

## The P & R Christmas Dinner

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Because Karley's due date is Christmas Day and babies are very unpredictable, we have made no real plans for our Christmas festivities. We haven't planned a dinner, Christmas morning or any other aspect of the festive season simply because a baby's birth could change everything. We will just take it one day at a time and celebrate accordingly.

Last night though, we held the unofficial P & R Reno's Christmas party at [Urban Thai](#), our favourite Thai restaurant in Yaletown. P (Paul) & R (Rick) is the whimsical name that Ian labelled them when they started the renovation of the upstairs bathroom at his house in late October. Paul Clarke, one of our park neighbours is a former construction company owner from Ottawa. Like us, he and his wife Brenda are currently experiencing life on the road in an RV and like Rick, Paul has gotten a little antsy by being idle. Ian's bathroom renovation project was the ideal diversion for both of them. Paul has been a wonderful foreman and a godsend for Ian enabling him to have the bathroom functional before the arrival of the baby. His experience and expertise could not have been more welcome and his timing was impeccable. With Rick as his "grunt", it has made them the perfect team and hence Ian came up with the name of P & R's Reno's, 24-hour Service. Paul also helped Rick tear up the marble tile and re-lay cork on our floor while I was away. Ian had wanted to reward his construction crew with a dinner and last night we were able to all get together and enjoy it. Paul and Brenda had never had Thai food before, though they wanted to try it and this was a perfect time for them.

On our way to the restaurant, we passed a very large group of people dressed in a variety of Santa costumes, singing "ho ho ho" as the words to a variety of carols which reminded us that this is truly Christmas time. It may not have been turkey or plum pudding, but this may very well have been our only Christmas dinner.