

Happy New Year and welcome to 2007.

For those of you who may not have made out your New Years resolution, it is still not too late to do so.

Jon's View

weekend in our eyes was also quite a journey into the past. I had not only family that was not even born when we opened the club, BUT now here was one of them, my nephew speaking on the mic talking to the celebration crowd. I have had many proud moments in that club thinking back to the time that my parents came up on the stage with my Dad giving a real nice talk. And now here is my brother telling the story about our dad in the war and then seeing my nephew feel so comfortable to grab the mic and begin talking as well - I knew we were much more fortunate than I had ever thought.

For those of you who were not at the Saturday night party on December 16th there was an older couple in their early 80's who won the first raffle that we had. When I asked them how long they had been coming to the bar, the husband told me that this was their first time. When I asked how they heard about it, they told me from the article in the paper and they were looking for a place to go line dancing. So they thought they would come down and see what the place was about. To me, this could not have been a better example to all the folks who are so worried about whether the bar is going in one direction or another. To me, the point is, and ALWAYS has been that it was just a place for anyone to come to and feel safe and have fun. I know the firestorm over the comment I made last month about doing an Alternative night upset some people, but I think they had something much different in mind than what I did. Club 1220 has made it 30 years, not because of anything my managers or I have ever done or not done, it has gone on 30 years because it has always done what the community wanted it to do. So for those of you, who may have thought the club is in for any big change, relax - it has always been open to anyone who could handle the environment of any gay/lesbian/bisexual/transgender or God forbid even a straight person enjoying the place. Remember to be open and not want to have anyone treat us different goes in two directions. I have never asked anyone for more than there ID to get in the club and not in 30 years did I ask anyone what they did in there bedroom (well ok, maybe I did a few, but for a good reason) to gain entry to the bar and enjoy it.

Have a safe month and try and unwind from the busy season we just came out of. I hope everyone who attended our New Year's Eve bash had a great time and found their way home safely.

Jon & Champ



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I know from the staff, along with my brother and I, we are still walking on a cloud after going through December with all the events that took place at the Club. The Brian Rooney Toy drive was a HUGE success due to Vince and Chad for all the toys and money they raised, never mind the fabulous show they put on with those naked young helpers. From that event we went right on to the clubs 30th celebration on December 16th & 17th. We had one of the very first bartenders there along with several people who were there opening night in 1976. I know it was quite a ride with the pictures being shown on the monitors from the very first party up to the latest one. It brought a lot of us to tears to see so many faces in those frames of people who are now gone. It was a stark reminder to us all how fast time goes by and how precious that the time you spend with friends could be much shorter than you expected. I can tell you that going through this celebration

