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NEW YEARS SPECIAL EVENT: SCOTTY'S CASTLE AFTER DARK PROGRAM

Evening is a memorable time to visit Scotty's Castle, a historic house museum in northern Death Valley National Park. Most visitors to the Castle are familiar with the brown stucco and redwood buildings that dominate the property. But when night falls this New Years, the dim glow of the outside lamps will transport visitors back to the 1930s when Death Valley Scotty and the ubiquitous Albert and Bessie Johnson called this place home.

On Friday, December 30 and Saturday, December 31, 2005, Scotty's Castle is once again offering special evening programs to ring in the new year. Join us for a look back into the year 1939, when the castle was bustling with activity and the country and the world were both anticipating and experiencing the profound changes that shape the world we see today. Did the castle personalities in 1939 have similar fears about the world as castle visitors in 2005? A trip to the castle for New Years may demonstrate the old axiom that the more things change, the more they stay the same.

Uniformed Rangers will lead visitors through the Castle to be visited by many historic characters from the Castle's past at various times and places inside the house. Programs will be offered at 6:00, 6:30, 7:00 and 7:30 each evening. All proceeds will benefit the interpretation and education program at Scotty's Castle. The Scotty's Castle Visitor Center and the Scotty's Castle gift shop, snack bar and gas station operated by Xanterra Parks and Resorts will remain open until 7:30 for both evenings of the event.

Reservations can be made by calling 760-786-2392 between 9:00 am and 5:00 pm and are strongly recommended.

For more information about regularly scheduled house tours, regularly scheduled Underground Mysteries tours, hours of operation, group or bus reservations, or fees, call 760-786-2392. You can also visit the park's web site at www.nps.gov/deva and click on the "In Depth" link.