

Street Swing Partner Dance

Intro to Street Swing
together and apart, 'round and 'round, and away we go

The Play Circle – Why (Purpose), What (Principles), How (Practice)*
Connecting dance and daily life, swing and the street.

Why Purpose

Engage life as play.
Play is defined as **imaginative interaction**.
Play is an attitude rather than an activity.
Emphasize process over performance.

What Principles

Swing In the midst of life filled with multiple options, discover **connections**.
For dance, **incorporate** different styles.
Street In the midst of life defined by change increasing exponentially, look beyond technical solutions to **adaptive** solutions.
For dance, employ **improvisation**.
Partner In the midst of life characterized by changing roles, recognize **interdependence** and influence the interaction.
For dance, engage in greater **mutuality**.
Dance In the midst of life bombarded with competing messages, tune into the rhythms of life and **interpret** accordingly.
For dance, let the music **guide** you on what to do.

How Practice

Arthur Murray meets Contra Folk in the Google Age.
Arthur Murray – Stride and glide through life centered and collected.
Contra Folk – Embrace natural rhythms of life.
Yin and Yang
Circle of existence
Life as a journey
Google Age – Intuitive
Live your life with imagination and improvisation.
Recapture the spirit of Jazz Dance in the Ragtime Era for the Google Age.
*Adaptation of [Simon Sinek - The Golden Circle - TedTalks 2009 - YouTube](#)

Prose Poetry 29

In Search Of

Partner dance - Wikipedia

Leader and follower

In most partner dances, one, typically a man, is the **leader**; the other, typically a woman, is the **follower**. As a rule, they maintain connection with each other. In some dances the connection is loose and called **dance handhold**. In other dances the connection involves body contact. In the latter case the connection imposes significant restrictions on relative body positions during the dance and hence it is often called **dance frame**. It is also said that each partner has his own *dance frame*. Although the handhold connection poses almost no restriction on body positions, it is quite helpful that the partners are aware of their dance frames, since this is instrumental in **leading and following**.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Partner_dance

[Images for Partner dance](#)

dance quote

I got started dancing because I knew it was one way to meet girls.

[Gene Kelly Quotes - BrainyQuote](#)

http://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/authors/g/gene_kelly.html

[Images for I got started dancing because I knew it was one way to meet girls.](#)

pleasant surprise

With no women to dance with,
I glided around the floor, as
the band played numbers
that lent themselves to
two steps and polkas.
A young woman tapped me on the back
and asked me to show her how.
She caught on quickly, and
I told her she would make
a great country two stepper.

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<http://www.surfballroom.com/wdp-schedule.html>
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22 Things Good Dancers Do Differently - Rebecca Brightly

Dancers get good by doing lots of things differently. Read on to find out 22 uncommon actions they take and why you should too.

7. **Strive to constantly make new discoveries about dancing (rather than waiting to be spoon fed the answers).** This is a crucial part of developing your unique perspective and voice. Don't be a dance robot.

<http://rebeccabrightly.com/good-dancers-differently/>
[Images for make new discoveries about dancing](#)

hockey player

When I explained that the waltz can sometimes be done like skating, she replied that she understood because she used to play ice hockey.

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Ice hockey - Wikipedia

Modern women's ice hockey [\[edit\]](#)

Ice hockey is one of the fastest growing women's sports in the world, with the number of participants increasing 350 percent in the last 10 years.^[51] In 2011, Canada had 85,827 women players,^[52] United States had 65,609,^[53] Finland 4,760,^[54] Sweden 3,075^[55] and Switzerland 1,172.^[56] While there are not as many organized leagues for women as there are for men, there exist leagues of all levels, including the [Canadian Women's Hockey League](#), [Western Women's Hockey League](#), [Mid-Atlantic Women's Hockey League](#), and various European leagues; as well as university teams, national and [Olympic](#) teams, and [recreational](#) teams. By the end of 2013, the IIHF had held fifteen [IIHF World Women's Championship](#) tournaments.^[57]

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ice_hockey#Modern_women.27s_ice_hockey
[Images for modern women's ice hockey](#)



round the barrel

She wore white boots while dancing, and when I asked how she could do so, she said it was easy because she was used to wearing boots.

She went on to say that she used to barrel race at the rodeo, but now rides Western Pleasure.

I brought up about the reins on a horse, and she complimented me for a gentle lead.

As we danced back and forth, she danced close and made the turns tight and clean.

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So You Think Barrel Racing is Easy? Think Again. - YouTube

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rsUOW4mljfg>

[Images for barrel racing](#)



if, only

Young, smart, sweet,
confident, tough, bold,
tall, fit, and athletic.
Blond hair and blue eyes.
Receptive and responsive.
Country and small town.
From my home state 75 miles
from where I grew up.
If only I could have met
a woman like her
40 years previously...

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dance close instead

Her name rhymed with windy.
She hadn't danced for some time, so
we didn't attempt the Lindy.
I told her I was partial
to blond hair and blue eyes, and
she drew closer to me.

Sammy's Lovers Stories | Sammy's Pizza

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What's Your Sammy's Story?

<http://mysammys.com/sammys-stories/>

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indicating an interest

First, she said, "I like dancing with you."

Later, she said, "You seem to be an interesting person to get to know better."

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8 Signs She's Interested in You - AskMen

There is a common problem among the male species: They either lack the confidence or the know-how to **meet attractive women**. Since we can't go out and tell women to be more forward, men have to learn how to read the signs that she's interested in you. This starts with understanding attraction. If you have ever felt terrified of hitting on a woman, you might not be surprised that attraction is controlled by the limbic system, the same system responsible for our fight-or-flight response. Since attraction is a natural response to a specific stimulus, it can be studied. Researchers in the social and behavioral psychological communities have discovered specific signs that show she is interested in you. Knowing and acting on these signs can help skyrocket your success with women.

http://www.askmen.com/top_10/dating/8-signs-she-s-interested-in-you.html

[Images for 8 Signs She's Interested in You - AskMen](#)

How Girls Show Interest in a Man | Women Attracted

Here's my own personal rule of thumb for how I can tell a girl is interested. Anytime a girl who you do not know begins a conversation with you whether it is to ask you a question or make a comment, you should assume attraction.

<http://womenattracted.com/how-girls-show-interest-in-a-man/>

[Images for How Girls Show Interest in a Man | Women Attracted](#)

Top 10 Reasons Every Nerdy Person Should Learn to Dance

6. Dancing makes you sexy.

There's a study. It must be true.

<http://rebeccabrightly.com/top-10-reasons-nerdy-person-learn-dance/>

[Images for Dancing makes you sexy.](#)



what was I thinking?

*And she gave a come and get me grin,
And like a bullet we were gone again!*

Many of the dancers left after the lesson, and the band started an hour late.

