

Anniversary Week Events

Eight Days of Celebration....

Wednesday, July 1:

- "Old" Bartender Day
Featuring: Ben&Doug&Kelly&Richie
Ron&Michelle&Lewis&Philip!!!

Thursday, July 2:

- Rod's Cardholder Night:
 - First Drink Free!
 - 50¢ off all drinks,
9 - 10 p.m.!

Friday, July 3:

- All Male Review on Patio!

Saturday, July 4:

- Trip to Fireworks at Dusk!
 - Pool Party!
 - Drink Specials!

Sunday, July 5:

- Beer Bust!
- Patio Cookout!
- "Bonnie Bitch"!

Monday, July 6:

- 2-4-1 Drinks All Night!

Tuesday, July 7:

- Anniversary Cocktail Party
4 - 7 p.m.!
- Featuring Ginger Grant!

Wednesday, July 8:

- "Garden Bloody Mary" Bash,
4 p.m.!

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★★★ Special Admissions ★★★ Summer, 1987

Fri., June 19: Open Bar, 9-10 p.m. (with card)

Fri., June 26: 50¢ off drinks (with card)

Thurs., July 2: 50¢ off drinks (with card)

Tuesday, July 14: Bartender Exchange -
50¢ Shots (with card)

Wed., Aug. 5: 50¢ off drinks (with card)

Fri., Aug. 14: Open Bar, 9-10 p.m. (with card)

The 1987 Rod's Card

Included in this mailing is your 1987 Rod's Card! If you did not receive it, you're not on the mailing list or you've moved -- again -- and failed to inform us. Now, this is serious business, men. You should keep your Rod's Card in your wallet at all times -- right along with your American Express Gold Card and all those slips of paper with Mr. Right's telephone numbers! The 1987 Rod's Card will be requested for many special occasions, and failure to have it on your person could result in taxes, surcharges, levies and fines. Happy summer!!



Old, Ex-, Former, Once-Upon-A-Time Bartender Day

As part of the EIGHT DAY celebration, we're bringing back old bartender day! On Wednesday, July 1, from the minute the bar opens till the magic hour of 12:45 a.m., the bar will be manned (perhaps a slight exaggeration in some cases) by some of its best-known bartenders of years gone by. Hobbling from till to bar and back will be: *Ben, Doug, Kelly, Richie, Michelle, Ron, Lewis and Philip!* Now how's that for old time's sake? And Vanna White will be on hand to wind them up and point them in the right direction!!

Kraig Roasted on Birthday

For those of you who missed Kraig's Birthday Roast, you missed your chance to help us put him in his place, which, judging by *Doug Fletsch's* comments, might be at Vic Tanny's or chez Elaine Powers! (Nothing against fat people, huh, Doug?)

Terry Nichols (who also brought Big Boy ten bottles of hair spray from his own personal bathroom) let us in on a little secret about a hush, hush relationship between Kraig and Pizza Pit! (Don't tell his husband; this week's husband, that is!)

Cheri Becker helped lift everyone's spirits in more ways than one. Not only did she bring in a bottle of rootbeer schnapps, she also went easy on her comments about Kraig. (That's OK, Cheri. It was nice hearing you talk good about Kraig for a change!)

The shocker of the evening came at the end of the show when we all discovered that when *Rodney* has dirt on someone, he can be pretty good on a microphone. He caused Kraigatola's face to change more than one shade of "pink", answering such questions as how a butch bar like *Rod's* ended up employing a "drag queen", and such a large drag queen, at that!

Thanks to all of you who attended and made the event one that I'm sure Kraig will never forget, and special thanks to Doug Fletsch, Rodney, Cheri Becker, and Terry Nichols for making Kraig feel *loved* *liked*....like shit!! P. S. Oh, and thanks most of all to Kraig for "sharing" his birthday cake!!

1986 Roddies

On Wednesday, February 18 (three years, seven months and twenty-six days after it was scheduled to occur) the ANNUAL RODDIES AWARD SHOW was held. The envelopes were opened and the best of 1986 were announced: Best Bartender in a Major Role: *Mark D.* Best Bartender in a Supporting Role: *Karl P.* Entertainer of the Year: *Kraig M.* Distinguished Service Award: *Sandy S.* Dancer of the Year: *Alvin C.* Best-Dressed Customer: *Cheri B.* Best-Behaved Customer: *Keith R.* Best Performance by a Customer in a Major Role: *Allen G.* Best Performance by a Customer in a Supporting Role: *Bob D.* Least Well-Behaved Customer: *John R.* Most Promising New Face: *John M.* Worst Joke Teller of the Year: *Vaughn C.* Staff Look-Alikes: *Michelle D. & Kraig M.* Bestiality Award: *Tom V.* Mess of the Year: *Ray J.* Man of the Year: *Tim H.* Congrats to all and condolences to those who thought they had it in the bag....

