

## 20160101 **New Year's Eve Family Gathering**

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My cousin Jimmy Dauglash from Los Angeles came for brunch on New Year's Eve, with his Armenian wife Angela, who grew up in the Soviet times. It's been several decades since Jimmy last came to this area, Lulu Island. We talked about his martial arts training in Okinawa-Te, a kind of karate, but like I, he's never been to Okinawa, which is Japan's own Hawaii. He also likes Hawaii. Angela and Jimmy took a tour of Metro Vancouver, which is frosty these days. I call Jimmy "Kuya Jim," which means "Elder Brother Jim." He specializes in PeopleSoft applications and software development management, involving a team. He still calls me Nonong, my childhood nickname. I think he looks like Daddy Pito, my paternal grandfather. He collects guns and rifles, just like my grandfather. Jimmy collects cars, too. He has a guava tree at his house in Los Angeles.