

Entertainment

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New Year's Eve '88 is on the way

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WHAT ARE YOU DOING New Year's Eve? Stay in home? Going out? If you're going out, you've come to the right place — reading this roundup on what's going on around metropolitan Detroit on New Year's Eve.

The hotels, as usual, are in the forefront of the places with big plans on how to spend New Year's Eve. This year, with more hotels than ever recently opened, there is an even greater variety of parties to take in.

Restaurants also make Dec. 31 an opportunity not only for dining but often for dancing, too, and the popping of champagne corks at midnight. Special menus and party packages are available.

Cocktail lounges and clubs that feature entertainment aren't going to let New Year's Eve slip by them. If you want to enjoy a show, sip a few drinks, this may be the place for you.

You don't have to party if you don't want to. But you can still go out and see a performance at the theater, or attend a concert.

Here are just a few of the things to do. Be sure to call ahead to confirm reservations, if required, and double-check on costs and any other details.

Hotel parties

Guest Quarters, Troy — Deluxe two-room suite, four cocktail tickets, hors d'oeuvres, six-course dinner, live entertainment and dancing, buffet brunch on New Year's Day, late checkout at 3 p.m., \$199 per couple. Phone 879-7500.

Radisson Plaza Hotel, Southfield — New Year's Eve party from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. in hotel's ballrooms, five-course dinner, dancing to big band sounds of Tommy Baldwin Orchestra, deluxe guest rooms, \$169 per couple. Phone 627-4000, Ext. 6802.

Embassy Suites Hotel, Southfield — Ballroom New Year's Eve Package includes two-room suite, reception, cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, five-course dinner, dancing to nine-piece big band The Detroit Music Company, late check-out time, made-to-order breakfast, black-tie optional, \$199 per couple. Wellington's Dinner Dance Package features same dinner and entertainment, without the overnight

suite, \$119 per couple. Phone 350-2000.

Michigan Inn, Southfield — Four choices: Number one, Ballroom \$18 per person, live entertainment, cash bar, champagne toast, 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. Number two, Card Lounge, \$30 per person or \$55 per couple, Ron Coden Show, midnight toast, Number three, Bistro M, \$24.95 per person, set menu, champagne toast, Number four, Benchmark dining, \$45 per person, live entertainment and dancing. Phone 559-6500.

Radisson Suite Hotel, Farmington Hills — Suite New Year's Eve Package I, overnight suite, dinner for two in Periwinkles, dancing to Earl Van Riper Trio, New Year's Day buffet breakfast, late checkout, \$189 plus tax. Package II, overnight suite, buffet breakfast, late checkout, \$99 plus tax. Phone 477-7800.

Novi Hills — Gala party in Grand Ballroom, elaborate dinner, open bar, dancing, brunch, overnight accommodations. Package is \$120 per person, including taxes and gratuities, based on double occupancy. Also available is dinner with drinks, served a la carte in Crystal Swan, jazz trio for dancing, prepaid cover charge of \$20. Another choice is a candlelight dinner in the Orchard Cafe with an a la carte selection. A fourth selection is dancing to the sounds of Intrepid in Whispers Lounge, hors d'oeuvres, continental breakfast, \$15. Phone 349-4000.

Holiday Inn of Livonia — New Year's Eve Party at Plums Lounge, with prime rib dinner, hors d'oeuvres, dancing in Plums till 2 a.m. Drink tickets included, spacious room, early checkin, late checkout, continental breakfast in Pipers restaurant. Package is \$159.95 per couple. Phone 261-6800.

Hyatt Regency Dearborn — Featuring virtuoso trumpeter and three-time Grammy nominee Maynard Ferguson, with Laurel Massey, formerly of Manhattan Transfer. Five bands, five parties in one. Other bands are Teen Angels, AKA, Mel Ball and Colours and the Motor City Quintet. \$35 per person. Guest rooms \$95 plus tax, single or double occupancy. Call 593-5020 for tickets, dinner and room reservations.

Westin Hotel, Renaissance Center, Detroit — Westin Hotel/WCSX 10th annual New Year's Eve Party till 3



a.m. includes live broadcast in Renaissance Ballroom, hors d'oeuvres, cash bar, \$21 per person. Summit Restaurant, four-course dinner, \$49 for first seating, \$69 for second seating also including bottle of champagne and tax and gratuity. Summit Lounge, party from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. with hors d'oeuvres, cocktails, champagne toast, breakfast buffet, \$39 per person. Dancing to the Top 40 sound of the Rage, for partygoers at either Summit Restaurant or Summit Lounge.

