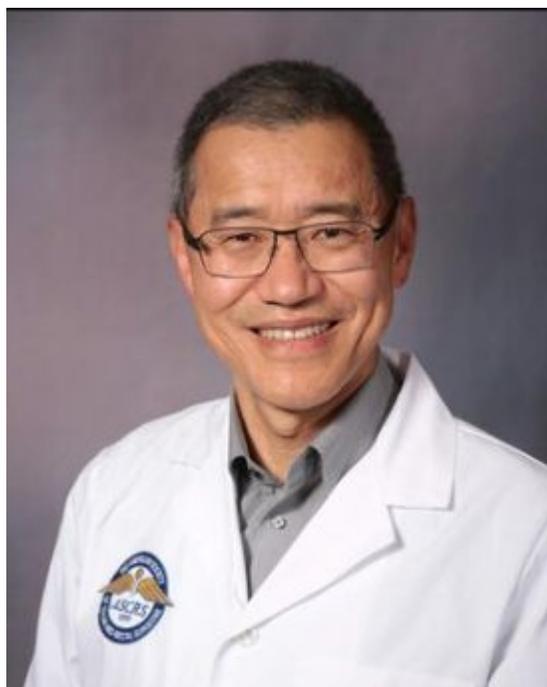




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It is with profound sadness that the Portland Chinatown Museum announces the recent passing of our very dear friend and board director, Dr. Patrick Lee. Patrick was dedicated to and supportive of the Portland Chinatown Museum since its inception. He had a deep love of history and a strong desire to reconnect with his Chinese roots through historical knowledge. He had hoped to watch the Museum grow, and be a strong cultural institution in the community. His enthusiasm for the Museum was shared passionately with many friends and colleagues. We will greatly miss his presence and his passion. The family suggests memorial donations in his name can be made to Portland Chinatown Museum. In addition, the other charities that were important to Patrick include:

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You may donate to more than one charity in his memory which strengthens the positive impact. Thank you for honoring and remembering him.

Sarah Leong Chung and Terry Chung

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### Obituary for Dr. Patrick Lee

Patrick Lee was an inquisitive man whose interests were as broad as his bright smile. He was an enthusiastic learner driven to understand more about science, culture, art, economics, psychology, history, social struggle, and the nuances of making fine cheese. He was an avid runner and cyclist who recently took up mountain biking with his characteristic zeal. Tragically, he left us on September 4th, 2020 while biking near Forest Park, Oregon.

Patrick Yuk Hoi Lee was born November 19, 1958 after his parents fled the war-ravaged Chinese mainland and settled in Hong Kong. He was the youngest of four siblings. When Patrick was 6, the family relocated to Paris, France where his father worked as a chef and his mother was a dressmaker. It was in France where Patrick developed a sense of adventure and a love of good food. But his mother sought a better life for her family and set out to the San Francisco area to explore opportunities in America. Patrick and his family found a welcome community in San Francisco and his father opened a successful restaurant there.

Patrick's intellect and curiosity drew him to science. He graduated from University of California, Davis in 1983 with a chemical engineering degree and worked for the Department of Defense in Honolulu, HI. It was on a flight to Honolulu where he met the love of his life, Annette Uehara. They married in 1989. At the time, Patrick had moved on from engineering to his training as a physician. He attended medical school at Northwestern University in Chicago and initiated his surgical residency at Loyola University. During their stint in the Windy City, Annette and Patrick brought their son, Garrett, into the world. The family moved to Portland in 1990 where Patrick completed his surgical

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at the prestigious Cleveland Clinic in 1995.

Annette was instrumental in their return to Portland as she had family here. After Patrick finished his training, he joined a colorectal surgical practice and became an expert in techniques that helped improve the quality of many patients' lives. His academic training shaped his practice and he continued to develop research studies and publish scientific articles. He partnered with colleagues in the U.S. and France (where his Français came in handy) to conduct studies on surgical techniques.

Patrick and Annette were actively engaged in Portland's Asian community. Annette's Japanese American and Hawaiian heritage led to many interests and friendships. Similarly, Patrick naturally made friends with his Chinese and Chinese American counterparts. Garrett attended the Chinese School and through this connection his parents became close friends with Sarah and Terry Chung of the Portland Chinese Museum. Tragedy struck hard in 2007 when Annette succumbed to cancer. Patrick was left to raise Garrett on his own. Thankfully, their extensive network of friends stepped up and provided support. The loss of Annette and the strain of very long hours in the operating room eventually led Patrick to an epiphany. His soul searching brought him to an unexpected path - artisan cheese making. The chemistry and development of a "living cheese" along with the opportunity to meet food artisans drew Patrick and he jumped in with both feet. He cut back on his surgical practice hours and, with his inexhaustible drive, he trained with the "best" in Wisconsin and France.

Patrick found a new life companion in Lisa Hansen, a widow herself, and their shared understanding of loss combined with a love of the outdoors led to synergy to chase dreams. They cycled in the Balkans, fly fished in the West, explored history in Wales and Germany, and loved to immerse themselves in the art and culture of New York City. They cooked, camped, hiked, and learned how to start a cheese business. Patrick's beautiful cheeses became popular with friends and cheese lovers throughout Oregon and beyond. So many words describe Patrick Lee. He was interested in so many things. And you knew when you spoke to him that he was truly interested . . . in you.

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