

Out on the Town



With Liz and Sydney

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Liz: Recently, Bronx Lesbians United in Sisterhood joined with the Flaming Femmes (a femme support group) for the "Lesbians Through the Ages" party, a benefit at the Community Center for the Lesbian Herstory Archives. The event's main attraction was the equivalent of a lesbian house-ball, where attendees vied for "most p.c.," "most femme," "most androgynous," etc. Even the deejay and emcee competed for "most butch."

Sydney: Surprisingly, more women competed in the femme category than in any other, and the judging area was filled with crinoline prom dresses, strapless gowns, full-length sequined dresses, matching pumps, tasteful evening bags and, of course, white gloves. I couldn't tell if I felt like I was at a lesbian prom or a lesbian wedding reception, and I half expected strolling accordion players to appear.

Liz: The Archives will be grand marshals for this year's Lesbian and Gay Pride March. Last year they carried posters of famous (and not so famous) lesbians in history. As decorations for the party, the posters only proved that roles have been around for as long as we have.

Liz and Sydney: The only things truly certain about Lesbian and Gay Pride Night are that it's happening, that there are too many parties to go to and that the performers are going to be a surprise (i.e., not booked at press time). We have prepared a mini-Pride Guide to the special happenings at New York clubs. It is not intended to be exhaustive; check the Pride Guide and other listings for community-sponsored events.

Friday, June 22

Columbia Pep Boys, "Same but Different Dance" with deejay **Karin Ward**. Partial proceeds go to Heritage of Pride (HOP). At Columbia University.

The ASTREA Foundation "comes out" for Pride as the National Lesbian Action Foundation with a party at Camp Friendship in Park Slope. There's enough room

for all of you women to start the weekend light of foot.

Saturday, June 23—Post-Rally Parties

La Palace de Beaute is the setting for the "official" post-rally tea dance presented by **Marc Berkley**—a benefit for HOP.

At Palladium, **Chip Duckett** also presents a post-rally tea dance with performers.



Photo: Liz and Sidney

A Winner

Sunday, June 24

March! Then liberate yourself for the next 20 hours at one or all of the following locations (we predict that half of the queer work-force will call in sick on Monday):

Dance 4 on the Pier features deejays **Susan Morabito**, **Robbie Leslie**, **Jerry Szoka** and lighting by Royce-Martin and **Richard Sabala**, plus live entertainment and fireworks. From 4 'til 10 pm. You can actually just keep marching down Christopher Street and end up dancing on the Hudson without missing a step. HOP benefit. Mixed gay and lesbian, Saint and out-of-town crowd.

At Palladium, Shescape hosts the "official" women's party from 4 'til 10 pm with live entertainment by **Raina Paige** at 9 pm (women can stay for the Liberation Ball). HOP Benefit. Many professional-type

women and tourists.

At Palladium, Marc Berkley hosts the "official" Liberation Ball with deejay **John Hall** and live shows. From 10 pm 'til? HOP benefit. Mixed gay crowd, well-built shirtless guys and tourists.

At the Building, **Jeffrey Sanker** and **Dallas** present the Men's Room with reportedly beautiful people, gorgeous go-go boys and very high ceilings. 10 pm 'til?

At La Palace de Beaute, the Hunk Club is now Spunk. Deejay **Larry Tee** and **Matthew Kasten's** BoyBar Beauties promise lots of fun and games. From midnight 'til? Young, trendy and fashionable crowd, boys and girls in jeans and big shoes, club kids and drag queens.

At Roxy, gay and lesbian Sundays are now called "A Groovy Kind of Love," and with a float in the parade, performers like **Gaylord** and **Denn Vetta**, as well as the usual drag queens and go-go boys and girls, it sounds real groovy. *OutWeek*-sponsored party with partial proceeds to benefit the Community Center. From 4 pm 'til? Same as above, but with more shirtless gym-boys.

At Quick!, Her Planet arrives for the holiday, and it's well worth the trip for the sexiest go-go girls ever in town. Partial proceeds benefit an unspecified AIDS charity. Call (212) 925-2442 for details. Young, trendy girls in jeans or cocktail dresses.

At Mars, Chip Duckett presents five floors and a roof with 11 deejays playing house, disco and new wave. Entertainment will include drag queens, go-go boys and girls, live bands, comics and novelty acts. Watch the fireworks from the roof—Bar-B-Q goes all night and a breakfast buffet begins at 4 am. Partial proceeds benefit the AIDS Treatment Registry. Open 3pm 'til dawn. Mixed gay crowd, shirtless, well-built guys, lots of denim, some leather, not enough silk and feathers—but all sweating. ▼