

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 (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.

March 29, 2013

Weekend happenings

Okay, the first quarter of the year is over—I hope you have had the opportunity to get out dancing! If you made a resolution to learn, you still have three-quarters of the year to try!

Amy

Can't read the newsletter in your email?

For best viewing, view the PDF newsletter attachment—if you are on the email list, you may experience some weird formatting in your email (disappearing fonts, no picture, etc.), depending on your email settings! 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!



Canadian Amateur Latin Champions Danik Kutuzov and Maria Shalvarova at the Ohio Chapter Spring Fling this Sunday at Kent State University. They put on a great show, featuring this samba!

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!

Savannah Bar & Grille (Friday & Saturday)—30676 Detroit Road, Westlake, OH 44145; 440-892-2266; <http://thesavannah.com/> It's back (thanks, Johnny for letting me know)—apparently they re-opened on March 12—the former owner Jim is running it again!

SB Eighty One (Friday & Saturday)— 24481 Detroit Rd. Westlake OH 44145; 440-835-3559; <http://sbeightyone.com/> . For those of you west-siders who are lamenting the changes at Savannah's, here is an alternative. The floor is a little smaller, but many of the bands will probably be familiar to you (Marilyn, who used to book the bands for Savannah's is booking the bands here). Ed and I saw the Chosen Few one Friday and saw many familiar faces! By the way, the food is excellent and the wait staff is nice (nice job, Terry). Every Wednesday—jitterbug dance lessons at 6:30 p.m. Cruisin plays every Thursday, 7:30-10:30 p.m. Upcoming bands:

3/1/13, Friday, 9-12 midnight —Etiquette
3/2/13, Saturday, 9-12 midnight —Midtown featuring Kearsten Kopf
3/5/13, Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.—Brian Davidson
3/6/13, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.—Buzzy J and the Verbs
3/8/13, Friday, 9-12 midnight —WIXY 1260
3/9/13, Saturday, 9-12 midnight — The Swamp Boogie Band
3/12/13, Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.—Jeff Sherman
3/13/13, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.—Dave Michaels & Music on a Mission
3/15/13, Friday, 9-12 midnight —The Pop Tarts
3/16/13, Saturday, 9-12 a.m.—Motor City Gold
3/19/13, Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.—Tony T
3/20/13, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.— George Foley Quartet
3/22/13, Friday, 9-12 midnight —Coast-2-Coast
3/23/13, Saturday 9-12 midnight —Sight-N-Sound
3/26/13, Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.—Tony T
3/27/13, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.— Doo Wop Kings
3/29/13, Friday, 9 p.m.-12 midnight—Joe Bell and the Swing Lizard
3/30/13, Saturday, 9 p.m.-12 midnight-- The Benjaminz

Carrie Cerino's (Friday and Saturday) -- 8922 Ridge Road, North Royalton, OH 44133; 440-237-3434, <http://www.carriecerinos.com/Events/LoungeBands.aspx> Coast to Coast plays on Friday 8 p.m.-12 midnight and Wild Knights plays 9 p.m.-1 a.m. on Saturday. Nice small dance floor in front of the band, but it gets crowded quickly.

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 (it's more long than it is wide)! Bands generally start at 9:30 on Friday and anywhere from 8:30-10 p.m. on Saturdays—you can check the calendar link. Friday: Tricky Dick; Saturday: Abby Normal.

Get Hep Swing (Saturday, 3/30/13)— Waterloo Ballroom in the Slovenian Workmen's Home, 15335 Waterloo Road, Cleveland, OH 44110 (in the artsy and lively Collinwood neighborhood). COST: \$12/person, \$10/student and seniors. TIME: 8 p.m. – 12 a.m.; Live band & DJ music. Events feature Jitterbug, Lindy Hop, Balboa, Charleston and other dances to live band music! The Slovenian not only has a beautiful ballroom; they also have a well-stocked bar. They have alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks of all kinds for sale--including a very special Slovenian beer- Lasko! There will also be some sweet and savory snacks for sale in the bar as well. There are TWO parking lots to the right of the ballroom and there is also some street parking as well. However, if you can carpool with friends that would be recommended. We also have a security guard who keeps an eye on the hall and both parking lots. For more information, see <http://www.gethepswing.com/> or call Valerie at 216-374-1927. The Mike Petrone Band plays this Saturday!

NOTES

- For those of you interested in Stark/Canton area dance opportunities request to get on Jamie's dance list! Email her at DoubleJJ@sssnet.com and include your name and email address—she will add you to the list (addresses listed as blind copies so that your email stays private).

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 THIS WEEKEND AND FUTURE WEEKENDS

