

NEW YEAR'S EVE—2018

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Robbie Burns sings, "Should old acquaintance be forgot, and never brought to mind," but we couldn't possibly forget our "old" acquaintances at TEGSA's New Year's Eve Dance. A big "Thank You" to TEGSA and the hard working, generous committee for helping us link arms, sway to the music, blow our noise makers and say goodbye to yet another year!

As we walked in, the Peter and Paul Banquet Hall was once again decorated in silver and blue, like a fancy ballroom and people were dressed in their finest. It promised to be another great celebration . . . and as usual, it did not disappoint! Our MC was none other than Joachim Menezes, who kept us entertained and on our toes, with dance prizes, door prizes and 50-50 raffle prizes. Prizes galore, but sadly I did not win one, yet again!

As we sipped complimentary wine, enjoyed the tasty appetizers, and mingled with "old" and new friends, the warmth and good cheer were evident.

After a beautiful Grace, said by Loretta D'Sylva, we enjoyed a delicious sit down meal, which included beef sirloin and salmon. This paired well with the tea, coffee and dessert that followed the scrumptious meal. Complimentary champagne served at midnight added an elegant touch to the evening.

We danced to the music of "Clifford and the Dreamcatchers," and were delighted when Austin Viegas, a former band member, went up to serenade us with a few songs. Whether the band or the DJ's music was playing, the dance floor was always full. We all had a great time chanting the "YMCA," rock and rolling, waltzing through the room, attempting to do the Tango, and shaking our hips to Salsa music. Let's not forget the line dancing, which is always such a crowd pleaser!

It was a fun, festive night with family and friends and when the band played the last number, we reluctantly said our goodbyes. Let's hope and pray that the rest of 2019 continues to be as happy and enjoyable as the very first few hours that we brought in together just a few moments before. Wishing everyone good health, love and happiness to last the whole year through. Happy New year!