

Dear Friends in Amador County, Northern California and Beyond, twenty-ten is here! Wahoo!!!

The success of the Blue Moon New Year's Eve Bash is due to an entire community pulling together for a good and common cause. It is a rare opportunity to provide such an entertainment venue for family, friends, and future friends of ACRA. With this step into fundraising we have opened the doors for recreation and park development opportunities in Amador County. Great beginnings happen once in a blue moon.

Blessed with clear and warmish weather, we gathered, we celebrated and reveled with gusto and joy! Together we merrily said goodbye to the old, and gloriously welcomed the New Year with our family and friends.

Generosity from public and private alike was apparent in the great music, fabulous food, grand decorations, fresh and tasty desserts, gifts from businesses and individuals, fine wine, generous volunteers --who gave literally thousands of hours, and fantastic world-class fireworks launching us magically into twenty-ten.

We here at ACRA, from the Board of Directors to the staff, thank all of you who played a part in our amazing celebration and are grateful that you spent New Year's Eve with us.

In back of this event is a crew of folks who went above and beyond to make the event run as smoothly as possible: The entire Board of Directors of ACRA for taking on the project and moving forward with the monumental task of planning and implementation, specifically Supervisor John Plasse and Mayor Pat Fordyce, who were crucial in the planning process and provided expertise, talent and very necessary feedback—without their help, this event would not have been possible. Thank you to the folks at MP Associates for providing an amazing fireworks display! The staff of the Amador County Fair, Troy, Sherri and her office staff, Robert Moody and Robert Aguilar, all rolled out the red carpet for our event. Maureen Funk of Amador Council on Tourism who sat on the planning committee and gave her characteristic stalwart support. The musicians who provided spectacular music on the night, and discounted their rates to perform for us. The Board of Supervisors, the staff at the County, the road crew, who gave steady encouragement and support during the planning process. The ARTS staff for providing shuttles, scheduling and advertising. Thanks to the local volunteer firefighters who made themselves available for public support, just-in-case. All the background work that it takes to make such an event come off without a hitch doesn't happen without the many volunteers who gave selflessly of their time and energy picking up chores and taking care of the details. The service clubs who made themselves available on the evening were a godsend. The local businesses that supported our raffles, silent and live auction, from the auctioneer—Seth Seever—to those who gave the merchandise, to those who took a risk and were able to garner the goods, thank you for investing in ACRA. Kudos to the ACRA Staff: Rocky, Kim, Adam, Matt, Pete, Stephanie, Merlene, Ashley, Joe, Sara, Max, Markus and Brian --all deserve the lion's share of the credit for being able to get things done so that on party night things ran smoothly and without a hitch.

To our sponsors: Vino Noceto, Jackson Rancheria Hotel and Casino, Kamps Propane, MP Associates, Volcano Telephone, Beth Soogard Catering, Amador Flower Farm, Amador Crane Service, Mel & Faye's Diner, Party Smart Rentals, Amador County Fair, Condrashoff Printing, St. Sava Mission. Thank you!

Happy New Year's to You and Yours! May you all enjoy good health, prosperity, and great joy and happiness in twenty-ten!

Always and Sincerely,
Tracey Towner-Yep