



Parties have Chicago CEOs finding their inner child

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Some Chicago executives are spending time this summer exploring their inner child. Wednesday night brought out a crowd of male CEOs giddy about "Public Enemies," the shoot-'em-up flick starring Johnny Depp that was filmed in Chicago. Women may love it, but it's a guys' movie, so no surprise the afterparty was all about men. Sak's Men's Store played host along with John Colletti and Steve Lombardo of Gibsons steakhouse. Optimo Hats CEO Graham Thompson and Oxxford Clothes CEO Mike Cohen gave away a custom-made hat and suit, respectively. Attendees included Alderman Ed Burke, the Chicago Bears' Rashied Davis, Corporate Cleaning window washers CEO Neal Zucker, Lake Forest Sports Cars' Rick Mancuso and attorney Manny Sanchez. A similar crowd — but maybe with some women in tow — will gather at Millennium Park on July 13 to celebrate the work of Shel Silverstein, the Chicago children's writer and illustrator who died in 1999. He was another guys' guy, one who knew how to entertain adults with the written word, too. That event will feature a musical tribute by Bobby Bare Jr., who likes to talk music until the bartender tosses you out. He was known to "rock out on a Nirvana-on-Skynyrd-not-Sabbath groove" and recently has appeared on indie rock albums. Sounds like another reason for the guys to party.