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What Lies Beneath

New Year's Eve, 11PM

Don't let its Lilliputian dimensions fool you—River North's Double A, beneath hotspot Mercadito, packs a lot of party into its intimate dark wood and distressed leather space, as we witnessed on New Year's Eve. That's when we caught up with some of the lucky few who got in. In between slugging back cocktails and nibbling on mini tacos, we quizzed them on their resolutions. We wonder, though, if they'll actually keep them... —Lisa Shames

NUMBER CRUNCH



7,000

The number of people expected to sign up for this year's Chicago Marathon in the first 24 hours of registration, starting 12AM on February 1. (Breakdown: That's 1 person every 20 seconds! Join them at chicagomarathon.com.)

Britni Carney

West Town, private events coordinator for Gibsons

Thinking about how she's getting married in June to Double A GM Victor DeLeon and still has so much to do. Her resolution for 2010: "To wear heels more often."

Michelle Forst

Elmhurst, hair stylist at George the Salon

Thinking she should start wearing her hair down more often. Her goal for the new year: "To finally move downtown."

Cara Schrottenboer

Las Vegas, sixth- and seventh-grade math and reading teacher

Hoping she doesn't miss her flight tomorrow. Any resolutions? "I'm going to ditch my ex-boyfriend once and for all." (Let's hope he's not reading this.)

Evelyn Jauridez

Old Irving, receptionist at a law firm

Texting her boyfriend to let him know she's okay and having a great time. Her plan for the new year: "To save money so we can finally buy our own place together."

Tony Murray

River North, broker at the Chicago Board of Trade

Totally stoked he decided not to stay in tonight. His resolution? "I want to fall in love with a woman half my age."

Elizabeth Palmer

Ukrainian Village, auditor

Thinking she's always happy when there's Champagne and dancing involved. Her goals for 2010? "I'm not big on resolutions but I plan on drinking more water and thinking before I talk."

Lost in Flirtation

Lost junkies have a fresh face to watch for when the final season starts on February 2. New cast member Sheila Kelley is also the founder of West Town striptease workout studio S Factor (Kate Hudson, Heather Graham and Teri Hatcher all frequent her L.A. location). We quizzed the Cali resident during her recent visit to Chicago. Kelley, 45, has tight lips about the Hawaii filming, but we get the feeling that her character will stir up some big controversy. "Depending on which campfire you sit in, you will love or hate me," she says. 1400 W. Hubbard St., 312.492.7596, sfactor.com. —Elyse Roth