4/5/13	Dancing Classrooms of Northeast Ohio Benefit Gala Dinner Dance —Key Center—Cleveland Marriott Downtown, 127 Public Square, Cleveland, OH 44114; 6:30 p.m. cocktails, 7:30 p.m. dinner and dancing. Three course dinner, open bar, Jerry Bruno Orchestra; performance by Dancing Classrooms students; cocktail attire (tux not required). The Directors and Benefit Committee of Dancing Classrooms Northeast Ohio cordially invite you to attend a Benefit Gala Dinner Dance sponsored by Cavalier Construction & VetCon for the benefit of Dancing Classrooms. To register, click here. For information about the event, click here. Remember the documentary <i>Mad Hot Ballroom</i> ? This is the same program! Ed and I went last year and had a great time. The band played great music and the students were terrific! Jo Jo Graham, Executive Director, is trying to get 50 new people to attend. Why don't you come? Click here to see a video about Dancing Classrooms!
4/6/13	Rafters Ballroom Social Dance -- Rafters Clubhouse at Meadowlake Golf Club, 1211 39 th Street, Canton, OH 44714, 330-492-2010 , www.meadowlakegs.com 8-11 pm, \$7 per person, refreshments available for purchase, hosted by Tiffany Steineck. For info on Tiffany's group and private lessons, check out her website at www.dancingwithtiffany.com .
4/6/13	Men in Suits/Little Black Dress Salsa Party —Shooters on the Water, 1148 Main Ave., Cleveland, OH 44113. For reservations 216-280-0407; lesson starts at 9; music starts at 10 p.m.-2:30 a.m.; \$10 cover. Park at the Improv or Nautica parking lots. Sponsored by TropicalCleveland. Live 13 piece band, Papo Ruiz y La Dulzura de La Salsa with brass and percussion.
4/13/13	La Danse Cleveland Rock and Roll Hall of Fame Showcase —23366 Commerce Parkway, Beachwood, OH 44122. Phone 216-292-9777 or info@letsdancecleveland.com ; website http://www.ladansecleveland.com/ . Our spring showcase this year will be held on April 13th, 2013 , in tribute to the best of the best in the rock & roll world!! The event promises to be yet another major production by La Danse with an over-abundance of fun, food, entertainment and dancing for everyone!! Of course we all know how fast four months can fly by so be sure to sign up at the studio and start making plans with your instructor/s to wow your friends, family and dance peers with your single heats and solo routines. We want to see your best Madonna, Beatles, James Brown and Rolling Stones impressions so start channeling your rock & roll side everyone!! Check back for more information and details.
4/20/13	Sandusky Chapter USA Ballroom Dance --Milan Township Hall, Grand Upper Ballroom (circa 1889), southeast corner of square in downtown Milan, 11 South Main Street, Milan, OH. Finger food part and complimentary lesson at 6 p.m., general dancing at 7-10 p.m. (line dancers also welcome); free, but \$5 donation will be appreciated! Call 419-370-4886 or 419-929-1114 for more information.
4/21/13	Clarion Inn Dance for Cancer with Frederick and Bonnie --240 East Hines Hill Road, Hudson, OH, US, 44236; Phone: (330) 653-9191. This is a former Holiday Day Inn. The dance floor has been retained in Cruisers Bar and Grill, as well as the Friday/Saturday bands! Frederick and Bonnie host another swing and hustle dance, 6-9 p.m. As always, the event is free, the music is non-stop, the dance floor is great, and the Clarion has available wonderful food and drinks. This will be a special dance—this is a second anniversary dance, which will be dedicated to fighting cancer, in honor of some friends who had passed away from cancer. If you would like to help, just <u>attempt</u>

	to raise \$50 for cancer research. Frederick and Bonnie are asking that each of you could ask 10 friends or family members to donate \$5 to UH Rainbow Babies Children's and Hospital. Then on April 21, 2013, bring the cash, checks, or money orders made out to UH Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital, which will be given to a hospital administrator who will be there to receive them. I have already let Frederick know that I will be sending a check!
7/28/13	USA Dance Ohio Chapter Summer Serenade-- Kent State University Student Center Ballroom, Kent, OH 44242. Dancing at 3 p.m. and dinner at 5:00 p.m.; the event ends at 9 p.m. More information and tickets will be posted on http://usadanceohio.org/

DANCE STUDIO SOCIAL DANCE SCHEDULES

Note: Dance studios below offer group/private classes. See websites for class schedules/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!

All About Dancin’ (Updated 2/24/12)	All About Dancin’ (Saturdays) —2115 Freeman Ave., Cleveland, OH 44113, (216) 479-0355. http://www.allaboutdancin.net/ . Open practice 8-11 p.m.; free group class with admission to open practice. The cost is \$10. On second and third Saturdays, except the last Saturday of the month (that’s potluck Saturday, 6:30-9:30 p.m., \$7 if you bring a dish). The Cleveland Akron Swing and Hustle Club has their dance on the first Saturday of the month.
Always Dancin’	Always Dancin’ (Saturdays) —6217 Elyria Ave., Elyria, OH 44035; 330-519-8307; http://alwayisdancin.com/ . Open ballroom practice generally on most Fridays, 8-10 p.m. Website also mentions Saturday and Sunday night dances (but I do not see them on the calendar). Cost \$8 per person including group lesson; refreshments provided. Check calendar for specific dates http://alwayisdancin.com/index.php?option=com_jevents&view=month&task=month.calendar&Itemid=92
American Ballroom Centre (Updated 4/17/10)	American Ballroom Centre (3rd Fridays) --5673 Ridge Rd., Parma OH, 44129; 216-884-9200; http://www.americanballroomcentre.com/ . Open dance \$10, music by DJ Denise, free refreshments. Dances on Fridays, 8-11 p.m. They may be changing the schedule to every third Friday, the next one being October 21. Make sure you check their schedule!
Andrew Fulmer Dance Studio (Updated 1/21/13)	Andrew Fulmer Dance Studio –New location! 401 West Tuscarawas Street, Canton, OH 44702 (old Daily News building), 330-353-8882. Enter thru door in alley, go to the 4th floor and follow the music! Free on-street parking (no need to feed the meters after 6 pm). Note: there is always someone available to walk the single ladies to their cars at the end of the night; check out the studio’s Facebook page for class schedules and all the happenings: (https://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Andrew-Fulmer-Dance-Studios/115404948513598?sk=info). Once a month from 8-10 pm, \$10 per person includes light refreshments (you may BYOB if you like), beginners dance lesson from 7-7:45 pm is an additional \$10. The music is good, they take requests, and the atmosphere is very laid back and friendly.
Avon Ballroom (New 11/13/09)	Avon Ballroom (Fridays) --35840 Chester Road, Avon, OH 44011; 440-937-9898 (it’s in the corner of Chester Road Square plaza, next to Fugiyama restaurant). http://www.avonballroom.com/ Dance parties 8-10 p.m.; pre-party lesson 7:00 p.m.; \$10 non-members. Wednesday 9-10:30 dance practice--\$5 or free for members. Gordon Kwan and Anya Kwan own this studio. Gordon is Ed

