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Tips on Going Solo to a Convention

Here are some tips to get a dance partner when you're solo at a convention:

- ✓ Get a "solo" ribbon and wear it everywhere – the dance floor, the vendor area, the snack bar. You never know when someone may see you and realize you're available.
- ✓ Smile. Even if you're sitting out a dance, smile, tap your toes to the music, clap if its part of a dance – in other words, participate from the sidelines. Show that you're enjoying yourself. After all, that's why you came, isn't it?
- ✓ Accept offers to dance. Maybe the individual isn't your first choice, but one dance won't hurt, and you might just end up in a square with someone who does strike your fancy.
- ✓ If you're a lady, dance with another lady if a square needs a couple. The idea is to get on the floor and dance. No one knows if you can dance as long as you sit.
- ✓ Chat with the person you're sitting with. Chat with people in the hall and on the elevator and on a tour bus. Make it easy for someone to approach you and ask you to dance.
- ✓ Know the calls, and know them well. If you don't, brush up before the convention. We all make an occasional mistake, but if you break down a square more than once, you'll find yourself sitting out a lot. On the other hand, it is absolutely exhilarating to have someone grab your hand and say, "Let's dance! I'm ready for a great square!"
- ✓ Last but not least, don't be shy. Remember that at a singles' convention, anyone can ask someone else to dance!

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