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Hello all,



Ah yes it is that time of the year again. For some it is a time to reflect on the year past, for some a time to start planning on the year to come.

When I was a child Christmas was much anticipated and the excitement built up all through December. Would I receive the present I longed for (and incessantly nagged my mom for)?. How I would love it forever if it appeared under the tree. In reality it would probably be forgotten and relegated to living under the bed before the end of January. As a teen I was more into non material gifts. I bargained long and hard to be given the gift of ceasing piano lessons and please, please I won't ask for anything else if only I can put my tennis racket in the back of the cupboard for ever more.

Having in the past fallen for the idea of the perfect Christmas with all the lights, decorations, perfect gifts and gargantuan amounts of food my Christmas now is more about spending time with people I am close to and reflecting on my blessings. I wish all of you a very Happy Christmas and a healthy fun filled New Year.

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# **NEXT MEETING**

6th January 2016 10h00 Denmark Country Club





Speaker Vince Calleja Bethany Funerals

# PRESIDERTIAL ADDRESS



Christmas gatherings are going gangbusters!!!

We had our last meeting of 2015 on December 2nd. It was well attended (38 Members). There was in house catering organized by Shirley. Many thanks to the ladies who provided the wonderful spread of home cooking.

The team who organized the games and music, well done also!!. While not everyone joined in the games they chatted and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The games provided many laughs and it was a very

enjoyable afternoon. Trevor even made up our own Christmas carol, which we all sang accompanied by Liz on the keyboard. People were ready to go home so dancing didn't eventuate but that can be for another day.



On the 8th December we attended the combined



Christmas get together at the Denmark Hotel (at the invitation of The Denmark Probus Club). It was very enjoyable, the meal was delicious and the table presentations were fantastic. A lot of effort was put in by their social club. Lovely bags of lollies,

great crackers and wonderful company. Many thanks to Denmark Probus Club.

Wendy and John have just come back from Melbourne and Harry and myself up off up to Perth. What a great time to catch up with family and friends. Drive safely everyone and have a real hoot during the festive season. See you all at the January meeting, take care of each other.

Merry Christmas and a Great 2016.

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### PROBUS CHRISTMAS CAROL

(Sing to "O Come All Ye Faithful")

O come all ve Probians Share the Christmas Spirit In friendship and fellowship Let fun rule the day May luck be with you Raffles, prized, chocolate wheel

Og let us sing together Oh let us play together Oh let us laugh together On our PROBUS Christmas day

Play at Wally's dart board A game of table tennis Join in Rosemary's parcel game Or throw a quoit or two Bev will run the Penguin Race John will spit the dummy

We'll feast and drink together We'll sing and dance together We'll join in celebration of Our PROBUS Christmas Day.



# BULLETID THIS WEEK

## **Probus Christmas** More is merrier for

Probus clubs



# Left - Right Game

(Right Family Christmas)



Can be used for a full gift exchange or just one gift Someone reads the story aloud. Everyone passes their gift(s) in the direction told in the story and change directions every time "Left" or "Right" is mentioned. The person keeps the gift they are holding at the end of the story.

Christmas was almost here, and Mother RIGHT was finishing the Christmas baking. Father RIGHT, Sue **RIGHT**, and **Billy RIGHT** returned from their last-minute Christmas errands.

"There's not much LEFT to be done," said Father **RIGHT** as he came into the kitchen.

"Did you leave the basket of food at church?" asked Mother **RIGHT**. "I LEFT it **RIGHT** where you told me to," said Father **RIGHT**.

"I'm glad my shopping is done," said Billy RIGHT. "I don't have any money LEFT."

The hall telephone rang, and Susan RIGHT LEFT to answer it. She rushed back and told the family "Aunt Tillie RIGHT LEFT a package for us RIGHT on Grandma RIGHT's porch.

I'll go over there RIGHT now and get it." she said as she LEFT in a rush.

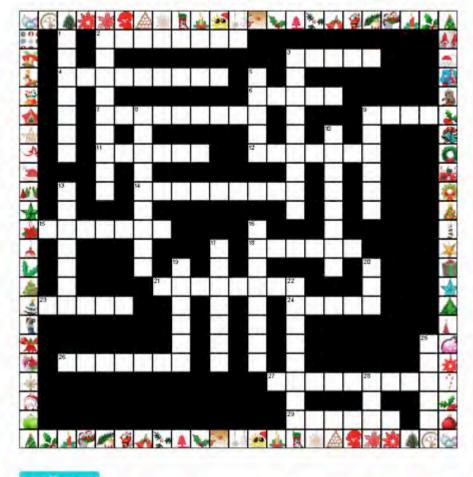
Father **RIGHT LEFT** the kitchen and brought in the Christmas tree.

By the time Susan **RIGHT** returned, Mother **RIGHT**, Father **RIGHT**, and Billy **RIGHT** had begun trimming the tree.

The entire **RIGHT** family sang carols as they finished the decorating. Then they LEFT all the presents arranged under the tree and went to bed, hoping they had selected the **RIGHT** gifts for their family. Now I hope you have the **RIGHT** present for vourself, because that's all that's LEFT of our story..... Except to wish you a Merry Christmas....Isn't that **RIGHT**?



# A very easy crossword for Christmas



Clues

#### Across

- 2. Singing (8)
- 3. Santa's helpers (5)
- 4. Where Santa lives (5,4)
- 6. Celebration (5)
- 7. Hung by the chimney (9)
- 9. Shown bright in sky (4)
- 11. Christ was born in one (6)
- 12. He was stingy (7)
- 14. Kiss under it (9)
- 15. Wrote "A Christmas Carol" (7)
- 18. Festive drink (6)
- 21. Gifts (8)
- 23. Religiious songs (5)
- 24. Christmas berry (5)
- 26. Has a shiny nose (7)
- 27. Jesus born here (9)
- 29. Mary rode this (6)

#### Down

- 1. Said "God bless us everyone" (4,3)
- 2. December 25th (9)
- 3. Pine tree (9)
- 5. Was born in a manger (5)
- 8. Decorations (9)
- 9. Santa's Sled (6)
- 10. Elves are busy there (8)
- 13. Santa slides down it (7)
- 16. They pull Santa's sled (8)
- 17. Magi (4,3)
- 19. Hangs on door (6)
- 20. Christmas hanging plant (3)
- 22. Tends sheep (8)
- 25. Animal ridden in desert (5)
- 28. Day before Christmas (3)

