

Hello Dancers (and Would-Be Dancers) Newsletter

News on Amy's weekend dance venue picks—opportunities for those who love to dance or just love to listen to great music! Ed and I have been to many of these venues (including many of the listed dance studios), so contact me if you have a question about any of them. If you know of an upcoming event, dance opportunity, or a new dance venue, let me know and I'll send it out to the group! If you go to any of the venues listed below, let me know what you think or if the event no longer exists (after all, Ed and I can only go to a few places each weekend and have our own opinions!). Please also send pictures, band recommendations and reviews, or any item that you would like to share with others about dancing in the Northeast Ohio area! This newsletter is e-mailed weekly on Fridays (or around that time!).

Want to email me? Send your message to alee789@gmail.com.

August 30, 2019

Weekend happenings

Celebrate Labor Day weekend by going to a dance venue or two! Ballroom, Latin, and swing are all on tap over the holiday! Did someone say on tap? Try the Oktoberfest at the Berea fairgrounds and polka 'til you drop!

Make sure you check out the 9/22/19 entry below. We are going to participate in USA Dance's flashmob challenge for National Ballroom Dance Week

<https://usadance.org/general/custom.asp?page=NBDW2019> Connie King is going to provide instruction and then we are going to record our flashmob! Northeast Ohio Medical University's Sequoia Wellness is providing the venue, student volunteers and taco bar. Join us for a great National Ballroom Dance Week celebration! You can let us know if you can come through this MeetUp link <https://www.meetup.com/USA-Dance-Ohio-Chapter-Ballroom-Dancing/events/263724079/>

Check out the flashmob routine here <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLJXB198rYa6kNkjVjotv5rB18QRteMZQ0>

For those of you who like live bands, you can check out Ohio festivals (although the dance surface is often concrete or grass) <https://ohiofestivals.net/ohio-festivals/> throughout the entire summer!

Warm regards, Amy

Can't read the newsletter in your email?

For best viewing, view the PDF from the newsletter link. You can also look at my web site <http://ohiodance.webs.com> to download a newsletter! Events that arrive in my email after the newsletter is produced will be posted on the web site calendar. This newsletter is a listing of accumulated and recurring events up to the time I send this out through my email list! Let me know if an event closes or does not occur—I'll take them off the listings. Much of this information comes from YOU!

Hello Dancers web site links

[Home page](#) --download newsletters and event registration

[Month events](#) --on one calendar, see dance events sponsored by USA dance, other organizations, and local studios!



Oktoberfest is in town! Dance a polka (or two) and have a beer! Several tribute bands also entertain. By the way, they take special care of dancers—real dance floors! Check out the events at <http://www.clevelandoktoberfest.com/>

FRIDAY/SATURDAY/SUNDAY THIS WEEK (check "Upcoming Special Events" too!)

Disclaimer: These events are gathered through web sites and information from listservs. If you are interested in going to a certain event, you might just want to call and make sure that the event or band has not cancelled! Events are now categorized by dance—keep in mind that usually there is a mix of music, but the categorization is what is mostly played. Thanks, Rebecca, for the suggestion!

[VARIETY] Carrie Cerino's (Friday) -- 8922 Ridge Road, North Royalton, OH 44133; 440-237-3434, <http://www.carriecerinos.com/Events/LoungeBands.aspx> Lounge is still closed (flooding issues)—the next band is listed for September 6! Nice small dance floor in front of the band, but it gets crowded quickly.

[BALLROOM] North Olmsted Party Center Dance (Fridays)-- 29271 Lorain Rd., North Olmsted, OH, [440-777-1600](tel:440-777-1600), \$12 per person, 7-10 p.m. Ballroom music at this dance! Band for 8/30/19—Ed Klimczak

[VARIETY] Mapleside's Summer Concert Series (Friday, 8/30/19)—294 Pearl Road, Brunswick, OH 44212. Gates open at 6 p.m., concert time 7-10 p.m. Tickets for show available at the gate. Bring your lawn chairs and sit in front of the sunset stage! No outside food allowed; beer, wine and BBQ available for purchase. Bags subject to search; no pets, guns or fireworks. Children 16 and younger free. 8/30/19 The Shindig with the Breakfast Club (\$10)—adult only (21 and over)—can purchase pre-sale tickets [HERE](#).

[HUSTLE] Playhouse Square Silent Disco (Saturday, 8/31/19)— U.S. Bank Plaza at 1501 Euclid Ave, Cleveland, OH 44115. Ed and I did this last year...and it was a riot! This is a free event! Wear headphones that they provide and dance with a partner who is wearing headphones tuned to the same channel. A bunch of people dancing ...in silence! For more information <http://www.playhousesquare.org/events/detail/silent-disco-dance-party-3>

August 31—Adult Prom: Break out your old prom dress or tux t-shirt and join us on the Plaza for the best power ballads and line dances, just like your high school prom! Make sure to get a photo with your “date” in front of our backdrop

[SWING] Get Hep Swing (Saturday, 8/31/19)— Lithuanian American Citizens Club, 877 E. 185th St., Cleveland, OH 44119. COST: \$12/person (\$5 for first-timers). TIME: 8 p.m.-12 a.m. (doors open at 7 p.m.); Live band the Blue Lunch & DJ music. Get Hep Swing Jitterbug lesson from 8-9 p.m. by Get Hep swing dance instructors. Events feature Jitterbug, Lindy Hop, Balboa, Charleston and other dances to live band music! For more information, see <http://www.gethepswing.com/>, email at info@gethepswing.com or call Valerie at 216-374-1927.

[WEST COAST SWING] Cleveland International Flashmob WCS Rally 2019 (Sunday, 9/1/19)-- 1541 E. 38th St., Cleveland, OH 44114 (at Superior); (216) 361-1338. Boot camps with Corey Flowers. Corey is holding 2 bootcamps, 2-6 p.m. on Sundays, August 25 and September 1 at Viva Dance, \$65 per person! Performance on September 7, 3-8:10 p.m. in locations around Cleveland! See <https://www.facebook.com/events/1296560467174751/> for details! Order t-shirts by August 28 (\$20 per person).

[LATIN] Hot Latin Dance Party—Brazil's Independence Day Celebration (Saturday, 9/1/19)— Bатуqui, The Flavor of Brasil, 12706 Larchmere Blvd, Cleveland, OH 44120. Party from 2-9 p.m.. Admission \$18 general admission or \$40 VIP seating. Sponsored by TropicalCleveland. Enjoy authentic Brazilian music, food, drinks, dance and capoeira at this celebration. Tickets include live Brazilian music by Max and Banda, capoeira (Brazilian martial arts dance), samba dance lessons, Brazilian churrasco (BBQ), tiki bar and VIP t-shirts. To purchase ahead, call 216-242-1250 or <https://braziliandaycle.eventbrite.com>

[SHAG] Cleveland Area Shag Club (Monday, 9/2/19??)—CHECK WITH JIMMY—it is Labor Day, so maybe he is taking a day off! Slyman's Tavern Party Room, 6901 Rockside Rd., Independence,

OH 44131 (at the Rockside Corners Shopping Center just west of Route 21). Admission \$10; 7 p.m. music starts; 7:15 p.m. beginner lesson, 7:45 p.m. intermediate lesson, 8:30-11 p.m. open dancing. Jimmy Flynn hosts (contact information jamesrflynn@hotmail.com; website www.JimmyFlynn.net)! Jimmy is back—we are thankful for his recovery!!!

[WEST COAST SWING] West Coast and Hustle with Ken & Rosanne (Tuesday, 9/3/19)—West Park Massotherapy and Dance, 4168 Rocky River Dr., Cleveland, OH, 7-10 p.m. Beginner lesson 7 p.m.; intermediate lesson 8 p.m. Cost \$10 for both classes; first timers \$7. West coast, hustle or night club 2-step. For more information <https://www.meetup.com/Cleveland-WCS-and-HUSTLE-Dance-Group/> Future dates: 9/10/19, 9/17/19, 9/24/19

[SWING] Ohio's Northcoast Jitterbug Connection (Wednesday, 9/4/19)--Quirk Cultural Center, 1201 Grant Ave., Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44223. Fee \$8 (or free for members). We have the largest wooden dance floor around! Each evening begins at 7:00 with dance lessons. Both beginner and advanced lessons are offered. From 7:30 to 10:00 we dance to the music of our club DJ's. We play mostly East Coast R & B and oldie remakes. People keep coming back because they love the variety of music and its danceable beat. The very fiber of our club relies on volunteerism. E-mail us oncjdance@yahoo.com If the weather looks threatening, please call the Quirk 330-971-8425 before you venture out to make sure they will be open. If they are open, we'll be there to greet you! Website <http://www.oncjc.org/>.

[LINE DANCING] Line Dancing with Amy Auger (Wednesday, 9/4/19)—AMVETS Post 32, Q-Hut, 11087 Middle Ave., Elyria, OH 44035. Amy Auger teaches line dancing, 7 p.m.—warm up dancing; 7:15 lesson or review; 7:40-10 p.m. open dancing; \$8 per person. Bring water and dry shoes! For more information <https://sites.google.com/site/amyaugerlinedance/home> Future dates: September 18 (no dance on 9/11).

[ARGENTINE TANGO] Western Reserve Argentine Tango Society (Thursday, 9/5/19)—WRATS Tango in Brooklyn Heights Community Center, 225 Tuxedo Ave., Brooklyn Heights, OH 44131. Lesson 7-8 p.m.; practica 8-10 p.m.; \$5 per person.

STUDIO WEEKEND DANCES

Fridays

- **Ballroom Dancing with Tiffany Steineck (first Fridays)**—St. George Romanian Orthodox Church, 144 30th St. NW, Canton, OH 44709 (on the corner of Market Avenue and 30th Street). Social dances are usually every first Friday (check calendar on website), 7-10 p.m., and cover charge is \$10 per person. Tiffany's website is www.dancingwithtiffany.com.
- **Dance d'Elegance (some Fridays—check schedule)**-- 750 E. Washington Street, Medina, OH 44256 (Washington Square, Medina east side); 330-725-7635; <http://www.dancedelegance.com/>; char1942@zoominternet.net (owner Char Klimko). Everyone (not just students) welcome. Dance party 7-10 p.m., \$15 per person.
- **Dancetime Studio (certain Fridays)** (owner Barbara Gerhart)— Old Avon Lake Firehouse, 100 Avon Belden Rd (Rt. 83), Avon Lake OH 44012. Phone: 440-823-2745. Admission \$10; 7-10 p.m. with a lesson 7:30-8 p.m. Large wood dance floor! See website or call for more information <http://www.dancetime-studio.com/> or dancetime-studio@hotmail.com. Check the website calendar for when social dances are being held <http://www.dancetime-studio.com/Calendar.html>
- **La Danse Cleveland (Fridays)**--23366 Commerce Parkway, Beachwood, OH 44122. Phone 216-292-9777 or info@letsdancecleveland.com; website <http://www.ladansecleveland.com/> . Fridays, 8-10:30 p.m., \$10. Salsa class at 7 p.m., \$5, before the dance! Check calendar at <https://ladansecleveland.com/calendar/>

- **Viva Dance Studio (1st Fridays) Alternative Tango Night and Laço de Dança Zouk Social--**1541 E. 38th St., Cleveland, OH 44114 (at Superior); (216) 361-1338; email hi@vivadancestudio.com; <http://www.vivadancestudio.com/>. There will be a pre-dance lesson from 8:15-9:00 p.m. Dancing will follow the lesson from 9:00-11:45 p.m. Admission \$10 and \$5 for the lesson.
- **Viva Dance Studio (3rd Fridays) Traditional Milonga and Laço de Dança Zouk Social--**1541 E. 38th St., Cleveland, OH 44114 (at Superior); (216) 361-1338; email hi@vivadancestudio.com; <http://www.vivadancestudio.com/>. There will be a pre-dance lesson from 8:15-9:00 p.m. Dancing will follow the lesson from 9:00-11:45 p.m. Admission \$10 and \$5 for the lesson.
- **WhyM Dance + Movement + More (4th Fridays)—**32901 Station St., Suite 112, Solon, OH 44139; phone 330-618-0783; email info@danceatwhym.com. Web site <http://www.danceatwhym.com/> Dance parties on 4th Fridays, class 7-8 p.m. and dance party at 8-10 p.m. Cost is \$10 for the class and \$10 for the dance party.

Saturdays

- **Cleveland Ballroom Company (alternating Saturdays)—**23500 Mercantile Rd, Suite G, Beachwood OH 44122 (off I-271 & Chagrin Blvd.); phone 216-595-6955 or email clevelandballroomcompany@gmail.com. See calendar at <http://www.clevelandballroomcompany.com/>.
- **Dance d'Elegance (semi-monthly Saturdays)--** 750 E. Washington Street, Medina, OH 44256 (Washington Square, Medina east side); 330-725-7635; <http://www.dancedelegance.com/>; char1942@zoominternet.net (owner Char Klimko). Everyone (not just students) welcome. Dance party 7-10 p.m., \$15 per person.
- **La Danse Cleveland (4th Saturdays)--**23366 Commerce Parkway, Beachwood, OH 44122. Phone 216-292-9777 or info@letsdancetocleveland.com; website <http://www.ladansecleveland.com/> . Potluck. Saturdays, 7-10 p.m., \$10. Check calendar at <https://ladansecleveland.com/calendar/>
- **Professional Ballroom Studio (Saturdays)—**2433 Whipple Ave NW, Canton, OH 44708 (in Jackson Township); 330-327-1330. Social dance on Saturdays, 8-10:00 p.m.; \$10 per person. Email ProfessionalBallroomStudio@gmail.com or 330.327.1330 for information; <http://professionalballroom.com/>.
- **Riverfront Ballroom and Latin Dance Center (Saturdays)—**137 Portage Trail, Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44221; 330-922-3234: <http://www.riverfrontballroom.com/>. All are welcome to attend open group class by William Wimer, 8-8:30 p.m. and general dancing 8:30-10:30 p.m. Admission \$10. First Saturdays only—potluck; dance 7-10 p.m.; door prize raffle ticket to individuals or couples who bring a dish to share. All admissions include a 30-minute lesson prior to the dance! For questions, email william@riverfrontballroom.com.
- **Viva Dance Studio (1st Saturdays) Skyline Ballroom Dance --**1541 E. 38th St., Cleveland, OH 44114 (at Superior); (216) 361-1338; email hi@vivadancestudio.com; <http://www.vivadancestudio.com/>. A pre-dance lesson from 7-8 p.m. with dancing from 8-11 p.m. Admission \$10 per person.

NOTES

- **NOTE:** No Time to Dance Saturday dance with Irene on 8/31/19!
- **SAVE THE DATE:** Saturday, 9/7/19, La Danse Showcase.
- **NOTE: Akron Dance Party** now 2nd Friday and 3rd or 4th Sunday each month at the Fraternal Order of Eagles, 6979 Sunset Strip, North Canton, OH 44720. They claim they are the largest and longest running couples and singles dance in the Akron/Canton area; they feature live bands and DJs! Check out their website for the calendar <https://www.akrondanceparty.com/> Upcoming 2019 dates: May 10, 8 p.m.-12 midnight; May 26, 7:30-11:30 p.m.
- **NOTE: New venue for swing dancers (lindy, east coast)—The Rialto Theatre**, 1000 Kenmore Blvd, Akron, OH 44314 is hosting swing dance lessons (I believe lindy and east coast-type swing) and dancing on the first and third Wednesday of the month. Lesson (\$5) 6:30-7:30 p.m. by Rachel Itsell and Mike Arteno

and dance is 7:30 p.m. (\$3). <https://www.facebook.com/events/1179231052179814/> and <https://www.therialtotheatre.com/> Thanks, Eileen, for this information!

- **NOTE: Cleveland Swing and Salsa is looking for dance instructors!** Duties include conducting or assisting in group lessons, teaching private lessons and performing, and teaching at special events. Qualifications: ideal candidate must have a love for dance; experience in dance, especially in salsa, swing or ballroom dances is a plus! He or she must be in good physical condition, have strong communication skills, must be enthusiastic and ambitious, available at least 4 evenings a week not including mandatory Sunday evening training and practice, must have reliable transportation and have a strong interest in learning all styles of swing, salsa and ballroom dance. Pay varies. Starting pay depends on background and experience. Can earn up to \$100.00 an hr. Location, 4431 Mayfield Rd., S. Euclid, OH. 44121. Check us out at, <http://www.clevelandswingandsalsa.com> If interested please call Linda at (440) 350-9969 to set up an interview. No email reply. *A Resume on dance experience and headshot is a plus!*
- **NOTE: Sandy Muirhead-Gould** (updated 9/16/16) offers lessons available in Waltz, Foxtrot, Swing, Bolero, Cha Cha, Rumba, Salsa, Tango, Night Club Two-step. Choreography for Weddings. Choose your song and Sandy will choreograph the Grand Entrance and your first dance. You can dance to the entire song or adjust the amount of time you want for your first dance. Father-Daughter and Mother-Son dancers can also be choreographed. Email Sandy for details at sandybird3@gmail.com
- **NOTE: Frank Trace** is starting line dance classes at Watson, Avondale and Sauder Schools. For more information, email him at franktrace2@gmail.com. Posted 4/9/15.
- **NOTE:** Anyone in the Akron area interested in salsa? Sign onto the event's Facebook page, [Salsa Nights in Akron](#). Looks like they are now meeting in different places, including Musica in Akron, and Spotted Owl in Cleveland. Next event June 27 at 9 p.m. at Musica!
- **NOTE: Linda from Cleveland Swing and Salsa has 4 costumes for sale.** For information on size and price contact Linda at 440-350-9969.



