

Merry Christmas!

The Rerko adventures started the day after Christmas 2015, Vicki and Andy left for a cruise. The day didn't start well, as one of our suitcases got stuck on the escalator, and knocked both of us to our knees on the floor. We recovered quickly, looking embarrassed! Two flight delays, and a hurried taxi ride to the boat, we just made it. Last two to board! Otherwise a nice vacation cruise, visiting Roatan, Cozumel, Costa Maya, and Belize. We enjoyed ATV's, Segway's, Cave Tubing, and a private jeep tour. The photos of this trip are on our website.

Vicki went back to work as a school nurse in the Gateway School District after a relaxing Caribbean stint.

A few months into the year, Andy helped Megan and Tyler remodel their bathroom. The bathroom went from a dated powder blue to a stylish white and gray design.

We took up a new hobby (obsession) call Geocaching. It is an app for your smart phone, that guides you to hidden "treasures." Not really treasures, but things hidden by other people. There are millions and millions of these throughout the world! There are most likely many within a few miles of wherever you are as you read this. Google it to find out about it. They are hidden in places that we have passed many times, like in parking lots of our favorite stores, attached to guard rails, under fire hydrants, in local parks, and some in plain view, if you know where to look. Visit the photos tab on our website to see some of our more interesting finds.

2015 was the Hunchuck Rerko Vrabel family's 50th reunion. It was scheduled the same time as our weeks' vacation in Pawley's Island which we share with many members of Tyler's family. Vicki, Megan and Tyler drove. Andy went to the reunion, and flew down on Monday. Andy became super savvy in his use of Uber.

That same week Kelly and Renae used the Virginia Beach timeshare. Later in the year, they adopted a cute little kitten and named her Skylar. Skylar has a bell on her collar to help the girls find their new addition.

We also enjoyed many day trips this summer. We visited the Thistlethwaite Winery, operated by Vicki's cousin in Greene County. We enjoyed sampling the wine and appreciated the "family discount" on our wine purchases. In addition, we went to visit the Breitenbach Winery in Ohio as well as 3 others. While there, we snagged a photo op in front the world's largest working Cuckoo clock.

Near the end of August, Andy and Vicki went to the Zoetry Resort in Punta Cana, an adult all-inclusive. Wanting to get our money's worth we enjoyed several tropical beverages under the palapa. We even ventured out on the Hobicat and managed to not capsize ourselves. It was a very relaxing week before Vicki had to go back to work.

This school year was more difficult than most. The District had cut staffing, and now Vicki has to cover 4 buildings, with a population of 1500 students and supervise three staff nurses.

In November, we embarked on a weekend trip to Philadelphia accompanied by eight of our friends, to see an off-Broadway show. We went to support Molly Pope, a local hometown girl. Molly is an award-winning actress in New York City.

Andy continues doing some consulting work for one of his former bosses. He works from home, but did a week's trip to the company in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Our kitten, Piper, is now a year old. She enjoys her climbing tree that is near a window bird feeder. She jumps from the tree to the window sill and scares off the birds. She also delights in shredding paper and cardboard throughout the house.

Visit our website and click on the Cat's tab at the top. You can see pictures and video clips of Piper's antics.

We are planning a family vacation for the day after Christmas. All of us are going to the Secrets Resort in Punta Cana. We will be there thru January 1st.

Hope you have a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year!

Vick & Andy