I didn't have a good feeling,
but then I asked a young woman
with vintage black dance shoes,
a red skirt, and
a black and white striped blouse.

She explained,
"I've been away from dancing
for a while and may be rusty."

After the first number,
chugging for air, I asked,
"How do you dance when
you're *not* rusty?"

She replied, "What I lack
in technique, I make up

for with enthusiasm.”
I asked later,
“Do you ever get tired?”
She replied,
“I just dance through it.”
Through the night,
I slowed the tempo down
every once in a while
to catch our breaths, and
then she would give me that look, and
off we’d go again.

Dierks Bentley - What Was I Thinkin' (Official Music Video) - YouTube

Lyrics

*Thinkin' 'bout a little white tank top
Sittin' right there in the middle by me
I was thinkin' 'bout a long kiss
Man just gotta get goin'
Where the night might lead
I know what I was feelin'
Yeah I know what I was feelin'
But what was I thinkin', what was I thinkin'*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fTqra4YSsaM>

[Images for Dierks Bentley - What Was I Thinkin' \(Official Music Video\)](#)

Lee's Liquor Lounge

<http://www.leesliquorlounge.com/>

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Dave Wolfe.Com

Dave Wolfe and the Wolfmen

<http://www.davewolfe.com/>

Shannon and Bill Butler

Dance Performance and Instruction

<http://www.shannonandbill.com/>

[Images for Shannon and Bill Butler Dance Performance and Instruction](#)



trust

With each number,
I became more familiar with her
and she with me.
In one number,
when I went hip to hip with her
in an offset closed dance position
and pivoted on my right foot
while paddling with my left,
I held her close as
we circled round and round.
She closed her eyes
and moved with the music.

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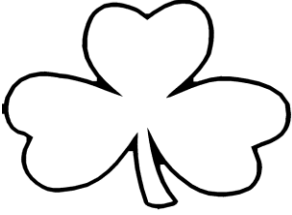
lucky guy

Any guy lucky enough
to get her as a dance partner
is a lucky guy.

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tonight's the night

She was married 18 years, but
he didn't want to dance, so
she decided to go dancing now that
she was on her own.

During that period, the only time
she danced is when
she traveled south of the border
for family gatherings. There
she didn't take any lessons,
she just danced to the music.
That Friday night in a city
far from her birthplace
she just wanted
to dance to the music.

[Medina Entertainment Center](#)

<https://medinaentertainment.com/>

<https://www.facebook.com/medinaentertainment/>

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[The Whitesidewalls](#)

The Whitesidewalls Rock 'n' Roll Revue

The upper Midwest's premier doo-wop, rockabilly, and rock and roll band

<http://www.whitesidewalls.com/>

[Images for Whitesidewalls Rock 'n' Roll Revue](#)

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cnCRb_rSoV0 Whitesidewalls American Rock and Roll sampler - YouTube

[Way North of the Border - New York Times](#)

ST. PAUL - At first blush, Mexico's newest American consulate might appear out of place. Far from the Mexican border, this prosperous state capital, along with Minneapolis and the surrounding suburbs, form a sprawling metropolis with Scandinavian overtones. Yet by the time the Mexican government opened its 46th consulate in the [United States](#) here in June, it was already a latecomer to a bustling Mexican-American community that includes, according to consular officials, 22 churches offering services in Spanish, 9 Spanish-language newspapers, 3 tortilla makers and 9 Hispanic - mostly Mexican - soccer leagues.

http://www.nytimes.com/2005/09/30/business/30immigrants.html?pagewanted=all&_r=0

[Images for ST. PAUL - Mexico's newest American consulate](#)



sweet little sixteen

As the band played a song
about a teenage girl,
I asked if she was older than that
just to make sure.

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<https://www.facebook.com/medinaentertainment/>
[Images for Medina Entertainment Center](#)

bobby vee - sweet little sixteen - YouTube
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e0mOBJWMpto>
[Images for bobby vee - sweet little sixteen - YouTube](#)

but, what?

When the band leader announced the song by
saying that couples could dance
cheek to cheek on this number,
we turned our backs to each other
and butted each other.

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<https://www.facebook.com/medinaentertainment/>
[Images for Medina Entertainment Center](#)

elvis presley – it's now or never (1960) - YouTube
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QkMVscR5YOo&feature=kp>
[Images for elvis presley – it's now or never \(1960\) - YouTube](#)

Cheek to Cheek - Fred and Ginger - YouTube
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n3RSIUkw9U0>
[Images for Cheek to Cheek - Fred and Ginger - YouTube](#)

afterward

[Received]

*I sure had a good/wonderful time last night,
The best re-learning experience ever...
I guess dancing is like biking,
once u learn stays with you.
I am positive that having
such a wonderful dance leader
supported feeling alive again
on the dance floor.
If interested in dancing with me again,
please drop a line as to when
u r coming again to this area.
Peace*

singing

Where else but at an old time dance
can a man hold a woman
not his significant other
in his arms and
the two of them sing
You Are My Sunshine
to each other?

Pines Ballroom and Bar - 9690 County Highway SS - Foursquare
<https://foursquare.com/v/pines-ballroom-and-bar/4c4b93b3f7cc1b8d11d70c40>
<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Pines-Ballroom/133934083322686>
<http://www.chippepedia.org/The+Pines+Ballroom>
<https://www.facebook.com/Pines-Ballroom-441285912696842/>
[Images for Pines Ballroom and Bar - Bloomer, WI](#)

The Leon Olsen Show - Home | Facebook
Old Time, Polka, Waltz, Country
<https://www.facebook.com/The-Leon-Olsen-Show-436876409808552/>

Images for Leon Olsen Show

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TKGUzho74Jk> 40th Annual Ellsworth Wisconsin Polka Fest - Leon Olsen Show - YouTube
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L23NtIIe6Y> LEON OLSEN SHOW - Polka Festival Ellsworth Wisconsin – YouTube
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-ZxpQtqfw-w> Leon Olsen Show - Illinois Waltz - Annual Ellsworth Wisconsin Polka Fest!
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mwDgpaRGWys> Leon Olsen Show - Ellsworth Polka Festival – YouTube
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DJYPFZFrHsc> "Heee-yah!!!!" - LEON OLSEN Show - from New Ulm Minnesota
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NIK3iaq0saY> Guido Polka - Leon Olsen Show – YouTube
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9BRbZ5cv66E> Leon Olsen Show - Oklahoma Waltz – YouTube
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VXemhu4OeQA> The Leon Olsen Show - You And Me – YouTube
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8UwJ_Q1Kk84 Leon Olsen Show - Schnapps Polka – YouTube
[Images for Leon Olsen Show at Ellsworth Polka Fest - YouTube](#)

You Are My Sunshine - Johnny Cash with June Carter - YouTube

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JcnNb7Pnmok>

[Images for You Are My Sunshine - Johnny Cash with June Carter - YouTube](#)



You are my sun- shine, my on- ly sun- shine. You make me hap- py when skies are gray,



You'll ne- ver know, dear, how much I love you, Please don't take my sun- shine a- way.

three-minute romance

She came into my orbit
while the band played
Third Rate Romance.
The singer kept singing,
"I've never really done
this kind of thing before,
have you."
Without touching me,
she walked off the floor
and into the night
at the end of the number.

