

There's more ways to usher in 1977

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You can spend New Year's Eve at a disco, or skating party, or opt for a big hotel blast that includes not only dining and partying, but overnight accommodations and breakfast the next morning.

These are among choices for enjoying the traditional big night out. To help you, we've listed plans made by area hotels, disco, entertainment rooms and restaurants.

Reservations, if required, should be made early, as the first step to seeing the old year go pleasantly. Changing time has been extended till 4 a.m. New Year's Eve, so you can revel long past the midnight hour. If you don't want to drive if you drink, or just want to avoid a late drive and make a bad weekend, you can select an elaborate hotel package.

STAY-OVERNIGHT. or even make a weekend of it, enjoying not only a New Year's Eve but a full day, but a swim or swim.

These features are included in the post-party fun at Troy's Northfield Hilton Inn and while the men watch football, there are dinner-dance in culinary arts for the women.

The hotel packages also offer a combination of dinner and party, without the overnight accommodations.

If you're a disco fan, Central Bankside Restaurant at 3111 West Long Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills, offers a disco-dance-dinner for \$25.00 per person.

Other disco-dance-dinner plans in Southfield, the highest in Troy and the new

Thumpers in Auburn Heights are planning parties or open houses, too.

Entertainment rooms including Gatsby's, Club Room, Pub and Parlor, all at Ted's in Bloomfield Hills, Uncle But's at Cooper's Arms in Rochester, and Fanny's at the Troy Hilton are going to be open naturally.

ONLY A FEW of the dozens of area restaurants are listed here, such as Archa's in Birmingham and the Trio at Franklin Place in Southfield. Check your favorite restaurant to see if dinner will be served for a party is planned.

Check to be sure what a package, if there is one, includes. Some packages cover everything, others may exclude cocktails, tax and tip. See if there's a cover charge. Double-check to be sure there are not changes in the original party plans.

MOST PLACES REQUIRE early reservations, whether or not noted in the listings here. Some of these restaurants require an advance deposit or must be prepaid. Many of the parties offer champagne, flowers and party items.

If you don't want to plan ahead, some places are holding open house and others are open for dining without advance reservations.

You don't have to spend a lot of money, either. If you pick something simple like listening to folk music, says at the Old World Cafe in West Bloomfield for a \$1 cover.

ARCHBOLD'S, 555 Woodward, Birmingham, Phone 641-9100.

Dinner with early seating 5:30 p.m. late seating for parties, with hats, favors, champagne with meal. Entertainment by piano and guitar duo Armstrong and James (Open till 4 a.m.)

BANYAN TREE RESTAURANT AND ELEPHANT DISCO, 115 E. Long Lake Road, Troy, Phone 274-4119.
Dinner reservations at 9 and 10 p.m. Serving both in dining room and disco with connecting wall open. Selected dinner menu, drinks regular price. Dancing to disco records, party horns and hats. Celebration till 4 a.m. \$5 per person cover charge by Dec. 17 to confirm table.

BOTSFORD INN, 2500 Grand River at Eight Mile, Farmington Hills, Phone 674-1590.
Dinner hour extended 5:31 p.m.

CENTRAL BANKSIDE RESTAURANT AND LOUNGE, 3600 Drake at Walnut Lake Road, West Bloomfield, Phone 835-2770.
Disco Skate Party: Free time skate rental, party tax is from 9 p.m. 4 a.m. \$5 cover.

Disco: Paul Christy plays records for dancers from 9 p.m. 4 a.m. \$5 cover.

THE COOPERS' ARMS AND UNCLE BELL'S, 206 Main, Rochester, Phone 631-2266.
Hand Tossed Dishes in dining and dinner for New Year's celebration until 4 a.m. Reservations for dinner until midnight, open from 9 p.m. for party dinners.

CHARLEY'S CLUB, at Northfield Hilton Inn, Troy, Phone 875-2560.
Charley's Bar-B-Q Package: Includes choice of selected dishes, items from regular menu, dancing on terrace, live band music by Bach Maraca Orchestra, tax and tip, \$20 per person.

Hotel Overnight Package: Includes the full hotel package, plus free room, overnight free parking, complimentary champagne, buffet breakfast next morning and late check-out, in case you want to watch T.M. on the New Year's Eve at room \$29.95 per person.

EDEN GLEN RESTAURANT, 2005 W. Big Beaver, Troy, Phone 645-1880.
Dinner served from 5:30 p.m. midnight New Year's Eve. Live entertainment and party tax \$5.00. Entertainment by Joe Grande Trio begins at 8:30 p.m., dancing until 2 a.m. No reservations required.

HOLIDAY INN OF SOUTHFIELD, 2633 Telegraph, Phone 327-7700.
Bonde-Away: Having cocktail lounge and restaurant offers special New Year's Eve menu 7 p.m. Party time 9:30 p.m. 1 a.m. \$40 per person including tax and tip.

Balletom Celebration: Party time 9:30 p.m. 1 a.m. \$40 per person including tax and tip.

Both parties include dinner from 9:30 p.m. midnight, in case you can drink champagne, party tax and tip, \$40 per person. Reservations only.

