



## Who Killed Santa?



The portly gent who dresses in red won't be going down any chimneys this year. He is dead – possibly murdered – yes, it's scandalous but true. It happened just before the company Christmas party being held at Chatties Restaurant. Did someone not want him to be there? Was it revenge for an unwanted present from Santa last year? Or was it just old age catching up with him?

We're here to find out the real juicy truth. The people present at the party are:

**Nick Finn** – I run the business. In my spare time, I like to do sign language and play classical guitar. That's why my nails are long — see. I try and avoid breaking them. I also like fishing and I think it's time we all did a bit of fishing, but this time fishing for clues rather than fins. I don't exercise a lot, but I have given up smoking. So I won't be contributing to any smoke going up our chimney this year. *Dress suggestions:* Wear a suit and a jazzy tie. Add some pillows to make you look plump. Wear a gray beard. Add some long nails (optional). Carry a plate of chocolate chip cookies.

**Winnie Bailey** – I run the company's office by day and at night I run my husband. I'm the mother of two non-toilet trained individuals. My life is a constant cycle of poo-poo — sorry, baby talk has gone to my head. I play softball. Sometimes I also kick boxes. No — I mean I do kick-boxing. But the birth of my child has slowed me down a bit. Sometimes I tie my husband and child to the running machine and I have a lie down. I've been the main organizer of this event. *Dress suggestions:* Wear a softball player's outfit. Carry a softball bat.

**Josh Fraser** – Technically I'm an account executive, but the real truth is that I'm Rudi Valentino in disguise. My good looks and charm have won hearts and attracted clients to the business. I'm a great asset but they don't seem to realize that. I work out whenever I can, so I've brought a few weights with me. Hope you guys won't mind me pumping a bit of iron while I'm sitting here. Us heartthrobs have to keep fit. *Dress suggestions:* Wear black clothes. Carry some weights. Add some fake muscles. Wear sunglasses. Carry a small briefcase full of Monopoly money.

**Glenda Drake** – I'm a graphic artist. I'm one of the most creative people alive today. As an artist, I'm sick to death of drawing Santa. I prefer to paint trees. I'm also a mother. I am trying to get fit by walking. *Dress suggestions:* Wear a modern T-shirt and jeans. Carry a laptop computer (or a cut-out of one in cardboard) and a pen with which to doodle on your paper napkins. Carry a Barbie doll.

**Barret Norcott** – I'm the “fix it” man who repairs the company's computers and backs up all the data. I'm in love with Mrs. Claus. I think Santa is a bad role model for “dieters.” I play touch football. I like eating pizza and going clubbing with Josh. Of course, I only eat pizza when I'm not on a diet and I'd never have eaten it at all, if it weren't for Santa's bad example of course. *Dress suggestions:* Wear a T-shirt and add some pillows to make you look plump. Carry tiny screwdrivers.

**Ebony Sutherland** – I'm the production manager. I have an eye for detail. I like taking pictures and traveling. I am an animal lover and I have two cats and two dogs. Oh, and I have a one-year-old baby, which makes traveling difficult. I also love baking cakes. *Dress suggestions:* Wear a T-shirt with an animal on the front and jeans.

**Reg Wells** – I'm the President of Gas — Plus More convenience stores and gas stations. I like flying my plane. I also walk a fair bit and work out periodically. I've been friends with Nick for years and his company gets their gas from us. Ebony also has an interest in travel, so we often talk about all the places I've been to in my plane. *Dress suggestions:* Wear some overalls as if you have dashed in from the gas station. Carry a mobile phone. Carry a dark “health” drink in a plastic bottle.

**Rosemary Piper** – I’m the boss of SDX TV. The company advertises on our TV station. My nickname is “Voo-doo doctor” because I am into natural medications and remedies. I like doing “crafty” things around my home — and I mean things like painting flowers on pots, not sneaky things. *Dress suggestions:* Wear a stylish modern suit and carry a mobile phone. Carry a small portable TV (or a TV guide) and some herbal tablets.

## Optional extra witness characters

**Rudolph** – I am Santa’s main reindeer and I’m the famous red-nosed reindeer. The other reindeer used to be mean to me. They never let me join in any of their games. But then Santa gave me a job pulling his sleigh and after that they all thought I was special. *Dress suggestions:* Wear some antlers on your head and a shiny red nose.

**Mrs. Claus** – I am Santa’s wife. I am the real boss behind Christmas. Santa was the kind of husband every woman wants — one that is away from home a lot. *Dress suggestions:* Wear a conservative red dress with your white hair tied back in a bun. You may like to add a red bonnet or a red ribbon tied around your head.

# **Décor, Food and Prop Suggestions (optional)**

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## **Décor suggestions**

These are suggestions you might like to follow to make your place look “Christmassy”:

- Kitsch, over-the-top Christmas decorations
- Some crime-scene tape around an area where Santa collapsed near the fireplace
- A sleigh heaped with presents
- A chair where Santa was to have sat in the corner of the restaurant surrounded by presents
- Play Christmas carols.

## **Menu suggestions**

To become immersed in the Christmas spirit, you may like to eat the kinds of foods that are traditional in your area for Christmas or international Christmas-type foods. Search for recipes on the Internet. For example, King George Christmas pudding, mince pies or a French Christmas chocolate, Norwegian Christmas cookies called “Sand Kager.”

## **Preparing props**

Create a body by stuffing red clothes or mark where it was with tape (near the fireplace if there is one). Put up crime scene tape and a chair in a corner and surround it with boxes. Put a sign for “Chatties” on your door.

**Name Tags (optional)**

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**Nick  
Finn**

**Winnie  
Bailey**

**Josh  
Fraser**

**Glenda  
Drake**

**Barret  
Norcott**

**Ebony  
Sutherland**

**Reg  
Wells**

**Rosemary  
Piper**

**Rudolph**

**Mrs. Claus**

## Notes (optional)

<b>Facts which could be important</b>			
<b>Suspect</b>	<b>Motive</b>	<b>Why they could have done it</b>	<b>Why they couldn't have done it</b>
<b>Nick Finn</b>			
<b>Winnie Bailey</b>			
<b>Josh Fraser</b>			
<b>Glenda Drake</b>			
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