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- **NOTE: Sue Stanton still has smooth dresses for sale.** Contact her if you are interested call Sue at 216-246-0948. They would fit sizes 4, 6, and maybe 8 because they stretch.



Smooth dress with gloves—now \$150 Smooth dress—now \$150!

Check out other weekend activities in the special events section below! Events are categorized by upcoming events, local studios and recurring events by day of the week! Also listed are other tidbits, such as venues, bands and websites!

| UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS FOR FUTURE WEEKENDS | |
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| 9/8/19 | [BALLROOM] North Coast Ball 16th Annual Dance (Sunday, 9/8/19)— Painesville Township Park Community Center, 1025 Hardy Rd., Painesville, OH 44077. Price \$40 for USA members; \$45 non-members; \$25 students. Schedule: |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4-9 p.m. general dancing • 5 p.m. dance performance by American smooth finalists Aaron Blizzard and Jenny Lu • 5:30 p.m. buffet dinner includes chicken, beef, and sides (soft drinks available for purchase; vegetarian and vegan dinners are pre-order only); door prizes and 50/50 drawing after dinner (no raffle tickets will be sold on the premises; will be held at the door). No alcohol allowed. <p>Please send completed payment (check/money order payable to <i>USA Dance North Coast Ohio</i>) to John Howard, 8032 Stockbridge, Mentor, OH 44060. Please make reservations by <i>Sunday, August 31</i>; a \$5 late fee may be applied to tickets purchased after August 31. Include your name, chapter member number, phone numbers, email address, address, city, state, zip; number of tickets to be purchased; number of 50/50/raffle tickets (6/\$5.00), number of regular or vegetarian dinner, and total amount enclosed. For information, call 440-951-4962 or 440-257-3649 or email info@ballroomdancingohio.org.</p> |
| 9/13/19 | <p>[BALLROOM] Ballroom Mission at Don Umerley Center (9/13/19, Friday)—Don Umerley Civic Center, 21016 Hilliard, Rd., Rocky River, OH. Admission \$10; 7-10 p.m. Snacks and beverages will be provided. Bob and JoAnna Schneider will host this dance. If you have any questions, please call Bob or JoAnna at 440-327-6632 or email ballroommission@gmail.com. Sponsored by the Landing Point Financial Group Thrivent Financial. <i>Ballroom mission—dancing for a cause. All proceeds donated to the Muscular Dystrophy Association.</i> Upcoming dance: 10/18/19, 7-10 p.m. at Avon Isle, Avon, OH.</p> |
| 9/22/19 | <p>[BALLROOM] Ohio Chapter National Ballroom Dance Week Flashmob Challenge (Sunday, 9/22/19)—Northeast Ohio Medical University, Sequoia Wellness Center (in NEW Center), 4209 State Route 44, Rootstown, OH 44272. Event 11:30 a.m.-4 p.m.; FREE. Schedule—11:30-12:15 p.m.—registration and taco bar; 12:15-3 p.m.—flashmob instruction; 3-4 p.m. recording of flashmob and general dancing (if we learn the flashmob routine in time)!The community and university students are invited to learn the salsa flashmob routine (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LP0XiikYB5k&list=PLJXB198rYa6kNkjVjotv5rB18QRteMZQ0) with professional instructor Connie King. Co-sponsored by the SOAR Student Run Free Clinic, Latino Medical Students Association, Public Health Interest Group and Consortium of Eastern Ohio Master of Public Health. Donations to student groups encouraged! Wear a BLACK TOP and any color pants/skirt. Not required, but we'd sure like to know how many tacos we need! RSVP at https://www.meetup.com/USA-Dance-Ohio-Chapter-Ballroom-Dancing/events/263724079/</p> |
| 9/26/19-9/28/19 | <p>[BALLROOM] 19th Annual Cleveland DanceSport Challenge (9/26/19-9/28/19, Thursday-Saturday)—Hilton Cleveland Downtown, 100 Lakeside Ave E, Cleveland, OH 44114. Contact Nichy Vegas for tickets, group requests and questions. For information info@clevelanddancesport.com; 216-577-8280 (cell); fax 866-593-3755; www.ClevelandDanceSport.com.</p> <p>Looking for a way to improve your dance connection? A free demonstration of "Perfect Partner," a new dance-enhancing tool will be presented by former U.S. American smooth champion Jim Maranto on Saturday, 9/28/19. The Perfect Partner vest aids dance training by providing resistance to movement for enhanced body awareness, partner to partner connections for improved counterbalance of weight awareness, and upper body strengthening and mechanics development!</p> |

DANCE STUDIO SOCIAL DANCE SCHEDULES

Note: Dance studios below offer group/private classes. See websites for class schedules and times. Many of these studios offer prices by the class (which I prefer!) rather than package pricing. You are generally not required to attend as a couple—singles are often welcome. Let me know if you have any questions regarding any of the events/studios below. To find more links to area dance studios, go to the Ohio Chapter, USA Dance site at <http://www.usadanceohio.org/> and click on the “places to dance” tab. Studios may update their calendars or have special events—please check the web links or call for the specific day that you want to attend a dance!

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| <p>Always Dancin' Updated 5/14/14</p> | <p>Always Dancin' (Fridays)—6217 Elyria Ave., Elyria, OH 44035; 330-519-8307; (https://www.facebook.com/AlwaysDancinDanceStudio/). Tuesday ballroom group lesson, 8-9 p.m., \$10 per person. The student is continuing the Friday night dances and group lesson in June; group lesson 6:30 p.m., dance 7-9 p.m., \$10 per person.</p> |
| <p>Ballroom Dancing with Tiffany Steineck Updated 1/4/19</p> | <p>Ballroom Dancing with Tiffany Steineck (first Fridays)—St. George Romanian Orthodox Church, 144 30th St. NW, Canton, OH 44709 (on the corner of Market Avenue and 30th Street). It features a carpeted foyer with a coat room, a carpeted area with tables for all of us to sit, and a large hardwood dance floor (there is a large Disco Ball hanging over the middle of the floor!). Social dances are usually every first Friday (check calendar on website), 7-10 p.m., and cover charge is \$10 per person. Tiffany's website is www.dancingwithtiffany.com. If you have any questions, please contact Tiffany. Classes are on Mondays at 6 p.m. (beginner) and 7 p.m. (intermediate).</p> |
| <p>Cleveland Ballroom Company (Updated 1/5/19)</p> | <p>Cleveland Ballroom Company (alternating Saturdays)—23500 Mercantile Rd, Suite G, Beachwood OH 44122 (off I-271 & Chagrin Blvd.); phone 216-595-6955 or email clevelandballroomcompany@gmail.com. See calendar at http://www.clevelandballroomcompany.com/.</p> |
| <p>Cleveland Swing and Salsa (Updated 12/28/15)</p> | <p>Cleveland Swing and Salsa (Mondays and Wednesdays)--4431 Mayfield Rd., S. Euclid, OH. 44121 (upstairs); 440.350.9969; http://www.clevelandswingandsalsa.com/. Parking and entrance in back and we are downstairs. Every Monday Night Salsa Club is for all levels of dancers from beginner to advance. We offer Introduction to the Basics at 7:00 pm and four other levels of Salsa lessons throughout the evening. We play great Salsa music between each lesson for you to practice your new move to or just have fun! You don't need a partner because we switch you on every song. We also offer free beverages, munchies and parking. Cost is \$10.00 per person and \$5 for college students with I.D. card. Salsa Club is Mondays, from 6:45 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at 4431 Mayfield Rd., S. Euclid. For more info. call, (440) 350-9969.</p> |
| <p>Dance d'Elegance (Updated 8/9/19)</p> | <p>Dance d'Elegance (semi-monthly Saturdays and some Fridays)-- 750 E. Washington Street, Medina, OH 44256 (Washington Square, Medina east side); 330-725-7635; http://www.dancedelegance.com/; char1942@zoominternet.net (owner Char Klimko). Everyone (not just students) welcome. Party 7-10 p.m., \$15 per person. Your guests are free. Bring a friend and snack to share; BYOB. Check with studio for which two Saturdays of the month are the dance parties (not a regular pattern) or sign up on the web site to receive the schedule. Semi-monthly Saturday dance parties and some Fridays—make sure you confirm (sometimes the schedule changes)!</p> <p>2019 schedule—Saturdays and Fridays</p> <p>Fridays August 16 September 20 October 11</p> |

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| | <p>November 22 <u>Saturdays</u> September 7, 21 October 26 (Halloween) November 9, 23 December 7 (Christmas), 31 (New Year's Eve)</p> |
| <p>Dancer In You (Updated 1/3/14)</p> | <p>Dancer In You--Anita Converse (Fridays)—store at 843 N. Cleveland-Massillon Rd., Akron, OH 44333; www.anitaconverse.com Check the web site for a calendar of events http://www.anitaconverse.com/calendar.htm. For more information, call 330-608-4444 or dancerinyou@yahoo.com</p> <p>Other Fridays (often first Fridays), ballroom social dancing at Quirk Cultural Center, 1201 Grant Ave., Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44223. Lesson at 7:30 p.m.; dancing 8:15-10:30 p.m. Coast \$10 per person; \$8 seniors and college students with ID. For questions, call 330-867-4444. Make sure you check the website calendar for the schedule!</p> |
| <p>Dancetime Studio (Updated 10/19/18)</p> | <p>Dancetime Studio (Fridays) (owner Barbara Gerhart)— Old Avon Lake Firehouse, 100 Avon Belden Rd (Rt. 83), Avon Lake OH 44012. Phone: 440-823-2745. Admission \$10; 7-10 p.m. with a lesson 7:30-8 p.m. Large wood dance floor! See website or call for more information http://www.dancetime-studio.com/ or dancetime-studio@hotmail.com. Check the website calendar for when social dances are being held http://www.dancetime-studio.com/Calendar.html</p> <p>2019—Friday dances August 16, 2019 September 20, 2019 October 18, 2019 December 20, 2019</p> <p>Ballroom classes at Dancetime are the following: Old Avon Lake Firehouse, 100 Avon Belden Rd, Avon Lake, Ohio 44012—intermediate/advanced group classes, Mondays 7-8 p.m.; 10 classes for \$125 or \$115 if Avon Lake resident. Tickets do not expire and can be used for either Monday or Wednesday classes (class fees must be paid to city of Avon Lake).</p> <p>Monday classes (intermediate to advanced), 7-8 p.m. 2019—March 11, 18, 25; April 1; June 10,17, 24; July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; August 5, 12, 19, 26; September 9, 16, 23, 30; October 7, 14, 21</p> <p>Wednesday classes (beginning to intermediate), 7:30-8:30 p.m. 2019—March 13, 20, 27; June 5, 12, 19, 26; July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31; August 7, 14, 21, 28; September 4, 11, 18, 25; October 2,9,16, 24; December 11, 18</p> |
| <p>Greg y Donna (Updated 1/3/14)</p> | <p>Greg y Donna--http://neotango.net/page7.html For more information 330-554-8900 or neotango2000@yahoo.com Several class locations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday at Kan Zaman Restaurant, 1616 West 25th Street, Cleveland, Ohio (Next to Lutheran Hospital in Ohio City) <i>map</i>. Traditional tango class 7-8; nuevo tango class 8-9 p.m.; practice dance 9-11:45 p.m. Prices \$7 - 1 class (including practica); \$10 - 2 classes (including practica); \$5 practica only. • Wednesdays at the Taverne of Richfield, 3960 Broadview Road Richfield, OH 44286. Free beginner lesson, 6:30-7 p.m.; all levels tango class, 7:15-8:30 p.m.; practica, 8:30-10:30 p.m. For class and practica only \$10; practia only \$5. Special prices for tango dancers on the bar/restaurant menu! |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Friday 6:15-11 p.m. at Sweetwater's Café Sausalito, 1301 East 9th Street, Cleveland, OH 44114. For evening--\$10. Beginner tango lesson 6:15-6:45 p.m. \$5; tango lesson 7-8 p.m., milonga 8-11 p.m. <p>**Please check Home page (http://neotango.net/home.html) "Tango In Town" to see if and where Greg and Donna are guest teaching!</p> |
| La Danse Cleveland (Updated 7/26/18) | La Danse Cleveland (Fridays and Saturdays) --23366 Commerce Parkway, Beachwood, OH 44122. Phone 216-292-9777 or info@letsdancecleveland.com ; website http://www.ladansecleveland.com/ . This studio is 6,000 square feet studio—very nice floor! They have general ballroom or swing/hustle dancing on Fridays, 8-11 p.m., \$15 (included is a 7 p.m. Fun Group Class). The last Saturday of the month is a potluck/ballroom dance from 7-10 p.m., \$15 per person without a dish, \$10 per person who brings a dish. Learn a new line dance or two along with the ballroom mix of music. La Danse is conveniently open 7 days a week; call or walk in to schedule your first complimentary lesson. Select the calendar to see all events happening at "Northeast Ohio's Premier Ballroom & Latin Dance Studio" (https://ladansecleveland.com/calendar/)! |
| Professional Ballroom Dance Studio (Updated 3/1/17) | Professional Ballroom Studio (now on Saturdays!) —2433 Whipple Ave NW, Canton, OH 44708 (in Jackson Township); 330-327-1330. Social dance every Saturday, 8-10:30 p.m.; \$10 per person (no cost for currently enrolled students per private lesson package). This is Kim and Rob's new studio! It is a 6300 square foot facility with a floating maple floor and no poles or pillars! Email ProfessionalBallroomStudio@gmail.com or 330.327.1330 for information; website http://professionalballroom.com/ . Normal studio hours—M-F 2-10:30 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday by appointment. |
| Riverfront Ballroom and Latin Dance Center Updated 8/10/18 | Riverfront Ballroom and Latin Dance Center (now Saturdays!) —137 Portage Trail, Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44221; 330-922-3234: http://www.riverfrontballroom.com/ . All are welcome to attend open group class by William Wimer, 8-8:30 p.m. and general dancing 8:30-10:30 p.m. Admission \$10. Multiple selections of various rhythms for all the dance community! |
| Starz Ballroom (Updated 4/11/16) | Starz Ballroom Studio (Fridays Westlake; Thursday Twinsburg) — WESTLAKE LOCATION: 24510 Sperry Drive, Westlake, OH 44145; (440) 871-STAR (7827). TWINSBURG LOCATION, 2700 E. Aurora Rd., Twinsburg, OH 44087; 330-840-7617. Website http://starzballroom.net/ . WESTLAKE: Open dance nights on Fridays except the third Friday; social/potluck dance on the third Saturday from 6-9 p.m. Check the calendar on Cost \$10: Friday group lesson at 8 a.m., social dancing at 8:45 -10:30 p.m. TWINSBURG: Every Thursday night open social dance party, 7:15-10 p.m. For singles \$50 a month of \$15 per group; for couples \$90 a month or \$30 per group. |
| Time to Dance (new 5/4/18) | Time to Dance Studio (Saturdays) —8015 Broadview Rd., Broadview Hts., OH 44147; www.timetodance.us ; 347.259.4453. Studio owners Dmytor Kovalenko, Nina Kovalenko, and Solomia Vons. Social party at 7-10 p.m. every Saturday, \$10. |
| Viva Dance Studio (updated 3/4/17) | Viva Dance Studio --1541 E. 38th St., Cleveland, OH 44114 (at Superior); (216) 361-1338; email hi@vivadancestudio.com ; http://www.vivadancestudio.com/ . You can use parking lot B or C, the second and third lots off of E. 38th St. when joining us at Viva Dance Studio. Thursdays (every) — Sizzling Salsa Thursdays --Latin pre-dance lesson from 8:15-9:00 p.m.; the lesson will vary from different styles of dance each week. |

