

## WTIC Year-End Luncheon 2017

Weeks after the WTIC Year-End Luncheon in December, thinking of the event still makes me smile and feel like experiencing it all over again! The program opened with a delightful dance performance by the Taiwanese internationally-famous Da-Guan Dance Theater that captured everyone's attention from start to finish.

This was followed by warm greetings from WTIC President Lin Chih Lee, who thanked all for the support to the WTIC circle of friendship and wished all a peaceful, healthy and joyful holiday season. Ambassador Jazmine Huggins also addressed the members and wished for peace and joy, especially for those around the world who are less fortunate than we are. The action-packed program continued with more and more interesting activities, including a stunning fashion show of designs by Shiatzy Chen and a parade of some national costumes by ambassadors and representatives from El Salvador, Germany, Haiti, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, Solomon Islands, and

Melody Yang from Taiwan. The presentation and oral introduction of these dresses allowed us to not only appreciate the beauty of the traditional costumes but also their rich cultural significance. What a nice way to enhance cultural exchange and mutual understanding!

The festive spirit continued with a creative Christmas costume competition by WTIC Interest Groups. Each of the participating group designed their own costume based on the red, green, white and gold colors and accessories of the season. Seven Interest Groups participated in this joyous program. The results of the team work amazed us all: the Queen of the Bridge Group, the Christmas Tree from the Exploration Group; Tutu skirts, Santa's hats and golf clubs from the Golf Group; long tutu skirts with twinkling bulbs from the Gourmet Group, lobster and seafood tall hats with a carrot as a cigarette holder from the International Cooking Demonstration Group; Gift boxes as costumes from the Dancing Group, and the combination of Christmas tree, gifts and tutu skirts from the Sewing Group. One could not imagine how creative our members can be!

Viewers couldn't stop snapping their cameras. All the presenters received hearty admiration, applauses and gifts offered by the directors and supervisors of the boards.

The Luncheon ended with members dancing and singing directed by Professor Liu, Mei-yen. What a wonderful way to end the year, having all the members participate in the celebration and enjoyment of each other's merry and cheerful company. Furthermore, the traditional and creative ideas promoted in the event made one and all walk into the New Year with joyous spirits.

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