

From Don L. Lin 12/25/2010

A photo taken in Venice in May 2009 when we joined Mediterrean Cruise (Princess) tour organized by the NTU alumni group of NY/NJ. Intended for a mini-reunion for local classmates of Phys1969, but only Cheng-Cher and wife (3rd and 4th from left of photo) made it. It is increasingly rare to be able to enjoy vacation with any classmates at this age.

And at this age, it is easy to feel a sense of total freedom. No kids to raise up, no college tuition to pay, no career goal to pursue, and above all, no obligation to do anything (except, of course, your health). You do something simply because you love to do it -- travel, reading, writing, working, gardening, volunteering, fishing etc. This is a golden age indeed. Unfortunately, it doesn't last long.

On the cheer side, it's wonderful to hear Peter Hwang is becoming a grandpa any time soon, Young Guan is claiming back the leisure life under a non-condo environment, CD Lin and Chialin Wu continue to pursue active traveling, Chan Peng is taking a bigger embrace of the Nature with camera, and Tsing-Chow Wang is becoming a pro writer.

Have a Happy New Year!

## Don L Lin and C C Huang , with spouses, in Venice, May 2009