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| | <p>Dance is 9-11:30 p.m. with Salsa, Cha Cha, Bachata, Merengue and Kizomba. Admission \$10 per person dance and lesson; \$5 per person dance only.</p> <p>Fridays (1st and 3rd)-- Milonga Nueva: A Modern Argentine Tango Milonga. Every 1st and 3rd Friday of each month, join us for our Milonga Nueva: A Modern Argentine Tango Milonga. There will be a pre-dance lesson from 8:15-9:00 p.m. Dancing will follow the lesson from 9:00-12:00 a.m., featuring traditional music sprinkled with and Nuevo and alternative tunes. Admission \$10 and \$5 for the lesson (lesson optional).</p> <p>Saturday (1st)—Skyline Ballroom Dance—a pre-dance lesson from 7-8 p.m. with dancing from 8-11 p.m. featuring your favorite ballroom and Latin dances! Admission \$10 per person.</p> <p>Saturday (2nd and 4th)—Viva Kizomba. Every 4th Saturday of the month, join us for VivaKiz, strictly Kizomba dance! There will be a pre-dance lesson from 9-9:45 p.m. Kizomba dancing will follow the lesson until 12 a.m. Admission \$5 for the pre-dance lesson; \$10 for both Viva Kizomba and Viviendo la Salsa.</p> <p>Saturday (2nd and 4th)—Viviendo la Salsa. Concurrent with Viva Kizomba, there is a free beginners' pre-dance lesson and a \$5 advanced pre-dance lesson at 8:15-9 p.m.; dancing until 12.a.m.; \$10 for both Viva Kizomba and Viviendo la Salsa.</p> <p>Sunday (4th)—Strictly Blues and Swing. Every 4th Friday of the month, join us for our Strictly Blues and Swing night! There will be a free pre-dance lesson from 5-6 p.m. (\$5 per person). Dancing will follow the lesson from 7-10 p.m. (\$10 per person), featuring all of your favorite blues, Lindy, swing and more!</p> | | |
| <p>Western Reserve Argentine Tango Society (Added 6/23/11)</p> | <p>Western Reserve Argentine Tango Society—Brooklyn Heights Community Center, 225 Tuxedo Ave., Brooklyn Heights, OH 44131. Classes weekly on Thursday evenings at the Brooklyn Heights Community Center. A one-hour lesson followed by practice time. No partner required, but preferred. Ages 18 and over. Thursdays, 7-10 p.m. Cost \$5 per person. For information, contact Rick Ramos; somarkcir@hotmail.com; cell phone 440-503-8630.</p> | | |
| <p>WHYM Dance Updated 1/3/14</p> | <p>WhyM Dance + Movement + More (Third Fridays)—32901 Station St., Suite 112, Solon, OH 44139; phone 330-618-0783; email info@danceatwhym.com. Web site http://www.danceatwhym.com/ Dance parties on alternate Fridays, class 7-8 p.m. and dance party at 8-10 p.m. Cost is \$10 for the class and \$10 for the dance party. See calendar for classes and other events http://www.danceatwhym.com/calendar/</p> | | |
| | <p align="center">NON-DANCE STUDIO DANCE SCHEDULES (categorized by day starting from Friday)</p> <p align="center">(Please confirm the event date/time before you go—sometimes they change the date and don't tell me. Can you believe that? Let me know if there are corrections e.g. prices, times for any of these regular events!)</p> | | |
| <p>FRIDAYS</p> | | | |
| <p>Latin Quarters (every Friday) (Added 6/14/12)</p> | <p>Latin Quarters Friday Nights-- 1409 Brookpark Rd., Cleveland, OH 44109 (lower level of Mexican Village Restaurant). Urban Latin DJ supply the music! New urban night presented. Doors open at 10 pm. Cover charge is \$5.</p> | | |
| <p>North Olmsted Party Center Polka Updated 1/4/19</p> | <p>[BALLROOM] North Olmsted Party Center Dance (Fridays), 29271 Lorain Rd., North Olmsted, Oh, 440-777-1600, \$12 per person, 7-10 p.m.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="370 1822 1513 1999"> <tr> <td data-bbox="370 1822 841 1999"> Friday, Jan. 4, Al Batistelli Friday, Jan. 11, Ed Klimczak Friday, Jan. 18, Anthony Culkar Friday, Jan. 25, Wayne Tomsic Friday, Feb 1, Al Batistelli </td> <td data-bbox="841 1822 1513 1999"> Friday, July 5, Al Batistelli Friday, July 12, Ed Klimczak Friday, July 19, Anthony Culkar Friday, July 26, Wayne Tomsic Friday, August 2, Al Batistelli </td> </tr> </table> | Friday, Jan. 4, Al Batistelli Friday, Jan. 11, Ed Klimczak Friday, Jan. 18, Anthony Culkar Friday, Jan. 25, Wayne Tomsic Friday, Feb 1, Al Batistelli | Friday, July 5, Al Batistelli Friday, July 12, Ed Klimczak Friday, July 19, Anthony Culkar Friday, July 26, Wayne Tomsic Friday, August 2, Al Batistelli |
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| <p>Bainbridge Swing Dance—1st Fridays (Updated 1/28/19)</p> | <p>[SWING] Bainbridge Swing Dance (1st Fridays)--Bainbridge Town Hall, 17826 Chillicothe Road, Chagrin Falls, OH. 44023 (it is Route 306). Lesson 8-9 and dance 9-11:30 p.m. Live music with band. Contact Will Craig at (216) 316-0068 or email willrcraig@gmail.com for details. Usually held on the first Friday of each month. Admission (increased since September)--\$10 students; \$15 adults; \$35 families; free for 8 years and younger; includes swing (jitterbug) dance and lesson. ALL ages welcome. NO partners required for lesson or dance. There is fruit, snacks, beverages, and vintage-style candies of all sorts provided (for a small price). Nova says the floor is big and that the event is family friendly! Sponsored by Kenston Community Education https://www.facebook.com/BainbridgeSwingDance</p> | |
| <p>Get Hep Swing Ltd.—2nd Friday (Updated 4/27/12)</p> | <p>[SWING] Get Hep Swing at Lakewood Masonic Temple--15300 Detroit Road, Lakewood, OH 44107; parking available in the back ad on the street—enter through the front double doors. Cost is \$12/person, \$10/students/seniors with valid ID; if this is your first time to a Get Hep Swing dance--\$5. Discounts can be offered if bringing 10 or more people. Time is 8 p.m. 12 midnight; jitterbug lesson from 8-9 p.m. Live band. Second Friday of the month at Lakewood Masonic—this is the longest running swing dance in the Cleveland area. Over 150 people of all ages and abilities attend this dance. Events feature Jitterbug, Lindy Hop, Balboa, Charleston and other dances to live band music! For more info please call or email Valerie at 216-374-1927 or email info@gethepswing.com To check out locations: http://www.gethepswing.com/location.html For the calendar: http://www.gethepswing.com/events.html</p> | |
| <p>Akron Dance Party (usually 2nd Friday and 3rd or 4th Sunday a month) Updated 3/30/19</p> | <p>Akron Dance Party—Fraternal Order of Eagles, 6979 Sunset Strip Ave. NW, North Canton, OH 44720; https://www.akrondanceparty.com/ or or https://www.facebook.com/AkronDanceParty. The Akron Dance Party is the largest and longest running singles dance in the Akron/Canton area—they feature live bands, DJs, drinks, and lot of dancing. Admission \$8. Dances are 8 p.m.-12 midnight usually the second Friday, and 7:30-11:30 p.m. usually the third or fourth Sunday. All singles over 21 are welcome. Free parking. No membership</p> | |

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| | fees. They play a wide variety of music at the dance—everything from rock to R&B and modern dance hits. Dress is casual. |
| Quirk Cultural Center—4th Friday (Updated 6/22/18) | Fourth Friday of the month [BALLROOM] Quirk Cultural Center Ballroom Nights --1201 Grant Ave. Cuyahoga Falls OH,44223; 330-971-8425. Hosted by Ed and Jennifer Balaj. The crowd is fun and the dance floor is great. It starts at 7:30 with a lesson from 7:30-8:00. The dancing starts at 8:00 with continuous dancing until 10:30. There is a "light snack" around 8:30. The cost is \$10.00 per person (less than the cost of a movie and a whole lot more fun!). This is not a dress-up affair. Anything goes except jeans. Check the website for the schedule http://www.cityofcf.com/activity/ballroom-nights |
| 5th Friday Milonga | 5th Friday Milonga with KB and Carmen --All About Dancin' studio, 2115 Freeman Ave., Cleveland, OH 44113; www.KBandCarmenTango.com ; \$10 per person; lesson 7:30 p.m. (check particular date to see if lesson offered) and dancing 8-11:30 p.m. BYOB; please bring an appetizer or snack to share. For more info: Email - kbandcarmengtango@roadrunner.com or call 216.749.3878. |
| Avon Oaks Ballroom--Fridays | Avon Oaks Ballroom -- 1401 North State Street, Girard, Ohio 44420 (Just Minutes Away From Route 11); 330-545-1951; https://www.facebook.com/Avon-Oaks-Ballroom-190807990969658/ or http://www.avonoaks-ballroom.com/ . Dance times: Friday DJ dance night—7:30-11 p.m.; \$7 cover charge (dance lessons \$5, 6:45-7:30 p.m. with A Time to Dance--call 330-883-1644 for dance lesson information). |
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| Belinda's Nightclub | Belinda's Night Club (Saturdays) —9613 Madison Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44102; 216-651-1968; http://titopiano.com/belindas_night_club . Great live bands featuring mainly Latin music and a big dance floor. Admission \$3 for ladies and \$5 for gentlemen. Some finger foods (pastelitos, empanadas, and pinchos) served. |
| Cleveland Dance Party—1st Saturday and 3rd Saturday and 2nd Sunday (New 2/24/17) | Cleveland Dance Party (1st Saturday) —TWO LOCATIONS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St. John Byzantine Catholic Church, 1900 Carlton Rd., Parma, OH 44134 (corner of Broadview Rd. and Snow Rd.). • Lakewood Elk's Lodge #1350, 24350 Center Ridge Rd., Westlake OH 44145 (next to Mitchell's Tavern) For dancers 21 and over; \$9 per person (more if live band entertaining); free dance lesson 7:30-8 p.m., dance 8-11:30 p.m.; DJ Don Ferrone (from the Holiday Inn, Independence) spins the tunes; all varieties of music (new and old). Dress to impress! MEETUP table for Meetup people; jump-start tables for first timers. 5 door prize drawings. Very large dance floor. Cash bar, food for purchase, table snacks. For more information, call Jackie 440.546.7531. To join the dance as a member (no fee): go to https://www.meetup.com/Cleveland-Dance-Party/ and then click JOIN US. 6/15/19 Saturday: Elk's Lodge—Dance party |
| Cleveland Akron Swing & Hustle Club—2nd Saturdays (Updated 9/30/16) | [WEST COAST SWING] Cleveland Akron Swing & Hustle Club —La Danse Cleveland, 23366 Commerce Park, Beachwood, OH 44122. Basic dance lesson from 7-8:30 p.m. (free to club members). Dance starts at 8:30-11:30 p.m. Dance: members \$8 and nonmembers \$12. http://www.cashdanceclub.org/ |
| Lake Metroparks--Painesville Township Park Community | Saturdays Ballroom dancing at the Painesville Township Park Community Center 1025 Hardy Rd., Painesville, OH 44077; (440) 354-3885 |

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| <p>Center--2nd Saturday</p> | <p>Lake Metroparks presents ballroom dancing at 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. or country dancing 7:30-11:30 p.m. (doors open at 7 p.m.) on second Saturday nights at the Painesville Township Park Community Center. Enjoy the nostalgia of dancing to the songs of yesteryear with great entertainment at one of Ohio's finest dance halls! Click here for schedule. In case of inclement weather, please call (440) 354-3885 after 3:00 pm on event day for possible dance cancellations. If there is no message indicating the dance has been cancelled, then the dance will go on as scheduled for that evening. By the way, they have country dancing generally on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month here, too (keep an eye on the calendar—it is the 1st and 3rd Friday for September only and only the 2nd Friday in December)!</p> <p>Concessions stand open 7:00 to 10:15 pm. \$6 per person at the door (unless otherwise marked). Adults 18 and older.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <p>American Dance Exchange East Side Salsa Social--2nd Saturday (New 6/23/10)</p> | <p>East Side Salsa Social--2nd Saturday of the month American Dance Exchange, 767 Alpha Drive, Highland Hts., OH 44143 (off 271 Wilson Mills exit). The 2nd Saturday of each month from 7:00 PM-10:00 PM. Lessons from 7:00 PM-8:00 PM and open dancing after the lesson. Lesson and party is \$10; party only is \$8. Further information can be found on the web at ESSO.CO.NR http://esso.co.nr/ or call Tony at 216-849-4611 or Kim at 440-227-2781.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <p>USA Dance Sandusky Chapter (3rd Saturday) Updated 12/23/14</p> | <p>[BALLROOM] USA Dance Sandusky Chapter at Milan Ballroom Dance—3rd Saturday--Milan Township Hall, 24 Park Street, Milan, OH 44846; Grand Upper Ballroom (circa 1889), southeast corner of square in downtown Milan. Price \$10 per person; \$5 USA Dance member (or make sure you read the flyer for admission; sometimes they ask for donations instead). Arrive about 6:30 p.m. and join the potluck even if you don't have anything to bring. The dance lesson starts at 7 p.m. and the dance ends at 10 p.m. Contact is Duane Mills at 419-929-1114. The public is welcome to attend a complimentary dance lesson and potluck followed by general ballroom dancing on the spacious hardwood dance floor of this historic 1920's dance hall. Sandusky Chapter 2094 of USA Dance will provide an instructor, DJ and refreshments. Find on www.USADanceSandusky.org</p> <p>Dance dates for 2019:</p> <table data-bbox="381 1396 1161 1608"> <tr> <td>January 19</td> <td>July 20</td> </tr> <tr> <td>February 16</td> <td>August 17</td> </tr> <tr> <td>March 16</td> <td>September 21</td> </tr> <tr> <td>April 13</td> <td>October 19</td> </tr> <tr> <td>May 11</td> <td>November 16</td> </tr> <tr> <td>June 8</td> <td>December 7</td> </tr> </table> | January 19 | July 20 | February 16 | August 17 | March 16 | September 21 | April 13 | October 19 | May 11 | November 16 | June 8 | December 7 |
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| <p>Get Hep Swing--last Saturday (Updated 1/21/19)</p> | <p>[SWING] Get Hep Swing (last Saturday)— Lithuanian American Citizens Club, 877 E. 185th St., Cleveland, OH 44119. COST: \$12/person, \$10/student and seniors. TIME: 8 p.m.-12 a.m.; Live band & DJ music. Get Hep Swing Jitterbug lesson from 8-9 p.m. Events feature Jitterbug, Lindy Hop, Balboa, Charleston and other dances to live band music! For more information, see http://www.gethepswing.com/, email at info@gethepswing.com or call Valerie at 216-374-1927.</p> <p>To check out locations: http://www.gethepswing.com/location.html For the calendar: http://www.gethepswing.com/events.html</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| SUNDAYS | |
| Ohio Chapter USA Dance 1st Sunday Dances in Rocky River (Updated 12/29/17) | <p>[BALLROOM] USA Dance Ohio Chapter 1st Sunday Dance--Don Umerley Civic Center 21016 Hilliard Blvd, Rocky River, OH 44116. Admission for USA Dance Ohio-2024 Chapter members is FREE; other USA Dance chapter members \$5; non-members, \$10. For those of you who haven't joined yet you can pay \$10 per month (\$120 per year) or become a member at the dance on Sunday and save. Social dancers can join for as little as \$35 per year. Free refreshments. Lesson 6-7 p.m.; dance 7-10 p.m. For more information, contact DJ Amy Lee at alee789@gmail.com or 330-701-1209;. Schedule posted on http://ohiodance.webs.com. Ohio USA Dance site: http://usadanceohio.org/ Future dates for Kent dances: Spring Fling 3/24/19, Summer Serenade 7/28/19, Harvest Ball 10/27/19.</p> <p>2019 themes and instructor schedule</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • January 6 (Embrace the snow—wear white!)—Lisa Vegas, Viennese waltz • February 3 (Valentine's Day—wear red)—Angel Criado, cha cha • March 3 (Spring/St. Patrick's Day—wearin' o' the green)—Jessica Todero, rumba • April 7 (spring showers/Easter—spring bling)—Parker Amsel, bachata • May 5 (Cinco de Mayo and Mother's Day—fiesta time and flowers! Roses for the ladies!)--Jonathan Green, waltz • June 2 (Father's Day—wear a tie, bowtie, or hat)—TBA • July 7 (Nation's birthday—wear red/white/blue)—Toshko Kondov--foxtrot • August 4 (tropical weather—vacation wear)—TBA • August 25 (autumn school days—wear autumn colors) —TBA • October 6 (pre-Halloween—be your favorite character)—Rachel Grumblatt--rumba • November 3 (be thankful for favorites—wear your favorite color)—TBA • December 1 (member appreciation—wear holiday colors)—no instructor |
| Baila Duro (generally 1st or 2nd Sundays) (Updated 12/19/17) | <p>[SALSA] Baila Duro (Cleveland's monthly salsa social)--Philippine American Hall, 1975 West Ridgewood Dr., Parma, OH 44134. Dance 6-9:30 p.m.; lesson 5-6 p.m. with Baila Duro staff. Cover: \$10 (lesson included). Music by: DJ Israel Diaz & Frankie Flores. Dress: Casual. www.bailaduro.com This is great fun if you like to salsa (a lot of it)! Baila Duro salsa social is a dance activity organized by dancers for dancers. It's a place to dance, dance, and dance...and also to network and mingle with fellow dancers and friends. Salsa will be played 90% with the other 10% of Cha Cha and Bachata. Baila Duro is now on Facebook! https://www.facebook.com/bailaduro</p> <p>2019 dates: ? Looks like they may be changing venues...</p> <p>Testimony from Norm—"The dance put on by Baila Duro in Parma was fantastic. At least 150, likely more, were there dancing! People came from Pittsburgh and Columbus. Several Salsa Dance Instructors were there just to get out and dance! This is the best Salsa Event in NE.Ohio. Make sure you bring several shirt changes though, you are guaranteed to sweat through at least 2 of them."</p> |
| USA Dance North Coast Chapter 2nd Sunday Dance | <p>[BALLROOM] USA Dance North Coast Chapter 2nd Sunday Monthly Dance--Painesville Township Park Community Center 1025 Hardy Rd., Painesville, OH 44077. For information, call Warren Parks at 440-257-3649 or Larry Dallies at 440-951-6531; http://www.ballroomdancingohio.org/ . Cost \$7 for members of</p> |