Paradise Shores 4 - Holcombe

<https://www.paradiseshores4.com/>

<https://www.paradiseshores4.com/events>

<https://www.facebook.com/ParadiseShores4/>

[Images for Paradise Shores 4 - Holcombe](#)

Bona Fide Band - Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/events/paradise-shores-4/bona-fide-band/1880155855635805/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TdEwzFTEknE> Bona Fide – YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=22Bu2Jfm7V0> Bona Fide – Sultans of Swing - YouTube

Sammy Kershaw - Third Rate Romance - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a1KtIjQ5s4g>

[Images for Sammy Kershaw – Third Rate Romance - YouTube](#)

may i have this dance?

"If you're not dancing with anybody,
may I have this dance?" she asked.
She related that she came from
New Mexico to visit her daughter
and son-in-law and also that
she had not danced for thirty-five years.
Her daughter smiled as she watched
her mother move around the floor.

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Ross Kleiner & The Thrill (Official Music Page) | Facebook

Ross Kleiner and The Thrill - rockabilly
<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Ross-Kleiner-The-Thrill-Official-Music-Page/159563414093002>
<http://www.rosskleiner.com/>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ms75DwKWlSk> Ross Kleiner & The Thrill @ Lee's Liquor Lounge – YouTube
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O6aEekGEEn8> Ross Kleiner & The Thrill - Shake Your Hips - Slim Harpo – YouTube
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GljCgmbXkgE> Ross Kleiner & The Thrill – YouTube
[Images for Ross Kleiner & The Thrill @ Lee's Liquor Lounge](#)

no senorita

A young sister and brother
whose ancestors hailed from
south of the border danced,
while the family ate ribs.
When they saw me
without a woman,
the boy asked,
“Why don't you find
yourself a girl?”

Famous Dave's Music Events | Live Blues Music | Blues Club
http://www.famousdavesbluesclub.com/music_events.html
[Images for Famous Dave's Music Events | Live Blues Music | Blues Club](#)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bour6NzvnNU> Famous Daves - YouTube

Southside Aces - About

Southside Aces – Traditional New Orleans Jazz
<http://www.southsideaces.com/>
<http://www.southsideaces.com/music.html>
<https://www.facebook.com/southsideaces/>
<https://www.dakotacooks.com/event/southside-aces/>
[Images for Southside Aces](#)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EEIfNkUKyx0> Southside Aces Promo Video – YouTube
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7LEnFZJ0z5Q> Southside Aces with Charlie DeVore Tiger Rag at Famous Daves BBQ and Blues Mardi Gras 2012 - YouTube
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bsmi3vUPmeM> Back to Back – YouTube
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J9VWvRkjbQw> Southside Aces “Careless Love” – YouTube
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-Cer-Jgrbcw> Southside Aces “Little Liza Jane” - YouTube
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=902bmLFv1rU> Southside Aces at the Minneapolis Eagles Club – YouTube
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6QCaEQFqDf8> Southside Aces “Curzon Hall Boogie” - YouTube
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DREGNhZVugE> Southside Aces, Rick Carlson, Butch Thompson “Rosetta” - YouTube
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uaa6xBafRrQ> Southside Aces! – YouTube
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e-cC8GN6CzI> Southside Aces – Santaphone - YouTube
[Images for Southside Aces - youtube](#)

DancePartner.com - Find a dance partner who shares your passion for dance

The largest dance partner directory in the world!

We're a community of dancers of all ages with a passion for dance. Members use DancePartner.com to connect with others for social and/or competitive dancing.

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no guarantees in life

She focused on what she called
"the journey of the dance."
She studied numerous kinds
of ballroom dance and danced competitively.
She reveled in the music, physical
challenges, and partner synchronization.
Now she's looking for a partner
with a musical heart and graceful soul.

too much work

A fifty something woman
coming out of a long-term relationship
that ended abruptly
realizes that she is working
even harder than usual and
wishes she could meet a man
with whom she can play.

enjoy life

She wants to enjoy life and
especially to dance.
It would be nice,
she thinks,
to find someone who has a passion
for dance as much as she does.
Life is way too short,
she thinks,
for all work and no play.

someone special

She loves to dance and
considers herself to be
pretty good when
dancing with a man, but
would like to meet
someone special
to take classes together.
She loves seeing
a couple who you know
has been dancing together
a long time, and
would like to meet a man
with whom she can be in sync
on the dance floor
and in life.

looking for love

When she grew up,
her parents had a band,
so, she learned to dance
old time waltz and polka
at a young age.
Now as an adult,
she still loves to dance and
and to listen to music.
She and her cousins
get together and
sing karaoke and
have the best time.
Life would be just
so much more interesting,

she thinks,
to have someone to love
in order to share both
the good times and
the bad times.

starting life over

She spent the past 21 years
focusing on her children.
Now that they are leaving home,
she is looking for a partner.
She works hard at a fulltime job and
also manages rentals.
She paints, stains, remodels, and
even hangs drywall.
She loves to sing and dance.
She wants to be a princess one day,
which means being the number one priority
in someone else's life and for that person
to be her number one priority.

back from texas

She lived for some time down south but
now enjoys being back in her home state.
She enjoys getting out and
getting her piece of life.
She loves to dance both slow and fast.
She wants a man who gets her and
wants to spend time with her.

latin dance freak

She loves dancing and
calls herself a danceaholic.
She's looking for another danceaholic
to practice with and to perform with.
She prefers salsa and
likes a lot of tricks.

polish dancer

She grew up in Poland in a musical family.
She started dancing seven years previously and
fell in love with salsa dance and the whole social scene.
Her dance partner recently moved away, so
she's again looking for a good chemistry connection.
She's willing to travel for fun and dancing, and
her bags are always packed.

moved up north from down south

She goes to clubs to two-step but
she can't find anyone
who loves to or knows how.
She's going crazy because
dancing is her passion.
She's looking for a cowboy
who loves to dance or
a sharply dressed man
who enjoys dancing,
loves to go out, and
do so without getting drunk.

likes dancing

She likes to go dancing
and wants to be able
to dance better.
Maybe, with the right man,
dance lessons could be
right around the corner.

wants to get back into it

She taught ballroom dancing for five years, but,
once she had a son, she had to quit.
She misses dancing so much that sometimes
she feels like crying.
She believes dancing would make her feel so alive, as
she does not feel that way anymore.

happy camper when...

