

*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the Morrisises!  
Here's a recap of our 2011 – hope yours was just as much fun!*

### January

*January started with snow, snow and more snow! It was so pretty, but then it iced over and it was treacherous to even walk outside. We got cabin fever so badly that BJ even tried walking Lucy on the treadmill.*



### February

*BJ and some friends flew through Las Vegas on their way to a bachelorette party in La Pine, Oregon while Tony stayed home and worked (but he's not bitter).*



*We followed that up with a trip to Amsterdam with friends.*



*From Amsterdam, we traveled to Dusseldorf by train where we rode bicycles to Kaiserwirth along the Rhine.*



*BJ finished off the month with a girls' trip to New Orleans while Tony worked (but he's not bitter).*



## March

*BJ attended the annual friends' ski trip to Park City, Utah while Tony worked (but he's not bitter).*



*We went to Amelia Island for the Concours d'Elegance car show.*



*We decided to tour our own city of Atlanta in a helicopter! It was like a big hand reached down and scooped us off of the top of the W Hotel.*



*We sold the "Mobile Ghetto" or as we sometimes call it, "The Rolling Slum." It was time. Everything on it was starting to fail. It is starting its new life as a mobile office for a used car lot.*



*We met with several builders and started thinking about building a house on our Carrabelle Beach lot. Ultimately, we gave up that idea but not before we jumped through some hoops getting permits and variances.*

## April

*We went to the Wakulla Springs Wildlife Festival. We were planning to kayak with BJ's sister and brother-in-law but BJ got a bug and we had to skip it.*



*She felt better the next day though, in time for us to meet with another builder at our Carrabelle lot and review the property survey pins.*



*We went to the Travelport Golf Tournament in Hilton Head, SC. BJ won a trophy! Never mind that it was for last place.*



A week later, BJ got a call from a friend whose daughter had adopted two Ethiopian babies. BJ had the privilege of meeting them in Washington, DC when they came back into the country while Tony worked (but he's not bitter).



BJ flew from Washington to West Palm Beach to meet her sister at the American Embroidery Conference while Tony worked (but he's not bitter).



### May



Lucy took her first airplane ride to Raleigh to visit our nephew and his wife. She did great - she didn't even complain when we got bumped off of a couple of flights.

### June

Our niece turned 21 in June, so BJ, her sister and our niece went to Key West to celebrate while Tony worked (but he's not bitter).



Later in June, BJ and her girlfriends spent a weekend at a friend's cabin in the North Georgia Mountains while Tony worked (but he's not bitter).

### July

We officially gave up on building a house on our lot in Carrabelle in July. After many revisions to the house plans we had drawn, we just couldn't get the budget down to a number we were comfortable with. We discovered that there were some existing beach houses on St. George Island that were within our price range so we made some offers. We got a bite from the sellers on one of the short sales, but we weren't sure if the bank would agree to our offer.

### August

BJ and Lucy flew to Tallahassee to spend a few days on St. George Island with a friend while Tony worked (but he's not bitter).

We went to Düsseldorf to enjoy the beautiful weather. We rode bicycles along the Rhine and took a sightseeing cruise.



## September

*It was back to St. George in September to take another look at the beach house we had under contract. We really liked it, but we weren't sure the short sale was going to pan out since it had been several months with no answer from the bank.*

*BJ went to the Delta Women's Golf Tournament in Hilton Head, SC while Tony worked (but he's not bitter). BJ DIDN'T come in last place! (It was close though.)*



*Our niece decided to do a study abroad program in Roquetas, Spain so we flew over to Madrid with her and drove her down to the coast. We spent a few days getting to know the neighborhood and meeting her sponsors so we could reassure her parents.*



*On the way to the airport to go to Madrid, we got a call from our real estate agent that the short sale on our beach house had been approved by the bank!*

## October

*For the second year in a row, in October, we went to Oktoberfest in Helen, Georgia. It was surprisingly fun and not as hokey as one might think!*



*BJ went to St. John in the US Virgin Islands with a couple of girlfriends while Tony worked (but he's not bitter).*



*We went to St. George Island to close on our new beach house. It's called Beauty and the Beach. It's a vacation rental. You can see it on our website at [www.bjandtony.com/BATB.html](http://www.bjandtony.com/BATB.html)*



## November

*November was our busiest month of the year.*

*We flew to Raleigh to attend a Tacky Dress Party. How did we do?*



*BJ took a day trip to Düsseldorf to deliver something to a friend while Tony worked (but he's not bitter). Two days later, she flew to San Francisco with a couple of girlfriends while Tony worked (but he's not bitter).*



*When BJ got back from San Fran, we flew to Ireland with several friends.*



*BJ left Dublin a day before Tony and flew to Madrid to meet her sister's family. Tony went home and worked (but he's not bitter). BJ and the fam drove to Roquetas where their daughter was staying. They toured Gibraltar while they were there.*



## December

*BJ will spend most of December at our beach house while Tony works (but he's not bitter). We have some work to do to get the house ready for the 2012 rental season.*

*It's been a great year for us. Besides all of the travel, BJ has actually finished some home projects, done some volunteer work, started her fledgling embroidery business, sold some things on Craig's List, and managed some real estate investments; all while Tony worked at Lockheed Community Credit Union (but he's not bitter). We have been blessed beyond belief. We have enjoyed wonderful times with friends, family and, of course, our precious pets, Lucy and Lola. Visit our website at [www.bjandtony.com](http://www.bjandtony.com) to read more about our adventures!*

*We wish you good tidings of great joy during the holiday season and throughout the coming year!*



*BJ & Tony  
Lucy & Lola*