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ONE LEG UP

You'd never be able to guess the password to get into One Leg Up, hostess Palagia's private monthly sex party for hot straight couples (two recent favorites include *Hold my coconuts* and *My strap-on*). The process of obtaining it legitimately is almost as difficult. First, couples or single women (no single men are allowed) must fill out a questionnaire, which includes writing an essay telling Palagia how "erotic" they are. If you pass muster, your name is placed on a waiting list for one of the upcoming events, and when your turn comes, you get your password—plus the privilege of paying the $125-per-couple ($70 for singles) admission fee to attend this exclusive orgy.

The elaborate screening process is intended to weed out the unattractive sleazoids you'd expect to find at a swingers' club, paring down the list to include only those whom Palagia deems "visually acceptable." Hot patrons are just one aspect that separates these upscale gatherings from the more common (and seedier) underground fetes. You'll also find fancy hors d'oeuvres, plush surroundings and a yuppie crowd of doctors, lawyers, artists and other sexy professionals. It's all quite civilized until 12:30am, by which time house rules dictate that the patrons must strip down to their undies. Then anything can happen—and usually does. At a recent event that took place in a modern art–drenched Chelsea triplex, one partyer, a doctor in his early forties, showed a small crowd how to find a woman's G-spot by using his date, a petite student who wore panties and suspenders, as his model. Following the 15-minute demo, about a dozen men lined up to take turns finding her G-spot for themselves, as several onlookers gawked in amazement.

Recently, Palagia has begun throwing nonexclusive, monthly themed parties at various clubs and lounges such as Go and Sugar. Themes have including wearing all white, and dressing as pimps and ho's; this Halloween's theme will be Eyes Wide Shut, complete with go-go dancers wearing strap-ons. Admission is $50 per couple, $15 for single women, and $40 for single men (if Palagia allows them in, which is rare). Though the monthly soirees aren't all-out orgies, one regular says, "Everyone gets down and dirty and hangs out in their underwear. I've even seen oral action."—*Karen Robinovitz*

Go to www.onelegupnyc.com for more information.