



Happy Holidays

Jon's View

December 2005

From our family to yours.

We hope this season is a safe one for all. Please remember that it is the month for the greatest number of parties and after work social events - keep your thinking cap on when you leave any one of the many holiday parties and get behind the wheel of your car to return home. The first offense for drunk driving put into place this past year is not something to look at lightly.

I have gone back over the year by re-reading my first view that I started last January and it almost seems impossible that all of that took place in just 365 days! It goes to show you when we hear the phrase "live one day at a time" you only can see by looking back at what we all have been through this past year to understand how important that simple phrase is. In my first article I was amazed at how many people sent me the nicest reply's for giving them some small part of the history of not only our Club 1220, but also how the gay/lesbian community came to be out in the suburbs in the 70's. From all the questions that came pouring in I have put together a small over view of our history and will be giving a talk "show" here at the Club sometime in the spring detailing the questions some of you had. Being in a position to see how much has transpired over the years it's no wonder people would like to hear more about this time in our community. If

you remember, in one of my views we talked about being political and what a tight rope that has been over the 29 years - how to keep a balanced position even when you may not agree in any way with the other side. I know things today are SO heated and such a hot button for all of us that it is very important for our community to have a place to go to and not have to defend ones position on many different topics, not just the war or our president.

My first appeal was in March for the tsunami victims. The response from all of you was very warming to see. Little did we know that in the following months we would have hurricanes Katrina, Rita and Wilma and the tragedies and displacement of so many families and pets. Breast cancer was back in the news as was HIV. One of my hot topics was the passing of the Pope and how much of a hot

bed that could be. The AIDS walk in July was our best event for raising funds for people who are still living with this disease. I look forward to having even more people join our group next year and march with us for this on going cause. I am not sure if all of you have read that HIV infection is on the rise again in the gay sector so please, please take the time to become familiar with all the information we have at our disposal.. I also heard back from some people who did not agree with my statements on the Supreme Court nominees and when I did write that months article we still had a woman that was being placed up for nomination. I still have the same feeling - as much as I do not agree with the President's choice we still have to remember - who won the election and who lost.

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Don't Miss Our December Events!

We do have some events planned for the celebration of our 29th year starting on Dec. 4th with the Brian Rooney Toys for Tots drive hosted by Kitty Litter and myself. If



you missed this event last year, I can tell you - do not miss this one. We are asking for either an unwrapped toy for a child or a donation at the door so we can be sure to help those who need it at this time of

year. From there we are planning a 30th New Year's Eve Party that will have many different surprises through out the night. One I can share is that all the drink prices for the first hour that we are open 8pm to 9 PM, will be the same as they were in 1976/77 New Year's Eve Party. Now I know most of you were not born then but you can come and see what it was like to pay \$1.10 for a well drink and 75 cents for a beer.



Through out the evening we will have all the music from 1976 to present being played by our beloved DJ Mickey. Dean and the staff will also have a few surprises as well so if you have wanted to see your favorite bartender in a different light be sure to make this party.



All of us at Club 1220 would like to extend our wish that all of you have a very happy and safe holiday season, and please stop by and see us for the New Year.



Jon and Champ
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