

# Happy New Year

*to all of you from all of us at Club 1220. I hope you had a very safe holiday season, and you all took my advice and watched your drinking and driving.*

Jon's

View

January 2006



## It was very exciting

for me to see the Club so busy for our 29th Anniversary Party & Toy Drive put on by Kitty Litter and her troupe. Please take a few minutes and go to the web page and check out the movies and pictures that were taken. The food was out of this world as were the decorations. The toy drive was even bigger than last year thanks to all of you who brought not only toys, but bikes and tricycles for the children. The people from Toys for Tots tell us that we have the most toys turned in at any one location in the area and I think that is something for all of us to be very proud of - not because the children need it so bad because they do, but because this is not something that most gay and lesbian bars are known for supporting. This past year if we look back at all the times we were asked to give or send our time and money, it was very nice to see that you all still dug deep into your wallets and helped out those less fortunate than most of us.



### Jon's View - 2005

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In looking back over my "Jon's Views" for the entire year I could not get over how much had transpired



in our community in just one year. I would like to keep up with some of the events and try not to let them drop off the radar screen because so many people and animals are still not back in their homes or even towns for that matter. Whenever we have something like a Katrina or Tsunami all the help rolls in right after the



disaster has struck, but you have years and years of work to rebuild what was once a thriving community. I also recently heard back from many different people who voiced their thoughts on this war, along with the ongoing debate in our country as to what role and what road we

should be taking. This is a very sensitive subject and I only ask that for those of you with very, very strong opinions to please remember that the beauty of what we have here in our country is the RIGHT to not agree. If we loose that even in our community then we have lost what so many have already died for.

Now on to a lighter topic. I would like to invite you to stop by the bar and see what is going on as we are doing many different things this year with it being the beginning of our 30th year. New Year's Eve started the kick off with a surprise trip to Maui for those who were in the club that night. This is going to be just the start of one long year of celebrations, and you never know when we are going to pull an OPRAH as I call it, with some give away. With this being our 30th year we would like very much to hear from all of you as to what you might like to see or have take place in YOUR club. I think the most often asked question is how did I keep this place for so long – the answer has been very easy to respond to. It is the East Bay community that we have had the pleasure of not only waiting on but being a part of something that is much bigger than one person or club. We have worked with the Rainbow Community Center to help raise funds for them and we have done several events for Diablo Valley Food Bank for people with HIV. Seeing how this is the time of year that we are to look inward and see what we can do to help others and drop a few of our own bad habits I would like to invite you to please think about joining

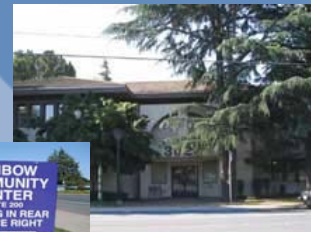
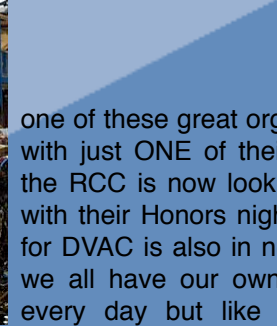
one of these great organizations to help out with just ONE of their events. I know that the RCC is now looking for people to help with their Honors night, and the AIDS walk for DVAC is also in need of people. I know we all have our own lives to get through every day but like I have said in past articles, there is NOTHING like the feeling

of giving back to someone who cannot be as lucky as

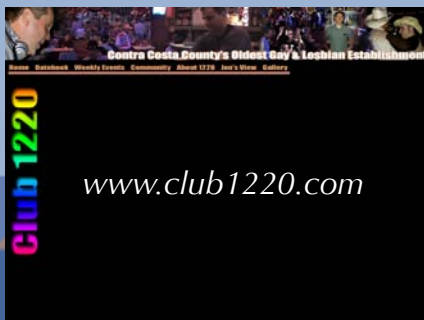
most of us are. So for your New Year's resolution may I suggest that you

take the time to look for any place from the Red Cross to

the RCC to give them, not only your money in whatever amount you can, but your time as well.



So, I invite you to keep the Club's web page on your Buddy or Favorite list and check it frequently for all the events that we are planning for this year. Again, if you think you have something that the Club is not doing we welcome all ideas and would love to hear about something new where we could be of some help. Have a safe January - we love seeing all your faces down at the Club. Please remember, when you are drinking and driving, it is NOT worth the expense of being stopped by the police or being in an accident compared to the cost of one cab ride home. Think about it and stay safe...



*Happy January!*

*Jon & Champ  
January 2006*

