



Roscoe's: 20 years of Community, Fun and Memories

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Roscoe's 20th Anniversary Celebration, Thursday April 12

Chicago, IL - From a little idea this tiny spark grew into what we know today as Roscoe's Tavern and Cafe. Roscoe's started out as a little watering hole in just the front half of the space with a gourmet grocery on the other half. Over the years it expanded into the rest of the property with 5 different bar areas, an outdoor café, indoor food service, patio and the dance floor.



When Roscoe's started out, there were only a handful of bars on the strip Roscoe's was the first to put in large expansive windows in to lighten up the place and give access to what was happening on the streets. In other words they took "Gay Bars" out of the dark ages and gave it an era of openness.

Over their 20 years of operation, Roscoe's have been proud to work with such community organizations and was a founding sponsor for Dance for Life for the AIDS Foundation. Over the years, Roscoe's has been involved with Howard Brown Health Center, Lesbian Community Cancer Project, Equality IL, HRC PFLAG, 23rd Dist Police Dept with number of community programs and Officer Appreciation days, Center on Halsted, Lakeview Pantry and numerous other organizations.

Roscoe's has a lot to boast about, but their softball team "Roscoe's Rage", a team to contend with. In the last couple of years they have come in first in the Dairyland Classic in Milwaukee. They are a part of the MSA, the Metropolitan Sports Association for amateur league players in the Midwest. During the past 20 years Roscoe's has sponsored a number of other teams.

Roscoe's has something going on every night, Sunday, "Glam 'n Eggs" Brunch, 11 AM - 4 PM, \$11.95/Person, Bloody Mary Bar for Garnishes. Miss Fozzie hosts Male Call presented by ChicagoPride.com at 5PM. On Monday nights the Monday night showcase, hosting an array of live performers, also Lotto Karaoke with Honey West. Tuesday, Roscoe's offers "Drag Race 2007 - The Wheel of Rock Divas" Hosted by Frida Lay, 11 PM. Wednesday is Free Pool all day. Thursdays, you can watch the girls pull balls at Roscoe's BINGO" With Hosts Frida Lay and Honey West. Friday, Half-Priced Appetizers, Noon - 7:30 PM. Saturday, "Glam 'n Eggs" Brunch, 11 AM - 4 PM.

For Roscoe's 20th Anniversary Celebration, Thursday April 12, they will open at 8pm for a red carpet opening with commentary by Frida Lay and Honey West. Not to mention, complimentary coat check and souvenir snapshots to commemorate the occasion. Hors d'oeuvres will be served throughout the night and a balloon drop at 9pm with \$1000.00 in cash and prizes with surprise events every hour. They will also be featuring their famous Long Island Iced tea pitchers for \$12.00 which has been their longest running drink special to date. So join in the celebration at Roscoe's 20th Anniversary Party!

ChicagoPride.com and the entire gay community extends our warmest wishes and congratulations for another 20 fabulous years!