Bartender Exchange With The Wreck Room

On Tuesday and Wednesday, July 14 - 15, there'll be a bartender exchange with Milwaukee's Wreck Room! On Tuesday (which happens to be Bastille Day), they'll come (cum?) here, and on Wednesday, we'll go there. Check the inside of your *Rod's Card* for drink specials!!



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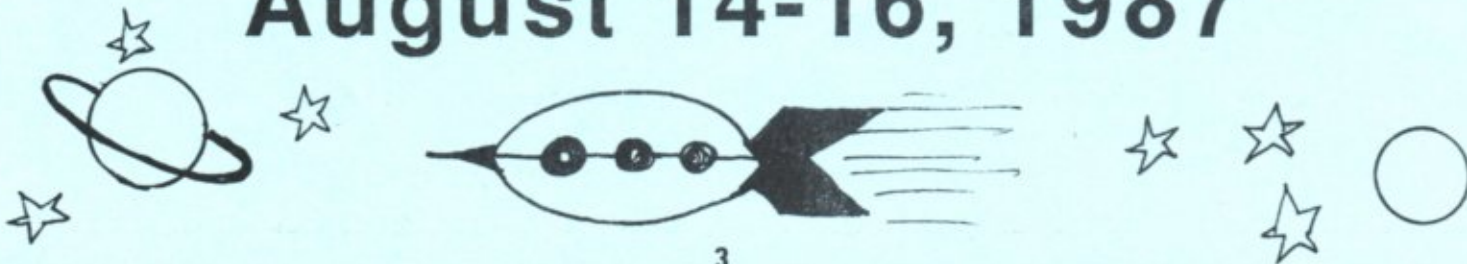


"The Three Little Pigs"
Sunday, June 21, 1987
9:00 p.m.



Mr. Rod Show
Weekend

August 14-16, 1987



Summer Calendar

Friday - Sunday, June 19 - 21:

Daddy's Day Weekend!!

**Friday: Open Bar, 9 - 10 p.m.
with Rod's Card -- Patio.

**Saturday: Hot Tub! "Daddies"
get 25¢ Shots!

**Sunday: Rod's Miracle
Thespien Company proudly presents:
The Three Little Pigs!!, starring
Allen George as the Forest....

**Sunday: Fathers Day with Beer
Bash, Patio Cookout, live DJ (dead
ones are so tacky....), music and
fun-fun-fun-fun!!!

Tuesday, June 23 - Sunday, June 28:

1987 Gay Pride Week (Chicago)!!

**Sunday: Gay Pride Parade!!

Anyone interested in going and
needing rideshare, see bartenders!

Wednesday - Wednesday, July 1 - 8:

Rod's Eighth Anniversary Week!!

**See details on page 1!!

Thursday, July 9:

Birthday Party for Cancers!!

Tuesday - Wednesday, July 14 - 15:

Wreck Room Bartender Exchange!!

**Tuesday: They're Here!!

**Wednesday: We're There!!

**Use your Rod's Card on
Tuesday!!

Friday - Sunday, July 24 - 26:

MAGIC Picnic and Volleyball
Tournament Weekend!!

