

One corny event in Jamaica



Aww, shucks! It was free corn for everyone last Saturday at the Jamaica Market's annual corn roast, held downtown on 160th Street. The line of cob connoisseurs started at 11 a.m. and kept steady til 2 p.m. Among those who stopped by to enjoy the fresh roasted snacks served up by volunteer shuckmaster Eddy Oilbrice, above left and center, were the Blackwood sisters of St. Albans, Kimberly, left, and Nicola. PHOTOS BY WALTER KARLING



Friends and staff of the Jamaica Market, above, gather round the big barrel roaster. They are Miriam Haas, left, Cameel McClean, Steve Johnson, Pono Wong — aka the Corn King — his brother, Lani Wong, Rebecca Pedinotti, Ekere Taille and Franco Gonzalez.

Steve Johnson, left, served as the event's maitre d'.

The Khan brothers of Richmond Hill: Allan, 10, Akran, 7, and Allm, 8, were sure to wash it all down with pink lemonade, also free.



The city's advice on sodium intake was taken with a grain of salt at best.



Shavonne Biggs of Kew Gardens Hills, left, and Tavicia Johnson of Bayside get their smiles on.



Sherry Ann Lawrence, left, and Joy Hyde of Jamaica are ready for their treats.



The brothers Wong — masters of maize.