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| <p>(Updated 12/29/17)</p> | <p>USA Dance Club; \$10 non-members; \$3 students. Beautiful big wooden dance floor! Dance 6:00-9:00 pm. The building has a beautiful dance floor, is connected with the Metro Parks in Lake county and right on the shores of Lake Erie. If you would like to make music requests for the monthly dances ahead of time, email DJ Warren at whparks@att.net. Any volunteers for dance exhibitions are welcome. Directions from West: Take Route 2 to Fairport-Nursery Rd. Exit and turn left on Fairport Nursery Rd. Continue straight after on stop sign. Turn right on Hardy Rd. and go to the end; turn left into Painesville Township Park. Weather advisory phone number: if the weather is bad, call 216-288-6622 after 3 p.m. to see if the dance is still being held. Call Warren Parks 440-257-3649 to be added to the news email list.</p> <p><u>2019 Second Sunday Dance Schedule</u> January 13—New Year’s Celebration Potluck Night February 10—Sweetheart Dance/Chocolate Specials March 10—Polka Dot Dance/Casserole Night April 14—Chile Cook-Off Dance—mild and spicy May 12—Cinco de Mayo Party—Mexican potluck June 9—Summer Serenade Dance/Cooke night July 14—Big Bang Pie night extravaganza August 11—Hawaiian Luau Summer Special Dance September 8—yearly dinner dance and show, reservations required October 13—Halloween Party with cider and donuts November 10—Moonlight dance/hors d’oeuvres special December 8—Christmas party, potluck surprise</p> |
| <p>Quirk Cultural Center Open Ballroom Dance—usually 2nd Sunday (New 2/27/15)</p> | <p>Quirk Cultural Center Sunday Open Dance--1201 Grant Avenue, Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44223; 330-971-8425. Looking for a chance to socialize with friends, meet new friends, and enjoy great music while trying out your dance moves? Then come to our Sunday Funday Ballroom Dance! We’ll start each evening with a dance lesson from 5-5:30 pm. then from 5:30-8 pm enjoy dancing to great music for Latin, Swing, Ballroom, Tango and more! You may bring your own snacks or beverages. Check the website for each month’s schedule https://cfo.cityofcf.com/web/calendar/</p> |
| <p>Youngstown-Warren USA Dance schedule (3rd Sunday dances—except December)</p> | <p>[BALLROOM] USA Dance Youngstown-Warren Chapter 2015-- Saints Peter & Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Center, 1025 North Belle Vista Avenue, Youngstown, Ohio 44509; http://www.usadance2015.com/ and https://www.facebook.com/USA-Dance-Chapter-2015-Youngstown-Warren-OH-581791768511327 5:00 pm—beginner basics dance lesson; 5:30 pm professional lesson; 6:15 - 9:00 pm --general dancing. Cost of dance and lesson--\$5.00 for USA Dance members; \$10.00 for non-members and guests; \$2.50 for students. Dance The night away To ballroom, Latin, swing & hustle to music by DJ Stephen Barba. USA Dances are open to the public. Dance dates for 2019: 1/20/19— CANCELED 2/17/19—hustle lesson—Dave Czifra 3/17/19— Samba & Shenanigans Dance Party, lesson by Jessica Ruff, "A Time to Dance" 5/19/19— West Coast Swing Lesson by Sue Shardy, Happy Feet Productions 7/21/19—Red White & Blue Dance, waltz lesson by Drew Asher, "A Time To Dance" 8/18/19—Hot Fun in the Summer Time picnic and dance, East Coast Swing Lesson by Jennifer Alexander, "Ballroom with Jen" 9/15/19—Tango Lesson by Lynda McPhail, "A Time To Dance" 10/20/19— National Ballroom Celebration Show, Eastwood Mall, Niles OH, 5-9</p> |

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| | <p>p.m. (free) 11/17/19??—(need to verify—not yet on web calendar) 12/8/19?? (need to verify—not yet on web calendar)—Snowflake Ball, Avon Oaks Ballroom, 4-9 p.m.</p> |
| <p>Northeast Ohio Swing Dance (3rd Sunday) (Updated 3/15/19)</p> | <p>[HUSTLE & SWING] Northeast Ohio Swing Dance Stage Pass Tavern Dance with Frederick and Bonnie (Sunday, 3rd)— Stage Pass Tavern, 30525 Euclid Avenue, Wickliffe, Ohio 44092. This is Frederick and Bonnie's new location! As always, the event is free, the music is non-stop from 6-10 p.m. (with a lesson at 5-6 p.m.), the dance floor is great, and the Coach House has available wonderful food and drinks. New website http://www.neoswingdance.com/ ! Coach is no longer open on Sundays! This new location has a slightly <u>smaller seating capacity</u>, but a <u>much larger dance floor</u>. <u>Drinks</u> and a <u>lite dinner menu is served all evening</u>. The owner is very much looking forward to accommodating our dances, there is <u>NO COVER CHARGE</u>, and a <u>large parking area is in back of the facility</u>. Upcoming dates: March 24 (Dance); April 28 (Dance); May 19 (Rainbow Babies Cancer Research Fundraiser).</p> |
| <p>Choice's Night Club (generally 2nd & 4th Sunday) (Updated 1/13/11)</p> | <p>DJ Dancin J John Prestas--Choice's Nightclub in The Holiday Inn Metroplex, 1620 Motor Inn Drive, Girard, Ohio 44420; Tollfree 1-888-447-0606 or 330-759-0606 or metroplexconferencecenter@yahoo.com. John Presta spinning your favorite tunes. Generally, the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month.</p> |
| <p>Akron Dance Party (usually 2nd Friday and 3rd or 4th Sunday a month) (Updated 3/30/19)</p> | <p>Akron Dance Party—Fraternal Order of Eagles, 6979 Sunset Strip Ave. NW, North Canton, OH 44720; https://www.akrondanceparty.com/ or or https://www.facebook.com/AkronDanceParty. The Akron Dance Party is the largest and longest running singles dance in the Akron/Canton area—they feature live bands, DJs, drinks, and lot of dancing. Admission \$8. Dances are on Friday (usually the 2nd Friday of the month) at 8 p.m.-12 midnight, and Sunday (3rd or 4th) at 7:30-11:30 p.m. All singles over 21 are welcome. Free parking. No membership fees. They play a wide variety of music at the dance—everything from rock to R&B and modern dance hits. Dress is casual. Upcoming 2019 dates: April 12, April 28, May 10, May 26.</p> |
| MONDAYS | |
| <p>Cleveland Area Shag Club (Mondays) Added 1/21/19</p> | <p>[SHAG] Cleveland Area Shag Club (Mondays)—Slyman's Tavern Party Room, 6901 Rockside Rd., Independence, OH 44131 (at the Rockside Corners Shopping Center just west of Route 21). Admission \$10; 7 p.m. music starts; 7:15 p.m. beginner lesson, 7:45 p.m. intermediate lesson, 8:30-11 p.m. open dancing. Jimmy Flynn hosts (contact information jamesrflynn@hotmail.com; website www.JimmyFlynn.net)!</p> |
| <p>Youngstown USA Dance Ballroom Boogie on first Mondays (Updated 1/7/14)</p> | <p>Mad Hot Monday FREE Ballroom Boogie—Kuzman's Lounge, 1025 S. State St., Girard, OH 44420, 330-545-8521 or 330-545-8895, Dance 6-9 p.m. Featuring ballroom, Latin, swing & hustle. First Mondays of the month. USA Dance partners with the hottest night club in town, to promote the hottest sport around... ballroom dancing. Dance is FREE and OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.</p> |
| <p>Senior Dance—every 3rd Monday Updated 1/4/19</p> | <p>Amherst Manor Retirement Community (Monday)—VFW Hall, 165 Cleveland Avenue, Amherst, OH 44001; every third Monday, 2-4 p.m. Music provided by John Kowalski—ballroom, big band, Latin, swing, foxtrot, polka, line dancing waltz, romantic ballads. Admission--\$1 donation for the VFW. Free refreshments, courtesy of Amherst Manor. For more information, call Medina Gonzalez, Assisted and Independent Living Manager at 440-988-4415. Dates for 2019: Jan 21, Feb 18, Mar 18, Apr 15, May 20, Jun 17, Jul 15, Aug 19, Sep 16, Oct 21, Nov 18.</p> |

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| Tuesdays—1st and 3rd Updated 1/4/19 | <p>[BALLROOM] Middleburg Heights Recreation Center Dance (Tuesdays)-- 16000 Bagley Rd, Middleburg Heights, OH, 440-234-2255, \$5 (members)/\$7 per person, 1-3 p.m.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="370 264 1516 730"> <tr> <td data-bbox="370 264 943 730"> Tuesday, Jan. 1, No dance Tuesday, Jan. 15, Wayne Tomsic Tuesday, Feb 5, Al Battistelli Tuesday, Feb. 19, Wayne Tomsic Tuesday, March 5, Al Battistelli Tuesday, March 19, Wayne Tomsic Tuesday, April 2, Al Battistelli Tuesday, April 16, Wayne Tomsic Tuesday, May 7, Al Battistelli Tuesday, May 21, Wayne Tomsic Tuesday, June 4, Al Battistelli Tuesday, June 18, Wayne Tomsic </td> <td data-bbox="943 264 1516 730"> Tuesday, July 2, Al Battistelli Tuesday, July 16, Wayne Tomsic Tuesday, August 6, Al Battistelli Tuesday, August 20, Wayne Tomsic Tuesday, September 3, Al Battistelli Tuesday, September 17, Wayne Tomsic Tuesday, October 1, Al Battistelli Tuesday, October 15, Wayne Tomsic Tuesday, November 5, Al Battistelli Tuesday, November 19, Wayne Tomsic Tuesday, December 3, Al Battistelli Tuesday, December 17, Wayne Tomsic </td> </tr> </table> | Tuesday, Jan. 1, No dance Tuesday, Jan. 15, Wayne Tomsic Tuesday, Feb 5, Al Battistelli Tuesday, Feb. 19, Wayne Tomsic Tuesday, March 5, Al Battistelli Tuesday, March 19, Wayne Tomsic Tuesday, April 2, Al Battistelli Tuesday, April 16, Wayne Tomsic Tuesday, May 7, Al Battistelli Tuesday, May 21, Wayne Tomsic Tuesday, June 4, Al Battistelli Tuesday, June 18, Wayne Tomsic | Tuesday, July 2, Al Battistelli Tuesday, July 16, Wayne Tomsic Tuesday, August 6, Al Battistelli Tuesday, August 20, Wayne Tomsic Tuesday, September 3, Al Battistelli Tuesday, September 17, Wayne Tomsic Tuesday, October 1, Al Battistelli Tuesday, October 15, Wayne Tomsic Tuesday, November 5, Al Battistelli Tuesday, November 19, Wayne Tomsic Tuesday, December 3, Al Battistelli Tuesday, December 17, Wayne Tomsic |
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| YDance (Updated 4/4/12) | <p>Y-Dance (The Youngstown West Coast Swing & Hustle Group)--Every Tuesday Night. Beginners lesson 6:45 pm; intermediate 7:20 pm. General Dancing 8 -10 pm. Ukrainian Orthodox Pavilion, 1025 N. Belle Vista Avenue, Youngstown, Ohio. Admission to the dance and lessons is \$6.00 for Y-dance members and \$10.00 for non-members. Anyone under 25, the cost is \$4.00 for members and \$5.00 for non-members. Your first visit is free. You DO NOT need a partner. Memberships are \$20.00 per year and run November 1st through October 31st. Y-Dance is a Youngstown non-profit dance club. Join us weekly to learn West Coast Swing and Hustle dances. Your Tuesday nights will be filled with fun, new friends and hot dance moves. If you don't have a partner, no problem. We rotate partners in class which gets everybody up and dancing. Our talented instructors come from Cleveland, Ohio, Conneaut, Ohio, and Washington, PA. They have all received many awards for their accomplishments and brilliant dancing. With our great sound system, we will be playing dance music for your enjoyment. Come join us! Check http://www.y-dance.org/ for the lesson schedule.</p> | | |
| WEDNESDAYS | | | |
| Every Wednesday (added 2/26/16) | <p>Timmy Tango Argentine Tango (Wednesdays)--8778 Gatewood Drive, North Ridgeville, Ohio 44039. Argentine tango for people who know nothing and want to learn. Every Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. there will be a group lesson on the Argentine tango; there will be guided practice time afterwards all for just \$5. For more details, contact Timmy Tango at 440-227-4070 or on Face book, Timmy Tango or Tango Cleveland. BYOB and a friend.</p> | | |
| Vosh Club—1st and 4th Wednesdays; also 4th Saturdays (added 1/3/15) | <p>Vosh Club Argentine Tango--1414 Riverside Dr., Lakewood, Ohio 44107; 216-767-5202; voshlkwd@gmail.com; http://voshclub.com/ Tango Cleveland (Timmy Tango) is hosting Argentine tango every 1st and 4th Wednesday evening from 7-10:30 p.m.; also every 4th Saturday 6-9 p.m. with LIVE salsa dance music afterward until closing; a \$5 cover is required to stay and salsa. All tango events have no entrance fee, but you can tip the DJ. There is plenty of free, safe parking. Georgetown Restaurant is part of Vosh with excellent food at reasonable prices. Travis Wedwick from Buffalo will be our special DJ Saturday night in March.</p> | | |

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| Kan Zaman Swing Dance (added 8/30/13) | Kan Zaman Swing Dance-- 1616 W 25th St., Cleveland, OH 44113; regular Wednesday night dance from 9 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. at Kan Zaman restaurant, with a practica-style lesson at 8 p.m. The style of music spans most styles of swing including lindy hop, balboa, jitterbug, west coast swing, and blues. For more information, contact Emil Chuck. Reminders are made through Facebook only, and the admission is \$5 plus a bar or kitchen order. The money raised supports the annual Cleveland Lindy Exchange (September 20-22, 2013). Emil chuck also runs an occasional house party dance on the fifth Friday of the month. Contact Chuck for more information: \$10 for the night of dancing, which goes from 8 p.m. to at least 3 a.m. |
| Practica dancing at the Regency— (Updated 10/21/13) | SUMMER SESSION PRACTICA every Wednesday--BALLROOM DANCE PRACTICE SESSION every Wednesday: 6:30-7:30 pm hosted by Sandy Muirhead-Gould, \$6 per person. This practice session with instruction and feedback offers dancers the opportunity to practice in an informal, supportive environment. ALL LEVELS of dancers (both singles and couples) are welcome. If you wish, videotaping can be arranged. Each month we will focus on one dance: foxtrot, cha-cha, salsa, waltz, rumba, bolero, American tango, and East Coast swing. Come and enjoy personalized instruction on a wooden dance floor at The Regency on Whipple in Canton, Ohio. For more info contact Sandy at 330-833-0408 or sandybird3@gmail.com . |
| Taverne of Richfield Argentine Tango (added 8/7/13) | Tango at the Taverne of Richfield (every Wednesday)-- The Taverne of Richfield, 3960 Broadview Rd, Richfield, OH 44286, 330-554-8462, neotango2000@yahoo.com, http://neotango.net/page5.html ; 6:30-7:00 pm; free lesson for beginners, 7:00-8:00 pm Tango Class (all levels), 8:00-11:00 pm Practica (dance), \$10 for class and dance or \$5 for dance only, special prices for tango dancers on the bar/restaurant menu. Instructors are Greg & Donna. |
| Kuzman's Jitterbug (Added 10/21/10) | Kuzman's Jitterbug— 1025 S. State Street, Girard, Ohio. Phone (330) 545-8521 or (330) 545-8995. Jitterbug with DJ Carl Severino; 7:00p-11:00p on Wednesday nights. |
| Ohio's Northcoast Jitterbug Connection | [Swing] Ohio's Northcoast Jitterbug Connection (Wednesdays)-- Quirk Cultural Center, 1201 Grant Ave., Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44223. Fee \$8. We have the largest wooden dance floor around! Each evening begins at 7:00 with dance lessons. Both beginner and advanced lessons are offered. From 7:30 to 10:00 we dance to the music of our Club DJ's. We play mostly East Coast R & B and oldie remakes. People keep coming back because they love the variety of music and its danceable beat. The very fiber of our club relies on volunteerism. E-mail us oncjcdance@yahoo.com If the weather looks threatening, please call the Quirk 330-971-8425 before you venture out to make sure they will be open. If they are open, we'll be there to greet you! Website http://www.oncjc.org/ . |
| THURSDAYS | |
| Mitzi & Ed's Dance Party (every Thursday) (added 4/16/17) | Mitzi & Ed's Dance Party (Thursdays)-- Springvale Ballroom, 5817 Canterbury Rd., North Olmsted, OH 44070; dance class 7-8 p.m., 8-10 p.m. DJ dance party (no separate charge for class, and separate charge for party as is customary at other area dance studios); \$8 per person. 2019 January—cha cha February--waltz March--swing April--tango May—rumba/salsa June—foxtrot July—cha cha August—waltz September—swing October—tango November-- rumba/salsa December—foxtrot |

