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**'It's like our Saturday thing...'**

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*A weekly  
 look at*

*Chicago  
 women's  
 favorite*

*shopping  
 destinations*

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Forever 21 is always a hot spot for Mary Ann Reboletti. m m mThe sounds at the South State Street clothing store get her pumped.

"The music is so energetic. You're thinking, 'I have to go to a birthday party' and you can pick out the outfit with the music because you want to dance."

"They treat you nice. They ask you if you need any help," says the 56-year-old Reboletti, who works for the city. A constantly changing lineup of sunglasses, tops and flowing, flirty skirts encourages frequent visits.

"You can go there and enjoy yourself with the music and you're still



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going to look good if the outfit costs \$24 or \$100," says Reboletti, who makes weekly shopping rounds with daughters, Brittany, 33, and Tiffany Reboletti Bucknell, 27. "It's like our Saturday thing, whether we buy or not."

Reboletti also digs Nordstrom for its shoe selection and its famed customer service.

"They're always just so pleasant. They go above and beyond just to be nice to you. They'll go that extra mile to help you out," she gushes. "They must take a class."

Neiman Marcus also rates high on her list of favorite shopping spots because of the rhinestone-adorned Rene Caovilla shoes the store carries. An added benefit at the store is her reunion with a favorite salesman, Tony, who had worked at Joseph's Shoes at Water Tower Place before it closed years ago.

"I like to stick with one person," she says. "They know what you like. They know when the sales are coming." *Forever 21, 28 S. State, (312) 977-2121; Nordstrom, 55 E. Grand, (312) 379-4300; Neiman Marcus, 737 N. Michigan, (312) 642-5900.*

## **Cleo**

"My all-time favorite shop is the Cleo Boutique in La Grange," says Kathy Collechia, 50. "It's a small shop -- it's just crammed with really great outfits!"

Her favorite purchase: a red knit spaghetti strap dress with a beaded red top. *36 S. La Grange Rd., La Grange. (708) 482-8770.*

## **Von Maur**

Kristi Kelley, 34, loves the Von Maur department store in Lombard. "I purchase everything there," the wardrobe/fashion director for the Image Studios says. In addition to "great" sales, she loves the store's unique perk: an interest-free credit card. *145 Yorktown Shopping Center, Lombard, (630) 953-8181.*

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