

table talk

Marriott hotels

Holiday packages are being offered by several Marriott hotels. The Southfield Marriott Hotel will have two packages, one in the main ballroom at 8 p.m. Dec. 31, with music by Krosswinds. The packages including dinner, overnight accommodations and breakfast is \$260 per couple. A \$220 package features food and entertainment at the hotel's Garden Court Restaurant.

The Livonia Marriott Hotel, adjacent to the Laurel Park Mall, will celebrate New Year's with the sounds of Forever Yours and Dixieland music by Doug Jacobs and the Red Garter Band. The package at \$275 per couple includes a four-course gourmet dinner, 10 drink

tickets, overnight accommodations and a Recovery Brunch. The Detroit Airport Marriott Hotel will offer a New Year's Eve package that begins at 8 p.m. Dec. 31 and costs \$99 plus tax, per couple. There will be food and drinks at the Conclerage Lounge and the Innkeeper Restaurant and a party at the Salon. Dinner, overnight accommodations and breakfast are included.

Rattlesnake Club

Two seatings on New Year's Eve will welcome guests to Jimmy Schmidt's Rattlesnake Club in downtown Detroit. The first seating, at \$35 per person for a three-course dinner, will be at 5:30, 8 and 7 p.m.; second seating, at \$85 per person for

a five-course dinner, two glasses of champagne and entertainment, is at 9:30 and 10 p.m. For reservations call 567-4400.

Family portraits

During the holiday season, free family portraits will be taken of all Classic Sunday Brunch guests at the Ritz-Carlton in Dearborn. A professional photographer will photograph the family in front of the hotel's seasonally decorated fireplace, through Sunday, Dec. 24. Brunch includes a hot entree from the menu, a visit to a cold buffet, and choice of holiday dessert. Cost is \$28 per person; \$12 for children under 12, and free for children under 5. For reservations call 441-2000.

Olive Garden

The Olive Garden Restaurants (including one in Livonia) has been named "Company of the Year 1989" by Restaurant Business magazine. The cover story in a recent issue of the magazine described the article that followed as "the inside story on how General Mills grew this Italian dinner-house chain in tandem with Red Lobster without relying on franchise sales to build business."

Healthy dining

Keith Famie, chef at Les Auteurs in Royal Oak, is author of the recently published "Cookit - Myway, the Pocket Guide to Healthy Dining," for

frequent restaurant diners. Famie said the breast-pocket guide incorporates useful knowledge about healthy foods and preparation methods and also offers a simple yes/no approach to healthy meal selection. The guide is available for \$5.95 at Border's Books and Metro News, or may be ordered by writing "Cookit - Myway," P.O. Box 12113, Dept. N-8, Birmingham 48012-2113.

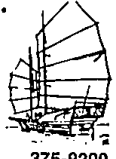
Party time

The Days Hotel/Southfield Convention Center will host two New Year's Eve parties in the facility's grand ballroom and lounge. Persons attending the grand ballroom gala can check in at noon Dec. 31. The New Year's Eve party starts at 8

p.m. with a four-course prime rib dinner and drinks, followed by live entertainment, dancing, party favors, champagne toast at midnight, and New Year's Day brunch. Late checkout is at 5 p.m. Price per couple is \$150, which includes overnight stay, tax, gratuity and all the extras. Tickets (without a room reservation) are \$75 per couple. Special two and three-night packages also are available.

Yesterday's Lounge in the hotel/convention center is hosting a New Year's Eve party from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. The \$10 cover charge (\$15 at the door) includes food, party favors, a champagne toast and continental breakfast served after midnight. Live entertainment will be provided. For more information call 557-4800.

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