

## Christmas luncheon

Two things that always impresses me about our WTIC activities are the wide range of activities available to members and the commitment of participants and chairpersons to provide a great experience for every group.

This year I participated in the Sewing Group. I've written elsewhere about our excellent teacher and hard-working co-chairs who devote so much time to teaching us to sew. But I never imagined how much effort that would go into preparing for the Christmas Show! As well as sewing outfits based on a 50's theme, we spent several hours developing a dance routine to Twist and Shout, and many more trying to remember the steps.

Meanwhile, similarly impressive efforts were underway in several other groups. The result was on display at the Christmas Party with an impressive, entertaining and at times hilarious showcase of talent within the WTIC. Who could fail to be impressed by the strength and focus of the Qi Gong group, or beautiful singing of Julie, Melody, Dorris and April? Also memorable in both costume and performance were Olivia and Carol lip syncing to The Candy Man. The Bridge and Gourmet performance of Alice in Wonderland featured some great lines and outstanding costumes. I was sorry not to win a prize in the Golf Quiz, but rather pleased that I knew at least one or two of the answers.

And to top it all off, the International Dance Group's performance made me laugh and cheer at the same time. I loved it so much I've decided to join their group next year - as long as it doesn't clash with sewing!

Of course, none of this would have been possible without the efforts of the organizing team - from securing the venue to arranging the menu and decorations and all the hard work that goes into putting on an event like this. It was a great success and great fun - thank you!

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