



# Letters to Joe from colleagues and friends

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# From Vic Viola

Congratulations Joe! Regrettably, it's not possible for me to attend the symposium in honor of your distinguished scientific career. Hearing of the good science that is presently occurring in our community and meeting with many old friends would have been an additional bonus.

One advantage of being retired is that I've finally had the opportunity to sit back and reflect on the many extraordinary colleagues with whom I've been associated during over fifty years in this business – many of whom are in attendance at this meeting. In all of these interactions there is no one for whom I have greater respect than you. As is being alluded to by many, you have done it all – excellent forefront research, classroom teaching, mentoring, major administrative duties and extensive service to the community. Moreover, you have been a perceptive voice of civility when arguments have become heated, a quality that has served to benefit our science greatly. But beyond all the many scientific and academic achievements, and most importantly, you are a genuinely nice guy. It has been a great pleasure to enjoy your friendship.

My best wishes to both Karin and you.

Vic

*Philip J. Siemens*

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International Workshop on Nuclear Dynamics and Thermodynamics  
Cyclotron Institute  
Texas A&M University  
College Station, Texas

Dear friends and colleagues,

I hasten to add my voice in appreciation of Joe Natowitz' leadership  
in the continuing study of extreme nuclear matter.

Joe has led and inspired his research group of scientists from near and far  
to learn and interpret amazingly revealing details of how matter behaves  
at temperatures and densities where nothing is stable and nothing is simple.  
Way to go Joe!

I'm sorry I can't join you all, because family plans claimed this week long ago.  
I'll look forward to the conference proceedings to bring me up to date  
on the state of the art. But I'll miss seeing my old friends and joining the fun.



Phil Siemens

# From R.K. Choudhury

It gives me great pleasure to say a few words on this occasion to felicitate Prof. J.B. Natowitz, who has contributed immensely to the advancement of nuclear science in many ways for so many glorious years.

I feel myself fortunate to have been associated with him when I joined the Cyclotron Institute as a Post-Doctoral Fellow for two years in the beginning of 1980's. Since then I have received continuous support and encouragement from Prof. Natowitz in the advancement of my research career.

Most of all that I have fully appreciated is his unfailing enthusiasm and dedication which have been a hallmark in all of his endeavours. One more thing is his constant drive to excel and set a higher goal than ordinarily achieved, in order to remain in the forefront of contemporary research.

I am sure that in looking back, Prof. Natowitz will have the satisfaction of rendering full justice to the years of his working period so far, in all the domains of involvement in both public and personal life.

I, myself and my family members will cherish the years of friendship and association with Prof. Natowitz and his family.

In the end, I will like to describe as follows:

Jovial  
Optimistic  
Enthusiastic

Natowitz ==>> Noble- hearted

Thank you ALL.

R.K. Choudhury  
Ex- Director, Institute of Physics, Bhubaneswar  
& Ex-Head, Nuclear Physics Division  
Bhabha Atomic Research Centre, Mumbai, INDIA.

# From Zhiqing Chen

I would like to thank Prof. Joe Natowitz on this occasion. July 2005-August 2008, I worked with Prof. Natowitz as a postdoctoral research associate in Cyclotron Institute. Prof. Natowitz and his wife Karin gave my family (includes my wife Honglian Chen) a great help not only in work but also in life. After I came back to China, Prof. Natowitz continues to support my group. Three of my students got support from him working several months in Cyclotron Institute.

I feel very lucky to meet him and have the opportunity worked with him in TAMU. Wish IWNDT a great success!

From Prof. Dr. Zhiqiang Chen

Head of the Nuclear Data Laboratory

Institute of Modern Physics, CAS

Lanzhou, China

# Congratulations

It's my pleasure to say some words for Joe in this special occasion. Joe and his family gave me a lot of helps on my research work and life during my staying at Cyclotron during June 2001 to December 2004. I and my wife really enjoy the life in College Station where our daughter was born in 2003. We appreciate the supports from Joe and will cherish the friendship between our families. I can imagine the festival moment for celebrating Joe's distinguished scientific career. It's a little pity that I can not take part in such a great party by myself because of the visa problem. I wish a successful workshop to celebrating Joe's outstanding accomplishments in many areas of nuclear chemistry and physics.

Cheers!

Jiansong Wang

Group leader of Heavy Ion Nuclear Reaction

Institute of Modern Physics, Chinese Academy of Sciences



It is my great pleasure to say some words on this occasion to celebrate Prof. Joe. Natowitz's achievement on this workshop. Because unexpected delay for my visa process, I am sorry unable to join this special workshop.