	and my instructor—he is great! Email info@avonballroom.com .
Cleveland Ballroom Company (Updated 5/6/12)	<p>Cleveland Ballroom Company (Thursdays)—23500 Mercantile Rd, Suite G, Beachwood OH 44122 (off I-271 & Chagrin Blvd.); phone 216-595-6955 or email clevelandballroomcompany@gmail.com; website http://www.clevelandballroomcompany.com/index.cfm. Social dances on selected Thursdays; pre-dance lesson 7-8 p.m. sometimes offered at \$10 per person. Social dances are 8-10 p.m.; \$10 per person. See calendar at http://www.clevelandballroomcompany.com/.</p> <p>Hustle with Jim Call (every other Monday)—lesson 7:30-8:30 p.m.; practice dance 8:30-9:30 p.m. Dance and lesson \$12. See calendar at http://www.clevelandballroomcompany.com/events.html</p>
Cleveland Swing and Salsa (Updated 1/18/13)	<p>Cleveland Swing and Salsa 4151 Mayfield Rd., S. Euclid, OH. 44121 440.350.9969; http://www.clevelandswingandsalsa.com/. Parking and entrance in back and we are downstairs. Mondays, Salsa Club. 6:45 pm to 9:30 pm. Everyone and anyone, of all ages, is welcome! Little Salseras and Salseros, ages 6 to 13, are half price. College students, with I.D. \$5.00. Half price when you bring a guest. Join us for the best Salsa on Mondays and learn the hottest moves in town! All levels of Salsa, from beginner's to intermediate, are taught. There is plenty of practice time throughout the evening where teachers will be on hand to help students with any trouble spots and answer any questions. Cost is \$10.00 per person at the door. Warm-up starts at 6:45. First lesson starts at 7:00.</p> <p>Every Wednesday, group lessons are offered 8-9:30 p.m. in a different style of dance that changes each month. Social dance time is 9-9:30 p.m. in the studio! Cost \$35-40 for all 4 or 5 classes (depending on the number of Wednesdays in the month) or \$10 per class. In February, the dance is bachata.</p>
Dance d'Elegance (Added 8/19/10)	<p>Dance d'Elegance (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). Semi-monthly Saturday dance parties. Everyone (not just students) welcome; group class offered before the party. Group lesson only 7:00 - 9:00 PM - \$10 Per Person. Dance party only 8:00 to 10:00 PM - \$7 per person. Group lesson & party 7:00 to 10:00 PM - \$15 per person. Your guests are free. Bring a friend and snack to share. 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.</p>
Dancer In You (Updated 1/21/11)	<p>Dancer In You--Anita Converse Studio (Fridays)--2872 W. Market St., Unit D, Fairlawn, OH 44333; www.anitaconverse.com Alternating Fridays swing/Latin/ballroom socials and Argentine tango milongas. Check the web site for a calendar of events http://www.dancerinyou.com/calendar.htm Lesson starts at 7:30 p.m. and the dance 8:15-10:30 p.m. (ballroom nights) or 8:15-11:00 p.m. with lessons starting at 6:45 p.m.) for Argentine tango nights. Admission \$10 per person, \$8 seniors and college students with ID. Singles and couples welcome. For more information, call 330-608-444 or dancerinyou@yahoo.com</p>
Dancetime Studio (Updated 1/3/13)	<p>Dancetime Studio (Fridays) (owner Barbara Gerhart)— Elyria Amvets Quonset Hut 11087 S. Middle Ave. Elyria, Ohio. Phone: 440-823-2745. Large wood dance floor! See website or call for more information http://www.dancetime-studio.com/ or dancetime-studio@hotmail.com. Dances on Sundays each month at the Elyria Amvets Q-Hut, 11087 S. Middle Ave., Elyria from 8-10pm at \$7; check the website calendar for specific Sundays that</p>

	<p>social dances are being held http://www.dancetime-studio.com/Calendar.html . Teaching at Elyria Amvets Q-Hut, Avon lake old Firehouse, Avon Y, and the Avon Isle.</p> <p>Fridays—Q-Hut lesson and dance--11087 S. Middle Ave. Elyria, Ohio; 7-10 p.m.; \$10.</p> <p>New! Ballroom Dance Saturday Evenings at the Old Avon Lake Firehouse—100 Avon Belden Road, Avon Lake, OH 44012 (corner of Rt. 83 and Lake Rd.)—February 16 and March 16, 7-10 p.m.; lesson 7:15-8 p.m. Snacks and soft drinks provided; \$10 per person. For information, call Barbara Gerhart, Dancetime Studio at 440-823-2745; dancetime-studio@hotmail.com; www.dancetime-studio.com</p>
<p>Gotta Dance Ohio (Updated 1/17/13)</p>	<p>Gotta Dance Ohio (owner Pete Santorelli)-- 8824 Mentor Ave, Mentor OH 44060; phone 440-205-1019; website http://www.gottadanceohio.com/; email address gottadanceohio@gmail.com . Also on Facebook at Gotta Dance Ohio. Gotta Dance Ohio is located east of Route 615 before Hopkins Rd in the Heinen's Plaza next to Davitino's Italian Restaurant. Dance parties are on Friday night, 8-10 p.m., \$10 per person.</p> <p>NEW! In addition to Friday night dances from 8 until 10:30, we have added a Sunday Dance from 4 until 7pm. Cost is \$10.</p>
<p>Greg y Donna (Added 9/28/10)</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 7-9 p.m. classes with practice dance 9-11:30 p.m. at Kan Zaman Restaurant, 1616 West 25th Street, Cleveland, Ohio (Next to Lutheran Hospital in Ohio City) map. 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, 7-8 p.m.; practica, 8-11 p.m. For class and practica only \$10; practia only \$5. Special prices for tango dancers on the bar/restaurant menu! <p>**Please check Home page (http://neotango.net/home.html) "Tango In Town" to see if and where we are guest teaching!</p>
<p>La Danse Cleveland (Updated 4/14/11)</p>	<p>La Danse Cleveland—formerly Let's Dance 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 and Saturdays—check the events calendar to see what they are doing (http://www.letsdancecleveland.com/calendar/month.php) ! First Saturdays are general ballroom dances. Second Saturdays are usually potluck ballroom dances. The third Saturday is usually birthday/anniversary special day dances. The fourth Saturday is usually East meets West dances. Sunday Ballroom Dances are generally held from 6-9pm on the fourth Sunday of most months.</p> <p>New 4/14/11: On the third Saturday of every month, LDC will be throwing "Special Day" dances--a huge birthday and anniversary celebration for all of our cherished friends. Please make sure that we don't forget your special event. You can e-mail your special day to letsdanceclev@aol.com. or remind us when you attend your regular group classes and private lessons. Invite all of your</p>

