

Boro beat



Park Administrator Tupper Thomas (center) hobnobs with guests Roz Kochman (left) and Debbie Deane during the Dancin' in the Rain' benefit at the Boathouse for the park's open play spaces.



The party begins beneath a canopy of topsy-turvy parasols.

SUNNY SKIES — FINALLY! — FOR PARK FUNDRAISER

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This time, it didn't rain!

The Prospect Park Alliance's annual "Party for Playgrounds" finally had good weather, though the rains that have dampened at least the last three fundraising galas wasn't far from organizers' minds — in fact, colorful parasols festooned the Boathouse, where close to 200 people forked over \$75 on May 21 to schmooze with like-minded playground benefactors.

Park Administrator Tupper Thomas — who is retiring at the end of the year — mingled among the cocktails sippers and buffet browsers — many of whom also participated in the annual silent auction to



Glammed-up Prospect Park Administrator Tupper Thomas visits with Mark Varous.

raise money for the park's seven playgrounds: the Garfield Tot Lot, and the Harmony, Imagination, Lincoln Road, Stewart, Third Street and Vanderbilt Street playgrounds.



Event chair Nadia Wallace welcomes guests to the Party for Playgrounds 2010 fundraiser.



A serene boat ride on Prospect Park Lake adds to the fun!