She writes that few things make her happier
than being on the dance floor, and
that dancing with the right partner
is like making love.

not so serious

She's looking for a man
with a sense of humor and
ability to laugh at himself -
as steps and patterns were
someone's mistakes at one time,
a kind heart, positive life force,
an ability to let go and
let the music move him.
She welcomes random silliness
when necessary and appropriate.

love2dance62

She is looking for a man
to be her best friend
who knows how to have fun and
doesn't take life too seriously.
She believes life is too short and
wants to live life to the fullest.

dance2nite1954

She's looking for a dream lover,
but wants respect rather than just sex and
is not looking for friends
with benefits or one night stands.
She likes music and dancing and
is willing to express
affection to the right man.

turnaround

The first time we met
on the dance floor,
she later related that,
I reminded her of her ex,
and she bolted
for the restroom
after just one number.
Months later,
she wanted to know where
I was dancing and if
she could sit at my table.

Moose Lodge - Eau Claire, WI - Volume One Magazine
http://volumeone.org/bars/eau_claire-wi/61/2361_Moose_Lodge_bar
[Images for Moose Lodge - Eau Claire, WI](#)

Thundermen

The Thundermen – '50s-'60s rock 'n' roll
The Midwest's Original Rock 'n' Roll Band
<http://www.thundermen.com/>
<https://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Thundermen/170937716351967>
[Images for Thundermen – '50s-'60s rock 'n' roll](#)

Do you think being reminded of your ex is JUST a coincidence? - GirlsAskGuys.com

Today, twice, I heard me & my ex's song. It's an older, cheesy, 90s song. So, it's never really on the radio & it's not really popular anymore. It's rare to hear it unless purposely looking for it. (Kiss Me by Six Pence the Richer.) I heard it TWICE today completely randomly. One time at the store & then I heard my sister listening to it on Pandora. It was really, really weird. Yesterday, my room actually smelled like his house & I think it was from the candles & cat I have. But dang! It was like dead-on his house! I've had this strange theory that when something random explicitly reminds you of your ex & only your ex, (whether it's randomly hearing your song or seeing an ad, or anything,) that it means they're thinking of you! I know that seems ridiculous because why would my ex be thinking about me!?! Maybe it's all a big coincidence. Anyway, How do you feel when you're reminded of your ex? Do you think it's just a coincidence?
<http://www.girlsaskguys.com/Break-Up-Questions/668841-do-you-think-being-reminded-of-your-ex-just-a.html>
[Images for reminded of your ex](#)

How can I stop being reminded of my ex? - Yahoo Answers

Best Answer **Voter's Choice**

Gloria A answered 4 years ago

Make a list of reminders. One of the best tricks to help you stick to your resolve is to make a list of all the reasons your ex was not the one for you. Be ruthless and clear -- this is not the time to be forgiving. What you're doing is creating a picture for yourself that will call up an emotional response when you feel tempted to think that "maybe if you just did this or that, it would work out..." Write down what happened and how it made you feel, being clear about the things you never want to feel again. When you find yourself missing your ex in a weak moment, and think you might actually be getting too close to the telephone, get out this list, read it over a couple times, and then talk to yourself, "This is the truth of what it was like. Why would I want to go back and torture myself again?" If you're caught in a low-self-esteem trap, thinking you don't deserve better, imagine this happening to a friend of yours, and think what you would say to your friend: "Get as far away as you can! That relationship was no good for you!" Remember what a dirty thing he did to you, cheating and lying. When he come through your mind switch your thinking and remember the bad thing he did to you, not the good time.

<http://answers.yahoo.com/question/index?qid=20100809151037AAcHNTR>
[Images for reminded of my ex](#)



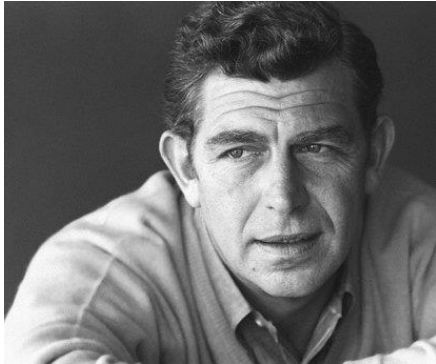
not forgotten

She wrote to ask,
"Where have you been?
Have you given up dancing for the summer?"
She added,
"Everyone at Sammy's was asking yesterday,
'Where is Lowell?'"
The group from Eau Claire went dancing
on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, and
none of them had seen you."
Then she stated,
"I haven't seen you since the birthday party.
You appeared to be in great spirits that night."
She concluded,
"Hope all is well with you, and that
you are enjoying the summer!"
I wrote back to thank her for remembering me
and to explain how work commitments,
rehabbing an old house, and
other factors had kept me
from keeping up with the group.
In addition, with winter finally over, and
with the weather permitting,
I was going to dances out of the area.

Old Times They Are Not Forgotten - Elvis Presley in Concert

<http://www.elvisconcerts.com/cds/oldtimes.htm>

[Images for Old Times They Are Not Forgotten - Elvis Presley in Concert](#)

**one less lead**

She wrote to say
that a woman friend
had partnered up
with another man
in the group and
wondered if
I couldn't come around
a little bit more often
to dance with the
other women.



roam from place to place

Some travel in packs, while
he roams from place to place
dancing with different ones
during the course of each
afternoon or evening.

Lone wolf (trait) - Wikipedia

A lone wolf is an animal or person that generally lives or spends time alone instead of with a group. The term originates from wolf behavior. Normally a pack animal, wolves that have left, or been excluded from, their pack are described as *lone wolves*.

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lone_wolf_\(trait\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lone_wolf_(trait))

[Images for Lone wolf \(trait\)](#)



bring a woman

An older woman dancing with her husband
reputed to be quite the ballroom dancer
in his day came up to me and asked,
“Don’t you have a partner you can dance with?”
to which I replied, “It’s not for lack of trying.”

Gasthof zur Gemutlichkeit / Marios Keller Bar - Minneapolis, MN

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Gasthof-zur-Gemutlichkeit-Marios-Keller-Bar/114350028642865>

[Images for Gasthof zur Gemutlichkeit / Marios Keller Bar – Minneapolis, MN](#)

Bill Koncar

The Bill Koncar Band plays a variety of music including polkas, waltzes, fox trots, swing, Latin rhythms, (including rhumbas, cha chas, tangos & sambas), and class rock & pop tunes.

<http://www.billkoncar.com/>

<https://www.facebook.com/BillKoncarBand>

[Images for BillKoncarBand](#)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RL30lzmq46I> Beautiful Accordion Music...!! - RoseAnn Polka!! - The Bill Koncar Band

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qrvr_p4WR-0 Lichtensteiner Polka - Bill Koncar - Kaiserlich Bomischen - YouTube

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9QdCyheE57k> Blue Skirt Waltz - Beautiful Accordion Music!! - Bill Koncar Band!!!