Party at Deejays Lounge on the Promenade Level from 9 p.m. to 3 a.m., disc jockey, hors d'oeuvres, cocktails, champagne toast, breakfast buffet, \$49 per person including tax and gratuity. Special room packages at \$110 plus tax for single or double occupancy. Call Westin Holiday Hotline at 567-XMAS.

Omni International Hotel, Detroit — Dancing in Landmark Ballroom, Five-course dinner with selected wines at 333 East restaurant, dancing, deluxe accommodations, \$198.80 per couple. Black-tie dinner dance in Landmark Ballroom featuring Ursula Walker and the Buddy Budson Band, four-course dinner with selected wines, deluxe accommodations, \$219.88 per couple, taxes additional. Call 222-7700, Ext. 3600.

Hotel Pontchartrain, Detroit — Top of the Pontch features dinner

and dancing to orchestra leader and jazz great, J.C. Heard, and his quartet, from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m., five-course prix fix dinner with wine, bottle of champagne for two at midnight, \$99 per person including tax and gratuities. Elaines Restaurant offer five-course prix fix early dinner with wine, two seatings: 5 and 8 p.m., \$45 per person including tax and gratuities, champagne toast at midnight. Guest room package \$59 single or double occupancy, late checkout. Phone 965-0200.

Airport Hilton Inn, Romulus — Hugh Borde and the Trinidad Tripoli Steel Band in the International Ballroom, \$19.95 per person includes two drink tickets, guaranteed seating, hors d'oeuvres, champagne toast, continental breakfast. Also, dinner service in restaurant begins at 5:30 p.m., with Jimmy Dixon Trio, champagne toast. Call 292-3400.

Ann Arbor Marriott — Starts at 7:30 p.m., surf and turf dinner at 9, dancing and cocktails till 2 a.m., champagne toast, light breakfast buffet, overnight accommodations, champagne brunch in Churchill's, late checkout, \$198.80 per couple. Phone 765-9800.

Restaurants

Medallion, West Bloomfield —

Seven-course dinner, entertainment by Harvey Thompson and Friends four-man vocal and instrumental group. First two seatings at \$30 per person also include glass of champagne. Seating at 9:30 p.m., \$75 per couple, includes a champagne split per person, dancing. Phone 851-5540.

Kingsley Inn, Bloomfield Hills — Dinner from select limited menu served in ballroom throughout evening, dancing to six-piece variety band Persuasion. Special menus in all the Kingsley restaurants. Holiday rate on all accommodations. Phone 644-1400.

Main Event, Inside Pontiac Silverdome — "Solid Gold Saturday Night," national radio show hosted by Dick Bartley, continuous buffet, dancing, cash bar until 3 a.m., \$40 per person. Call 858-7888.

Machus Red Fox, Bloomfield Township — Selected favorites from current dinner menu, continuous piano music, after 10 p.m. ring in the new year with midnight sing-along. Phone 626-4200.

Prock's, Troy — Great Room, dinner at 6 p.m., music at 8, dine and dance to Lenore Paxton Duo, Tap Room, special dinner menu starts at 6 p.m., dancing to DJ starting at 9 p.m., Complimentary champagne toast at midnight. Phone 280-2626.

Murdock's, Rochester Hills — An elegant evening with Alexander Zoujic, music, dinner, champagne toast at midnight, continental breakfast at 1 a.m., cash bar, begins at 8 p.m. in bar area, \$50 per person including cover, tax and gratuity. Phone 852-6550.

Topinka's, Detroit — "Starline," Vegas-style stage production featuring look-alike star impersonators. Showtime 7:30 p.m. \$40 per person, showtime 11:30 p.m. \$50 per person and also includes party. Phone 531-9000.

Redford River House — Dine, dance, Woody at the piano. Phone 592-4646.

Jamie's on 7, Livonia — Jamie Coe plays for dancing downstairs, sit-down dinner, complimentary drink, \$80 couple. Safari is the attraction upstairs, buffet, \$30 per couple. Phone 477-9077.

Mitch Housey's, Compton Village Motor Inn, Livonia — Special dinner menu, dancing, open bar, breakfast from 10 p.m. to 4 a.m., \$50 per person. Early New Year's Eve dinner from 5 p.m. Phone 425-5520.

Cora's, Livonia — Sit-down dinner served family style, open bar, live entertainment by Taxi playing '40s and '50s music. Phone 531-4960.

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