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You don't have to hang with Elton to get all the benefits of Diversity Platinum.

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The Seven Natural Wonders will give props to international landmarks not crafted by human hands.

## 7} MAKES US PROUD GET CARDED

STEVE HARRIS (PICTURED LEFT WITH Elton John) recently stopped by the *MetroSource* offices to introduce us to an exciting new way to save on many of our biggest expenses from food to travel: Diversity Platinum. The program bills itself as the first national discount program for the LGBT community (plus our families and friends). It's easy to see what great businesses are honoring Diversity Platinum — including Avis, Macy's and even Sea World — by visiting their web site, and if there's a local business you love that you'd like to have on board, you can suggest it there, too. For an annual fee of \$65 (which Steve tells us will pay for itself in discounts with just a few purchases), you can spend less and get more — whether you're heading out for dinner or booking a dream vacation. Get more information and sign up at [diversityplatinum.com](http://diversityplatinum.com).

## 9} WEAR IT OUT GOING APRON

WHEN HOSTING, CHANCES ARE there's a point at which you've changed into your party attire but there's still some potentially messy work to be done. The solution? Have an apron that's fabulous enough to wear when welcoming a guest but effective enough to catch sauce splatters before they turn your pin-stripes into polka dots. We enjoy the offerings of Birdkage, which makes aprons for both men and women, whether you're looking for a straightforward style like the HUDSON (in blue and white stripes with sailcloth-style grommets), something with a little flair like the BLEECKER (in basic oatmeal but accented with metal studs) or — for a really outrageous choice — the BOWERY (full leopard print with metal accents). Decide what you're daring enough to wear in the kitchen by visiting [birdkagestyle.com](http://birdkagestyle.com).

## 8} NEXT UP WONDER OF WONDERS

IN 2001, THE NEW 7 WONDERS Foundation spruced up the traditional Seven Wonders of the World list (in part because Egypt's Giza Pyramid was the only one still standing). The resulting Seven New Wonders recognized the Great Wall of China, Brazil's Christ the Redeemer, Peru's Machu Picchu and other landmarks. Now, the organization is looking to crown its Seven Natural Wonders; an online competition will allow guests to choose their favorite from a list of 28 finalists, among them: Arizona's Grand Canyon, the Great Barrier Reef (pictured) and the Galapagos Islands. The official Seven Natural Wonders will be revealed on November 11; until then, vote at [new7wonders.com](http://new7wonders.com).

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Birdkage tells us that their nautically themed HUDSON style apron is particularly popular for men.

