A very fond farewell to Lam's Oriental Cuisine

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How do you ever say goodbye to a great restaurant?

You just don't. You must simply retain all the memories of the fine and wonderful oriental cuisine that Jimmy and Lisa Lam and staff have provided to us for many years. My wife Willi and I first had the appetizing pleasure of meeting them at an Oriental restaurant that had opened up in Canton.

We were so impressed with the cuisine we asked to say hello to those who did the preparation of all that great edible food. That gave us the pleasure of meeting Chef Jimmy and his wife Lisa way back then. Fortunately, I was getting into some exotic cuisine and doing

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classes locally. I was asked to do one of my cooking demonstration for a ladies' group at one of our local churches.

Wow, I thought, wouldn't it be great to lure Lisa and Jimmy down to Dover and feature them in an Oriental cooking demonstration. I was faced with a major crowd of over a hundred famished ladies. Fortunately, they were able to help me out by creating a great sampling of their Oriental appetizers for that group.

Keep in mind we had no Oriental restaurant at that time locally. Wow what a memorable night to remember. Well, you by now have guessed

the outcome of their visit. They moved their incredible wonderful family here and then opened Lam's Oriental Cuisine in New Philadelphia. So we have had 38 years of the best Chinese cuisine you could ever experience. Plus their wonderful family that have all gone on to great lives.

We all must wish Jimmy and Lisa Lam a well deserved retirement. Also best wishes to their children and families. Thanks so much for all you have added to our famished lives. As an aside, one of my favorite soups they make is a hot sour version that I might be able to persuade them to share their secret formula with me.

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