

# New Year's Eve out offers parties and more

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If you haven't made your mind up on how to spend New Year's Eve, here are some lively suggestions on places to go and things to do.

The dining, dancing and drinking choices range from big hotel celebrations, with a room overnight to recuperate, to a quiet restaurant dinner where you can also dance and top off the evening with a champagne toast at midnight.

Other possibilities include taking in a New Year's Eve performance of a stage production in the metropolitan area. Offerings include both plays and dinner theater shows.

Special interests are being catered to with musical entertainment that appeals to jazz fans and rock 'n' rollers. Setting for these revellers are Detroit-

area clubs, or hotels in cooperations with local radio stations.

**THE NORTHFIELD Hilton** in Troy has a little bit of everything in its package combining cash bar, complimentary hors d'oeuvres, four-course prime rib dinner with champagne, and dinner show entertainment by comedian Paul Lennon. There's dancing until 2 a.m., with Higher Ground playing Top 40 hits.

After a night in a deluxe room, the hotel's brunch and a bloody mary or screwdriver helps to begin the new year. The package is \$145 per couple.

Other packages at the Northfield Hilton include the party without the overnight stay (\$99 a couple); Top 40 entertainment and champagne toast in the Wicker Works restaurant, followed by a continental breakfast (\$50 per couple); and dancing at Hurley's lounge to

Sapphire, champagne toast and continental breakfast (\$30 a couple).

The Troy Hilton Hotel provides music by the Trinidad Tripoli Steel Band, along with continental breakfast (\$15 per person); two seatings for a Seafood Buffet in the Haymarket restaurant, dance music played by the Jim Dixon Quartet and champagne toast (\$32.50 per person), and music by the Attractions, champagne toast at Fanny's lounge (\$15 per person).

In Southfield, the Michigan Inn and WCLS-FM are getting together for a live remote show hosted by morning-radio disc jockey Eddie Rogers. The New Year's Eve party also includes dancing, hors d'oeuvres and champagne toast (\$10 per person in advance, \$15 at the door).

**THE INN's** Red Parrot nightclub will serve a buffet from 8-11 p.m., with

dance music; entertainment by the Red Parrot dancers, mimes and clowns, and Dom Perignon champagne toast (\$30 per couple, \$35 per person). The Benchmark restaurant will have two seatings for dinners ranging from \$17-\$27.

At the Sheraton-Southfield Hotel, the second annual Honey Radio New Year's Eve Party, cosponsored by WHND-AM and the hotel will feature oldies music by the Loretto and Monto Cane, snacks, champagne toast and a continental breakfast (\$19.95 per couple, \$19 per person). Yesterday's Classic Oldies Club will present '60s rock group Stingray, serve a champagne toast and a light breakfast (\$10 per person, bar seating and stand-up space, if available, \$5 per person). Loophole's restaurant has planned a New Year's Eve buffet and champagne toast (\$15.50 per person).

In downtown Detroit, the Renais-

sance Ballroom in the Westin Hotel will be the scene of WMJC's seventh annual New Year's Eve party. Radio personalities Tom Furey and Kasey will play records for dancing during a live broadcast 8 p.m. to 3 a.m. from the ballroom. A cash bar, food, hors d'oeuvres, coffee and Danish at 1 a.m. are included (\$15 in advance, \$17 at the door).

Detroit's midtown Hotel St. Regis will entertain partygoers in the drawing-room atmosphere of the St. Regis Lounge. A 9 p.m. dinner features music by the Greg Purcott Trio, midnight Vintage Tasting champagne toast and 1 a.m. sweet table and coffee. A dinner seating at 6 p.m., with piano music by George Nichols, also is available. For more information, call 873-3000. A room package is \$195 per couple.

Restaurants in metro Detroit have arranged special pleasures for New Year's Eve. At Archibald's restaurant in Birmingham, Doug Jones and the Red Garter Band will play for listening and dancing from 9:30 p.m. Seatings will be at 5 and 9:30 p.m., with regular

dinner menu and prices. A continental breakfast is set for 1 a.m.

**SICKLY'S IN TROY** will offer four choices on a menu, with a 5 p.m. seating (a la carte prices) and a 10 p.m. seating for a dinner and dancing to Mystique (\$50 per person).

Schuler's in Rochester Hills will feature Charles Rowland at the piano, along with a vocalist and a bass player, with music for dancing. The regular menu will be available, also a choice of any two special entrees for a package that includes a bottle of champagne and flambéed baked Alaska and entertainment, at \$60 per couple.

The Soup Kitchen, in the Rivertown District of downtown Detroit, has booked the Sun Messengers jazz band for New Year's Eve. Dinner and a champagne toast are included in the package. Details are available at 259-1374.

Most of the New Year's Eve activities listed above require reservations. It's also a good idea to call ahead to confirm times and prices.

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