

Parties

How to make yours simply a success

WHETHER PLANNING an intimate gathering for four or an extravaganza for 400, Betty LoBosco, owner of Party Pizzazz, offers some professional advice to ensure your party's success.

- Please your guests from start to finish. Too often, we put forth all our effort into the party itself, but little care goes into the invitation. Replace the casual telephone invitation with the thoughtfulness of a written, mailed version. They're fun to create and fun to receive.

- Size up your party room. Consider the size of your room relative to the size of your guest list. It's always better to fill your room relative to the size of your guest list. It's always better to fill the room with too

many people rather than too few — but know your limitations.

- As a general rule of thumb, hire or ask someone to serve as a bartender for a party of 16 or more. Consider a caterer when guests number over 25. A caterer can help you plan a menu, saving you aggravation and money.

You'll have more time for your guests and not be faced with clean-up duties.

- Don't weigh your guests down with heavy food. So many people are calorie-conscious today. Consider a menu of healthy, rather than rich, foods. You may want to include vegetarian and fish dishes. Prepare dishes and refrigerate. Just warm them up when guests arrive.

- You are cruise-director. Check continuously on the pleasure and welfare of your guests. Be sure there is plenty of ice and plenty of conversation. When introducing guests, mention more than names — find a common bond between them. You don't need to adhere to the old rule of inviting the same number of men as women. After all, you are entertaining, not running a dating service.

- Map out your party. Create a traffic pattern for bar and food. Locate the bar away from the food to avoid congestion and encourage movement and mingling.

- Take proper care of drinks. Use fresh glasses for each round. A drop or two of the stale drink can

spoil the flavor of a new one. Fresh ice is a must, also. To remove the frosty look from ice cubes, sprinkle them with luke warm water. Better yet, serve crystal clear, packaged ice — it's free of chemicals, impurities and air bubbles. It's also tasteless since it hasn't picked up any freezer odors.

- Remember the little details. Live or taped music bolsters the party atmosphere. Adequate parking and seating are necessities. Use plenty of candles — their effect helps disperse cigarette smoke in a room. Refrigerate your candles before using — they will drip less and last longer.

- Invite the ideal guest. He or she knows when it's time to leave.

Kiwanis volunteer will help the needy

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intended to reach the countless businesses, clubs, church groups, and individuals whose assistance can have a big impact in thousands of local communities."

IN ADDITION to the public-service campaign, individual Kiwanis clubs will help to meet local needs with two special programs. Some clubs will sponsor "Kiwanis Cupboard" food collection drives for direct donation to needy families or to

increase food supplies of existing food banks and relief agencies.

Other clubs will conduct emergency food box programs. These will provide a nutritionally balanced supply of food to needy recipients

for a limited time, until regular government assistance can take over.

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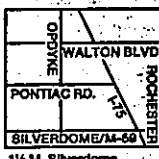
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