	friends to celebrate with you right here at the studio to make your event even more fun!
Latin Soul Ballroom (Updated 7/12/12)	<p>Latin Soul Ballroom—6902 Pearl Rd. Suite 101, Middleburg Heights, OH 44130 (in the Southland Center offices); phone 440-499-4178. Web site http://www.latin soulballroom.com/ Check schedule of events at http://www.latin soulballroom.com/schedule.aspx</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Salsa Thursdays : Every Thursday from 9 p-12 a : \$7 (\$5 for students) • Salon Sur: Argentine Tango : Every 1st and 3rd Friday : 7:15 p-11:30 p : \$10 (\$7 for students) : Come early for our beginner lesson, free with dance admission! • Ballroom and Latin Dance: Every 2nd Saturday: 7:15p-11 p: \$10 (\$7 for students) Come early for our beginner lesson, free with dance admission! • Swing Dance every 3rd Saturday: 8:15 p-12 a : \$10 (\$7 for students) : Come early for our beginner lesson, free with dance admission! • Strictly Blues every 4th Friday: 8:15 p-12 a: \$10 (\$7 for students) : Come early for our beginner lesson, free with dance admission!
Riverfront Ballroom and Latin Dance Center Updated 6/10/11	<p>Riverfront Ballroom and Latin Dance Center (Fridays & some Saturdays)—137 Portage Trail, Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44221; 330-992-3234: http://www.riverfrontballroom.com/. Non-students are welcome to attend open group class, 8-8:30 p.m. and practice parties on Fridays, 8-10:30. Prices for non-students-- Friday open group class and practice party is \$10.00. Starting June 18, 2011, Riverfront Ballroom will have Saturday night dances from 8-10:30 pm, on two Saturdays each month. The cost is \$10 / person. Check the calendar on our website for current information www.riverfrontballroom.com.</p>
Starz Ballroom (Updated 1/15/13)	<p>Starz Ballroom Studio 25016 Center Ridge Rd, Westlake, Ohio 44145, Phone (440) 871-STAR (7827): http://starzballroom.net/. Open dance nights on different days of the week (generally Friday). Check the calendar on http://starzballroom.net/calendar-2/. Generally \$10, lesson at 8 a.m., social dancing at 8:45 -10 p.m.</p> <p>NEW! Tina Price is offering group lessons at Starz Ballroom every Monday, 7 p.m., intermediate/advanced west coast swing (cool moves with styling); 8 p.m. beginner/intermediate west coast swing (beyond basics, part two)—to attend, you must know cha cha starter step, left side pass, right side pass, front tuck and underarm to close.</p>
Tango Cleveland Updated 5/6/12	<p>Argentine tango at Restaurant Europa (Wednesdays)--30519 Pinetree Road, Pepper Pike, OH 44124 (intersection of Lander Road and Chagrin Blvd. Circle--every Wednesday night Argentine tango lessons and dancing. It is a Russian restaurant. Lesson at 7-8 p.m. for \$5 per person; dancing from 8-10:30 p.m. Tango is FREE when you purchase a drink at \$8. We have a five star bartender named Carla. Plenty of very safe parking. Outstanding European food at affordable price. Please come and check us out.</p>
Western Reserve Argentine Tango Society (Added 6/23/11)	<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. Thursday, August 4, 2011, 7-10 p.m. Cost \$5 per person. For information, contact Rick Ramos; somarkcir@hotmail.com; cell phone 440-503-8630.</p>
WHYM Dance Added 4/21/11	<p>WhyM Dance + Movement + More (3rd Saturday)—530-A East Washington St., Chagrin Falls, OH 44022; 440-247 WHYM (9496); email info@danceatwhym.com. Web site http://www.danceatwhym.com/ On every</p>