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| | Contact information for Mitzi & Ed Waring Dance Co.: 440.779.4675 or 1.800.448.6926; fax 440.777.3515; email waringco@aol.com . | | |
| Quirk Cultural Center (usually 1st Thursdays) (added 2/27/15) | Ballroom dance class-- Quirk Cultural Center, 1201 Grant Avenue, Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44223; 330-971-8425. The Cuyahoga Falls Parks and Recreation Department is offering the following ballroom dance lessons 6:30-8:45 p.m. All classes are taught in a progressive format, each series covering one dance for four weeks. To see what dances are being taught that session go to www.dancerinyou.com . Singles and couples are welcome, ages teen-adult. Fee is \$10 per person/per class (\$18 for two classes in the same night) or \$18 per couple per class. Pay at the door. Check the website for each month's schedule https://cfo.cityofcf.com/web/calendar/ (thanks, Steve, for correcting this link!) | | |
| Strongsville Senior Center (2nd and 4th Thursdays) (Updated 1/4/19) | Strongsville Recreation Center (Ehrnfelt Senior Center) (Thursdays)-- 18100 Royalton Rd., Strongsville, Oh, 440-580-3275 , \$5 member or resident and \$7 non-member or non-resident, 1:15-3:15 p.m. | | |
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WEBSITES, BANDS, VENUES, AND OTHER INFORMATION

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| WEBSITES | |
| Websites for other weekend entertainment | Cleveland area: http://www.cleveland.com/clubs/ http://afterthegig.com/index.html (Thanks, Johnny, for this resource!) http://afterthegig.com/venues.html --where local bands are playing |
| Websites on ballroom dancing | Ballroomdancers.com: http://www.ballroomdancers.com/ Learn dance steps and link to a lot of great resources (shoe vendors, etc.) DanceVision: http://www.dancevision.com/ . Find great instructional videos, music and links to other resources. Ballroom Inspired: The Inside Edge: http://www.ballroominspired.com/ This is a blog for students of ballroom dance from the perspective of a student, Naomi Mitchell. |
| Websites for Argentine tango | Where to Tango in Cleveland-- http://www.neotango.net/page5.html Good sites <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • www.todotango.com |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • http://totango.net/ttindex.html • Online Tango Community Network http://tangoconnections.org/ • Tango Music Website http://www.tangoconnections.net/ <p>Northeast Ohio instructors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anita Converse--www.dancerinyou.com • Greg y Donna-- http://neotango.net/home.html • Guillermo & Sherrie--http://www.tangorush.com/ • KB & Carmen--www.kbandcarmentango.com/ • Timmy Tango--www.tangocleveland.com <p>Additional information on tango</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Tango: Jeanette Potts--www.doctortango.net/ <p>Tango discussion group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • http://tangoconnections.org/ (thanks, Greg and Donna, for updating this!) | | | | | | | | | | |
| <p>Websites for salsa</p> | <p>Tropical Cleveland—http://www.tropicalcleveland.com/ They list northeast Ohio venues and events for salsa and other types of Latin dancing!</p> <p>Salsa Passion (added 11/23/10)--http://www.salsapassion.org/ This site is for Cleveland area salsa dancers—check out the videos and locations for salsa dancing!</p> | | | | | | | | | | |
| <p>Websites for swing</p> | <p>Cleveland Swings (added 1/28/11)-- http://www.clevelandswings.org/joomla/ This site lists swing events and opportunities. Thanks Nova, for sending this link!</p> | | | | | | | | | | |
| <p>Websites for good dancin' bands</p> | <p>Send me your ratings to the bands that YOU see!</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="370 932 1500 1125"> <tr> <td>★★★★</td> <td>Great band—we want dance to almost anything they play!</td> </tr> <tr> <td>★★★</td> <td>Very good, we like dancing to them, but not everything</td> </tr> <tr> <td>★★</td> <td>OK music, but not the best for dancing</td> </tr> <tr> <td>★</td> <td>Music not that great, and we sit most of the time</td> </tr> <tr> <td>No stars</td> <td>Don't go!</td> </tr> </table> <p><i>Amy's ratings</i>—high ratings are based on bands that play a variety of good dance tunes (if they play Latin or ballroom, that is a real plus!), good dance tempos and reasonable song times (I don't like 6 minute songs or medleys that include lots of songs with the same tempo!)</p> <p>Fabulous Voices http://www.facebook.com/FabulousVoices or http://sites.google.com/site/wwwfabvoices A variety of dance music, including R&R, R&B, Latin, Blues, and Jazz. We dance West Coast swing, East Coast swing, Latin, hustle. I've known these guys since about 2003—they are my favorite Akron area band! We usually see them at the GetAway Pub Akron. Amy rating: ★★★★★</p> <p>Cruisin'-- http://www.thebandcruisin.com/. We think this band is great! We listen to them a lot at Savannah's (they play there on many Sundays and Wednesdays) and Carrie Cerino's. Ron Howard has a great voice. Nearly everything they play is danceable—we have been able to West coast swing, East coast swing, hustle, cha cha, rumba, night club two-step! Amy rating: ★★★★★</p> <p>Tony Koussa Jr. & Element Band http://www.tonykoussa.com/ They specialize in many styles of music such as Rhythm & Blues, Jazz, Rock, Blues, Funk, and Fusion. Nearly everything they play is danceable—West/East Coast Swing, night</p> | ★★★★ | Great band—we want dance to almost anything they play! | ★★★ | Very good, we like dancing to them, but not everything | ★★ | OK music, but not the best for dancing | ★ | Music not that great, and we sit most of the time | No stars | Don't go! |
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club two-step, and occasionally hustle, rumba, and cha cha! Tony plays saxophone and guitar and has a smooth bluesy voice.

Amy rating: ★★★★★

The Chozen Few Band <http://thechozenfewband.com/> This is a huge band—ten members. They have three vocalists, sax, conga drums, guitars, etc. They play hustle, Cha Cha, night club two-step and swing. This is a fun band with high energy!

Amy rating: ★★★★★

Juke Hounds <http://www.thejukehounds.com> We heard this band at a private event and loved their sound! The vocals and instrumentals are great and perfect for west coast swing. Gerard, Bob, Mark and Jimmy are also the nicest of guys. We'll have to meet the rest of the band at another gig! As blues goes, sometimes the songs are a little long, but they are ultra cool!

Amy rating: ★★★★★

Evil Ways Band <https://www.facebook.com/The-Evilways-Banda-tribute-to-the-music-of-Carlos-Santana-111795738845078/> or <http://www.evilwaysband.com/> This Santana tribute band played at Stringz & Wingz in Streetsboro—and they were great! A lot of cha cha, rumba and even merengue. OK, we also got in a hustle and east coast swing. There was a fabulous floor (and the food was good, too)!

Amy rating: ★★★★★

Sammy DeLeon <https://www.facebook.com/sammydeleonorquestra> Latin jazz at its finest! If you like Latin jazz, you will enjoy listening or dancing. The pieces tend to be a bit long, but you can also listen first and then get up in the middle of the song to dance! They do a lot of salsa, but they also play cha cha, rumba, and merengue.

Amy rating: ★★★★★

Nitebridge <http://nitebridgeband.com/> They bill themselves as Motown, but they play great top pop hits as well. Ed and I saw them at the Music Box Supper Club (not much dance room) and thought they were great! They have different combinations of the band—we saw the 11 person band with four vocalists (all terrific) and sax and trumpet!

Amy rating: ★★★★★

The Benjaminz <http://www.thebenjaminz.com/> This is a high energy band that plays a wide variety of music, a lot of it with a hustle beat. Their vocals and instrumentals don't miss a beat! Ed and I heard them at a private company event and danced our feet sore!

Amy rating: ★★★★★

brokENGLISH <https://www.facebook.com/pages/BrokENGLISH-Band/473808842651776> and <http://dolinarspahija.com/dspahijayahoom/>. Ed and I enjoyed this band at Savannah's—they have great vocals and instrumentals. We did west and east coast swing, night club two-step, rumba, and could have done foxtrot if there was room on the dance floor!

Amy rating: ★★★★★

Buck Naked Band <https://www.bucknakedband.com/> This is a modern country band that has a male and female vocalist and great instrumentals. Ed and I heard them at one of the Woodside Winter Concerts and danced west coast, nightclub two-step, country two-step and even a rumba! We really enjoyed their music and energy!

Amy rating: ★★★★★

Whiskey Loco <https://www.facebook.com/WhiskeyLoco/> This is a high-energy modern country band with a strong male and female vocalist. Ed and I heard them at KC's Nashville Nights in Akron. We did west coast swing, hustle, night club two-step, and a country two-step. I would have danced more, but the floor was rockin' with up to 20 people! This is probably one of the best country bands in the area.

Amy rating: ★★★★★

Mustang Sally <http://www.mustangsallyband.com/> A mostly female country band with high energy! Ed and I heard them at Thirsty Cowboy—they also sing songs other than country, too. We did west and east coast swing and night club two-step!

Amy rating: ★★★★★

Abby Normal and the Detroit Lean <http://www.abby-normal.org/> An 8-piece band (including a trombone, trumpet and sax) that plays rock, disco, swing, ska, and other genres. Ed and I heard them at Hooley House—they kicked up the energy in the room! We danced west and east coast, hustle, night club two-step and rumba!

Amy rating: ★★★★★

JukeBox Heroes <http://www.jukeboxheroescleveland.com/> They bill themselves as a classic rock dance band, with much of the music from the 70's and 80's. They have great vocals (the lead singer does a great Steve Perry) and instrumentals. Ed and I did west coast and east coast swing, and night club step.

Amy rating: ★★★★★

Aretifex http://aretifex.com/contact_us_3.html A terrific dance band that plays R&B, disco, and rock. Ed and I saw them at Vosh. Victoria, the female vocalist does a mean Proud Mary! We did west coast swing, east coast swing, hustle, night club two-step and cha cha.

Amy rating: ★★★★★

The Caliber Band <http://www.thecaliberband.com/> A terrific county band with a strong female vocal. They are recognized as the top country band in Ohio, playing today's top 40 country music. Ed and I saw them at the Berea National Rib Cook-Off.

Amy rating: ★★★★★

Time Trax Band <http://www.timetraxband.com/>. Time Trax performs a large variety of dance music to satisfy nearly any audience. They can play 1950's & 60's Rock-N-Roll, 70's, Disco, 80's and today's current hits. Time Trax is known for their energetic performances, sharp stage attire and fabulous sound and light show. Ed and I heard them at the Berea Oktoberfest in 2007—a lot of really danceable music, and a huge variety!

Amy rating: ★★★★★

Lil Eddy and the Boilermakers <http://www.liledyandtheboilermakers.com/>. Lil Eddy himself added this recommendation! He says that they have a complete swing show, plus ad cha chas and mambo's! They are mainly based in the Akron area. Hey, Eddy, thanks for the web site! And, thanks Janice and Neil, for your rating!

Janice and Neil rating: ★★★★★

The Belairs <http://www.thebelairs.us/> This band plays a lot of 50's and 60's music (a lot of jitterbug). They play and mostly east side venues. Ed and I have not seen them, but Larry and Linda like them a lot! Mike, thanks for your interest in having your band listed!

Larry and Linda rating: ★★★★★

Run Avril Run <http://www.runavrilrun.com>. This is mostly an east-side Cleveland band, but they occasionally appear on the west-side. They are high-energy and have a great sound. They play pop/rock, disco, Motown, wedding standards, country, and classic rock. We heard them at Sly Fox, but they can also be seen at the Boneyard in Mayfield Heights and at special events.

Amy rating: ★★★★★

Lou Armagno and the Sinatra Selects <http://www.louarmagno.com/> Ah, he sounds just like Frank Sinatra! Of course, plenty of foxtrots, but also some rumba and swing. Ed and I heard him at Copperstone Catering and Event Center for a Valentine's Day show.

Amy rating: ★★★★★

Frank and Dean and Then Some www.theratpackandmore.com or <http://www.freewebs.com/scottbrotherton/theratpackandmore.htm> . These two guys dress up like Frank Sinatra and Dean Martin. They even joke around with each other like the ol' Rat Pack! We see them at Savannah's on Monday nights. Depending on how much floor space we get, Ed and I have managed to foxtrot, rumba, cha cha, mambo, West coast swing, East coast swing and night club two-step! We just recently saw them again for New Year's Eve at Brennan's—they even updated their jokes!

Amy rating: ★★★★★

Justo Saborit--<http://justosaborit.net/> They play Latin music, much of it with a samba back beat. Instrumentals are solid. Ed and I heard them at Thistledown Racino, where there were a lot of salsa dancers. We did samba, salsa, rumba, cha cha, and even got in a night club two step and west coast swing.

Amy rating: ★★★★★

The Diamond Project Band <http://www.thediamondprojectband.com/> If you love Neil Diamond, you will love this band. Lots of danceable tunes, and the lead singer sounds just like Neil Diamond! Ed and I have heard them at festivals and at Woodside. We dance swing, nightclub 2-step, rumba, and even a little foxtrot.

Amy rating: ★★★★★

Parrots of the Caribbean <https://potcband.com/> This band for for Jimmy Buffet fans! Lots of swing and rumba! Ed and I heard them at the Woodside Event Center. Make sure they play Cheeseburger in Paradise (they throw out an inflatable cheeseburger for the dancers to keep in the air).

Amy rating: ★★★

Stone Pony Band <http://www.stoneponyband.com/> They are a Bruce Springsteen tribute band. Ed and I heard them at the Cleveland Oktoberfest in Berea (2010)—a great solid sound and we could dance to almost every song (west coast, east coast, rumba, night club two-step). Looks like they also play at Scoundrels, Willoughby Brewing Company and a few other places.

Amy rating: ★★★

Velvet Shake <http://velvetshake.com/> High energy music covering songs by Lady Gaga, Katy Perry, Carrie Underwood, and Journey; also all of the music is danceable (well, we think so). Ed and I heard them at Scoundrels where we did hustle, west coast swing and night club two-step!

Amy rating: ★★★

Michelle Romary Band <http://www.michelleromary.com/> Music from Amy Winehouse, Alanis Morissette and other popular tunes, this band features a strong female vocalist (she also is the lead singer for pOUT) and tight instrumentals. We did east coast/west coast swing, hustle, rumba, night club two-step, cha cha, and even a mambo!

Amy rating: ★★★

pOUT http://www.poutband.com/fr_home.cfm This is a young energetic band that sings a variety of dance tunes, including contemporary hits. Ed and I heard them at the Italian American Festival in Berea. We did west coast swing, east coast swing, rumba, night club 2-step, and hustle!

Amy rating: ★★★

Jackpot <http://www.jackpotband.com/index.htm> Jackpot is a two-person band, but they pack a lot of sound and entertain with great danceable tunes! Ed and I heard them at one of Jackie's dances and were able to dance east/west coast swing, hustle, nightclub two-step, rumba, and cha cha!

