

Holiday greetings to dear family and friends!

Every New Year's Eve, Sze-ya and I optimistically welcome another year to our lives. 2019 was no exception.

Music continued to play a central role in our life. This year, it led us to a wonderful surprise. Through our music-loving friend Kris Hsu's efforts, including a special trip to Taiwan, our life-long dream came true. We are donating our entire collection of vinyl LP records and CDs to Tainan Municipal Hsu-Shih Music Library. Within the next few months, our huge collection of over 10,000 recordings of classical music will be housed in our beloved home country. We are thrilled to pass on our passion for classical music to the next generation of Taiwanese for years to come.

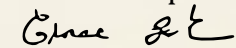
To comply with Taiwanese government requirements, we had to document every single recording and its contents for the Taiwanese Customs Office. It was a mammoth task! As we cataloged our massive collection, I learned a lot from my husband of 55 years. As I looked at our house with stacks and stacks of records and CDs in every room, I was scared and asked him, "How can we accomplish all of this work?" Sze-ya assured me that it is "doable" with just the two of us working together. Step by step, we faithfully believed in ourselves. Sze-ya set up two computers for us to enter the music data. We invested our entire time and energies from May through August just cataloging each and every record and CD. When we completed, we went out to dinner to celebrate this gigantic accomplishment!

This summer, we took a short break from documenting our collection to visit our children and grandchildren. In early July, we visited Michael's family in Boston and Stowe, Vermont. It was our first time to Northern New England, and we enjoyed the beautiful, blue mountains and colorful New England style houses. For the second part of our vacation, we went to Virginia to visit Carol's family. We attended a community choral concert, where our granddaughter Teresa sang alongside her mother. I must admit that my eyes only stared at Teresa. We are very proud of Carol's family.

Sze-ya and I have spent a mostly quiet year at home for 2019. We are starting to feel the effects of our age and are coming to terms with the health issues we have to face and to accept as long as we are together. Our children's families are 3,000 miles away on the East coast, so we seldom see them. Yet we are blessed with many Taiwanese-American friends who continue to support us with love and care. My brother David lives in Orange County, and though he is still busy at work, he visits us as often as he can.

The end of year is fast approaching, and we would like to wish all of you a very happy and healthy 2020!

Cheers and peace,



Grace and Sze-ya (a.k.a. Nobu and Shiga)



*Season's Greetings from*