	<p>3rd Saturday of the month, the studio hosts a rhythm night at 7 p.m. (30 minute salsa class) and dance party from 7:30 until 10 p.m. Cost is \$10; includes light refreshments. See calendar for classes and other events http://www.danceatwhym.com/calendar/</p>
	<p>NON-DANCE STUDIO DANCE SCHEDULES (categorized by day starting from Friday)</p> <p>(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>
FRIDAYS	
Latin Quarters (every Friday) (Added 6/14/12)	<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>
Friday Night Fever (1/18/13, 1/24/13, 2/1/13)	<p>USA Dance Youngstown-Warren Chapter and Y-Dance-- Saints Peter & Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Center, 1025 North Belle Vista Avenue, Youngstown, Ohio 44509. Lesson 7-8 p.m., dance 8-11 p.m. Only \$5!</p>
Shadows—Latin night Friday	<p>Cleveland's Latin dance club, Shadows. It has a sizable, wood dance floor, lower bar, upper level seating and bar and DJ Benny Velez kicks out some great Salsa music all night long. Lessons from the Cleveland Swing and Salsa studio start at 8:30 pm and go until 10:00 pm. Cost is \$5.00 for the lesson. Admission is free after 10:00. Shadows is located at 1360 W. 9th St. at the corner of 9th. and St. Clair. Was Tramp/Funky Buddha.</p>
Quirk Cultural Center—1st Fridays	<p>Dance Fever 07:30 pm - 10:30 pm at Quirk Cultural Center, 1201 Grant Avenue, Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44223; 330-971-8425. Looking for a chance to socialize with friends, meet new people, and enjoy great music while trying out your dance moves? Then come to the Ballroom Dance night, hosted by Anita Converse of The Dancer In You, Inc. We'll start each evening with a dance lesson from 7:30 - 8:30 pm, each month featuring a different dance. From 8:30 - 10:30 pm enjoy dancing to a variety of great music; Swing, Waltz, Cha Cha, Tango, Line Dances, and more! Fee is \$8 per person, \$5 for students and seniors with ID. No partner needed, all ages welcome. Pay at the door. Check the website for each month's schedule http://cfo.cityofcf.com/website/web2/view.do?dir=parksandrec/quirk&tile=events.jsp</p>
Bainbridge Swing Dance—1st Fridays (Added 1/28/11)	<p>First Friday Swing Dance in Bainbridge-- Kenston Intermediate School Gym, 17425 Snyder Rd., Chagrin Falls, OH. 44023. Lesson 8-9 and dance 9-11:30 p.m. Live music. Contact Will Craig at (216) 316-0068 for details. Usually held on the first Friday of each month. Admission--\$8 students; \$10 adults; \$25 families; 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!</p>
Get Hep Swing Ltd.—2nd Friday (Updated 4/27/12)	<p>Get Hep Swing-- Second Friday of the month at Lakewood Masonic. Last Saturday of every month at Bohemian National Hall. Events feature Jitterbug, Lindy Hop, Balboa, Charleston and other dances to live band music!</p> <p>LAKWOOD MASONIC TEMPLE (2nd Friday) 15300 Detroit Road Lakewood, OH 44107</p>

	<p>parking available in the back</p> <p>COST: \$12/person, \$10/students/seniors with valid ID. TIME: 8pm - 12am, LIVE Band & DJ music Get Hep Swing Jitterbug lesson from 8-9pm LOCATION: Lakewood Masonic Temple (see Locations http://www.gethepswing.com/location.htm) http://www.gethepswing.com/events.htm</p>
TangoNovo— 2nd Friday (Added 6/2/12)	<p>TangoNovo (2nd Friday)—All About Dancin' Studio, 2115 Freeman Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44113. Starts 8:00 pm - Nuevo Tango Lesson, 9:00 pm - Dance to Nuevo Tango plus Latin Rhythms with a Euro Vibe. Co-Hosts: KB & Carmen ~ 216-749-3878; Umberto Amante ~ 216-342-1528. BYOB; \$10 per person. KB & Carmen Tango in association with Umberto Amante presents TangoNovo, a nuevo tango experience on EVERY 2nd FRIDAY: June 8th, July 13th, August 10th, September 14th, October 12th, November 9th, December 14th! Novo, Latin for "the new" and Tango, a dance of passion, come together to form the name of this unique event, TangoNovo, a nuevo tango experience. Nuevo tango refers both to the dance style and the style of tango music. Musicians moved by the deep emotions elicited from tango are inspired to create "Novo" compositions to be interpreted by tango dancers using both nuevo and traditional forms of tango dance. TangoNovo seeks to celebrate this emerging genre of dance and music, along with other Latin rhythms interpreted with a Euro vibe. Dance to a variety of unique tango, salsa, cumbia, cha-cha-cha, merengue, etc. The ambiance for the evening will be high energy dancing in a club atmosphere. If you enjoy "dressing up" to go out this event affords you that opportunity, although dressing up is not required. Bring your favorite beverages and victuals and enjoy them at any of the plentiful tables surrounding the dance floor.</p>
Quirk Cultural Center—4th Friday	<p>Fourth Friday of the month A party DJ'ed by Pam Burton at the Quirk Cultural Center, 1201 Grant Avenue, Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44223; 330-971-8425. 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 \$8.00 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. 1201 Grant Ave. Cuyahoga Falls OH, 330-971-8225. Check the website for each month's schedule http://cfo.cityofcf.com/website/web2/view.do?dir=parksandrec/quirk&tile=events.jsp</p>
5th Friday Milonga	<p>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.</p>
Avon Oaks Ballroom-- Fridays	<p>Avon Oaks Ballroom-- 1401 North State Street, Girard, Ohio 44420 (Just Minutes Away From Route 11); 330-545-1951; http://www.avonoaksballroom.com/. Dance times: Friday dance--8- 11 p.m. (dance lessons \$5, 6-7:30 p.m. with "Ballroom...With Style" with George Hawn); Call 330-629-2030 for dance information. See July/August newsletter for schedule!</p>
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SATURDAYS and SUNDAYS	
Clarion Inn (Added 11/19/10)	<u>Clarion Inn and Conference Center</u> --240 East Hines Hill Road, Hudson, OH, US, 44236; Phone: (330) 653-9191. This is a former Holiday Day Inn. The dance floor has been retained in Cruisers Bar and Grill, as well as the Friday/Saturday bands! Thanks to John and Mary for letting me know! Frederick and Bonnie host occasional swing and hustle nights here!
SATURDAYS	
Cleveland Akron Swing & Hustle Club—1st and 3rd Saturdays (Updated 8/2/12)	<p>Cleveland Akron Swing & Hustle Club--Dances at (new—starting 8/4/12!) Latin Soul Ballroom, 6902 Pearl Rd. Suite 101, Middleburg Heights, OH 44130 in the Southland Center Building (1st Saturdays) and American Dance Exchange, 767 Alpha Drive, Highland Hts., OH 44143 (off 271 Wilson Mills exit) (3rd Saturdays). Basic dance lesson from 8:00-8:40 p.m. (free to club members). Dance starts at 8:45 p.m. Dance: members \$6 and nonmembers \$10. http://www.cashdanceclub.org/</p> <p>Dance Schedule 1st Saturday's at Latin Soul Ballroom 3rd Saturday's at American Dance Exchange</p>
Pa'l Bailador—1st or 2nd Saturday (Added 6/2/12)	<p>Pa'l Bailador (1st or 2nd Saturday)--Hillside Party Center at 4617 East 71st Street, Cuyahoga Heights, OH 44125 (near Cinemark Valley View). Doors open at 9 p.m.; cover charge \$10. Live band salsa dance party! Hundreds of free and private parking spaces! Huge wood dance floor! Cash bar separate from the dance floor (Beers: \$3, Wine: \$3, Well: \$4, Water: \$2. Web page: www.PalBailador.com and Facebook Event: https://www.facebook.com/events/298839070204159/</p> <p>Pa'l Bailador is has dates for a live salsa band dance party every month at 9 p.m. at the Hillside Party Center, 4617 E 71st St, Cuyahoga Heights. The dates they have set for 2012 are: July 14th, August 4th, September 8th, October 6th, November 3rd, December 8th and New Year's Eve (December 31st).</p>
Hot Latin Dance Party at Shooters—1st Saturday	Hot Latin Dance Party --Shooters Riverside Cantina, 1148 Main St., Cleveland OH 44113; 216-861-6900. Cover charge \$5; must be at least 21 years old; 10 p.m.-2:30 a.m. Free dance lessons all night. Sponsored by ¡La Peña Mundial! and Tropical Cleveland. http://www.TropicalCleveland.com/ and http://www.LaPenamundial.com/
Saturday Night Dance Club—usually 1st Saturday (added 3/23/12)	Saturday Night Dance Club --Masonic Temple, 3615 Euclid Ave., Cleveland, OH (secure parking lot adjacent to the building). Membership for 2011-2012 season is \$200 per couple for membership and six dances. Couple joining after the start of the season have the membership fee pro-rated (May Dinner Dance is an additional cost). They have seven dance events each year (October through May, except for January). They dance from 8-11pm, with a 30-minute intermission at 9:30, with refreshments and a short program, and sometimes a short business meeting. Dress is formal attire. They use a number of different local dance bands to provide our music, and all of them play what is best described as "strict tempo" dance music. The bands play a variety of songs, and the dance card includes Fox Trot, Waltz, Tango, Swing, Rumba, Cha Cha, Polka, Merengue and Viennese Waltz.
Just Got To Dance—2nd Saturday (Added 4/21/11)	Just Got To Dance—2nd Saturday of the month Orthodox Center, 1025 N. Belle Vista Ave., Youngstown Ohio 44509. The Youngstown social dance club! We play a wide variety of music - east and west coast swing, Latin, hustle and foxtrot just to name a few - at our <u>monthly dance</u> held every 2nd Saturday of the month and all dances are open to the public and

