

READY OR NOT HERE IT COMES
HAPPY NEW YEAR



No! I don't think I was ready for another new year! My word, just look at these figures! Bob & I were born in the 1940's and we are now in the year 2016...well into the next century!!! Where the heck did all those years go?? We attended an event later in the month that has given the concepts of 'time' and 'human relationships' a very special meaning!

We often speak about our friends and neighbors Charles & Doris Daughaday. Well, we had the honor of attending the celebration of their 70 years of marriage with the renewal of their marriage vows. It was a very moving ceremony, celebrated at The Christ United Church, in the presence of family, friends and neighbors. They are a wonderful couple and we feel honored to have them as friends.

The next big event for Bob & I this month was a visit from our grandson, Tim and.....(oh my, we really do have to face the fact that he is grown up now!!!)...the love of his life....Catherine!!!!!!!!!! Even though they were only able to stay over night, as Tim was in the process of moving back to NY. Bob & I are soooo impressed with Catherine! They have our blessing! Ohhh! I almost forgot to mention Boulder! Let me tell you, Boulder is a very sweet dog, but our cats were on the brink of a 'nervous break down'. Tim forgot to remind me that the dog was going to be with them.

A final highlight for the month was a day tour of Charleston, led by Storehouse Tours, in the person of Robin McCall - her picture in the lower right hand corner. She talked history the entire 2 hour trip to Charleston, and then we boarded a tour bus owned and operated by Alphonso Brown. Mr Brown proceeded to give us a historical tour of Black history in Charleston. He was so interesting that I bought his book, "A Gullah Guide to Charleston" at a museum we visited. He is in the middle of the picture below. He took us to the Blacksmith Shop of Philip Simmons, responsible for many unique iron work projects, particularly gates in Charleston, beginning 1948 with his legacy being carried on by his nephew, Carlton Simmons.



Robin McCall and Alphonso Brown were a great team, with a wonderful tour, which I would not hesitate to take again, as you can only absorb so much at one time. Bob & I signed up for a 6 week course on South Carolina Rice Plantations beginning in February, through Coastal Carolina University Lifelong Learning Institute and the instructor is.....Robin McCall!! A great positive beginning for 2016, wouldn't you say???