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gd32dNI_FVc My Darling Ann Waltz - Bill Koncar - Accordion Musik - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-fJC81eBHyE> Just Because Polka - Bill Koncar - Karaoke (Sing along!!) - YouTube

Dance With Who Brung Ya..Asleep At The Wheel - YouTube

Lyrics

*You got to dance with who brung you, swing with who swung you,
Don't be a fickle fool, you came here with a gal, who's always been your
Pal, don't leave her for the first unattached girl, it just ain't cool
You got to dance with who brung you, swing with who swung you,
Life ain't no forty-yard dash, be in it for the long run,
'Cause in the long run you'll have more fun, if you dance with who brung
You to the bash*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vyM6OzoMoXA>

[Images for Dance With Who Brung Ya..Asleep At The Wheel - YouTube](#)

wistful

As the band played
It Had to Be You,
I thought how nice
it would be nice to know

a special friend well enough
to sing such a song to her.

[Clark County Fair / Travel Wisconsin](#)

August 6, 2014 – August 10, 2014 Neillsville

<http://www.travelwisconsin.com/events/fairs-festivals/clark-county-fair-42623>

[Images for Clark County Fair | Travel Wisconsin](#)

[Harry Connick Jr. - It Had to Be You - YouTube](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UnQOfPwZfs>

[Images for Harry Connick Jr. - It Had to Be You - YouTube](#)



orchestra

It's not often that a man
gets to dance to a 20-piece
big band jazz orchestra
at a historic setting with
wood floors, but the band
and setting do little good when
there are no available women.
Most of the people came
to watch and to listen,
others came partnered or
grouped, and the young women
came in packs into which
they only allowed a few men
of their own age.

[Heyde Center for the Arts - Chippewa Valley Cultural Association](#)

<https://www.cvca.net/>

[Images for Heyde Center for the Arts - Chippewa Valley Cultural Association](#)

[Troppo Big Band - Home | Facebook](#)

<https://www.facebook.com/troppobigband/>

<https://www.facebook.com/events/heyde-center-for-the-artschippewa-valley-cultural-association/troppo-big-band-jazz-orchestra/1520637524617501/>

[Images for Troppo Big Band Jazz Orchestra](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YXaqEWProjs> Troppo Big Band - Zoot Suit Riot – YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eFYo1s0mTWo> Big Band Bash 2017 – YouTube

[Images for Troppo Big Band - YouTube](#)

DANCESENSE

Tuesday, December 31, 2013 (New Year's Eve)

Chippewa falls

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Troppo Big Band Jazz Orchestra 7:30pm-10:30pm (\$11-adults, \$9-seniors, \$5-youth)

Bridgewater's has Forty Fingers 9:30pm \$?

<http://dancesense.blogspot.com/>



it don't mean a thing

Many of the songs played by the orchestra seemed to be more like ballads, so, it wasn't quite as bad as it could have been without any women to dance with, but, when the orchestra played In the Mood and It Don't Mean a Thing, that's when it became especially difficult to stand and watch.

Heyde Center for the Arts - Chippewa Valley Cultural Association

<https://www.cvca.net/>

[Images for Heyde Center for the Arts - Chippewa Valley Cultural Association](#)

Glenn Miller - In The Mood - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xPXwkWVEllw>

[Images for Glenn Miller - In the Mood - YouTube](#)

Glenn Miller Band - It don't mean a thing - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=grj8dqzXSII>

[Images for Glenn Miller Band - It don't mean a thing - YouTube](#)

bad back

Her mother taught her to dance, and she won contests in hop polka, but a bad car accident as a young adult hampered her ability to swing dance. As long as I held her in closed ballroom position, and we moved in concert she could engage in an activity she enjoyed.

Bridgewater Restaurant & Pub - American Restaurant – Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin

<https://www.facebook.com/bridgewatercf/>

[Images for Bridgewater Restaurant & Pub](#)

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40 Fingers: HOME

<https://40fingersband.com/>

<https://40fingersband.com/sample-songlist>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3D9qOD5kjGk> 40 Fingers - Roll Over Beethoven - YouTube
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2T89sfNOWA> 40 FINGERS - When Will I Be Loved - YouTube
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bZkc2gMIGVY> 40 FINGERS, China Grove - YouTube
<https://starspiritadventures.com/2017/06/16/check-out-the-40-fingers-band-of-eau-claire-wisconsin/>

tonight's the night

She came out on New Year's Eve
at Bridgewater's even as
she last came out on the previous
New Year's Eve at another venue
when I first met her, so that it gave
me occasion to tell the joke
about the sex therapist taking an
informal survey at a lecture hall.
When the speaker asked
who averaged more than once a day,
several energetic men stood up and preened.
The speaker went through the various frequencies
until the speaker asked about once a year, whereupon
a short, scrawny man in the back row
stood up and cheered. The lecturer asked
the reason for his excitement.
He yelled back, "Tonight's the night!"

[Bridgewater Restaurant & Pub - American Restaurant – Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin](#)
<https://www.facebook.com/bridgewatercf/>
[Images for Bridgewater Restaurant & Pub](#)

have your people talk to my people

A woman came up to me at an old time dance
and said that another woman wanted to dance with me
and asked me to ask her to dance.
I asked the other woman to dance, and she asked me if
the first woman asked me to ask her.

[Pines Ballroom and Bar - 9690 County Highway SS - Foursquare](#)
<https://foursquare.com/v/pines-ballroom-and-bar/4c4b93b3f7cc1b8d11d70c40>
<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Pines-Ballroom/133934083322686>
<http://www.chippepedia.org/The+Pines+Ballroom>
<https://www.facebook.com/Pines-Ballroom-441285912696842/>
[Images for Pines Ballroom and Bar - Bloomer, WI](#)

[Marlin Zimmerman BAND / Facebook](#)

Big Band & Ballroom Dancing, along with Polka, Fox Trot, Cha Cha, Tango, Two-Step
<https://www.facebook.com/MarlinZimmermanBand>
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S2EE dai8o2c> Marlin Zimmerman Big Band Music – YouTube
[Images for Marlin Zimmerman BAND](#)

ask a guy

Hey, gals, it would make life easier
if, at least every once in a while,
you asked a guy to dance.
Who knows? He might even say, "Yes."
If he says, "No," ask another guy.

[Women asking men to dance. / Dance Forums](#)

While the old rule of only men asking for a dance has become outdated and women for the most part feel free to ask a man for a dance, I've noticed there are still a number of women who feel uncomfortable with this. Of these, some are older women who grew up during that time when the traditional rulers were firmly in place while others are newbies who are not yet comfortable with their skills. Some I notice will feel free to ask only certain men those being ones they know and dance with a lot.

