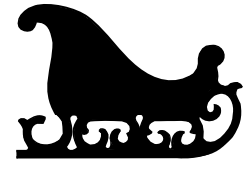


Probus
Xmas
Party

Christmas Party Report 30th Nov. 2005
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Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells, Jingle All the Way...

No!!! It wasn't Santa's sleigh you heard...it was the Probus Parkwood Revellers all driving from various suburbs to enjoy the Christmas luncheon at the Enjoy Court Chinese restaurant...very aptly named because it was a very enjoyable atmosphere and the décor most welcoming!!!

It was encouraging to see so many members- 46- and by the time we were all seated it was lovely to look around to see the tables so tastefully decorated by Dorothy who certainly showed her artistic skills in making such a Christmassy and colourful display; white tablecloths, colourful table decorations, gold napkins, sparkling glassware all contributing to the festive atmosphere.

Bob was a very attentive host ensuring everyone had iced water and other drinks of their choice.

In a twinkle of an eye everyone was soon relaxed and into the swing of the Christmas celebration.

How lovely our lady members looked in their colourful Christmas finery and red stood out as the colour of the day...

Before the first course (of which there were to be so many) Ken performed a blessing, always a gracious beginning to any meal.



What can I say about the banquet???

A gourmet paradise...a foodies heaven...tastebuds numb from sensory overload...prawn toast and curry puffs...sweet 'n' sour and coconut rice...to name just a few of the delights.

Not forgetting the desserts of which there was various choices...I settled for banana fritters and ice cream and I must admit I was quickly locked into a dream state of food sensation you wouldn't believe...yummy!!!

I think ice cream with topping was a very popular choice and I am sure there were many other dreamers to keep me company.

Graham, our president, took the floor briefly to impart a Christmas message.

Following this somehow we still had room for tea, chocolate and after dinner mints.

A big "thank you" to the waitresses who were very attentive and worked hard to accommodate everyone's needs.

It was a very memorable, fun Christmas celebration...thanks to everyone who made it possible.

Hark...what is that I hear...could it be bells and carols and children's laughter???

Could it be, that Santa's sleigh is approaching???

I must away because as we all know Santa won't visit if we are still awake...

Jingle bells, Jingle bells, jingle all the way...



P.S. Wishing you all a very happy and safe Christmas and New Year period- looking forward to next year's programme.