

VERY MERRY MEATBALLERS

DAN AND MIKE DECK THE BALLS...ER, HALLS

MALE MONDAY · PRET-A-PARTY | DECEMBER 19, 2011 | COMMENT

The Guest List

Dan Holzman and Mike Chernow, founders of the [Meatball Shop](#)
[Donna Chernow](#), Mike's wife (and a Ford model).

Gitte, a Norwegian actress and close friend of Mike and Donna

Linda, a Danish model and one of Donna's first friends in the U.S.

Daniel Sharp, friend and co-owner of the Meatball Shop with Dan and Mike; the "go-to guy" when opening a new kitchen!

On the Menu

Chicken Balls with Mushroom Gravy

Beef Balls with Tomato Sauce

Veggie Balls with Pesto

Pork Balls with Spicy Meat Sauce

Roast Brussels Sprouts with Apples, Onions and Walnuts

Simple Salad (Arugula, Shaved Apples, Chives and Apple Cider Vinaigrette)

Wild Hive Polenta

On the iPod

Elvis Christmas, Bob Dylan, Stevie Wonder Christmas

On the Table

Gingerbread Man tree

Festive flowers

Best Part of the Night

"When we all went around the table to say what they wanted for Christmas."

Not-So-Great Part of the Night

"When everyone went home!" - Mike

"When everyone at the table got to say what they wanted for Christmas except for me!" - Dan

Dan & Mike's Party Pointers

Entertaining & Atmosphere: Corny is kinda cool at a holiday party, don't be scared to break out the mistletoe and Santa hats.

Picking a Guest List: Invite only people you actually want to hang with. It's never fun celebrating the holidays with someone you don't like.

Picking a Menu: Keep it simple.

Tree Decor: Turn the Christmas lights on when stringing them up. Start at the top of the tree, and don't decorate anything until you put the lights on. Lights, camera, action—it follows the sample principle. Hard to forget now, huh?

Key to Holiday Party Success: Decorate your home, get a christmas tree and have all your close friends over for the whole process, the decorating and all.

What Not to Do: Don't invite too many people and get overwhelmed!

Gifting

Worst Gift Ever: "Weekly private Danish lessons my wife got me. Very sweet but hard to swallow." - Mike

On My Wishlist: "Reality—Stainless Sub Mariner Rolex with Black Face. Not Reality: Gold Submariner with Black Face and Bezel." - Mike

"Socks are always on the list. And I'd love to get a bottle of bourbon, something nice that makes me happy for the whole year. Sheets are great, too." - Dan