<http://www.dance-forums.com/threads/women-asking-men-to-dance.903/>
[Images for Women asking men to dance](#)

[Ballroom Dance Etiquette: Guide to Ballroom Dancing](#)

Fifty years ago, it was expected that men would always ask women to dance and not the other way around. However, things have changed. At modern ballroom dances, men and women freely ask each other to dance – and it is also not uncommon for couple who arrive together to dance with other people as well as each other.

If you do not know who to ask for a dance, or you are feeling shy and want to wait for someone to ask you, stand near the dance floor and look relaxed and happy – like you want to dance. Sitting in a corner and looking sulky is no way to get asked to dance.

If you are brave enough to ask someone, all you have to do is walk up to them and say, “Hi would you like to dance?”

<http://voices.yahoo.com/ballroom-dance-etiquette-guide-ballroom-dancing-2839217.html>
[Images for men and women freely ask each other to dance](#)

one more

With most women, at the end of one number,
I raise my finger and ask, “One more?”
Most of them nod affirmatively.
I danced with a certain woman off and on
throughout the evening, and
one of those times late in the evening
lost track and said, “Thank you,”
after just one number.
She asserted, “One more!”

[Lee's Liquor Lounge](#)

<http://www.leesliquorlounge.com/>
[Images for Lee's Liquor Lounge](#)

[Dale Watson Band @ Lee's Liquor Lounge, Minneapolis - YouTube](#)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BUEYFC9CM-o>

[Images for Dale Watson Band @ Lee's Liquor Lounge, Minneapolis - YouTube](#)

[Dale Watson official website - theconneXtion.com](#)

Dale Watson – country music, Texas Country, Ameripolitan

<http://www.theconnextion.com/dalewatson/>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UOF_LBj6jv0 Louie's Lee's Liquor Lounge - YouTube

[Images for dale watson lee's liquor lounge](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SyBUiSE0uR8> Dale Watson at Lee's Liquor Lounge - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WIYNx79G1o> Dale Watson (Whiskey or God) @ Lee's Liquor Lounge Minneapolis, Mn 5/8/18 – YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QOsA21Z4GM4> Dale Watson (Real Country Song) @ Lee's Liquor Lounge Minneapolis, Mn 5/8/18 - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-fuSuX9LPzs> Dale Watson~Keys In The Mailbox (feat. Nate Duncan) (live) - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1DjZ4pPvnbw> Dale Watson~Fools Rush In/Louie's Lee's Liquor Lounge (live) – YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TEGCHXqQVJc> Dale Watson~Louie's Lee's Liquor Lounge (live) – YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xJTPdUS4qqY> Dale Watson @ Last Night of Lee's Liquor Lounge Minneapolis, MN 5-14-19 - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KFPVg74Mr6c> Dale Watson~Honky Tonkers Don't Cry (live) – YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tMR7Z6-BxOE> Dale Watson~Hey Brown Bottle (live) - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cmpJpZuC42I> Dale Watson @ Last Night of Lee's Liquor Lounge Minneapolis, MN 5-14-19 - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0tGut3dPCwM> Dale Watson Sings The Last Song At Lee's Liquor Lounge - YouTube



dance quote

If you do not join the dancing you will feel foolish. So why not dance? And I will tell you a secret: If you do not join the dance, we will know you are a fool. But if you dance, we will think well of you for trying. If you dance badly to begin and we laugh, what is the sin in that? We will begin there.

[Robert Fulghum Quotes - BrainyQuote](#)

http://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/authors/r/robert_fulghum.html

[Images for If you do not join the dancing you will feel foolish.](#)

for the better

The last time I had seen her with
her dance partner was at the Viennese Ball, but
when I saw her at the Singles Halloween Dance,
she was dancing with another man
in bib overalls and a straw hat.
During the waterfall mixer,
I asked her if she planned on going
to the Viennese Ball again, but
she only shook her head.
When I observed that
she was no longer with her dance partner
of some time, she could only offer,
"It was for the better."

[Singles Connection Halloween Dance - Volume One Magazine](#)

Halloween dance at the Brick House Labor Temple. Dance lessons at 7pm, dance 8pm-midnight featuring Black Sheep band. Prizes for best costumes.

http://volumeone.org/events/2013/10/19/89288_singles_connection_halloween_dance

[Images for Eau Claire Singles Connection Halloween Dance](#)

[Black Sheep Band Calendar - Black Sheep Entertainment](#)

<http://www.bseproductions.com/bsbcalendar.html>

disappointment

To know the potential of partner dance and not
to be aligned with a regular dance partner
possessing commensurate interest, ability,
and stamina is most disappointing.

it takes two

The Big Bands swing every Thursday night
at the Wabasha Street Caves, but
the available women are in short supply
so, it is hard to justify driving two hours
into the Twin Cities, meandering through
downtown St. Paul, and crossing
the bridge to get there.
If I had a dance partner and lived closer,
I would dance there more often.

[Swing Page - Wabasha Street Caves](#)

<http://www.wabashastreetcaves.com/swing.html>

[Images for Swing Page - Wabasha Street Caves](#)

[Beasley's Big Band](#)

Classic big band jazz in the style of the Count Basie Orchestra

<http://www.beasleysbigband.com/>

<https://www.facebook.com/BeasleysBigBand/>

<https://www.facebook.com/BeasleysBigBand/videos/pennies-from-heaven/1202607393526/>

<https://www.springcafestp.com/calendar/2019/7/14/beasleys-big-band>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ueWrBmEiQmI> Beasley's Big Band_3 - YouTube

[Images for Beasley's Big Band](#)

[Minnesota Jazz Orchestra](#)

Minnesota Jazz Orchestra – big band jazz

<http://www.minnesotajazzorchestra.com/>

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Minnesota-Jazz-Orchestra/136789593038886>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mjaOHoSwIQ4> The Minnesota Jazz Orchestra – YouTube. The Minnesota Jazz Orchestra live at the Wabasha Street Caves.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n4hvDkALeU0> Members of the Minnesota Jazz Orchestra on KARE-11 TV – YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=100cD4ly55Y> Minnesota Jazz Orchestra - Jumpin' at The Woodside – YouTube

[Images for Minnesota Jazz Orchestra](#)



price of gas

As much as I like to dance,
when the price of gas
goes to four dollars
and keeps climbing,
I think twice
before driving
some distance
to a dance.

Gas prices surge above \$4 in Minnesota to hit record highs – Bring Me The News

Motorists in Minnesota need to prepare themselves for sticker shock before their next trip to the gas pump.

The price of a gallon of regular unleaded gasoline has jumped north of the \$4 mark across the Twin Cities metro, well above the national average of \$3.59 a gallon.