Amy rating: ★★★

Rumplestiltskin <http://www.rumplestiltskinlive.com/13020.html> They play a lot at Independence Holiday Inn. They play Motown, disco, rock and pop. Ed and I saw them at the Slush Bar at JACK Thistledown Racino. They are the only band we know that does Cake by the Ocean. We did west and east coast swing, nightclub two-step, hustle, cha cha and rumba!

Amy rating: ★★★

ALL-IN Country Band--<https://www.facebook.com/events/192732074202911/> Ed and I heard them at JACK Thistledown Racino. They have strong vocals and instrumentals; we did west coast, east coast, night-club two-step and even a waltz! You can also do country two-step. We really enjoyed their music selection!

Amy rating: ★★★

In Demand Band <https://www.gigmasters.com/cover-band/in-demand-band> Ed and I heard them at JACK Thistledown Racino. Their playlist includes Motown, R&B, contemporary (translation—west coast swing, east coast swing, hustle, night club two-step, rumba, cha cha). They did a great rendition of Purple Rain!

Amy rating: ★★★

Nomad Soul <https://www.facebook.com/nomadsoulband/> They are a classic rock and blues band that sings songs from the 60's to the 90's. Shannon is a great vocal lead, and the instrumentals are solid. Ed and I did west/east coast swing, night club 2-step, hustle, and rumba when we were at Southeast Gears and Cheers.

Amy rating: ★★★

Collage—The Band <https://www.reverbnation.com/collagetheband> This is a pop/80's/90's/current music band that we heard at the Cinco de Mayo Festival. They have solid vocals and instrumentals; they have a female and male vocalist, which makes them versatile in their song selection. They sing a lot of danceable songs for east coast/west coast swing, night club 2-step and probably other dances (we only heard them for an hour)!

Amy rating: ★★★

RadioActive <http://www.blairbands.com/ra> This is an energetic top 40 band that plays music from today, as well as the 70's, 80's, 90's and 00's. Ed and I did west coast swing, east coast swing, night club two-step, rumba, and cha cha. We heard them at Northeast Ohio Medical University's 40th year gala celebration!

Amy rating: ★★★

City Heat http://www.champagneent.com/band_cityheat.htm This band plays 60's, 70's, Motown, and R&B. They have solid instrumentals and a male and female vocalist, which makes them versatile in their song selection. We heard them at a private affair at Landerhaven!

Amy rating: ★★★

Rubix Cubed <http://rubixcubedcleveland.com/> This is an 80's band that Ed and I heard at Copperstone Catering and Event Center. They have a great song list! We danced hustle, swing, night club 2-step and others!

Amy rating: ★★★

Malt Shoppe Memories <https://msmohio.com/> If you like doo wop, you will really enjoy these melodies and harmonies of this group! Of course, there is a lot of swing, but also foxtrot, rumba, and nightclub two-step!

Amy rating: ★★★

Cocktail Johnny <http://cocktailjohnny.com/index.html> This is a rock band that Ed and I heard at Hooley House. They sing Journey, Train, Rolling Stones and other rock bands. The lead vocalist has a great voice; the tempos are great for dancing. We did east coast/west coast swing, night club two-step, hustle and rumba. We will be looking for other venues in which they play!

Amy rating: ★★★

Mystic Taxi <http://www.mystictaxiband.com/index.html> They bill themselves as an 80's dance and classic rock band. Ed and I heard them at Ace's in Middleburg Heights and enjoyed their high energy sound. Almost everything they sing is danceable (and we liked their song list, which includes Santana, Adele, Stevie Wonder and Joe Cocker!). We did west coast, east coast swing, night club two-step, hustle, and cha cha!

Amy rating: ★★★

Walk of Shame <http://walkofshameband.com/> This band plays popular songs from the 70's, 80's, 90's to now. Ed and I heard them at Hooley House and danced west/east coast swing, hustle, and night club two-step. They have solid vocals and instrumentals and have a great song list! By the way, they were given the "couples choice award" by WeddingWire in Pittsburgh (two consecutive years)!

Amy rating: ★★★

Charlie in the Box <http://www.charlieinthebox.com/> They are an 80's, 90's and today music band. Ed and I heard them at Hooley House in Brooklyn. We thought we could dance to almost everything they played. We did west coast/east coast swing, hustle, night club two-step and even cha cha!

Amy rating: ★★★

That 80s Band <http://www.ilovethat80sband.com> You guessed it—they play 80's music! We heard them at a neighborhood summer concert. Their tunes are danceable; they instrumentals are solid, and they have great female and male vocalists. We did swing, hustle and nightclub two-step.

Amy rating: ★★★

Gene Fiocca Band <http://www.genefioccaband.com/> Foxtrot, swing, and rumba tunes are the mainstays for this band. Ed and I heard them during the New Year's Eve bash at the Sheraton Suites in Cuyahoga Falls. Too bad the floor was small—a lot of folks were dancing!

Amy rating: ★★★

Midtown Band <https://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Midtown-Band/143534812486468?ref=stream> This is an energetic band that Ed and I heard at Savannah's. We danced hustle, east coast swing, west coast swing and nightclub two-step. They had the crowd filling the floor by the second set!

Amy rating: ★★★

Swamp Boogie Band <http://www.swampboogieband.com/> Blues, R&B, and rock. They were regulars at Savannah's and play a lot of West Coast swing, East Coast and night club two step.

Amy rating: ★★★

Spazmatics <http://www.spazmatics.org>. This is a high energy band that performs 80's music. The band members dress like nerds! Ed and I heard them at the Cleveland Oktoberfest (2008)—they had the crowd rockin'. They often play at the Loose Moose, Willoughby Brewing Company and Scoundrels.

Amy rating: ★★★

Shout! <http://www.shoutband.com/> Almost two bands in one—a Motown "Legends of Soul" set and songs from Big Band, R&B, Rock-n-Roll, Motown, 70's disco, Funk, 80's pop. They play a lot of different places and special events.

Amy rating: ★★★

Becky Boyd <http://www.beckyboydmusic.com/> We love the song "Sugar Cookie Man" which is a delightful foxtrot. Becky has a great voice, suited to jazz. We do mostly swing and night club two-step. We hear her at Savannah's.

Amy rating: ★★★

Sight-N-Sound <http://www.sightnsoundband.wordpress.com/> This seven person band features a female and male singer and includes a horn and sax! They put out a pretty good sound! They play a lot of Motown and R&B. We mostly did west coast swing, nightclub two-step and one rumba! They perform at Savannah's and east and west Cleveland.

Amy rating: ★★★

Raisin' Cain <http://www.raisincain.com/> We heard them at a New Year's event and at the Italian American festival in Berea. They play a variety of music from Motown to contemporary hits (dancing translation—Ed and I can dance Latin, swing and ballroom, depending on floor space!).

Amy rating: ★★★

Victory Highway <http://www.victoryhwy.com/> This band has a solid sound, playing classic rock, country, and dance/party music. Ed and I heard them at a neighborhood summer concert. We danced west coast and east coast swing, night club two-step, hustle, rumba and even a cha cha!

Amy rating: ★★★

Noël Quintana and the Latin Crew <http://www.thelatincrew.com/> Of course salsa, salsa, salsa and some cha cha, too! Ed and I heard them at the Cinco de Mayo festival. Their songs tend to be a bit long, so take a sip of water before you get started!

Amy rating: ★★★

Coalies Run <https://www.facebook.com/CoaliesRunBand/events> or <http://www.coaliesrun.com/> Great instrumentals, good vocals; they play a mix of country and rock/pop (including a very good Pink Floyd). Ed and I heard them at Parma Tavern—their tempos are very danceable. We did west and east coast swing, night club 2-step, country 2-step, and rumba!

Amy rating: ★★★

Twist <http://www.twistmusic.com/> They bill themselves as a wedding band, so you know they play a huge variety of music! There are two shows—the Soul Revue Show who sing a lot of Motown and a couple of other singers, who sing more popular tunes. Ed and I heard them at a company event—we did rumba, west coast swing, east coast swing, hustle, night club two step...and even a quick-step!

Amy rating: ★★★

Eli's Coming <https://www.elis-coming.com/> This is a Three Dog Night tribute band (they also play songs from Chicago). Danceable! Ed and I heard them at the Woodside Event Center.

Amy rating: ★★★

Out Of Eden (and Just One Look) <http://outofedenohio.com/> This is an Eagles tribute band (and they also back up Just One Look, a Linda Ronstadt tribute band). We could dance to nearly every song they played! Ed and I heard them at the Woodside Event Center.

Amy rating: ★★★

Stiletto Overdrive <https://www.facebook.com/StilettoOverdrive> This is a pop/rock/dance band that Ed and I heard at the Grayton Road Tavern.

Apparently they lost three band members in October, but provided a special performance this night. I do not know if they intend on continuing to schedule gigs, but we liked their mix of music. They have female and male vocalists, which increase the range of songs they can do. Ed and I did west and east coast swing, hustle, night club two-step and even a rumba!

Amy rating: ★★★

Schoolgirl Crush <http://www.schoolgirlcrushband.com/> This is a fun band whose female vocalists dress up like naughty school girls. They have solid vocals/instrumentals and play a variety of great dance tunes. Ed and I heard them at Ace's in Middleburg Heights—we thought we could dance to most of their selections—east coast and west coast swing, night club two-step, hustle, and even rumba!

Amy rating: ★★★

One Hit Wonders Band <https://www.facebook.com/theonehitwonderscleveland>

Ed and I heard them at Scoundrels. They have a fun motif—a plastic ice cream cone sits on the stage in front of the performers. We heard songs that a lot of other bands do not perform, which we liked! Most of their selection is danceable—we did east coast swing, west coast swing, night-club two-step, rumba, and hustle.

Amy rating: ★★★

Abbey Rodeo <http://www.abbeyrodeo.com/> If you love mellow music from the 60's, you will love this band. They normally play on the east side, but we heard them at Hooley House in Brooklyn. They play a lot of rumba tempos and swing. Their vocals were reminiscent of the artists of the 60's, and they play songs that we had not heard others play.

Amy rating: ★★★

147 Band <http://www.147band.com/> They play top 40, Motown and rock and roll—high energy! Ed and I heard them at Southeast Gears and Cheers—we danced west coast/east coast swing, night club 2-step, and a lot of hustle.

Amy rating: ★★★

LaFlavour <http://www.laflavour.com/> They play a lot of songs with a disco beat, so it's hustle, hustle, hustle. Sometimes, they string lots of songs with the same disco beat together (exhausting, if you like to dance until the music stop!); They have a great solid sound and are a fun band (especially the song Mandolay, which was a hit back in the day). They used to play at festivals, the Holiday Inn at Rockside, 365th Fighter Group, and lots of other places! However, Ed and I heard them at Woodside January 2019, and they have expanded their range of songs, including the Steve Miller band, Beatles, swing, and many other genres of music!

Amy rating: ★★★

The Attraxxion <http://www.theattraxxion.com/> Ed and I heard them at Hooley House, and we know they are a featured band at Brennan's New Year's Eve event. Also, we recently heard them at Legend's in Parma. They are an 80's cover band with solid instrumentals and vocals. There is a lot of rock and roll, most of which is danceable!

Amy rating: ★★★

Pieces of Eight <http://www.piecesofeightband.net/> Ed and I heard them at Hooley House. Although they only had 6 members that night (they were missing their trumpet and sax player), they put on an entertaining show. We did east and west coast swing, night club two-step, hustle, and even a rumba!
Amy rating: ★★★

Breakfast Club <http://www.clevelandsbreakfastclub.com/main.htm> An 80's band with a solid sound—we originally heard them at the Oktoberfest. We have danced west coast and east coast swing, nightclub two-step and even a rumba to this band. We saw them recently at the Cinco de Mayo Festival, and a couple of their band members appear to have changed—they didn't seem to be as energetic, but the crowd was a bit sparse.
Amy rating: ★★★

Pompous Ass <http://www.myspace.com/pompousassband> They play 60's to country. Ed and I heard them at Savannah's. almost everything they played was danceable (we especially liked Walkin' in Memphis!).
Amy rating: ★★★

Wallace Coleman Band <http://www.wallacecoleman.com/>. He plays a Chicago style blues which is great for West Coast Swing. Ed and I have heard him at a now closed bar a while ago, but haven't seen him around lately.
Amy rating: ★★★

Blue Eyed Soul Band <http://www.theblueeyedsoulband.com/> They play Beach Boys, Rascals, Jason Mraz, Big and Rich, Sam & Dave—a wide variety of music! Ed and I heard them at Scoundrel's and danced swing, night club two-step, hustle, and even a rumba.
Amy rating: ★★★

Chauncey Shives band <http://chaunceyshives.com/> Classified as southern rock, they play west coast swing, east coast swing, night club two-step, and we even danced a hustle and rumba! They have good instrumentals and an interesting variety of songs.
Amy rating: ★★★

Code Blue <http://www.codeblueohio.com/> They are a blues band (mostly fast blues); they have great instrumentals. We saw them on Southeast Gears and Cheers' patio. Ed and I did west coast swing, east coast swing and night club two-step!
Amy rating: ★★★

Cool Breeze <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Cool-Breeze-Band/104087282982500> They play 70's and 80's classic rock. Ed and I heard them at Catalina West. Their tempos are danceable—we did swing, night club two-step and hustle. Good vocals and solid instrumentals.
Amy rating: ★★★

The GeezeCats <http://www.geezecats.com/> This is a fun band that plays lively oldies tunes—a lot of East coast swing! They have a shtick where they decorate that stage like your grandmother's living room filled with cats and even have some "costume" changes. We see them a lot at Savannah's.
Amy rating: ★★★

Ace Molar <http://www.acemolar.com/>. Ace Molar is a high octane rock-n blues band featuring Todd Meany (from Fox8 News in the morning) performing danceable hits from great artists like J. Geils Band, Rolling Stones, Blues Brothers, Lynyrd Skynyrd, Wilson Pickett and other artists. We heard them with Bob and Linda and Dan and Phyllis at the Lampliter Lounge in Parma Heights—and they do play very danceable music!

Amy rating: ★★★

DT and the Shakes-- <http://dtandtheshakes.com> They play popular rock and roll—lots of east coast and west coast swing. Vocals and instrumentals are solid. If you see them, say “hi” to my friend Bill (bass player)!

Amy rating: ★★★

Backroads Band--<http://www.backroadsbandohio.com/> Ed and I heard them at Thirsty Cowboys in Medina. They play country music (including your line dance favorites!). We do not line dance, but did do west/east coast swing, night club two-step, hustle, and even a rumba! Some of the vocals were a little weak, but the instrumentals were thumping!

Amy rating: ★★★

The Usual Suspects This band has a great song selection—contemporary music that is danceable, such as Bruno Mars, Adele, etc. They have solid vocals and instrumentals. We heard them at Hooley House in Brooklyn and danced west and east coast swing, night club two-step and rumba!

Amy rating: ★★★

Sunset Strip-- <http://www.billymorrisband.com/> A lot of rock—these guys have long hair! Ed and I heard them at Hooley House in Brooklyn and did west coast/east coast, hustle, and nightclub two-step!

Amy rating: ★★

Real Deal Blues Band <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Real-Deal-Blues-Band/245919988772515> This band plays blues and rock with a blues flavor. Ed and I heard them at Sassy’s—we did west coast and east coast swing, night club two-step, and even a rumba! Solid vocals and instrumentals; they have a great guitar player. Some of the songs are a bit long, but that’s blues!

Amy rating: ★★

Sloppy Joe Band-- <http://www.sloppyjoeband.net/> This is a classic rock, blues, and R&B band. Ed and I heard them at Savannah’s. They have good solid sound and good instrumentals. We did mostly east coast and west coast swing, but also a few other dances as well!

Amy rating: ★★

Kentucky Thunder <https://www.facebook.com/Kentucky-Thunder-187203714758666/> This is a country band (but curiously enough, it didn’t seem like the band members had southern drawls!). We did a lot of swing (mostly west coast), nightclub two-step and a country two-step! They were playing at Wild Billy’s Bar and Grill when we heard them.

Amy rating: ★★

Qwik Sil-ver <http://www.reverbnation.com/qwiksilver> A jazz band with great instrumentals and vocalist with a smooth low bluesy voice! We heard them under muted circumstances (they were told not to play very loudly) at the 100th Bomber Group Restaurant, so we did not hear them at their fullest sound. However, if there was a good dance floor, (the band was moved inside to a carpeted lounge due to rain), we would have been able to dance at least 5-6 different kinds of dances!

Amy rating: ★★

Intrigue <https://www.facebook.com/Intrigue-479918632091261/> They play a lot of Fleetwood Mac, but also Pink, Janis Joplin, and other female artists. Danceable tempos and good female vocalist. We heard them at A&J's Pub and Grub.

