



This year we'll start with James' news: He proposed to long-time girlfriend Nina on Halloween during a vacation in New Orleans — a perfect time and place for them! We were delighted to hear their announcement.

We got to spend some time with them when we stayed at their place in August. We saw the space shuttle, the beach and several trendy downtown LA bars where we were the oldest people in the room. Fun!

James continues to pursue his television career. He started 2015 with the Kitten Bowl on the Hallmark Channel, did a Return to the Bar for Bar Rescue and an internal commercial for Google News Labs which was very cool to produce.

Emma and Josh visited James and Nina in the spring and got the tour of LA beaches and bars. On part of their trip they drove up to see friends in San Jose and checked out wineries and seafood. It's hard to believe that Emma and Josh have been married a whole year already!

They moved to a bigger apartment, but both still have the same jobs, Josh in IT and Em in music. In addition to the high school accompanist gig, she was music director for a couple professional and community theater productions, including "Camelot" in which Don was also involved.

Don played both Merlin and King Pellinore and had a ball. He grew his beard and hair out and worked with a sheepdog onstage. Don also continues to act with the radio theater group regularly and emceed the Naperville Independent Film awards for the eighth year.

There were no surgeries for Kate this year — yippee! The knee isn't normal, but it's better and she walked into town this summer for the first time in a couple of years. She did less book promotion this year, but has started a new project so next year might be time to crank up the machine again.

We really enjoyed traveling this year. After visiting James and Nina, we drove home via the Grand Canyon, Utah's Arches park and Colorado. In February, we spent three weeks in the Florida Keys to see what being snowbirds would be like. Since Sprocket is a virtual company, we were able to take our laptops along and work in libraries, coffee shops and on the beach!

It looks like we have too much on our plate to go away this winter, but we'll see. We're just so grateful that our plate is full of fun and exciting things. Here's to a fun and exciting new year for all of us!

— Kate and Don