	<p>you do not need a partner. To check schedule or become a member, check out the web site at http://www.justgottodance.com/ Lesson 7-8 p.m.; dance 8-11 p.m. Cost \$5 for members and \$10 for non-members. Thanks, Joe, for giving me this information to add to the newsletter!</p>
<p>Lake Metroparks--Painesville Township Park Community Center--2nd Saturday</p>	<p>Saturdays Ballroom dancing at the Painesville Township Park Community Center 1025 Hardy Rd., Painesville, OH 44077; (440) 354-3885</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 (generally 3rd Saturday) Updated 9/5/12</p>	<p>USA Dance Sandusky Chapter at Avon Isle or Milan Ballroom Dance—3rd Saturday Avon Isle Ballroom Dance, 37080 Detroit Ave., Avon, Ohio; 419-370-4886. Milan Township Hall, Grand Upper Ballroom (circa 1889), southeast corner of square in downtown Milan, 11 South Main Street, Milan, OH. Price \$10 per person; \$5 USA Dance member (or make sure you read the flyer for admission). Time 6-10 p.m. with free dance lesson. Contact is Duane Mills at 419-370-4886. This chapter is re-vitalized! 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. Arrive about 6pm and join the potluck even if you don't have anything to bring. General dancing starts at 7:00 and ends at 10pm. Sandusky Chapter 2094 of USA Dance will provide an instructor, DJ and refreshments.</p>
<p>Get Hep Swing Ltd.—last Saturday, 2nd Friday & some 1st Fridays (Updated 6/6/11)</p>	<p>Get Hep Swing— Waterloo Ballroom in the Slovenian Workmen's Home, 15335 Waterloo Road, Cleveland, OH 44110 (in the artsy and lively Collinwood neighborhood). 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. second Friday of the month at Lakewood Masonic. Events feature Jitterbug, Lindy Hop, Balboa, Charleston and other dances to live band music! The Slovenian not only has a beautiful ballroom; they also have a well-stocked bar. They have alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks of all kinds for sale—including a very special Slovenian beer- Lasko! There will also be some sweet and savory snacks for sale in the bar as well. There are TWO parking lots to the right of the</p>