<http://www.bringmethenews.com/2013/05/15/2gas-prices-surge-above-4-in-minnesota-to-hit-record-highs/>

<https://bringmethenews.com/news/gas-prices-hit-4-a-gallon-in-minnesota>

[Images for Gas prices surge above \\$4 in Minnesota to hit record highs](#)



turning 60

Milestones come and go,
but this is a big one.
I've danced for 20 years
and hoping for 20 more.

What You Need to Know About Fitness after 60 | Spark People

6 Functional Fitness Assessments You Can Do at Home
Start Right Where You Are

If you've remained active and continued to exercise through middle age, you probably know [your body](#) well enough to recognize your strengths, your natural limitations, and the areas where you should improve to better function in your daily life. But if it's been a while since you've done much exercise or regular physical activity, or you're not sure if certain problems you're having are "normal," it's vital to start with a good assessment of where you are right now. That will be your foundation for putting together an effective exercise and activity plan.

http://www.sparkpeople.com/resource/fitness_articles.asp?id=1202

[Images for What You Need to Know About Fitness after 60](#)

22 Things Good Dancers Do Differently – Rebecca Brightly

Dancers get good by doing lots of things differently. Read on to find out 22 uncommon actions they take and why you should too.

22. Commit. You're going to be doing this a long time. **Keep going, even when it gets really tough.** And it WILL get tough.

<http://rebeccabrightly.com/good-dancers-differently/>

[Images for 22 Things Good Dancers Do Differently - Rebecca Brightly](#)

layoff

The three weeks away from dance was not intended.

As the saying on the poster states, "I like work, but it sure interrupts my day."

Timi Gustafson, R.D.: Taking Time Off Can Improve Health and Productivity

What is happening? Why are we becoming suddenly a nation of nervous wrecks? Our lifestyle has certainly something to do with it. We don't value free time and leisure as much as other cultures do. Two-hour lunches, midday siestas, weeks of paid vacations may be cherished customs elsewhere, but not here. We work longer hours with fewer breaks than almost any other developed nation. Even industrial powerhouses like Germany and France have [35-hour workweeks](#), but their [productivity levels](#) are among the highest in the world. On average, people there may have lower income rates, but their standard of living and quality of life are in many ways above the U.S.

Considering the price we pay in terms of our health and well-being, it may be time to question whether our traditional work ethic - which is essentially chasing the dime, no matter what - is still a worthy or even sustainable concept. In a recently published book, titled *How Much Is Enough*, (Other Press, 2012), the authors, Robert Skidelsky and Edward Skidelsky, a father-son team, argue that people who work too hard miss out on the "good life," although that is supposedly the ultimate goal of their intense efforts, ideally becoming rich enough to enjoy a happy, carefree existence.

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/timi-gustafson/vacation_b_1822904.html

[Images for Taking Time Off Can Improve Health and Productivity](#)

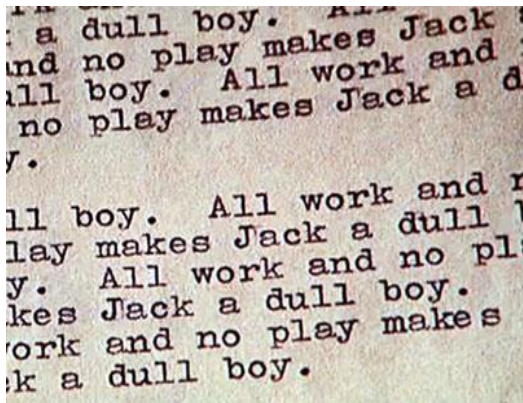
Quote by Stanley Kubrick

All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy.

Quote by Stanley Kubrick

<http://www.goodreads.com/quotes/451718-all-work-and-no-play-makes-jack-a-dull-boy>

[Images for All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy.](#)



3rd on the third

I danced two sets to Dan Lund and Buffalo at Eagles #34 and then went to Swingin' on a Star at the American Legion 435 for their last set on the night before Independence Day.

The floor opened up for three jump blues recorded numbers after the band played their last number.

I told a woman at the Eagles how Edith in the All in the Family was asked if her romantic life was like the 4th of July with fireworks and sparklers to which she replied,

"No, it's more like Thanksgiving."

[American Legion Minneapolis/Richfield Post 435: HOME](#)

<http://mnlegion435.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/MNLegion435/>

[Images for American Legion Minneapolis/Richfield Post 435](#)

[Swingin' on a Star - Home | Facebook](#)

Vintage jazz and ballads

<https://www.facebook.com/SwinginOnAStarBand/>

https://z-m-www.facebook.com/pg/SwinginOnAStarBand/posts/?ref=page_internal

<https://www.dorothydoring.com/products.html>

[Images for Dorothy Doring and Swingin' on a Star](#)



nice to be wanted

Before the dance, she said,
"I was hoping you'd show."
When I first asked, she said,
"I thought you'd never ask."

[Lee's Liquor Lounge](http://www.leesliquorlounge.com/)

<http://www.leesliquorlounge.com/>

[Images for Lee's Liquor Lounge](#)

[The Bad Companions - Home | Facebook](#)

The Bad Companions – rockabilly, '50s and swing

<https://www.facebook.com/The-Bad-Companions-290538937645193/>

[Images for The Bad Companions Kyle Tennis music – rockabilly, '50s and swing](#)

<http://www.prx.org/pieces/90230-centerstage-minnesota-with-charlie-pulkrabek-year>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=USsOQRnAiKk> The Bad Companions – YouTube. Dancing to The Bad Companions band at Lee's 9-24-2014.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VZLWQUaChlw> The Bad Companions - Drink Drank Drunk! @ Lee's Liquor Lounge 10-7-2015 – YouTube



reindeer runners

Two young women in colorful
spandex and jogging shoes entered
Lee's ahead of me, whereupon
I saw a few dozen dressed
much like them drinking, conversing,
laughing, and taking pictures.
After the group photo on stage,
the photographer said,
"Have a good run home."
Every year for the past 12 years
the running club ran 4 miles
to Lee's for a Christmas gathering.
There were more than a few women
I wished would stay and get
their exercise by dancing.

[Lee's Liquor Lounge](http://www.leesliquorlounge.com/)

<http://www.leesliquorlounge.com/>

[Images for Lee's Liquor Lounge](#)



young couple

A young man was joined by a young woman after which they fast danced most every song for the rest of the night. When the band ended, I went over to their table to say, "You two sure have a lot of energy!" to which the young man returned the compliment. The young woman reminded me of the partner I would like to have but may never know.

Lee's Liquor Lounge

<http://www.leesliquorlounge.com/>

[Images for Lee's Liquor Lounge](#)



valentine or lack thereof

The older woman I first danced with lost her husband to cancer several years earlier. They used to stroll around the floor and then play cards at their table. I wished her a Happy Valentines, and she asked me if I had a Valentine. I replied, "No, but it isn't for lack of trying." She opined, "Rejections. I know about them."

