

# Eric Lee hosts former news reporter and his wife to celebrate occasions

It is a small world, indeed, and especially small when a young man from southeast Asia becomes intertwined with a couple from the other side of the globe, a newspaperman with roots in Philadelphia and his wife from Bavaria.

It all came about in 1976 when Eric Lee, a University of Georgia exchange student from Borneo, came to the Wyoming Valley to manage the newly-opened Empire China restaurant on Route 315 in Wilkes-Barre.

The newspaperman, Earl Watson, then a reporter for the Wilkes-Barre Sunday Independent, found Lee to be an exciting news source for his weekly column. Through the years, the two became close friends.

Having mastered the use of chop sticks, Watson and his wife, Maria, who grew up in Regensburg, Germany during Hitler's regime, were frequent patrons of Empire China and Lee's eateries which followed.

Although the Watsons retired to Florida in 1994, they have

remained close friends with Lee and his wife, Rosa.

Recently, Lee hosted a party for Watson, who marked his 80th birthday on Nov. 15 and, with his wife, celebrated his 50th wedding anniversary on Nov. 25, at Peking Chef in Dallas with more than 35 friends and family members in attendance.

Dr. George Moses was the main speaker and Lee recounted some of the more memorable moments of his 34-year friendship with Watson.



Earl and Maria Watson were recently honored on their 50th wedding anniversary and Earl's 80th birthday by Eric and Rosa Lee of Peking Chef in Dallas. From left, are Maria Watson, Earl Watson, Rosa Lee and Eric Lee.

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