	<p>ballroom and there is also some street parking as well. However, if you can carpool with friends that would be recommended. We also have a security guard who keeps an eye on the hall and both parking lots. For more information, see http://www.gethepswing.com/ or call Valerie at 216-374-1927.</p> <p>To check out locations: http://www.gethepswing.com/location.htm For the calendar: http://www.gethepswing.com/events.htm</p>
4th Saturday Dance (Get Out 'n Groove) (New 1/21/11)	4th Saturday Dance --Ukrainian Orthodox Pavilion & Center, 1025 North Belle Vista Avenue, Youngstown Ohio 44509. Lesson is 7:00 pm to 8:00, dance is 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Admission \$8.00. Music by Jim Huffman. The 4th Saturday Dance leans toward swing (west coast, triple-time/east coast, single-time) and hustle, but will always include a good amount of ... waltz, cha cha, rhumba, country two-step, night-club two-step, foxtrot and a salsa, tango and bolero thrown in for good measure. For anyone who has never been to a "4th Saturday Dance," your first admission is free! (Tell your friends PLEASE.) Come check us out. No charge your first time. Experience the big floor, the big sound and a great group of friendly people. Just tell Patty, the cheery lady at the door, that it's your first time and you're good to go. For more information http://www.ngroove.net/ .
Sherwood Dance schedule (Certain Fridays & Saturdays)	Sherwood Dance --960 Jacoby Rd., Copley; (330) 864-4484; \$6 per person Dance Dates: <p style="text-align: center;">Call for dates (All dances at 8:30 pm unless noted otherwise.)</p> <p>I-77 to Ridgewood Rd. /Miller Rd. (Exit 133). Go ½ mile west on Ridgewood, Turn left onto Jacoby Rd. Go 1/4 mile south on Jacoby, Sherwood is on the right. If you are coming from Medina area, take SR # 18 east to I-77. Go south on I-77 to Exit 133 and follow the directions above. If you are coming from east of Akron, take I-76 west to I-77 north. Go north on I-77 to Exit 133 and follow the directions above.</p>
SUNDAYS	
Slovenian Workmen's Home polka (every Sunday) Added 12/7/12	Slovenian Workmen's Home Sunday Polka --15335 Waterloo Road, Cleveland, OH 44110; 216-481-5378; website http://www.swh-waterloo.com . Timmy Tango tells me that he and Joanne dance there from 3:00 to 7:00 every Sunday for only \$12; plus you get a free sandwich and soft drink. He tells me that "The dance floor is perfection, The people friendly, usually dancing either Slovenian or Polish style polka. There is a different polka band each week."
Ohio Chapter USA Dance 1st Sunday Dances in Rocky River	USA Dance Ohio Chapter 1st Sunday Dance Don Umerley Civic Center 21016 Hilliard Blvd, Rocky River, OH <p>Great news for USA Dance members: if you are a member of USA Dance your admission to Ohio Chapter's monthly dances is <u>free</u>!!! For those of you who haven't joined yet you can pay \$6 per month (\$72 per year) or become a member at the dance on Sunday and save. Social dancers can join for as little as \$25 per year.\$5 members / \$6 others, free refreshment. Dance 7-10 p.m. Dance dates for 2013: 1/6/2013, 2/3/2013, 3/3/2013, 4/7/2013 (Anita Converse tango lesson 6-7 p.m.), 5/5/2013, 6/2/2013, 7/14/2013 (special date due to July 4 holiday), 8/4/2013, 9/8/2013, 10/6/2013, 11/3/2013, and 12/1/2013. For more information, contact Tom and Linda Ward lindatom51@roadrunner.com or 1-440-277-9364 and Linda Harvey, LHarveyctm@yahoo.com or 440-333-7998.</p> <p>Schedule posted on http://ohiodance.webs.com. Ohio USA Dance site: http://usadanceohio.org/</p>
Baila Duro	Baila Duro --Philippine American Hall, 1975 West Ridgewood Dr., Parma, OH

<p>(generally 1st or 2nd Sundays)</p>	<p>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>2013 dates: Jan 6, Feb 10, Mar 10, Apr 14, May 12, Jun 9, Jul 7, Aug 4, Sep 1, Oct 6, Nov 10, Dec 8.</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>
<p>Here to Dance (2nd Sundays)</p>	<p>Here to Dance at All About Dancin' (second Sundays of the month)— All About Dancin', 2115 Freeman Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44113, free beginning hustle lesson 5:30 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. (more experienced dancers can practice at the other end of the floor during this time if you wish), and dancing 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. \$7 per person. Dale plays requests!</p>
<p>USA Dance North Coast Chapter 2nd Sunday Dance</p>	<p>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 \$5 for members of USA Dance Club; \$8 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. 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.</p> <p>2012 schedule: January 8 (Resolution Dance), February 12 (Heart to Heart), March 11 (Spring Ahead), April 15 (Easter Boogie), May 13 (Love those Moms), June 10 (Love those Dads), July 8 (Freedom Dance), August 8 (Hawaiian Luau), September 9 (North Coast Ball—reservations required), October 14 (Bewitched), November 11 (A Rad, White and Blue Thanksgiving), December 9 (Snow Flake Dance). Adding 4th Saturday dances starting July 28th!</p>
<p>Kickin' Kountry—2nd and last Sunday (Added 4/28/10)</p>	<p>Kickin' Kountry Ballroom Dance--10997 St Rt. 212 NE, Bolivar, OH 44612 (next to the Giant Eagle shopping plaza); 330-354-8129: http://www.kickinkountry.net/. Dances on the second and last Sunday of the month. The time is from 7:00-10:00pm and the cost is \$5 per person at the door. Refreshments available for purchase.</p>
<p>La SalsoTeca (3rd Sunday) (Added 5/18/11)</p>	<p>La Salso Teca—All About Dancin' studio, 2115 Freeman Ave., Cleveland, OH 44113, text or call 216-342-1528 for more information; http://www.lasalsoteca.com/ . Latin lesson at 7 p.m., dance 8 p.m. Admission \$10. Music is mostly salsa, but a wide variety of other related genres are played—just ask the DJ if you want to hear something! Dress is casual or dressy—either way is fine and neither will feel out of place! Check them out on Facebook http://www.facebook.com/pages/La-SalSoTeca/195731487129221</p>
<p>Clarion Inn with</p>	<p>Clarion Inn Dance with Frederick and Bonnie--6624 Dean Memorial</p>