Pines Ballroom and Bar - 9690 County Highway SS - Foursquare

<https://foursquare.com/v/pines-ballroom-and-bar/4c4b93b3f7cc1b8d11d70c40>

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Pines-Ballroom/133934083322686>

<http://www.chippepedia.org/The+Pines+Ballroom>

<https://www.facebook.com/Pines-Ballroom-441285912696842/>

[Images for Pines Ballroom and Bar - Bloomer, WI](#)

The Rhythm Playboys - Home

The Rhythm Playboys – old time variety, western swing

"Celebrating Over 50 Years of Entertaining"

<http://www.rhythmplayboys.com/>

Images for Rhythm Playboys

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RuoiPeGMBmc> Rhythm Playboys.Osseo,Wis - YouTube

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9WYDZN23XYg> Rhythm Playboys – YouTube

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KT-h4gSTbq4> Rhythm Playboys - YouTube

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3J_lPnPV_c The Rhythm Playboys Band. – YouTube

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uiDq2-3tkSs> Ellsworth WI Polkafest July 13 2008 Rhythm Playboys Band – YouTube

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QrnA-biRtO0> Rhythm Playboys at Ellsworth WI Polkafest July 2008 #4 - YouTube

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AUJWspH2fOI> Rhythm Playboys at Ellsworth WI PF July 08 #6 - YouTube

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pCDun345B5U> Rhythm Playboys at Ellsworth WI Polkafest July 08 #7 - YouTube

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9HIUOeO4d24> Ellsworth WI Polkafest Act 2 Rhythm Playboys July 13 2008 - YouTube

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6FHRkIOHB34&feature=youtu.be> black mountain rag – YouTube

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PnCZz8GsSo8> From the Southwest Polka Party to Laughlin Nevada – YouTube

Images for Rhythm Playboys - YouTube

one woman man

He danced with his first wife
for 32 years and no other.
When she died, he remarried.
While his new wife dances
with other women,
he dances only with her.

BS Tavern - Bar / Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/B-S-Tavern/111713838864855>

Images for BS Tavern - Bar

Crescent Tavern - Bars - 15506 State Highway 27, Cadott, WI

<http://www.yelp.com/biz/crescent-tavern-cadott>

Images for Crescent Tavern - Bars - 15506 State Highway 27, Cadott, WI

Osseo Palladium dance and event hall - Home | Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/OsseoPalladium/>

Images for Osseo Palladium dance and event hall

Pines Ballroom and Bar - 9690 County Highway SS - Foursquare

<https://foursquare.com/v/pines-ballroom-and-bar/4c4b93b3f7cc1b8d11d70c40>

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Pines-Ballroom/133934083322686>

<http://www.chippepedia.org/The+Pines+Ballroom>

<https://www.facebook.com/Pines-Ballroom-441285912696842/>

Images for Pines Ballroom and Bar - Bloomer, WI

George Jones - One Woman Man - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WnJslidTCT6I>

Images for George Jones - One Woman Man - YouTube

finding someone else to dance with

She said that she lost her dance partner.
“He’s 90 and couldn’t keep going,” she explained.

St. Croix Casino Turtle Lake - Entertainment

Sunday Polka Party

Polka with the Chmielewski Funtime Band. Free admission.

<http://turtlelake.stcroixcasino.com/entertainment/>

Images for St. Croix Casino Turtle Lake - Entertainment

last set

The last set of a dance
is often the best for dancing
because many leave by then
or sit out dances leaving
an open floor.
If only I had a partner
who could keep up,
we could rip it up.



alone

Especially when I'm working
by myself on Saturday nights,
I think how nice it would be
to have a special friend
and dance partner.

Cat Stevens Another Saturday Night - YouTube

Lyrics

*Another Saturday night and I ain't got nobody
I've got some money 'cause I just got paid
Now, how I wish I had someone to talk to
I'm in an awful way*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uxzDZSvlbw0>

[Images for Cat Stevens Another Saturday Night - YouTube](#)

Bill Haley - Rip It Up - B/W - YouTube

Lyrics

*Well, Saturday night
And I just got paid
Fool about my money
Don't try to save
My heart says
Go, go, have a time
'Cause it's Saturday night
And, baby, I feel fine*

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cG6n3Z7qwVs>

[Images for Bill Haley - Rip It Up - B/W - YouTube](#)



here today, gone tomorrow

I danced with her at the 50th anniversary
of The Thundermen at the Moose and
complimented her on how nice
she and her husband looked
when they danced together.
She replied that she missed him
but decided to keep dancing.
I heard a few months later
she was dancing a hop polka

to the Top Notchman at the Moose,
suffered a heart attack, and
died on the dance floor.

[Moose Lodge - Eau Claire, WI - Volume One Magazine](http://volumeone.org/bars/eau_claire-wi/61/2361)
http://volumeone.org/bars/eau_claire-wi/61/2361 [Moose Lodge bar](#)
[Images for Moose Lodge - Eau Claire, WI](#)

Thundermen

The Thundermen – ‘50s-‘60s rock ‘n’ roll
The Midwest’s Original Rock ‘n’ Roll Band
<http://www.thundermen.com/>
<https://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Thundermen/170937716351967>
[Images for Thundermen – ‘50s-‘60s rock ‘n’ roll](#)

[Who Let The Door To Heaven Open? - Top Notchmen - YouTube](#)
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yGNfeogI0II>
[Images for Who Let The Door To Heaven Open? - Top Notchmen - YouTube](#)

a time for everything

For everything there is a season,
and a time for every matter under heaven:
a time to be born, and a time to die;
a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;
a time to kill, and a time to heal;
a time to break down, and a time to build up;
a time to weep, and a time to laugh;
a time to mourn, and a time to dance;
a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;
a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;
a time to seek, and a time to lose;
a time to keep, and a time to throw away;
a time to tear, and a time to sew;
a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;
a time to love, and a time to hate;
a time for war, and a time for peace.

[oremus Bible Browser: Ecclesiastes 3:1-8](#)

<http://bible.oremus.org/?qI=151394305>

[Images for a time for everything Ecclesiastes 3:1-8](#)

[Pete Seeger & Judy Collins – Turn, Turn, Turn \(1966\) - YouTube](#)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qURAnrk30Ng>
[Images for Pete Seeger & Judy Collins – Turn, Turn, Turn \(1966\) - YouTube](#)

partners

Come together and move apart.
Go ‘round and ‘round.
Travel together.

confident stride

A construction worker
long and lean
tall and straight
narrow waist and broad shoulders
work jeans and steel-toed boots
safety green t-shirt
neon orange arm compression sleeves
sweat and dirt
sun-tanned brown skin
sun-soaked blond hair
walked decisively
into the convenience store.
She immediately struck me
as one of the sexiest women
I’d ever laid eyes on,
and a brief meeting of the eyes
is something I will carry in my memory.