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Hub bigs cheer marathon milestone

Even if they didn't break the finish line tape, Hubsters had reason to celebrate yesterday:

■ **New England Patriots** owner **Robert Kraft** had a VIP view (along with **Bank of America's Chad Gifford** and **Hill Holliday's Karen Kaplan**).

"We're different in New England," Kraft said. "We have a different kind of way of looking at things. The fact that people ran towards the trouble rather than away and then seeing this happen this afternoon, (it's) great karma that an American — first time in over 30 years — this is a good one to win."

■ **Heartbreak Hill** — the most brutal stretch of the **Boston Marathon** — had a party vibe as spectators bopped to music, some in costumes or holding signs that read "Your pace or

mine" and "Those shorts make your butt look fast." At Mile 21, which featured a **Lululemon** cheer station, local DJ **Costa** and Boston rock band **Skinny Cleveland** soundtracked the race from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. A few bopped to the beat in tutus; everyone cheered.

"I DJ in clubs in the city so I didn't expect this kind of energy," Costa said.

"After a year of recovery, today feels great," said **Skinny Cleveland** lead singer **Jamie Simon**. "And it feels safe. I mean, there are **Blackhawk** helicopters flying around."

■ Memories of last year loomed large, but people still had a great time at marathon fetes around the city. "Everybody realizes there's a certain sadness that won't go away, but the overwhelming sense was, 'It's time to

move forward,'" said **John Nucci**, veep of Government Relations and Community Affairs at **Suffolk University**, who was at **Herb Chambers'** annual party at **Abe & Louie's** near the finish line on **Boylston Street**. "It was a very nice time with great food and good spirits, and people really enjoying themselves despite the sadness." **Suffolk District Attorney Dan Conley** and his wife; state treasurer **Steve Grossman**; **Celts** pooh-bah **Steve Pagliuca**; insurance guy **Brent Cross**; Councilor **Sal LaMattina**; and state Rep. **Aaron Michlewitz** were among the noshing notables.

Bloomberg Radio live-broadcasted from **Abe & Louie's**, and **New York City police commissioner Bill Bratton**, a guest of the **Red Sox** with his wife, attorney and legal commentator

Rikki Klieman, stopped by PR guru **George Regan** was with Bratton for much of the day. "When he walked down the street, all the police officers kept asking to have his picture taken with them," Regan said of the ex-BPD commish.

Former Patriots players **Joe Andruzzi** and **Matt Chatham** stopped by **Forum**, one of the restaurants hardest hit by last year's bombings. And the seventh annual (and final) **Mario Marketing/Communications** party (before they relocate from 667 **Boylston St.**) hosted Republican candidate for governor **Charlie Baker**, **Vivian Li** of the **Boston Harbor Association**, and the **Grafton Group's Patrick Lee**, among others.

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New York City police Commissioner Bill Bratton and his wife, attorney and legal commentator Rikki Klieman, attend PR guru George Regan's pre-marathon party.