll get to see Dean on the road at a tennis tournament in Savannah after Christmas.



Island life for Bob and I is the usual of beach time, biking, walks, cocktail parties, night beach parties (with fires or fireworks) and sampling the many restaurants in town. Lots of events on the island. I still play a lot of Bridge and hangout with island ladies in organized walks, biking and assorted lunches. New this year is golf with Janie's sister-in-law Donna. Volunteering at the local hospital, the grade school instrument zoo program and the HOA social committee has been a lot of fun. And I even attended my first bachelorette party as my niece Emily brought 18 of her friends to Amelia Island!



Bachelorette Party

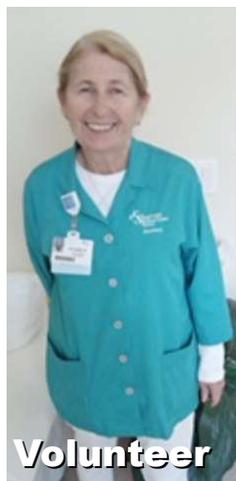


Thanksgiving



Front Yard

Bob somehow seems to keep busy with ??, Josh's Subway business and maybe a little golf. To be fair he supervised our home sale, the move and a lot of new projects here in Amelia including a new driveway, new fence, expanded screen area. He has also been writing on the internet and has over a million views (whatever that is) and has been published in Forbes, Newsweek, HuffPost, and other sites.



Volunteer



Keira B'day



Easter at Home



Visiting Pat

Our kids and grand kids have all had multiple visits here this year including Thanksgiving week. We had lots of other visitors this year including Gloria and Bob from Maine, Barb and Michael from NY, and Arlene from FL. With my sister also living on Amelia Island, we also frequently spend time with the dozens in her extended family! Life is all good and we hope all is well with everyone else.



Madeline 90th B'day



Touring White Oaks



Grandkids Visit

Love, Bob & Elaine

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