Amy rating: ★★

Lost State of Franklin <http://www.loststateoffranklin.com/LSOF/home.html> Ed and I heard them at the Cuyahoga County Fair. They play bluegrass and country music. We were able to do foxtrot, west and east coast swing, night club two-step and polka. However, we could not figure out what to do to that fast bluegrass music (I do not have a pair of clogging shoes!). We enjoyed their solid vocals and instruments. Scott sometimes plays two horns at once!

Amy rating: ★★

People Behaving Badly <https://www.facebook.com/pbbbband/info> They play everything from Artful Dodger (remember them?) to Johnny Rivers to ZZ Top. Ed and I heard them at the Berea National Rib Cook-Off.

Amy rating: ★★

Teaser <http://www.teaserlive.com/> This is a rock band that Ed and I heard at Parma Tavern. Some of it is danceable; they have a solid sound—good instrumentals and vocals (although the lead singer mostly yells, in rock fashion!)

Amy rating: ★★

Faction <http://www.factioncleveland.com/> Billed as Fox8 Hotlist's top 5 local band in 2011, they play current pop, 80's and alternative rock. These guys sound solid and are good vocalists. However, Ed and I had to choose our dances "creatively" because they sang a lot of hip hop while we were at Soundrel's. Their playlist shows that they have a wide range of great songs!

Amy rating: ★★

Redneck Incorporated <http://www.redneckinmusic.com/> A good country band, although sometime the vocals get a little pitchy. They play lot of Jason Aldean and other country greats as well as non-country music. They have a great female fiddler and play a variety of great tunes! Ed and I heard them at the Berea National Rib Cook-Off.

Amy rating: ★★

Fletch and the Catch <http://www.fletchandthecatch.com/> or on Facebook [http://www.facebook.com/pages/Fletch-and-the-](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Fletch-and-the-Catch/288761746371?sk=app_2309869772)

[Catch/288761746371?sk=app_2309869772](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Fletch-and-the-Catch/288761746371?sk=app_2309869772) They play a lot of blues and southern rock—we last heard them at Savannah's. We didn't dance to everything (we got in some west coast swing, night club two-step and even a cha cha!), but

the vocals and instrumentals are solid. The songs tend to be somewhat long, but they are a pretty good listening band!

Amy rating: ★★

Funkology Band-- <http://funkologycleveland.com/> Great beat and song selection. The horn section allows them to do Chicago and Earth, Wind and Fire songs! We got in a cha cha, rumba, west coast swing, east coast swing, night club two-step, and of course, hustle! They could use stronger vocals, but otherwise inspired some fun dancing! We saw them at Savannah's.

Amy rating: ★★

Disco Inferno <http://www.discoinfernoband.com/> . I finally got to hear these guys at the Cleveland Oktoberfest (2010). They wear funky 70's costumes and play a great disco beat! Ed and I didn't listen long, but the music seems all 70's. Anyone remember the line dance to "Do the hustle?" These guys do!

Amy rating: ★★

Just Jazz <http://www.justjazzcleveland.com/> They sing foxtrot, rumba, cha cha, nightclub 2-step, and even tango! They had good instrumentals, but the vocalists were sometimes pitchy. Ed and I heard them at Southeast Gears and Cheers.

Amy rating: ★★

Tom Frietchen Band <http://tomfrietchenband.com/> A country band that features their original song Just You and Me, which reached #1 on iHeartRadio. Ed and I heard them at the Berea National Rib Cook-Off. They sometimes got a bit pitchy with their vocals, but the music was very danceable!

Amy rating: ★★

The Cavor Project <https://www.reverbnation.com/thecavorproject> They play R&B, soul, smooth jazz, and hip hop. Ed and I heard them at JACK Thistledown Racino Slush Bar. Great instrumentals, but the songs were long. We enjoyed listening but found it difficult to do much dancing.

Amy rating: ★★

Cruisemasters <http://thecruisemasters.net/> They actually have a pretty good songlist. However, for some reason, Ed and I just don't feel inspired to do much dancing to this band—is it the energy level? There seems to be a bit of chit chat between songs. We hear them at Savannah's.

Amy rating: ★★

Armstrong Bearcat Band <http://www.armstrongbearcat.com/> A blues band that tends to play long songs! We mostly dance swing, but often end up sitting. We mostly see them at Savannah's.

Amy rating: ★★

The Feedbacks <https://www.facebook.com/The-Feedbacks-119357268112288/> They play rock--instrumentals were fine, but they did not have the "tightest" sound. A guest female singer really enhanced the vocals, though! Ed and I heard them at Savannah's—we could dance to most of their songs, but were not especially inspired.

Amy rating: ★★

Clayton Brother Band <https://www.facebook.com/The-Clayton-Brothers-Band-159088830777261/> They list themselves as “primitive rock and roll”—a lot of the music is from the 60’s (east coast swing and same tempo). They are fun guys—we heard them at Doc and Louie’s in North Olmsted.

Amy rating: ★★

Colin Dussault’s Blues Project <http://www.colindussault.com/>. Sometimes depends on the mood they are in—a lot of West Coast swing when they are playing blues. They have a big following, so the dance floor often fills up!

Regulars at Savannah’s and other places.

Amy rating: ★★

Eddie and the Edsels <http://www.eddieandtheedsels.com/> This is an oldies band that I used to really enjoy, but thought they were lacking energy the last time I saw them. They are a great oldies band, but we hear that they are branching out to other kinds of music. They play mostly swing. They are regulars at Carrie Cerino’s and Savannah’s (on Mondays).

Amy rating: ★★

Big in Japan <http://www.biginjapanband.com/> Three guys playing music from the 80’s to current times. They play a bit too much head banging music for us (also the speaker system had the drums way too loud!). Ed and I did do some east coast and west coast swing and hustle. We heard them at Hooley House.

Amy rating: ★★

Teaser Band <http://www.teaserlive.com/> A band that has been around since the late 1970’s! They play rock—good instrumentals and solid vocals (although the singing is a bit of yelling—his vocal cords probably need a rest after a gig!). We enjoyed listening to them, but did not do a lot of dancing. We heard them at Parma Tavern.

Amy rating: ★★

The Stone River Band

<http://www.thestoneriverband.com/acorn.php?page=home>. A 60’s/70’s band that plays a lot of cool music, if you like is listen. A lot of dancers didn’t think they played much danceable stuff (including me and Ed). We heard them at Savannah’s.

Amy rating: ★

NON-LOCAL BANDS

die Schlauberger <http://www.dsbworld.com/> For a polka band, this is a great band! Ed and I, of course, heard them at the Berea Oktoberfest in 2012. The band is composed of seven guys that have great strong vocals and musical talent (a combination of rock and roll meets alpine). We did foxtrot, mambo, east coast swing and polka!

Amy rating: ★★★

ADD YOUR RATING!

What bands have YOU heard that you want to rate? Or add your rating to mine to any of the above bands!

VENUE RATINGS

Ratings for places to dance
New feature!

Send me your ratings to venues where YOU dance!

| | |
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| ★★★★ | Great venue—floor is sizeable (can comfortably fit at least 10 couples), favorable dance conditions, music usually good; has extras like good food, service, ambience, and a great crowd |
| ★★★ | Very good—floor is favorable for dancing (at least 6-10 couples) and music is good; may lack in “extras” |
| ★★ | OK venue—has some of the extras, but the floor is not very big |
| ★ | Desperation venue—only go if there is nothing else around! |
| No stars | Don't go! |

Send in YOUR descriptions and ratings! Tell me what you think about the dance floor, bands/music, food, and ambience!

A & J's Pub and Grub—3415 Brookpark Rd, Parma, OH 44134; 216-801-4771. Another place that moves tables around to allow room for dancing. Enough space for a few people to dance. Really cheap beer prices (\$5 for a short and tall)! They serve food, but we did not eat anything, so I cannot make a comment. Amy rating: ★★ **(visited February 2016)**

Aces Grille—6847 Pearl Rd., Middleburg Heights, OH 44130, 440-845-1800; also 32650 Lorain Rd., North Ridgeville, OH 44039, 440-327-3333; <http://www.acesgrille.com/> . They move tables around to create a dance floor. Stone cobbled floor that got a bit sticky, but the food was good (try the calzones!) and there was room to dance! There is a North Ridgeville and Middleburg Heights location (we have been to both—both locations have dance floor space!). Both floor conditions are about the same. Amy rating: ★★ ★ **(Middleburg Heights location first visited July 2013; North Ridgeville location visited sometime in 2012)**

The Boneyard Beer Farm & Mesquite Grill-- 101 East Royalton Road, Broadview Hts., OH 44147; 440-717-WING; <http://www.boneyardusa.com/> Odd concrete dance floor in front of the band (dancers on the same level as the band). Actually, there isn't a designated dance floor; however, there is space for 6-8 couples to dance between the band and the pool tables. They have mostly rock bands here. We did not have any food (fly-by dancing—we put our coats on one of the pool tables and danced to a few songs until the break and then left). Amy rating: ★★ **(visited November 2012)**

Brew House Bar & Grill—6395 Pearl Rd., Parma Heights, OH 44130; 440-345-5815; <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Brew-House-Bar-Grill/551013911641490>. Tried visiting—didn't make it in the door because it was too busy!

Brothers Lounge, 11609 Detroit Ave., Cleveland, OH 44102-2342; 216-226-2767. <http://www.brotherslounge.com/> They have live entertainment many nights of the week. This is a cool venue for beer, wine and martini. The stage is great for the band, but the beautiful wooden floor is usually covered with tables ☹ . If anyone has encountered a better dance floor, let me know!

Amy rating: ★ (visited, umm, can't remember, long time ago)

Carrie Cerino's-- 8922 Ridge Road, North Royalton, OH 44133; 440-237-3434, <http://www.carriecerinos.com/Events/LoungeBands.aspx> Nice wood dance floor downstairs with good bands every Friday and Saturday; usually attracts a lot of dancers. Good food, too! Generally gets pretty crowded. Ed is not fond of the crowded floor, even though it can probably fit >10 couples. We have not been there for several years.

Amy rating: ★★★ (can't remember the last time I've been there!)

C Mulligan's Pub-- 6450 Pitts Blvd, North Ridgeville, OH 44039; (440) 327-9108. A bit of a hole in the wall; the floor in front of the band that could comfortably fit about 6 couples, unless the band spreads out their equipment over the floor. They were not serving food when we got there. The crowd was nice, and we liked the band! We don't think they served any food.

Amy rating: ★★ (last visited April 2013)

Fairview Tavern--21867 Lorain Rd Cleveland, OH 44126; (440) 799-4200; <http://thefairviewtavern.com/> They often have good live bands here, so Ed and I thought we'd visit. Unfortunately, there really is no dance floor (although a few people dance in a teeny space that is really a passage from the kitchen to the dining area! The food was delicious and the wait staff was very nice. However, because of the lack of dance floor, I really can't recommend this venue as a good dance restaurant. However, if you like great food and great music, then this is a great place!

Amy rating: ★ (last visited February 2013)

Fat Little Buddies-- 26906 Cook Road Olmsted, OH 44138; (440) 235-1338; <http://www.fatlittlebuddies.com/> A hole in the wall, but a good size (vinyl?) dance floor for a bar in the back room (but little seating)—about an 8 couple floor. One of our favorite bands (Bradford White) plays here—we couldn't find a seat, so we danced to a break and left. We didn't try any of the food. A bit of a weird atmosphere (OK, maybe it was a bit late, and people had been drinking a while).

Amy rating: ★★ (visited spring 2012)

The GetAway Pub—1462 North Portage Path, Akron, OH 44313; 330-867-8700; <http://www.thegetawaypub.com/> Looks like a hole in the wall, but they have a good space for a band and a wooden dance floor (6-8 couple)! The food is OK; not too much seating. Come early; it gets crowded. Ed and I only come here when our favorite Akron area band, the Fabulous Voices, play here. Otherwise, I do not recognize the other bands that play here.

Amy rating: ★★ (last visited spring 2013)

Grayton Road Tavern—4760 Grayton Road, Cleveland, OH 44135; 216-265-7770; <http://www.graytonroadtavern.com/>. No designated dance floor, but there is space to dance (maybe 2-3 couples) on the smooth concrete floor. The food was great—Ed thought his burger was one of the best that he has had; the wait staff was friendly. The night that we visited, The Ohio State University football game delayed the band start time, and a huge birthday party occupied most of the tables. The acoustics of the venue were not the most conducive to bands (it was difficult to understand the lyrics because the sound bounced off of the high ceilings and walls). However, we plan to go back!

Amy rating: ★★ (first visited September 2013)

Grindstone Tap House (used to be Scoundrel's Bar & Grill)-- 826 Front Street Berea, OH 44017; (440) 234-3455; <http://www.grindstonetaphouse.com/> The wood dance floor is maybe 10 x 18 feet; up to about 8 couples on the floor. We have not been there since they changed their name, but they do still have bands! Amy rating: ★★★ (visited December 2014)

Hard Rock Rocksino Northfield Park, Cafe—10777 Northfield Road, Northfield, OH 44067, 330-908-7625; <https://www.hrrocksinonorthfieldpark.com/entertainment.htm>. They have live bands (head straight back to the café from the north parking entrance. Great stage and sound system, but no dance floor ☹️ Their food looks good, and Brian (our waiter) said that sometimes people dance in the aisles. We missed Club Velvet—apparently some bands entertain there; not sure if there is a dance floor. Amy rating: ★ (visited January 2015)

Hofbrauhaus Cleveland—1550 Chester Ave., Cleveland, OH 44115. If you like German food and beer, this is the place for you. They have many polka bands entertaining and loud raucous crowds. Unfortunately, there is not a lot of room to dance (but Ed and I found some space!). This place gets crowded quickly on the weekends, so make reservations! Amy rating: ★★ (visited January 2016)

Holiday Inn Cleveland/Independence--6001 Rockside Road, Independence, OH 44131; 216-524-8050. Great wood dance floor with dance bands playing Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. It gets crowded on Friday and Saturday; however, the dancers come on Wednesday and Thursday—a lot of swing and hustle. It is being newly renovated during January 2014. Amy rating: ★★★ (last visited 12/26/13)

Hooley House, Brooklyn--10310 Cascade Crossing Brooklyn, OH 44144; (216) 362-7700; <http://www.1funpub.com/> This was the old Don Pancho's. There is a wooden floor that they have to shift tables to create a dance floor when they have bands. A night that we went in 2012, there was room for maybe three couples; however, there was no seating (a large party was occupying the dining room), so we did not stay. Upon a return visit, the floor had room for 6-8 couples to fit comfortably on the floor. The floor was wood, but was "sticky" for dancing—turning is difficult. I had the spinach salad, which was great! The serving staff was excellent! Amy rating: ★★★ (first visited March 2014; go here often)

Hooley House Westlake—24940 Sperry Dr., Westlake, OH 44145; 440-835-2890. A different layout than the Brooklyn Hooley House; their dance floor is smaller—may be enough for two couples. Ed and I enjoyed the band and the food, but we didn't dance. Amy rating: ★★ (last visited May 2014 and in December 2015)

KC's Nashville Nights—88 W. Wilbeth Rd., Akron, 44301; 330-724-7541; <https://www.facebook.com/Kcs-Nashville-Nights-352193908219750/> a triangular floor that would fit four couple comfortably; however, there were 16-20 people through a good part of the night that we visited! Mostly a beer crowd, they also serve cheap food (you have to go to the back of the bar by the restrooms to

order). They host a lot of country bands, but also other music (they had a Rush tribute band the following week).

Amy rating: ★★★ (visited February 2016)

Kenilworth Tavern II—33382 Walker Rd., Avon Lake, OH 44012. They have a nice floor that could fit at least 6 couples comfortably—just the right amount of slipperiness (sometimes swing dancers like to spread wax on the floor—this floor didn't need it!). We were there during a charity function, so it was quite busy. The food was okay, but reasonably priced.

Amy rating: ★★★ (visited November 2014)

Legends Sports Bar and Grill—8735 Day Drive, Parma, OH 44129; 440.481.3421; <http://legendssportsbargrill.com> We are thrilled that Grayton Road Tavern's owner opened up another spot—this place has ample parking and the same great menu items! But there is also a pretty big dance floor! They have live music on Friday and Saturdays (band play 9 p.m.-1 a.m.). They only problem when we were there was that the floor was sticky!

Amy rating: ★★★ (visited June 2019)

Otani Restaurant and Pub—180 West Streetsboro St., Hudson, OH 44236; 330-656-0012; <http://www.otanihudson.com/> Great wood dance floor—just the right amount of “slide” for our shoes; except it is small. The bands play in the bar area, but they can move the tables. However, if there are a lot of people in the bar, they stand around on the dance floor! We ate dinner with John and Yan—the food was tasty. We enjoyed the lively crowd. Apparently bands entertain every Saturday.