It was my honor to have been associated with Joe when I joined his group at Cyclotron Institute as a post-doc fellow for about two years from earlier 2001. Since then I have opportunities to work with Joe with full of pleasure. He is not only an excellent tutor also a very nice friend.

He and Karin are always so kind. In the 1<sup>st</sup> day when I arrived at College Station, it was Joe to take me to go to different stores for preparing my living stuffs, even mattress and chairs etc. Also, in a couple of my recent short visits to TAMU, Joe and Karin invited me to live in his house. This is also a memorable experience in my life.

In my feeling, Joe always has a lot of new ideals and keep exciting everyday for nuclear physics researches. He does not like to follow so-called hot topic, but in contrary he often tried to propose new observables and methods. His steadfast enthusiasm and dedication made him become a famous nuclear physicist world-wide. That's the reason why we can often read his publication in Physical Review Letters.

He also very support nuclear physics development in China. Under his supervising, many Chinese postdocs have worked with him and most of them went back China and continue work in the field with success.

Joe & Karin, thank you very much. I believe you have a wonderful time with so many friends in College Station!

Yu-Gang Ma (& family)

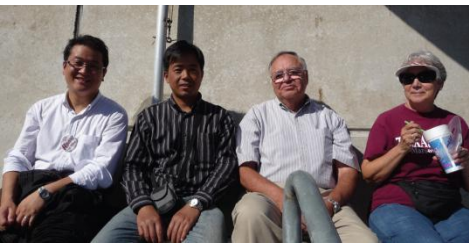
National distinguished young scholar

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Football @TAMU, 2008

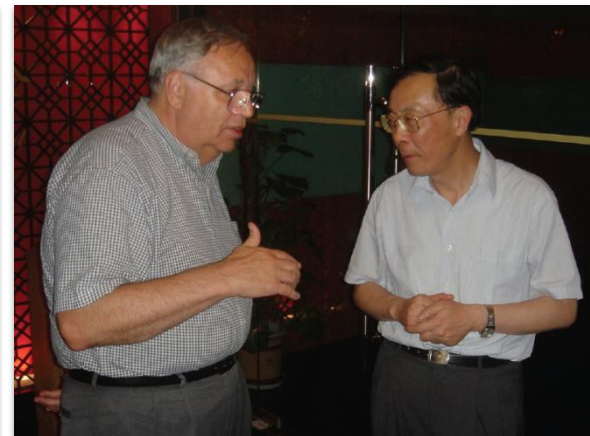


2007 in Joe&Karin' home





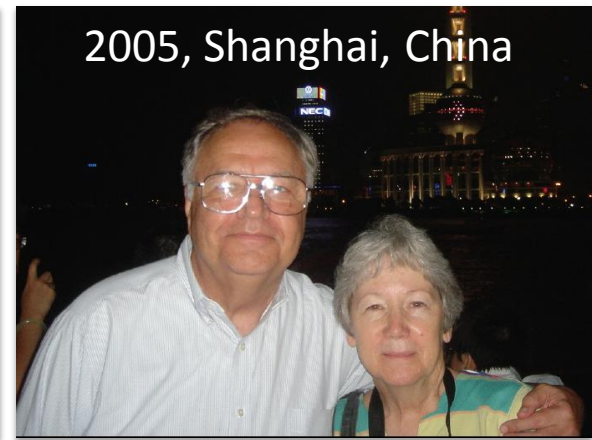






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**“Nuclear” Sun-flower**

**Congratulations on Joe’s achievements!**

Dear Joe,

I wish to congratulate you in occasion of the Symposium which honors you and celebrates all your achievements. I feel together with you with the thought and with all the colleagues who gather to share their friendship and their love for science.

I have still very strong memories about the time when we were collaborating, when the 'french' group (Christan Ngo, Claude Mazur, Michel Ribrag and myself) landed on the Texas soil. It was July 4th, 1982. I remember it very well as we were received by fireworks everywhere..and by you personally, who accompanied us by car to College Station. We stayed two weeks, for beam time at Texas A&M cyclotron, and working on a large drift chamber giving rise to one of my first PRC papers [more exactly Phys. Rev. C28 (1983) 460]. Everything was new for me, and so interesting! I especially keep warm memories of your kindness and hospitality. Kindness that spread to all your group, so friendly and competent!

That was followed by your sabbatical year in Saclay, with experiments in Ganil and Grenoble and a lot of exciting (and excited) discussions about (quasi-)fission, (incomplete) fusion... trying to understand the flow of data coming out from that generation of heavy ion accelerators.. Since, techniques evolved and our understanding progressed, but what I am more impressed above all is the capability of keeping enthusiasm and creativity all along a great carrier!

I am sorry not to be personally with you all, but please receive my best congratulations and best wishes !

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