The end of 2020 is near! We couldn’t have predicted that we would be ending the year the same way that these newsletters started – in full shelter-in-place quarantine mode. The woes of this challenging year are not yet behind us, but the light at the end of the tunnel is starting to shine through the fog. It will take some time before our lives, and our industry, return to normalcy but we are looking forward to a major reset as we embark on a new year. Here is our final 2020 list of positivity, in a year that has required extra energy to drown out the negative noise:

- Tis the season to give back – and there are a lot of people in need this year. Here’s a round up of ways to volunteer locally this holiday season, and if you are in the position to donate, the Search Foundation continues to help event professionals in crisis during these difficult times.
- As we look ahead to 2021, a vision board can be a great way to set your intentions for the new year and keep them top of mind long after January 1st. If you need a little help with how to do that, Danielle Gibson Events is hosting their annual Vision Board Party virtually this year!
Spice up your holidays at home or next virtual happy hour with one of these San Francisco cocktails! It's 5 o'clock somewhere!

And if you are looking for some inspiration for your holiday feasts, check out this globally inspired menu from five local chefs.

Like everything else, New Year’s Eve parties have gone virtual this year! Which if you ask me, is the best of both worlds – partying, dancing, and cocktails, all from the comfort and warmth of your home! Truffle Shuffle is sending the year out with a bang with their Roarin' 20s party, complete with caviar and noise makers! And our very own DJ Airsun will be spinning for Bootie Mashup SF’s NYE 2020 party – check out their incredible lineup as they count down to 2021 in time zones across the world!

We’ve so enjoyed putting together these lists of local good news for you all. While SIP is not quite over, we’ll be sharing and connecting with the ILEA community in new ways come 2021. If there is anything you want to share with the community or want to see featured, please still feel free to share it with us at togetherweekly@ileancc.org.

Growing Together While Apart,
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