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TROJAN JUNIOR AUXILIARY

our mission:

To promote a spirit of friendship and loyalty among the women of USC, to foster a loyalty to and a spirit of cooperation with the University and to render service and financial support to the women of the University.

Welcome Back!

As we begin a new year, I can't help but take a moment to reminisce on all the wonderful memories I've had as a TJA member. To our returning members, I hope you have enjoyed your time with this group as much as I have. And to our newest members, I am so excited that you made what I believe was a worthwhile decision when you chose to join TJA last Fall.

We have an exciting four months ahead as we begin the scholarship recipient selection process and immerse ourselves into the planning of our Spring benefit. Our chosen benefit theme will add to the fun and excitement at our highly anticipated Casino Night. There's also no doubt that we'll be amazed again this year by USC's increasingly talented undergraduate class when we begin our interviews for potential scholarship recipients.

Cheers to yet another successful year for TJA and a wonderful and prosperous new year to you and your families!

- Tracy Eng, President

New Year's Parties and Resolutions!

CALENDAR

Monday, January 12, 2009
TJA Meeting
Begins at 6:30 p.m.

Monday, February 9, 2009
TJA Meeting
Begins at 6:30 p.m.

Birthdays

January:
1/04: Meredith Jung
1/16: Carrie Tischler
1/26: Vivi Tran
1/21: Mia Deterding

February:
2/08: Audrey Cu
2/11: Lorraine Comeau

My new year's resolution is to be more patient. For New Year's I had a family gathering at home. My parents and siblings came over as well as my in-laws. We do a sort of potluck party. My husband makes this delicious sugar cane ham and I make the sides. We play some pokeno and loteria Oh, and this year the men played ROCKBAND and broke in my husbands new PS3... Nobody leaves my house a loser on New Year's Eve, so I have little party favors and prizes for everyone. This is the second one my husband and I have hosted and it was fun!!! The cleanup was killer though!!
- Scarlett Holguin

New Year's Resolution --
More balance in my life between work, family/loved ones, social activities. I welcomed the New Year on Orange Grove as I was previewing the Rose Parade floats as they lined up for the New Year's day parade. On New Year's day, I was cheering for the Trojans at the Rose Bowl game. FUN! - Melanie Joe

New Year's Parties and Resolutions!

I will train for and compete in a triathlon. -Whitney Nifong

I hosted a tiny party at my apartment, making a bunch of appetizers for us to snack on as well as some yummy pomegranate punch. We played board games until about fifteen minutes before the ball drop, at which point we turned on the TV to watch Dick Clark's Rockin' New Years Eve.
- Janine Worrell

I rarely make any specific resolutions, but every year I want to pick up my electric guitar and learn how to play it...I rarely find time to practice

2) NYE with 10 friends. sushi and sake. dancing. karaoke. rose bowl. enough said :)
- Lauren Brown

1. My new year's resolution is to raise awareness and money for lymphoma. My best friend was diagnosed in December '08 and is currently undergoing chemotherapy so I will be running a marathon in her name and raising money to help her with her medical bills.

2. To ring in 2009, 14 of my friends and I rented a cabin up in Big Bear. We had such a wonderful time sledding, snowboarding and enjoying each other's company. The snow up there is phenomenal and it was great to get out of the "city" for awhile.
- Katherine Dearing

My answers are pretty lame. I don't do resolutions anymore since I can never seem to keep them :-)

I spent new years eve with a couple friends at a nice dinner and headed home on the early side thanks to a lovely case of bronchitis. But, I was well rested enough to join friends at the rose bowl the next day!
- Brenda Bailey

1) I don't really believe in New Year's resolutions. I think if a change is important enough that you want to make it, you shouldn't wait until January 1st. Storing it up for once a year tends to set people up for failure.

2) I went to Disneyland with a friend visiting from San Francisco. It was a great way to celebrate because it was a new friend I made in 2008.
- Dawn Sirtak

One of my new year's resolutions is to cook more meals at home. For the New Year, my hubby Marc and I went to a friend's party and then off to Pasadena the next morning for the Rose Bowl game (woo-hoo!) followed by a family dinner.
-Maggie Habib

I know this sounds cliché, but with Baby Eng on the way, my new year's resolutions are - Tre to eat better and exercise more! Here's hoping that I actually stick to those resolutions this year! I spent I was in Hong Kong celebrating with my husband!
- Tracy Eng

I will try to make a better effort in staying in touch with people. For New Year's I went to a party at a friend's house (too bad there wasn't any men worth meeting :() on New Year's Eve and went to the Rose Bowl to watch our Trojans beat Penn State!
- Sherry Tejada

My New Year's Resolution is to exercise more this year.
- Carina Jacob

I haven't ever really made a new years resolution. However, in looking at my goals for the next year, I think a lot of them will require better organization on my part. So, we'll go with "I resolve to be more organized."

A friend of mine that lives in Chicago came to LA to visit over the New Years' holiday. We went out to a bar on New Years Eve and then went with a few other friends to the Rose Bowl on New Years Day and watched USC beat Penn State!
- Kellie Nolan

this year i've resolved to gain "perspective" -- for me, this means giving thanks when things are going well and reminding myself i'm not all that bad off when things aren't. it also encompasses not sweating the small stuff, appreciating minor miracles, and no whining (or at least, less..)!
- Alison Reta

1) My New Year's resolution is modest -- simply to make my bed everyday, and to start eating dinner at the table instead of in front of the TV :)
2) I celebrated New Year's with good friends, a few bottles of wine, and the sing-along version of the Mamma Mia DVD. - Bronwne Young

My resolution is to go to the gym BEFORE work (I can always think of too many excuses after work!)
- Ashley Harvel