

Every couple has unique traditions in their relationship. We are delighted to provide a memorable holiday experience to our guests, but our love of being “the face at the door” on holidays make it so our New Year’s traditions are a little out of the ordinary.

One of our first New Year’s Eves together (circa 1995), we found a hot new restaurant in the West Loop that was open and serving food after 1:00am: Marche! We walked through the revolving door and between the glass and a heavy red velvet curtain, an enthusiastic couple was pressed up against the glass still celebrating their New Year’s Eve kiss. We wandered over to the bar and a scantily clad fire twirling woman began a routine in the foyer. After a pair of cold, extra dry martinis (no fruit for Keene, extra blue cheese olives for Megan), we started to relax. By the end of our meal, we started to envision our upcoming year together (so exciting for a new couple!). The more we talked, the more we realized that we wanted to make sure we had some personal and shared goals to track. We grabbed a bar napkin and Keene recorded three New Year’s resolutions for himself, three personal resolutions for Megan, and we created three New Year’s resolutions together. Keene kept the bar napkin for the entire year in his wallet. It was so fun to be at a random dinner in the middle of July, pay the bill, and see our resolutions on that beverage napkin from New Year’s Eve!

This year at Tortoise, we want to extend the spirit of our New Year’s Eve tradition to you. On your table you will find a small card for your New Year’s resolutions. We invite you to write down a few goals that you would like to accomplish this year. The card should fit right in your wallet so you can keep your resolutions handy—just like we do.

We are incredibly grateful that you have chosen to spend your New Year’s Eve at Tortoise. We are committed each year to creating celebratory moments for you and your loved ones that you can carry with you all year long.

*Happy New Year from all of us at Tortoise!*

*Keene Myer*

