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### **Chapter 2: Stonewall – Christopher St. Riots**

#### **2. Gay Community in 1969 – 1970 focus on Rochester**

##### **a.Culture**

##### **1) Bars/Dirty Bookstores**

### **Rochester Gay Bars**

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The Glass Bar – 58 S. Clinton 1947-56

Oasis Café – 326 South Ave 1948-51, then Sam's Grill 1952-53

The Forty-Four and One Half – 44 ½ East Ave 1947-51 jazz venue, mixed

Bazaar – State Street – older men (wrinkle room) Peggy and Bernice owners (see Peg and Larry's)

Dick's (Martha's) – 14 Front Street, 43 Stone Street, State Street – men

Martin's (Ma Martin's) – 12 Front Street – men, sleazy

Blue Chip – Allen Street

Allen Street Club – 278 Allen Street - women

Patsy's – Allen Street – women

Patty and Jim's – men

Red Carpet Lounge (Rude Rug) – East Main Street – men

Chalet – men after dinner

Turf/Rathskeller – 89 Elm Street near Chestnut, behind Midtown bus terminal – men

OK Corral – 89 Elm Street, 14-16 Charlotte Street – men - country western. Same location later became Backstreets

Jim's – Court Street briefly, opened Fall, 1971 at 123 North Street (now Liberty Pole Way) Donald Schultz "Ducky" popular head bartender

Oasis – South Avenue – women

River View – 242 South Avenue – women

Bullwinkle's – Lake Avenue – mixed

Peg and Larry's – Front Street – mixed – Larry Ottoman and Peg Scheiner (sp?). Peg later opened Bazaar with her sister Bernice

The Rustic – 17 Front Street – men – late 1930's to 1952

Town & Country Restaurant – Gibbs Street – mixed bar, upper crust

Seneca Hotel Bar – South Clinton – men, late evenings

Seneca Hotel, Geneva NY – Exchange Street, dinner, men's bar late

Rosie's – 219 Monroe Avenue – men and women

Friar's Inn (Jesse's) – 248 Monroe Avenue – men

Avenue Pub – 522 Monroe Avenue – men

Front Page Restaurant – 8 Front Street – mixed

Club 25 – 25 North Clinton – mixed, swishy greasy spoon

Bachelor Forum – 1065 East Main Street, University Avenue – men

Tara – 395 Andrews Street, 153 Liberty Pole Way – men, piano

40 Union, Muther's – 40 South Union Street – men

Club Marcella – Liberty Pole Way – men

L. A. Saloon – 48 Lake Avenue – men – country western

Club Mahara – 10-12 South Washington Street – men

The Pentagon – 88 Liberty Pole Way – men

Heaven – 50 Liberty Pole Way – mixed, only sometimes gay

Liberty – 117-125 Liberty Pole Way – men – dance bar

Anthony's 522 – 522 East Main Street – men

Backstreet Bar – drag, dancing. Jimmy Catalano owner/manager

Cliff Street Bar – early 1960's, off State Street

Colvin 212 – neighborhood bar, women

Phase – women

Gallery – restaurant and lounge

The Other Place – live entertainment

### **Dirty Book Stores**

Adult Books, Magazines, Rubber Goods, Novelties, Peep Shows

Flower City News – 1066 East Main Street – across street from original Bachelor Forum

Triangle News – 424 East Main Street – next to Red Carpet, across from Eastman

Dundalk News – 8 South Avenue – present Hyatt Hotel site

NuArt Books – South Avenue in Cook's Opera House, present Convention Center

Also shops near Dick's 43 on State Street, near Kodak Park, on Monroe Avenue across from notorious Monroe Theater.

### **Baths**

Roman Sauna (now Rochester Spa) since 1968 on North Street/ Liberty Pole Way;  
Am/PM Club – North Street – 1970's; another sauna briefly on S. Washington Street – late 1970's.