

nightlife

Squeal Like a Pig!

Well, folks, 2007 is quickly coming to an end, and what better way to say goodbye to the Year of the Boar than to slaughter a wild pig with one's own bare hands and roast it over a roaring living-room-size bonfire? It's fun and original, and 200 pounds of charred pig can make a heckuva lot of pulled pork sandwiches. But *apparently*, my landlord and a number of government agencies think my time would be better spent hitting up some of the numerous New Year's



Eve parties happening around town. Fine. Spoilspoorts.

In my humble opinion, nothing says "ring in the new year" like a ritzy New Year's Eve ball, and my oh my, does queer Portland have some amazing balls. The award for cleverest theme this year goes to *Boxxes' Two Thousand Eight Ball*, where musical guests FSO DJ, Seth Hutton, Jason Inc. and Doug-alicious will help your booty shake in the new year, while custom Magic Eight Balls will give you an idea of what '08 has in store for you.

The Egyptian Club has pulled out all the stops for its *New Year's Eve Gay-La*, a "premier queer New Year's Eve bash" lasting from 7 p.m. until 4 a.m. and featuring a midnight champagne toast, continental breakfast at 2:30 a.m. and DJs Ray Lee and Diameter.

C.C. Slaughters is also vying for your new year's attention with its *Platinum Ball 2008*, a sleek mix of bois, booze and 2007's hottest dance hits as spun by DJs Alex Hollywood and DJ Robb.

If you want a little class with your new year's sass, make sure to hit up Darcelle XV's 41st *New Year's Eve Extravaganza*, which offers dinner, a show, cocktails, midnight champagne and breakfast buffet and, of course, the festive flair that only Darcelle and company can offer.

If balls just ain't your thing this year, make sure to check out some of the less theme-heavy goings-on in and around the town. Casey's, the Eagle PDX, Crush, Scandals, Silverado, Hobo's, Embers and Northbank are all great choices for New Year's Eve partygoers not wanting to get all dolled up and throw down 40 bucks for a glass of champagne.

Oh, and in case you were wondering, 2008 is the Year of the Rat. There's your auld lang syne for ya.

—Ben Nystrom

- 1 BOXXES/FISH GROTTO/RED CAP GARAGE**
1035 SW Stark St. • 503-226-4171
Boxxes/Red Cap Garage, the only two-in-one gay club in the city, is Portland's original gay dance club and has the most experienced DJ ensemble in the scene. Stark Street's only nonsmoking bar for the boys.
- 2 CASEY'S**
610 NW Couch St. • 503-224-9062
New "all-inclusive" nightclub and lounge in Old Town from the owner of the Eagle.
- 3 C.C. SLAUGHTERS**
219 NW Davis St. • 503-248-9135
C.C. Slaughters is a great hangout. Come feel like "Norm" or shake your booty all night long to the best sound, lights and laser shows in Portland.
- 4 CRUSH**
1400 SE Morrison St. • 503-235-8150
Crush features specialty martinis and cocktails and serves a full food menu. Hip DJs spin throughout the week, with dancing on the weekends. Happy hour is all day Tuesday, 4:30-6 pm Wednesday-Friday and 3-7 pm Sunday. Crush is now open for brunch 9 am-3 pm Saturday and Sunday.
- 5 DARCELLE XV SHOWPLACE**
208 NW Third Ave. • 503-222-5338
World-famous female impersonators Darcelle XV & Company have been entertaining audiences from all walks of life for more than 37 years with Las Vegas-style cabaret revues of glitz, glamour and comedy. They have traveled the States presenting a show that you have to see to believe. Stop by when you are in Portland and you will be glad you did! Company parties are welcome. Showtimes are 8:30 pm Wednesday and Thursday and 8:30 and 10:30 pm Friday and Saturday. Admission is \$15. Reservations are not required but are highly recommended. Dinner seating is 5-7 pm by reservation. Male strippers at midnight Friday and Saturday.
- 6 THE EAGLE PDX**
1300 W Burnside St. • 503-241-0105
Portland's original masculine men's bar.
- 7 EGYPTIAN CLUB**
3701 SE Division St. • 503-236-8689
The 7,000-square-foot Egyptian Club, located in a former milk plant, features three different rooms. There's a dance floor in the Tomb; the Front Lounge offers pool tables and video games; and a third bar, the Room, features karaoke seven nights a week. The crowd is primarily lesbian.
- 8 EMBERS AVENUE**
110 NW Broadway • 503-222-3082
Gay bar in historic Old Town. *Free Gay & Happy* starring Jersey Scitjes 9:30 pm Tuesdays. *The Dark Side of Pleasure* starring Daddy Bear & Lesett 9:30 pm Wednesdays. *The O Spot* starring Johnny O 10 pm Thursdays. *The Music & the Mirror* starring Miss Honey

