

The Advantages of Restaurant Revelry

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Michel Bittan's Club 201, at 90 West Palisade Avenue in Englewood, New Jersey, is just one of the excellent party venue choices in our area. Pictured above, celebrants at the club's opening amply illustrate the festive potential of Club 201's nightclub.

Club 201 is a 20,000 square foot supper club in Englewood, New Jersey. There are three dining choices available at the Club including Matt and Alex, which is a steak restaurant and Sangria Sake (facade pictured at right) which serves Spanish Cuisine and Sushi as well as the supper club itself.

There is also DJ dancing and bars and lounges.

Michel Bittan is also the owner of the famed Solaia Restaurant in Englewood (www.solaiarestaurant.com) whose patrons have included pop star Britney Spears and Sean (Puff Daddy) Combs.



For ease and elegance, convenience and comfort, there's nothing like hosting a party in a favorite restaurant. A surprise gathering can be easier to pull off at the guest of honor's favorite eatery (where she might expect to visit regularly) than in someone's home. A sweet 16 or Bar/Bat Mitzvah celebration can become so much "cooler" with the added cachet of a funky club or atmospheric eatery. A baby shower or retirement party becomes much gentler on the host when decorating and cooking are handled by professionals.

When a party is hosted at a restaurant or club, There's no

need to wash dishes or clean house afterwards. The organization of the event can be simplified, because no one needs to come early to help set up or stay late to clean up. All a hostess needs to do is issue her invitations, make her plans with the restaurant of her choice, and bring her own gift.

Hosts of this type of festive gathering might pay more for the convenience of having the messier details handled by others - but it is often worth it. For those with very busy schedules, a do-it-yourself gathering might be "penny-wise but pound-foolish" as managing all the details adds stress to an already-too-crammed schedule. A restaurant-located party can be planned by even the busiest host or hostess.

It is important, however, to recall that the location does not relieve the host of the responsibility to entertain her guests. Just as it would be bad manners to levy a cover charge on party guests in your home, "pay-your-

own-way" parties at eateries are in poor taste. The cost of feeding party guests should always be considered part of the cost of hosting any celebration.

Luckily, our area is chock-full of choices. Shop around and you're bound to find a restaurant, club, bar or hall in your price range. All you need is your local yellow pages, a telephone and something to celebrate!

Pictured at a party celebrating the launch of "Skin Deep Magazine" are: Recording Artist Samantha Cole, Court TV Anchor Lynne White, Apprentice Star Kwame Jackson, Supermodel Carol Alt, Englewood Mayor Michael Wildes of Englewood, Skin Deep Magazine Publisher Dr. Jeanette Martello, in the background right are Katherine Rothman and Bruno Jamais

These luminaries gathered to celebrate at Bruno Jamais Restaurant Club in Manhattan - giving the celebrity nod to the concept of partying at restaurants.

Bruno Jamais Restaurant Club, at 24 East 81st Street between Madison and Fifth, features an excellent wine cellar, impeccable serving staff and delectable menu selections. Bruno Jamais, owner of the Restaurant Club, is an Englewood resident.

