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**It's My Cyberparty...  
And I'll Surf If I Want To!**

**T**his past summer, 27 lucky ALL MY CHILDREN fans had a unique opportunity to visit the set, schmooze with the stars (and get a complimentary copy of *Soap Opera Digest*) — all because they're enthusiastic members of America Online's ABC Online forum.

"They are a group of people who became so friendly that they wanted to meet in person," explains Joanne Berg, who is the editorial director of Online Ser-

VICES for ABC Daytime. "They decided that they were going to meet in New York City — not to come to the show, but to meet *each other*. Meanwhile, I was secretly arranging a tour of the AMC studio, which they found out about only two days before they came."

Fans hailing from Michigan, Ohio, Florida and the New York area, among other places, waited patiently in AMC's green room to meet their favorite stars. And they weren't disappointed — or subdued. Deafening shrieks erupted when Mark Consuelos (Mateo), Kelly Ripa (Hayley), Eva La Rue (Maria), John Callahan (or as AOLers say, John Callahandsome), Michael E. Knight (Tad) and Susan Lucci (Erica) stopped in to sign autographs and meet the fans who spend hours debating storylines in cyberspace.

While Callahan divulged that he surfs the Internet from time to time, Knight admitted to being somewhat computer illiterate. Luckily, AOL sent him a disk so that he and his wife, Catherine Hickland (Tess, *LOVING*), could partake in cyberchats (see box).



AMC's online fans loved the Noah/Julia story in *Soap Opera Digest*.

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