- Bea Hart 9:30 pm Fridays. *Krystal Lynn Is the Nubian Princess* 9:30 pm Saturdays.
- 9 ESCAPE**
333 SW Park Ave. • 503-227-0830
Portland's only all-ages gay nightclub. The Greater Portland Intercollegiate Queer Society hosts College Night 10:30 pm Fridays featuring different music every week, \$3 off the cover with student identification and speed friend-making (like speed dating!) for the first hour.
- 10 FOX & HOUNDS**
217 NW Second Ave. • 503-243-5530
According to *BarFly*, this "cheery, kicked-back pub draws a convivial, mostly mature crowd to its somewhat countrified environs." Fox & Hounds regularly hosts various charity events, and the first Sunday of each month is a fun-filled bingo fund-raiser. Sheltered sidewalk seating fits a handful of tables and affords some good people-watching. \$2 well drinks and \$2 select beers 4-8 pm daily. Full menu served until 8:30 pm Sunday-Thursday and until 10 pm Friday and Saturday, with bar menu served until closing time thereafter.
- 11 GAIL'S DIRTY DUCK**
439 NW Third Ave. • 503-224-8446
BarFly describes the Dirty Duck as an "endearingly light-in-the-loafers longshoreman-type hole in the wall, named for Shakespeare's local. Said to be haunted by its formidable former owner, Mama Bernice! Home of the Oregon Bears." Featuring pool, pinball, MegaTouch and darts.
- 12 HOBOS**
120 NW Third Ave. • 503-224-3285
Hobo's has been an integral part of Portland's dining and lounge experience for more than 25 years. Located in the heart of Old Town, it provides a friendly atmosphere of casual elegance and serves outstanding cuisine from both its complete dinner menu and its lounge menu. It also offers premium cocktails, an extensive wine list and bottled and draft beers. Enjoy live music Wednesday through Sunday, with pool and lottery in the game room. Courtyard dining when weather permits. Because Old Town is an energetic and vibrant part of Portland's nightlife and on-street parking is sometimes limited, Hobo's offers validated parking at its neighborhood Smart Park located on the corner of NW Davis and Front streets.
- 13 JOQ'S**
2512 NE Broadway • 503-287-4210
Featuring the best 9-Ball Tournament 8 pm Saturdays. Possibly the best \$6 ribeye dinner anywhere. Joq's also serves up the lowest drink prices in the city. Join one of its softball, pool or bowling teams. Enjoy a good time and make a new friend at this entertaining neighborhood bar!
- NORTHBANK**
106 W Sixth St., Vancouver • 360-695-3862
Southwest Washington's first and only gay bar. Now smoke-free!
Take \$1 off any item that costs more than \$2 on Buck-Off Monday. \$5 pasta dinners (spaghetti or fettuccine Alfredo) are served with \$2 well drinks 5-9 pm Tuesdays.

- Licious Karaoke is Wednesday and Friday. Thursday is *Girz Night* with \$3 Smirnoff and \$5.50 pitchers of Bud and Bud Lite. Saturday is a special event or DJ. Sunday is happy hour all day with free pool.
- 14 SCANDALS**
1125 SW Stark St. • 503-227-5887
Scandals, one of Portland's most established gay men's bars, has been a fixture on the ever-changing Stark Street for going on 30 years. It provides a cruisy street-side setting with a seasonal sidewalk cafe, great drinks and a "more than friendly" bar staff. It also features all forms of lottery, a pool table, darts and videos. DJ Duane spins classic dance music Friday and Saturday nights. Welcome to Scandals, where men meet.
- 15 SHANGHAI STEAKERY**
16 NW Broadway • 503-228-9325
A locally owned gay bar known for good music, great drinks, the best prices in town and lottery. Happy hour 7 am-8 pm. Join the IT Club DJ boys on the first Friday of every month. Shanghai Steakery also holds other events; it's best to check with the bar for upcoming events.
- 16 SILVERADO**
1217 SW Stark St. • 503-224-4493
Claims to be Portland's only gay-owned and -operated gay nightclub. Portland's favorite gay bar and Portland's "original" premier gay nightclub. "Where the men are hot and the party never ends...we lead the crowd, not just follow." The Ministry of Mylar (Not Your Mother's Church) Sundays. Karaoke with Rocky Rhodes 8 pm-1 am Mondays. Wednesday is Latino Night with Meesha Peru.
- SOUTHSIDE SPEAKEASY**
3529 Fairview Industrial Drive SE, Salem • 503-362-1139
Southside Speakeasy is the place in Salem and the central Willamette Valley for the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community to meet and hang out. Free pool all day Sunday with *Desperate Housewives* at 9 pm. 50-cent tacos are served 5-9 pm Mondays with bingo at 6:30 and karaoke at 9. Top sirloin steak dinner is served 5:30-10 pm Tuesdays for \$8.95. Win points and prizes with free Texas Hold 'Em poker 7:30 pm Wednesdays and 6:30 pm Saturdays. Dance party with DJ Rosi 9 pm Thursdays. Dance party with DJ Lori 9 pm Fridays and Saturdays; cover is \$3.
- 17 STARKY'S**
2913 SE Stark St. • 503-230-7980
"Everyday people" video bar with great martinis, two large patios, Oregon Lottery games, WiFi and private parties. Monday and Tuesday are Burger Nights, Wednesday is Mexican Night, Thursday is Homemade Meatloaf Night, Friday is Prime Rib Night, Saturday features chef's specials, and brunch is served 9 am-2 pm every weekend.
- 18 STEAM**
2885 NE Sandy Blvd. • 503-736-9999
Portland's hottest all-male experience.

