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ished area. I hope he brings me back something cool. It is actually very refreshing to see younger people getting involved in making the world a better place.

After Phillips, my friend Beaux and I managed to get myself to JohnPaul’s to partying at military night at Oz and more. It became an acceptable fundraising technique. When did begging strangers for money who need to get more money for beer so start this event was nuts, a few cocktails would no bounds. But I have to admit whoever not only a great friend but a very wise Darwin Reed who helped me tremendously.

To Miss Gay Louisiana America so I was judge at a pageant where the winner goes to the New Orleans Food and Wine Experience (imagine that) and disco dancing. What made this soiree even more enjoyable was the unique mix of guests attending. Meeting these wonderful new people was the highlight of the night.

One can tell summer is here because the Sunday of Memorial Day weekend was hotter than Hades. My friends, Chris (aka Barbara Ella, who btw is moving back to town in August), Beaux and Barrett went to the Greek Festival which is always a good time. But not even the hot Greek men were able to keep us there in the scorching sun. After about two hours, we went to a friend Bonnie’s house for a magnificent pool party with specialty margaritas and mojitos. After a few hours of socializing and swimming, we went to JohnPaul’s for a few cocktails and to meet up with some more comrades. By the time we finished, it was time for the Lords of Leather Beach Party at the Phoenix. Now, I am hardly a prude, but even this event made me blush. Damn, these Lords know how to throw down, and I do mean that literally. I saw several guys getting thrown down. As a good Southern girl, I grabbed my Uptown pearls and made a hasty retreat. And, by hasty retreat, I mean I left two hours later. Ten parties are always the best, $10 all you can drink, plus a clothes check. I mean, who does that anymore, outstanding.

Well, I enjoyed the entire night which was definitely filled with new experiences and I met a lovely guy named Chase (I know soap opera name). On Memorial Day, I was barely able to make it to my friends Ron and Mike’s pool party at their home near UNO. What a great day of lounging by the pool with barbecue, great company and lovely libations. Their house was like a little oasis in a residential neighborhod, and they did an excellent job on all the details from potent drinks to bedazzled pool toys. It was a very relaxing way to top off the long weekend. I hope everyone had a safe and happy holiday. But do not get lax, because the party scene this summer is just beginning to burn up.

**Tony’s Tidbits of Wisdom**

Recently, an interesting thing caught my attention that I wanted to share it with you. I went to a grocery store and they had a softball troupe there bagging groceries for tips to help raise funds for them to go to some tournament out of state. The part I found refreshing was they were actually working, not standing outside begging people for money as they left the store.

Those people outside retail outlets and the ones by the side of the road are my biggest pet peeves. I am not talking about homeless people in wheelchairs, but those kids trying to go to some cheerleading or softball competition, or the gutter punks who need to get more money for beer so they can continue their life of doing nothing. When did begging strangers for money become an acceptable fundraising technique?

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