**Friday: Volleyball
Registration in New Bar. Drink
Specials!!

**Saturday: MAGIC Picnic,
Brittingham Park starting at Noon!!

**Saturday: Laser Light Show,
Patio at 9 p.m.!!

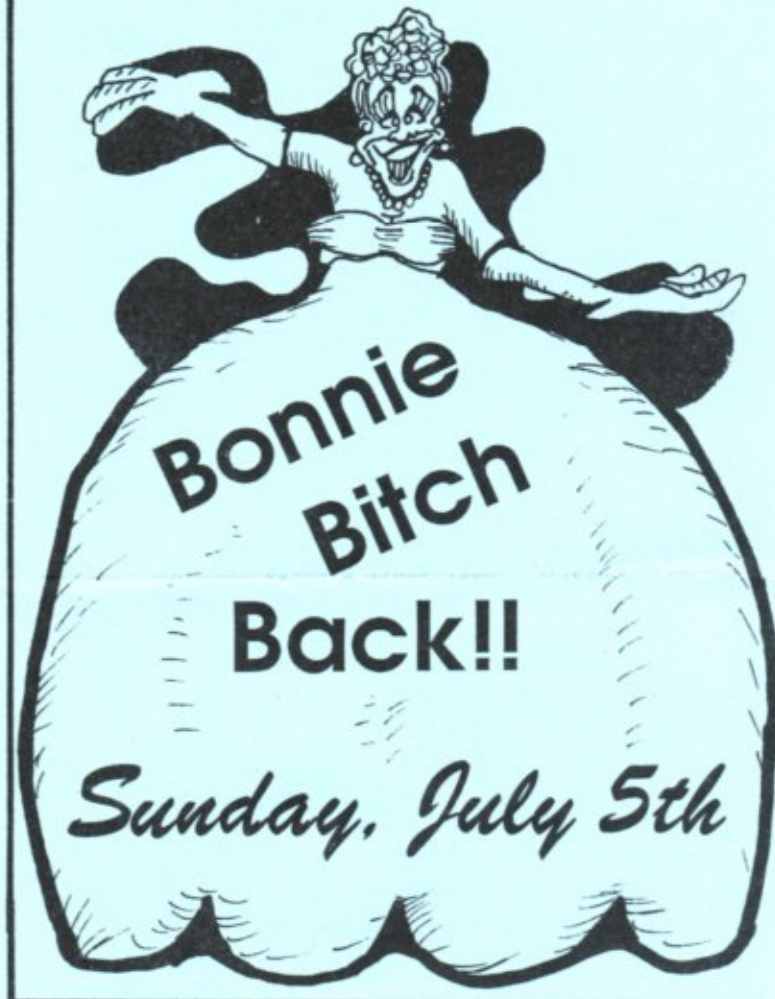
**Sunday: Volleyball Finals!!

Sunday, August 9:

Mr. Windy City Contest at
Chicago's Park West!!

Thursday, August 13:

Birthday Party for Leos!!



Friday - Sunday, August 14 - 16:

Mr. Rod Weekend!!

**Friday: Rod's Card holders
get open bar from 9 - 10 p.m., Patio
only!!

**Saturday: Sneak Preview of
Odessa!!

**Sunday: 7TH ANNUAL MR. ROD
SHOW/CONTEST!! "Science Fiction",
starring Odessa-Brown with Michael
"K" and Kraig Miller as emcees.
Sets by that fabulous master of the
trompe-l'oeil, Larry Henke!!

Tuesday, August 25:

Annual White Party, Chicago!!

Sunday - Monday, September 6 - 7:

Labor Day Weekend!!

**Sunday: Labor Day Party,
Cookout, Drink Specials!!

**Monday: LABOR DAY. Open
early!!

Rodney Roasted on Birthday

Wearing a bizarre RR engineer's cap, He stumbled to the stage and mumbled his thanks for almost everything everyone had said, swearing to get back at a few people. Not bad for a man about whom *Kraig Miller* had just said, "She hates a mike more than life itself." And this was the end of the Birthday Roast of our leader, *Rodney Scheel*. Chicago was out in force to roast Him, the man they have pinned the "Gay Chicago Magazine Friend of Chicago Award" on for the third straight (?) year. *Kraig Miller* (talks a lot, doesn't he?) shot back with, "She goes through more money in toll booths than she spends on the Hotel!"

Allen George, actor extraordinaire, was caught at a loss for words. George, having developed uncharacteristic stagefright, giggled unceremoniously for minutes, mumbled "I can't do this" into the mike and stalked off.

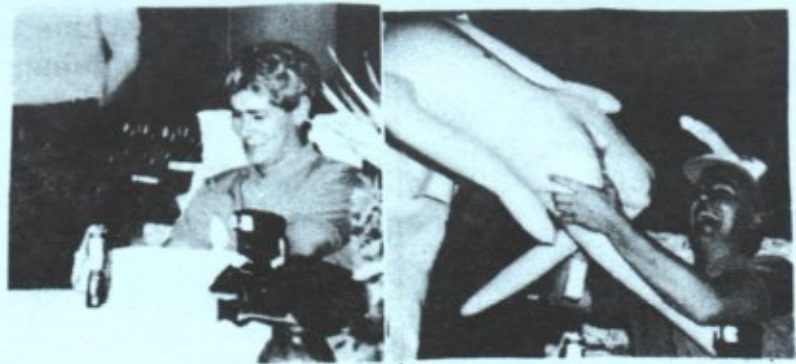
Doug Pletsch, friend and former Back Easter, stared right at Him and bespoke: "A man of your age can still run a business as long as he takes a little time off, but we can see you've already started doing that from the vacations you took last year alone." And, closer to home (....), "She came back from the doctor today and reported that she's with child — second trimester. She's hoping for a girl because they already have a boy. Are you in the audience, Brad?"

Cheri Becker (Back East) was there, replete with a bottle of rootbeer schnapps which she proceeded to pour down His throat. She then let us in on the dirt: "Last year I gave him a penis enlarger, but it didn't enlarge it much; I still had to use a microscope." Then she sat on His lap and sat down (or did she fall down?).