THE LANDING RESTAURANT AND DISCO, 115 E. Long Lake Road at Ten Mile, Southfield, Phone 327-5035.
Live Entertainment by Pentagon in up stairs restaurant, disco dancing downstairs. All year drinks and party favors, champagne toast at midnight. \$40 per person \$20 couple. Reservations only.

THE MEATING PLACE AND DOWN UNDER, Orchard Lake Road at Pontiac Trail, Orchard Lake, Phone 461-0660.
Dinner by reservation at 8, 9 and 10 p.m. with the 11 p.m. seating for New Year's celebration. Four menu items—two steak and two seafood. Entertainment and live champagne toast. Opened 4 a.m.

Down Under: Live, Australian entertainers with a rock and guitar duet until 4 a.m.

MICHIGAN INN, 1400 J. L. Hudson Drive, Southfield, Phone 328-5500.
Package: Open till dining reception to last dinner. Bottle of champagne for each couple at midnight. No smokers and no kids. Open until 4 a.m. \$40.00 couple.

Added Attraction: Room along with breakfast buffet in Gitter Garden next morning. \$25 additional a couple.

THE OLD TOWN INN, 215 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, Phone 641-7754.
Gatsby's: The Living Club at New Year's Eve party starting at 9 p.m. After summer hats, complete dinner with wine, open till 4 a.m. \$20.00 per person. Early reservations.

The Club Room: J.C. Heard Trio plays for dancing. Menu same as Gatsby's from 9 p.m. 4 a.m.

Dee's: Open all day and New Year's Eve till 2 a.m. Band Scratch plays for dancing.

NORTHFIELD HILTON INN, 5500 Cracks at 173, Troy, Phone 875-2100.
Celebrate: Plan 1: Open bar, get acquainted cocktail party at 8:30 p.m. Live entertainment till 10:30 p.m. including bottle of champagne, your favorite after dinner cocktail. Dinner show by the Carsons Trio. Music during and after dinner by Jerry Ross Orchestra till 2 a.m. Hats and favors.

Fridays and Saturdays: night accommodations in room with two double or one king sized bed and set deluxe sign for dinner. Live entertainment with Broadway Mary or Snowdrift.

For the men: 30 yardline view of the New Year's Day football games on color televisions at poolside in Hurley's or in next guest room. For the women: demonstrations in culinary arts throughout the afternoon. For everyone all season heated in door swimming pool, men's and women's saunas. Farewell brunch buffet in Wicker Works. \$130 per couple.

Plan 2: Same as above without Saturday night accommodations and farewell brunch on Sunday. \$120 per couple.

Plan 3: The same New Year's Eve with out accommodations. Saturday breakfast and Sunday brunch. \$82 per couple.

Hurley's: Mr. Flows' Party plays for dancing. Open till 1 a.m. Coffee and Danish at 1 a.m. \$5 cover.

OLDE WORLD CAFE, 425 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield, Phone 831-2222.
Entertainment by folk performer Bill Mueller from 9 p.m. 12 a.m. \$1 cover.

RAVEN HILL HOUSE, Telegraph north of Ten Mile, Southfield, Phone 323-1100.
Party of Call: Transports you from one hotel to another. Entertainment and dancing to the melodies of Grove, Patsy, Eric, Lou and the Graceland played by four hands. Dining from Fort's of Call buffet featuring a variety of dishes of the finest cuisine. No smokers. Hats, favors and champagne toast. Guests seated beginning at 9 p.m. party continues until 1 a.m. with coffee and Danish. \$15.00 per person.

The Grille Discotheque: Open hours. Live disco band, favors and refreshments \$8 per person.

RAVEN GALLERY, 2101 Greenfield, Southfield, Phone 327-3422.
Total Entertainment: John White Jr. and Michael and Barbara Smith at annual New Year's Eve Party. Advance ticket sale \$20 per couple only.

SHERATON NORTHFIELD HOTEL, 1800 Nine Mile, Southfield, Phone 327-1800.
First Class Package: Dinner for two in Benja's. Reserved seat for two people in yesterday's with Mel Hall and Colours playing from 10 p.m. 1 a.m. Party favors and split of champagne at midnight. Over night accommodations for two in king-size bed. Sunday brunch the following morning, \$60 a couple.

Couch Package: Everything except overnight accommodations and brunch. \$60 a couple.

General public will be admitted to Yes to Yax provided the room is not full. Yes to Yax will be open all day and extended New Year's Eve.

SOUFLEEN NORTHLAND INN, 5100 Northern, Southfield, Phone 349-4700.
Couple Package: In Southfield of Ralston, includes entertainment by Frank Silver Quartet from 9 p.m. 2 a.m. open bar with prime rib dinner, champagne breakfast buffet at 2 a.m. Hats and favors \$6.95 per couple.

Package Extra: Room split, champagne, fresh flowers, continental breakfast and Broadway Mary. \$80 extra.

Couch & Four: Dinner, \$25-\$30 a room. 9 a.m. to 1 a.m. New Year's Eve. Reservations required.

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