(StatePoint) No matter if you are throwing a New Year’s party or attending one, nobody wants an evening that’s dull or routine. But with a few simple party tips, you can make this year’s celebration special, no matter what your plans include:

Gussy Up
Your appearance can set the mood for your evening -- and New Year’s Eve is one of the few times of the year that you have a great excuse to go all out. For the wild night on the town or the small gathering at home, don’t be afraid to wear something far bolder than you normally would consider.

For women, think sparkly dresses and gloves; for men think bow ties and stylish hats. Giving your outfit the flair and pop the holiday deserves can mean the difference between an ordinary evening and an extraordinary one.

Cheers!
When the ball drops, you’re going to want to have a glass of something sparkly in your hands.

If you’re going to a party or hosting one, consider toasting to a great year ahead with something evocative of sophistication and all things fine. A delicious sparkling wine such as Franciacorta, for example, pairs perfectly with Auld Lang Syne sing-alongs and noisemakers. Produced in

Italy by the same process as Champagne, these wines are made from Chardonnay and Pinot Noir, and are rich, creamy and filled with festive bubbles. Franciacorta is sold at fine wine shops around the country. For more information on bubbles from the land of amore, visit www.FranciacortaWines.com

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Choosing Your Adventure

Most restaurants, bars and other venues host New Year's Eve parties, but unlike most other nights of the year, many of these events require advanced reservations or tickets. You may want to do a bit of planning ahead of time so you aren't left out in the cold on this big night. Whether you're looking for a prix-fixe three-course dinner or a rocking dance party, do your research.

And if you can't find something that suits you and your friends, throw your own party. Just be sure to give it a bit of extra dazzle with danceable music, rich foods, sparkly drinks and great people.

Remember, you can't control every aspect of your evening and the more pressure you place on yourself to have fun, the harder it will be to achieve. Just relax and enjoy the flow of the night, wherever it takes you. Set the mood for a great 2013 by ringing in the New Year with a smile on your face.

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