Pam Geisler, loyal secretary and the real power behind the throne, presented Him with a Groucho Marks style dildo cap, a gift from *Warren and Brad*. They didn't make an appearance on stage, however. Said Geisler, "When I first came to work here [in 1948], I knew the place was run by two men — one gay, one straight — but I thought it was *Greg [Scheel]* who was gay because he wore the earring!"

John Reff and Kent Christianson (New Bar) gave Him an inflatable, life-size (if you count little people) doll with all the requisite equipment. The doll turned upside down and went for the Groucho Marks dildo cap.... More rootbeer, anyone?

Jim Dohr, longtime friend, sprinted to the podium and wished him a happy 50th birthday. Said Dohr, "What ever happened to that cute, young, dark-haired bartender I met at the Back Door?" And, no veiled reference, "He's the only guy whose underwear was removed by the City Fathers because it wasn't fireproofed."



Bart Lombard (Men's Room and Loading Dock, Chicago) told us he met Him at 2 a.m. in the Milwaukee Tubs six years ago. "He was so wrinkled, all I could do was iron him." With reference to the secret float He is planning for the Gay Pride Parade, Lombard noted how famous He has become: "He's going to create the world in one morning in a 7-Eleven parking lot." And, with many references to similarities between Him and Jesus Christ, Lombard quipped, "The older he gets, the more he's starting to look like Divine!"

Bill Lane (Take One, Chicago) then presented Him with a video produced by, directed by, and starring *Michael Glenner* (Take One, Chicago). This little gem also starred *Chuck Rodocker, T. L. Noble, Chicago Molly, Glenner and Lane*, and featured a group of numbers liberally adapted from *Bye, Bye, Birdie*. The highlight of the video was the gift of a t-shirt worn by Glenner, which bore the inscription, "Friend to Chicago; Friend to Mankind", on the front, and on the dorsal side, "Rodney Birdie".

Capping off the round of one-liners, was *Shelly Rosenbaum*, regular customer and good friend. Said Shelly, "When he goes to Chicago, he has to take his friends with him because he can't remember anyone's name." And, with reference to long nights away from His intended lodging, Shelly quipped, "His luggage knows the best hotels in the world!"

The evening was, all in all, a success, and from wherever He is, He thanks His friends, His constituency and His mother.

Gay Pride Week 1987 Chicago, June 19-28

The highlight of the weeklong schedule of events (see *Gay Chicago* or *Windy City Times* for complete list of events) will be the annual GAY PRIDE PARADE on Sunday, June 28. ROD'S and the rest of the Hotel Washington will be well represented as usual, and this year's float will depict the worldly nature of the Hotel staff....



New Kids On The Block . . .



Rod's welcomes the following new employees and wishes them well (Lord knows, they'll need some) in their endeavors! Age before beauty, importance, or distinction:

First, there's *Brian J. Whoosis*, our new building engineer. Holding a Ph.D. in Porcine Studies from UW-Stoughton, Brian is in charge of cleaning *Kraig's* cage and other duties as assigned by his supervisor, *Rick*. He is also the assistant deputy in charge of making sure *Greg* comes to work on time.

Next, we welcome (back) *Joey Tovar*. Here's the uncut version of Joey's story: He's a native of Santa Fe, NM and comes with a scrapbook of many ex-lovers. Word has it that Joey's bedroom is stocked with condoms and Crisco, but no fan for those hot, sticky nights. He is also into many water sports, but he doesn't know how to swim. Joey's duties at Rod's include grilling hamburgers and hotdogs on the Patio, although his favorite dish is tacos!

Finally, we have a new bartender, *Mark Love*. Mark (whom we'll be calling Mark L., or Mark Miracle, or Maryanne -- to distinguish him from *Markie D.*) is a first for Rod's. He's perfect. I mean he has no faults. I mean for real. Unlike the parade of current and former sleezebits, dirtballs and scumbags who have tended bar here, Mark is pristine. I mean we're talking the Immaculate Conception. Why, his very name is on the tip of every tongue, and he can do no wrong. Born and raised in a plastic bubble in Utah, Mark did not come out. He simply was. His baby book includes shots that could have been part of the beginning of Superman I. No weak and fragile thing is he. And, wait until you see him in his first starring role in the *Three Little Pigs* at your neighborhood theatre this coming weekend. If it were not blasphemous, we would describe him for you -- you know, the parts you really want to hear about, you toads. But we can't. Mark must be experienced as in the glow of a full moon on a balmy summer night. Come let us adore him and sin no more.

Paint-on-Velvet: Send \$29.95

