



**Patty the Volunteer, Girl Friday, Pet sitter and Photographer**



**Herbie the Wanderer**

**Pear3's 2016 Adventures**

Happy Holidays and we wish you the best for 2017. It was another wonderful year for the Pear3 family. Highlights include Patty and Danny getting scuba certified together down in the Florida Keys with the Scouts, Danny achieving Eagle Scout, Ian's study abroad in Paris this fall, Patty's two conservation oriented African Safaris and her leading Bowling for Rhinos fundraising to over \$600,000 this year, and Herbie's world travels exceeding 120,000 miles this year. Herbie and Patty escaped to the Bahamas for a week for thier "5<sup>th</sup> honeymoon".

Even with us all going in different directions, we managed to spend quality time together in the summer and over the holidays.

**We hope your year was wonderful as well. Happy Holidays our friends!**

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Patty continues her role as Mom, safari guide and photographer, home manager and pet sitter extrodinare.

Patty's Bowling For Rhinos work broke records again this year with over \$600,000 raised with a total of \$6.6 million since the zookeepers started this fundraiser back in 1990! Lewa Wildlife Conservancy, which is where all this started, has recieved numerous international awards for their innovative community based conservation model. After 27 years, she's announced her retirement from the Bowling For Rhinos Program Manager volunteer position.

In 2017, with the end of marching band & scout volunteer work as well, she is hoping to obtain regular M-F full time employment again. She will continue to organize conservation safaris to Kenya. Highlight this year was leading 2 amazing trips to Kenya with fabulous travelers and some long time friends.



Herbie is still wandering the world with IBM with highlights being speaking at the Princeton Club in NYC, visiting the middle east 4 times while avoiding the nonsense, and getting to visit Ian while he was studying in Paris twice (we closed down the jazz bars both times!) He even managed to sneak in a weekend backpacking trek up to the continental divide near Boulder CO in the summer during a "business trip".

**Ian GWU + SciencesPo**

Ian's studies at GWU are going great, and his study abroad his junior year at SciencesPo in Paris certainly broadened his perspectives on life as he spent as many weekends as possible travelling Europe. He's majoring in Business Analytics.

**Danny the Graduate**

Danny is graduating High School a semester early and attending the local Wake Tech community college. In addition to the Scuba trip with Patty, he participated in the Macy's Thanksgiving Parade in NYC with his marching band carrying that heavy Euphonium. When not marching, they had tons of fun exploring NYC.