Amy rating: ★★ (visited March 2014)

Panini's Bar and Grill—8870 Darrow Rd, Twinsburg, OH 44087; (330) 963-0095; www.paninisgrill.com/locations/twinsburg/ A bit of an odd set up for bands—the stage faces a small area of the restaurant, and the sight lines to watch the band for other patrons is poor. The staff clears tables to provide space for a dance floor (it is wood!). The menu is extensive and the food is good. Ed and I saw Cocktail Johnny on the night of our visit. After they cleared three tables, about 6-8 people could fit on the dance floor (although you would need to depend on people to vacate the tables before they make room on the floor!).

Amy rating: ★★★ (visited 5/10/14)

The Parkview NiteClub—1261 West 58th Street, Cleveland, OH; 216-961-1341; <http://www.parkviewniteclub.com/>. Located at the end of West 58th, 3 blocks north of Detroit Avenue; parking in the street. They have bands on Saturdays and decent bar food, too (with a great wait staff)! Unfortunately, they have a postage stamp-sized floor—too bad, because they have good bands here!

Amy rating: ★ (it's been a long time since we've been there)

Parma Tavern—5680 Broadview Road, Parma, OH 44134; 216-635-1800; <http://www.parma-tavern.com/> A slate tile dance floor that can fit 4-6 couples (if they move the tables). They have live bands or DJ every Friday or Saturday. The food and service was good; the people were nice!

Amy rating: ★★ (last visited May 2013)

Rav's Creekside Tap and Grill—9224 Darrow Rd., Twinsburg, OH; 330-425-3435; <http://ravscreekside.biz/> A small dance surface (2-3 couples), but they

have good food (we like the chicken fajita salad). We have heard the Benjaminz here twice! The staff and customers are nice, too (and we meet friends here). Amy rating: ★★ (last visited 5/10/13)

Round House Bar— Delaware Ave, Put-in-Bay, OH 43456; (419) 285-2323; <http://www.theroundhousebar.com/>. We heard the Bluff Canucks (Ed knows the drummer) on a chilly Saturday afternoon (the ferry ride was nauseating because the wind rocked the boat!). There was a great crowd, but the floor space was small—some people (including us) did find some space to dance! Amy rating: ★★ (last visited 5/3/14)

Sassy's Bar & Grille—10755 Ravenna Rd., Twinsburg, OH; 330-998-6529; <http://www.sassysbarandgrille.com/> . This is a really friendly place with pretty good food. The floor is a bit small, but there is some room to dance! Ed and I were there on a quiet night to hear the Juke Hounds (they sounded great, by the way—get their new CD Bluesitude), which meant the entire floor was ours! Amy rating: ★★ (visited August 2014)

South East Gears & Cheers Restaurant and Bar-- 23333 Aurora Road, Bedford Heights, OH 44146; 440-232-0029; <http://segearsandcheers.com/> We heard the Benjaminz and ate dinner. They have good food and friendly staff. There is a floor in front of the band that fit several couples—we had a great time dancing! Bands start at 9 p.m. They have an outdoor patio that is used in the summer, so dancing is on concrete when the weather is nice. Amy rating: ★★ (first visited March 2014; visits throughout 2016)

Thirsty Cowboy--2743 Medina Rd Medina, OH 44256; (330) 722-5400; <http://www.thirstycowboys.com/> Ed and I visited last fall—they have a huge wood floor! Line dancing is taught every Wednesday (starts at 7:30 p.m.), and they have bands on Friday and Saturday. We saw Caliber Band there (we also saw them at the Ribfest last year). I do not know how the food was, since we did not eat there; however, the menu is reasonably priced! The people were nice, too. There is a charge for some of the entertainment (at least there was a cover charge when we went; it was \$5). By the way, they also have a mechanical bull, for those of you who would like to try... Amy rating: ★★★★★ (visited September 2012, visits throughout 2016)

Thistledown Racino, Slush Bar—21501 Emery Rd., Cleveland, OH 44128; 216.662.9600; <http://www.thistledown.com/dining/slush-bar.html#.VKM0nCcBq> You have to walk to the far right-hand corner of the facility from the entrance to get to the Slush Bar. They have events most nights of the week including line dancing (usually Monday and Wednesday at 7 p.m.), ballroom dancing (usually on Thursdays at 7 p.m.), and live bands Saturdays at 9 p.m. and a DJ on Fridays at 8 p.m. There is a concrete floor, but it is relatively large. We have not eaten food there, but they do provide water and some soft drinks for free, and of course alcoholic slushies! Amy rating: ★★★★★ (visited December 2014)

Train Station Bar—424 E. River St., Elyria, OH 44035; 440-322-9503; <http://www.trainstationbar.com/> We came here to listen to a band. It is very cramped and crowded; they serve drinks, but do not have a menu. The dance floor space was very small (parquet wood floor). We were not inspired to dance!

They do seem to have a good list of bands, but we would not come here to dance.

Amy rating: ★ (last visited March 2014)

Vosh Club--1414 Riverside Dr., Lakewood, Ohio 44107; 216-767-5202; voshlkwd@gmail.com; <http://voshclub.com/> Vosh just opened in March 2013.

They say that “the club will feature Jazz, Blues, Motown and more.” They have a substantial stage for bands with cool disco lights; the dance floor looks like it could accommodate about 8 couples? In April, Ed and I poked our heads in the door—there was a cover charge, but nowhere to sit! We did not stay. However, the band sounded good; the dress code is a little more upscale than most of the bars with bands. OK, so we went back in May to hear the band Artefix (great band, by the way). The dance floor could fit about 8-10 couples—but it was a hard marble. Also, we did not think the people were very friendly; the server took our drinks from the table before we were finished (we were on the dance floor to come back to the table and found our table cleaned off even though our coats were still on our chairs!). Drinks are expensive, the food selections are limited, and the kitchen closes at 10:30 p.m.

Amy rating: ★★ (visited May 2013)

Water Street Tavern—132 S. Water St., Kent, OH 44240; 330-677-0700. One of those cozy bars in Kent with \$2 beers during happy hour. They have bands, but little floor space in front of the bar, although there is some room behind the bar. Food is cheap and good, from Mr. Zub’s—a hole in the wall right in the bar! Ed and I heard DT and the Shakes here!

Amy rating: ★ (visited July 2015)

West Park Station-- 17015 Lorain Avenue Cleveland, OH 44111 (Kamm’s Corners, Cleveland); (216) 476-2000; <http://www.westparkstation.com/> Ed and I came to hear a band; after we found a couple of chairs, no one came to ask if we wanted anything to eat or drink. We left before the band started. The dance floor was very small anyway. The patrons were very young; it was very crowded.

Amy rating: ★ (visited September 2012)

Willoughby Brewing Company (Friday & Saturday) -- 4057 Erie Street Willoughby, Ohio; 440-975-0202; <http://willoughbybrewing.com/entertainment/>. They have a big wood dance floor in front of the band (>10 couple floor), but more deep than wide (rather odd). Good bands every Friday and Saturday. The food is good, but the seating is away from the band. Hard to find a good place to sit and listen.

Amy rating: ★★★ (visited several years ago)

UNRATED (because I haven’t been there; but could be promising)
If you go to any of these venues, let me know YOUR rating!

Jewels Dance Hall—1770 Mill Street, Austinburg, OH 44010 (Ashtabula County); 440-275-5332; <http://jewelsdancehallandsaloon.com/index.html> . Live bands and dancing on Fridays and Saturdays, 9:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m. Also, line dancing lessons 6:30-9:30 p.m. on Wednesdays. They say they are Ohio’s oldest dance hall (est. 1930).

Jilly's Music Room--111 North Main Street, Akron, OH 44308 (used to be Northside); <http://www.jillysmusicroom.com>. The Juke Hounds really like playing at this new venue and encouraged us to see them at their next gig there!

Kickin' Kountry--10997 St Rt 212 NE, Bolivar OH 44612; 330-354-8129. Open Mon thru Sat, 6:30 pm to 2:00 am. See [Calendar](#) for details. <http://www.kickinkountry.net/calendar.htm>; [Map](#). For those of you closer to Bolivar than Cleveland—here's a venue for ballroom and line dance lessons and general dancing.

The Lake Club—1140 Paulin Rd., Poland, OH 44514; 330-549-3996; <http://www.thelakeclubohio.com/> The will be having Friday night bands over the summer!

Mon Ami Restaurant and Historic Winery—3845 E. Wine Cellar Rd., Port Clinton, OH 43452; 419-797-4445; info@monamiwinery.com; <http://www.monamiwinery.com/> . Friday and Saturday bands play 9 p.m.- 1 a.m.; Sunday bands play 2-6 p.m. Check out the band listing <http://www.monamiwinery.com/entertainment.htm>

Nazca Restaurant and Bar—4620 Richmond Rd., #296, Warrensville Heights, OH 44128; 216-378-9800; <https://www.facebook.com/NazcaRestaurantBar/>. I hear they have a large dance floor!

DANCE TIPS FORUM:

Okay—this is a new feature to this newsletter. Occasionally, people ask questions about dancing. I thought it might be worth getting your two cents about this question. *Email me with your tips! I'd like to add YOUR two cents, too!*

“How do you decide what dance to do when you hear music?”

- Amy's two cents:
 1. Ask yourself what kind of dances can you do?
 2. Then, ask yourself, does this music “fit”^{*} into any kind of the dances that you do?
 3. Then, count to see if the tempo is suited to the dance that you think might fit. Do you think you can dance it at that speed?
 4. If yes, then, dance it!
 5. Alternate plan: see what other people are dancing and do what looks good to you!

^{*}“Fit” means whether or not the character of the music fits the character of the dance:

| Dance | General character | Songs |
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| East coast swing | Happy, bouncy | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Many Beach Boys songs • Pink Cadillac (Springsteen) • Some Kind of Wonderful (Huey Lewis & the News) |
| Hustle | Think disco! Driving beat with a flowing melody | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Donna Summers songs • Get Down Tonight (Kool and the Gang) • Can't Get You Out of My Head (Kylie Minogue) |
| Night club two-step | “Prom” music; slow, romantic | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When a Man Loves a Woman (Percy Sledge) • Almost Paradise (Ann Wilson/Mike Reno) • Lady in Red (Chris DeBurgh) |
| Rumba | Latin, sensual | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dream Lover (Bobby Darin) • Amado Mio (Pink Martini) |

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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • My Maria (Brookes and Dunn) |
| Waltz | 3/4 time; wistful; slower than Viennese Waltz | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Come Away With Me (Norah Jones) • Sandy's Song (Dolly Parton) • Tennessee Waltz (Anne Murray) |
| West coast swing | Bluesy | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Black Velvet (Alannah Myles) • Follow Me (Uncle Kracker) • You Can Leave Your Hat On (Joe Crocker) |
| Salsa/mambo | Latin, lively | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mambo #5 (Lou Bega) • Micaela (Sonora Carruseles) • Maracaibo Oriental (Beny More) |
| Cha Cha | Latin, slower, "cha cha cha" rhythm | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Smooth (Santana) • Let's Get Loud (Jennifer Lopez) • I Need to Know (Marc Anthony) |
| Foxtrot | 4/4 time; happy; flows | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Frank Sinatra songs • A Fine Romance (Ella Fitzgerald) • I'm Beginning to See the Light (Bobby Darin) |

Dance Tips and Etiquette by Jeanne Eisenhut

"Dressing for dancing" (posted 8/7/15)

I was very fortunate recently to be attending a swing dance event and to be seated with several friends who have been dancing for some time. As we watched the many couples on the floor and noted the various outfits that the followers had chosen for the day, we compiled a list of suggestions, not rules, btw, that we'd like to share. Later, I consulted with some leaders and added a few items to our list.

1. And this is **numero uno** with most leaders: jewelry selection. Be careful when choosing your jewelry, followers, as many leaders have been belted in the face with long necklaces, particularly those with a heavy piece at the end. I've seen necklaces literally swing around the lady's neck, almost "klunking" a nearby dancer as well as her partner, who ducked out of the danger zone. Bracelets and big watches can make the wrist hard or awkward to grasp. Large stones (if you're lucky to have them) are likely to scratch your partner's hand.
2. Long hair, particularly if bound in a ponytail or braid, has been known to clout a leader in the face from time to time. I've found from personal experience that no matter what hair clip I place in my hair, it ends up getting knocked off. I am a tall lady as it is, so any bun or French twist ends up getting bumped during spins and turns.
3. My friend Linda recently reminded me that long fingernails can also lead to some mishaps. She happens to have well tapered natural long nails and has had "friendly advice" from some dance partners that her long nails scratched her partners. (Yes, where she dances in Kentucky, she has actually had people complain to her about her nail length!)
4. Skirt/dress length: this is the issue that prompted our discussion at the recent dance. When you are dressing for a dance and have decided to wear a dress or skirt, take a moment in front of a long mirror and twirl around to assess what happens or ask a friend or your dance partner for an assessment. At this dance we noted that one lady was displaying underwear that was identical to her dress, so this was obviously deliberate, and she happened to have very lovely thighs. Another lady had an obviously unintentional underwear exposure each time she spun. Several of my dance acquaintances choose "dance shorts" or spanx to mitigate this problem. Another dilemma: should you tell a dancer that you can see her panties every time she spins or is this best left unsaid? Hmmm...comments from readers are encouraged.
5. Sleeves: my husband has suggested that I mention sleeves as this has caused some awkward moments. He has a particular problem with jackets and sweaters, as his hand catches in them as he reestablishes his hold after a turn/spin. His hand ends up inside the jacket, and then that's just weird. I've also noted this problem when I've had a blouse with a wide armhole. And Dancers (and that means leaders & followers): sleeveless? A sleeveless armpit is likely to be a

sweaty armpit! My husband has also had this unfortunate experience with followers who choose to go sleeveless.

6. Breath mints!!! Please be careful about what you have eaten before or during a dance. Really . . . we've all had a bad experience at one time or another with a poor food or beverage choice, that's all I'm sayin'.

These aren't rules, btw, just suggestions, and I'm sure there are many dancers out there who can add further comments to this list. Most of us who've been "around for a while" certainly learned these things by trial and error, and we want to pass it on to those new dancers who may not be aware that their dance wear selections can have an impact on their partners.

"Let's play nice" (posted 7/26/15)

Human beings being what we are, we tend to be always judging and rating ourselves and other dancers. It seemed when I first started dancing years ago, that it was "not quite the thing" to be critical of people dancing, be it their style, clothing choices or personality. These days I'm finding it more common, at least in our little dance world, to hear negative comments on the sidelines and even worse, from a dance partner!!! Unless requested, it is absolutely NOT OK to give constructive criticism to your dance partner!!! I myself have asked experienced dancers and instructors for feedback. I have also been asked by my newer dance partners for feedback. When I replied that I am not a dance instructor and therefore don't feel comfortable with that, I was advised that positive feedback is just as effective and always welcome!

Let's be positive and remember why we started dancing in the first place: to have fun!!! If cornered by someone with negative comments or gossip, make a polite comment and move on. I am really making an effort to restrain from criticism, even if I have to bite my tongue . . .and you know there are some real characters out there!

How should I handle dance requests? (posted 5/8/15)

Dennis and I want to pass on another dance tip. We have both recently noticed an alarming trend. A gentleman asks a lady for a dance. She declines the invitation and she gives an excuse about needing to change her shoes or feeling tired, etc. Moments later, she accepts a dance from another gentleman. The first gentleman can't help but notice and is therefore somewhat baffled and perhaps offended. Dennis has told me that this has happened to him and some other leaders and as a result, he is not likely to ask that lady for another dance. She may have many valid reasons for accepting the second invitation but it's just bad social dancing etiquette. This is also true for gentlemen who are asked to dance. Dennis and I have an arrangement that if a certain song is played, he will give me first preference and if I am available, we will dance that song. If he should be asked to dance by another lady first, he will decline the invitation but will offer to dance the next dance with her. If he declines an invitation, he will ALWAYS offer to dance with her later. I'm sure most of your readers already are aware of this issue and perhaps it's just happening here in the Queen City, but we felt it was worthwhile passing on.

"How do I get to dance more at social dances?" (posted 9/12/14)

This one is submitted by Jeanne—thanks for her excellent discussion! She got this tips during a dance class. What are your suggestions (whether you are a follower or a leader)?

- Ask leaders for dances! If you wait until you're asked, you may sit for a while as there are followers who don't mind asking leaders for dances.
- Some leaders may turn you down. They may have already made contact with another follower to dance that song, they might be very hot and tired and need a rest, or they may have a previous arrangement to dance a particular dance with a particular follower. If they are

practicing good dance etiquette, they will decline your invitation, but offer to dance a later dance with you.

- Some of the leaders mentioned that they will usually not ask a follower who doesn't look like she wants to dance. She may be involved in a conversation with a friend or two and he doesn't want to interrupt. She may be sitting in the back of the room in a dark corner. She may be looking down and have her arms crossed. Leaders tend to ask followers for dances who are making eye contact, smiling, standing on the side of the dance floor or outright asking them for dances.