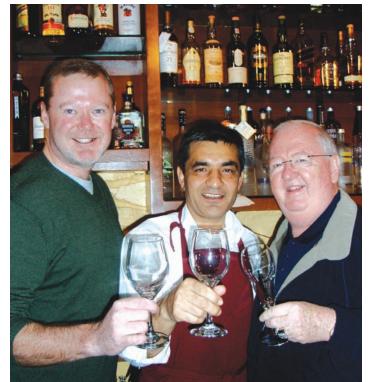
Amoroma brings the Community Together at New Year's By Linda U. Foley



Left to right: Rick Hattabaugh of Little Dogs, Hafiz Haidari and Dick Callahan toast the New Year Photo Linda U. Foley

here will you be as the old year packs its bags to make room for 2008? Watching television? In bed, eating peanut butter with your champagne? Anything to avoid battling traffic and craziness? How about doing it "right" and right in your own backyard so-to-speak, at the Rheem Theatre in Moraga.

It may not be Times Square but much of life's joy comes in small packages and is often right under our connosseur-ish noses. Amoroma restaurateurs, Michele Lavecchia, Hafiz Haidari and Noe Castro (also the

chef), bring Rheem and the community together at their first annual New Year's Eve party.

The doors open at 9 p.m. and stay open until 2 a.m. The moderate price of \$50 each includes two cocktails and covers cost of appetizers and desserts, dancing to the sound of local band Little Dogs and emceeing by no other than the SMC Gael's voice, Dick Callahan. The newly refurbished facility will show New Year's celebrations across the world in three of its theatres while waiting for the champagne toast and balloon bouquets to

take flight. After a long night of good food, fun and festivities, some partygoers may wish to be taxied home by available town

Within the past four-plus years of opening, Amoroma has put its indelible mark on this community. An atmosphere of conviviality, authentic and season-oriented Italian cuisine fills the golden-walled rooms night after night with diners and is a favorite of food critics.

In tune with the needs of this community, Amoroma expanded its confines to include Alimentari Amoroma a perfect venue for lunch and weekly wine tastings, and - having acquired the Rheem Theatre - introduced Tuesday movie nights alternating between French and Italian cinema, paired with appetizers and wines.

For some, Amoroma is still a well-kept secret, while for many others, it has become a favorite spot to congregate and celebrate various occasions.

Tickets are available at Amoroma (925-377-7662) and are going fast. However, doors will be kept open for late birds.

It's time to get glammed up and into the spirit! Come and celebrate with your friends and community at the Rheem Theatre and boogie together into the New Year. Bon Ano!

You can contact Linda Foley at linalfoley@sbcglobal.net.

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"It's been a huge success," notes Mastorakis.

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New Year's Eve

The Italian pot roast and polenta is a big hit as well as the chicken piccata and mini quiche. Even their sautéed brussels sprouts have been flying out the door. Fear not, picky eaters, there's also macaroni and cheese.



Diablo Foods Deli Manager Karen Mastora Photo Cathy Tyson

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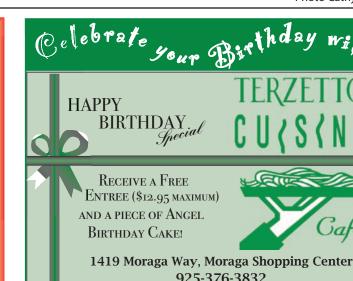
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