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2018: year of repairs & farewells

Following last year's Hurricane Irma, our 2018 has been a year of repairs and farewells.

We rebuilt the lanai and got a new roof on the little rental house. At the current house, our beloved dock was damaged beyond repair so we had to say farewell. We installed new pavers in the pool area, resurfaced the pool and had rip rap put down on the lake bank as the hurricane caused serious erosion issues.

In July, our sweet little dog Choppy died of heart disease. He was the best dog ever and is greatly missed. We now enjoy babysitting our granddogs on occasion when needed.

Highlights for Kaydee's year included traveling to California to take part in the Stroke Walk with her sister Konni and enjoying some snowy weather while

spending Thanksgiving in Minnesota with her family and friends.

Highlights for Russell included a very successful election year for his Internet marketing business and being elected Chairman of the Collier County Republican Party. He also traveled to Austin, TX, as the Assembly Delegate for the National Public Relations Society Association Convention. Russell is active in the Naples Area Chamber of Commerce and continues to be very involved in his music ministry at Trinity by the Cove and with Cursillo.

On June 9, we celebrated our shared wedding anniversary with Allyn and Amy in Fort Lauderdale - it was their first and our 39th. We had a great time.

Our guest room continues to be available so give us a call and come visit!



Pups and personal progress

Allyn and Amy have had a very progressive year.

They added to their little family with a wonderful, loving goldendoodle named Mylo. He is a very busy boy and growing bigger every day. He loves his little sister, Molly.

After just four years with the Collier County Sheriff's Office, Allyn earned his sergeant stripes, placing first in his sergeant oral boards. He is now the Night Sergeant in Immokalee.

Amy also had a promotion. After six years working dispatch, she is now Communications Training Coordinator with the Collier County Sheriff's Office.

They've also had time to



enjoy life - taking several trips and cruises with friends.

On June 9, they celebrated their first anniversary, along with the senior Tuff's (39 years) in Fort Lauderdale.

They look forward to all 2019 has in store for them.

'Award winning' year

It has been an "awarding winning" year for Riley.

His Cape Coral Emergency Response Team won a state award for its response during Hurricane Irma and one of his volunteers received a distinguished service award for over 20 years of activism.

In June, he attended a Ballroom Dance Camp in Las Vegas, training with the best professional dancers and coaches in the industry.

The training paid in October when he won three golds, a silver, and a bronze at the Tropicana Dance Challenge.

During the aftermath of Hurricane Michael, he and four CERT members spent a week in the Florida Panhandle, assisting with clean up.

He also assisted with setting up booms in Cape Coral canals to mitigate the blue green algae that became a health hazard in that



community.

When not working or dancing, he and his dog Tico, like to visit local breweries to play video games with friends and steal pizza crust.