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12 Months To Go

- Announce engagement. Email engagement announcement to *our Celebration Announcements* and we will list your news to the world for **FREE!**

- Arrange for your families to meet, if they haven't already

- Work out your budget. Determine how much you have to spend, based on your families' contributions and your own. Diane says, "expect to spend 40% - 45% of your budget on the food & bar". She also suggests that hiring a wedding planner at this early stage will help you prioritize on where you would like to spend your money. Decide what type of wedding you want: size, location, time of day, etc. Wedding Planners & Consultants

- Start the guest list. Diane suggests making an A-List & B-List. As RSVPs come in, you can move people from one list to the other. She says to take into account how many parties will be in the decision making for the guest list. Once you have made the decision on how many guests your budget allows, divide that number by the parties that are doing the inviting (i.e. – 120 people divided by 3 parties = 40 people to invite per party). Make a head count database to use throughout your planning process, with columns for contact info, RSVPs, gifts, and any other relevant information

- Diane recommends at this stage of the planning to begin booking now your main Vendors from our Photographers & Videographers, Music, Bands, & DJs, Catering & Cakes, Florists, Ministers, Pastors & Notaries Public & Invitations & Custom Printers

- Check out *our Deals & Discounts* for seasonal savings for the time of year you've chosen for your wedding