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December Musings

by Bruce DeMara

Having an early Christmas party was a perfect way to get the holiday season started. The Dec. 3rd event in the party room was very well attended, with more than 100 tickets sold.

The party room was decked out festively and people mixed and mingled at various gathering points throughout.

The buffet style meal was filled with lots of tasty bite-sized treats including mini quiches, sausage rolls, meats and cheeses and exotic little noshes like smoked duck and jalapeño pot pie.

The \$15 ticket price was a great deal in these tough times. But it would have been nice to spend a little more to round out the meal with something sweet like a Christmas cookie.

Didi Chenille brought along some well-worn song books and belted out some much loved carols while playing piano. Linda Richman of Boca Raton played sidekick. Both were delightful company.

Troy Tilley (after a microphone mishap) shared a cheeky version of Downtown which the crowd found hilarious.

It was wonderful to see such a range of faces, from younger to older, some familiar, some new, including mine.

It was the first party for me since I moved in more than 20 years ago but it won't be my last.



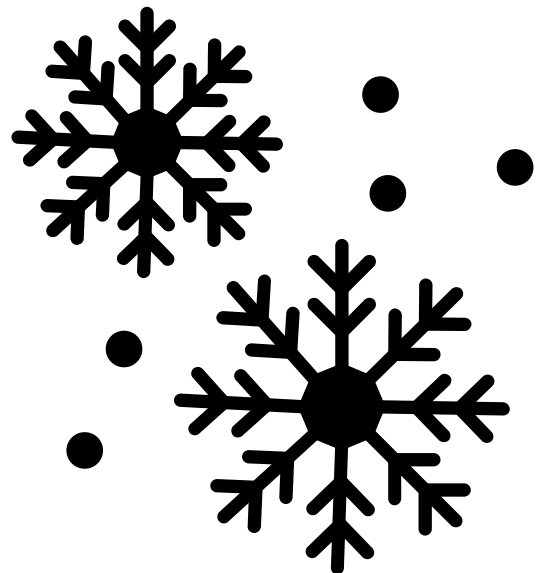
Good eats, cheap eats & sweet spots

by Dr. Cammy Lee Bostwick

If you're looking for a quick and affordable nibble and drink, head over to Stout Irish Pub — a 5-minute walk away on Carlton just west of Parliament.

On Mondays to Saturdays from 9pm-12 midnight you can get \$6 snacks and beers. We had a drink and ordered the mini poutine. On a bed of fresh cut fries were cheese curds and rich brown gravy sprinkled with scallions. Mind you, portions aren't huge but at those hours I don't want to have a big meal anyway. In fact the size of it was perfect. But most of all, it is having options like this so close by that make Stout worth checking out.

Happy noshing in 2024 everyone!



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