Frederick and Bonnie (3rd Sunday) (Updated 3/15/13)	Parkway, Hudson, Ohio 44236; Phone: (330) 653-9191. This is a former Holiday Day Inn. The dance floor has been retained in Cruisers Bar and Grill, as well as the Friday/Saturday bands! Frederick and Bonnie host another swing and hustle dance, 6-9 p.m. As always, the event is free, the music is non-stop, the dance floor is great, and the Clarion has available wonderful food and drinks.
Youngstown-Warren USA Dance schedule (3rd Sunday dances—except December)	<p>USA Dance Youngstown-Warren Chapter 2015-- Saints Peter & Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Center, 1025 North Belle Vista Avenue, Youngstown, Ohio 44509; http://usadance2015.com/default.aspx 5:00 pm—beginner basics dance lesson; 5:30 pm professional lesson; 6:30 - 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. USA Dances are open to the public.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> January 20, 2013 February 17, 2013 March 17, 2013 April 21, 2013 May 19, 2013 June 16, 2013 July 21, 2013 August 18, 2013 September 15, 2013 October 20, 2013 November 17, 2013 </p> <p style="text-align: center;"> Don't forget the Event of the Year The Snowflake Ball December 8, 2013 Avon Oaks Ballroom </p>
Choice's Night Club (generally 2nd & 4th Sunday) (Updated 1/13/11)	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 2 nd and 4 th Sundays of the month.
Guys Party Center (every Sunday) Added 4/14/10	Guys Party Center Singles Dance —500 E. Waterloo Rd., Akron, OH 44319; 330-724-6373; http://www.guyspartycenter.com/singles_dance.htm . The Singles dance is every Sunday night from 7:30 to 11:30 during winter hours (October - May) and from 8:00 - 12:00 during summer hours (June - September). All singles over 21 are welcome. Brad the DJ plays top 40 music and requests. (Marke Mark last Sunday of Month). Weekly door prizes. Free parking. No membership fees. Cocktails Reasonably priced. Admission is \$7.00. There is finger food, chips, and pretzels available with admission. Dress is casual. No ripped jeans or shorts allowed. (Thanks, Norm, for sending this! He said a friend went who stated that it is a very beautiful place inside and is well attended every week! In his own experience, he says "I went to Guys party Center Sunday and found the place to be (in my opinion) pleasant looking (not extravagant). They had a bar and a moderate dance floor with more than enough nicely set tables. The floor was acceptable and clean. It was generally just a Singles Meetup for (what seemed to be an over 50's group and not swing nor ballroom specifically). The modern popular tunes were being played though and, the volume was good so plenty of conversation was possible. If you want ballroom it's a "NO," if you want swing I would prefer Savannah's on Sunday by far. It's a good avenue for the "over 50's crowd."
MONDAYS	

Dancing with Stevie Bliss at Kickin' Kountry every Monday (added 6/8/12)	Stevie Bliss at Kickin' Kountry --10997 State Route 212 NE, Bolivar, OH 44612 (next to the Giant Eagle shopping plaza), 330-354-8129, http://www.kickinkountry.net Lesson from 7:15-8:00 pm, \$5 per person, no partner required, open dancing from 8-10 pm after the lesson with all types of music played, refreshments available for purchase. A different dance is taught each week with two fast and two slow dances covered per month, instruction by Stevie Bliss of BlissS Dance LLC.
Youngstown USA Dance Ballroom Boogie on first Mondays	Ballroom Boogie Mad Hot Monday at "The Wedge", Wedgwood Plaza, 1743 S. Raccoon Road, Austintown, from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm 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.
Senior Dance—every 3rd Monday Added 12/21/12	Amherst Manor Retirement Community —VFW Hall, 165 Cleveland Avenue, Amherst, OH 44001; every third Monday (1/21/13, 2/18/13, 3/18/13, 4/15/13, 5/20/2013, 6/17/13, 7/15/13, 8/19/13, 9/16/13, 10/21/13, 11/18/13). Music provided by John Kowalski—ballroom, Latin, swing, foxtrot, polka, line dancing waltz. Admission--\$1 donation. For more information, call Medina Gonzalez, Assisted and Independent Living Manager at 440-988-4415.
TUESDAYS	
Case Western Reserve University Ballroom Dance Society (8/31/10-12/7/10) New 8/2/10	<p>Case Western Reserve University Ballroom Dance Society—at Case Western Reserve University, under Leutner Commons in Case's North Residential Village. Tuesdays, August 31 - December 7 from 7:00 p.m.- 10:00 p.m. Have you wanted to learn to dance ballroom and thought you didn't have time, or couldn't afford lessons? Join the CWRU Ballroom Dance Society! We are a diverse group of students, faculty, and members of the Greater Cleveland dance community who meet to celebrate the joy of dancing. Joining CWRU BDS is a fun and affordable way to meet new people, learn to dance for social events as well as competition and membership is open to all. For more information visit our website, http://filer.case.edu/org/ballroom/; for registration/cost http://filer.case.edu/org/ballroom/lessoninfo.html .</p> <p>Message posted 8/21/10: We will learn the International Style of Ballroom and Latin Dancing including: Waltz, Tango, Foxtrot, Quickstep, Cha cha cha, Samba, Rumba, and Jive. Next Tuesday begins the first evening of lessons, and our schedule for the evening will be 6:00 Salsa (taught by BDS members) 7:00 Bronze I- International Tango 8:00 Bronze II- International Samba 9:00 Bronze III- International Quickstep</p> <p>Membership is \$100 for all classes in the semester (14 weeks) \$40 for a one hour class in the semester (less than \$3 per class!). This semester, we are pleased to announce that all members are welcome to participate in all three bronze classes as well as the salsa class.</p> <p>Happy Dancing!! Samara McCullough, Instructor/Coach, CWRU Ballroom Dance Society</p>
YDance (Updated 4/4/12)	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

	<p>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/home.html for the lesson schedule.</p> <p>New! Beginner hustle workshop on April 3, 10, 17, 24, May 1 and 8! Each lesson \$6 or \$20 for all 6 lessons if paid by April 3. Instructor Jim Huffman for April 3, 10, May 1 & 8. Instructor TBA for April 10, 17, and 24.</p>
Rusty's Jazz Café Orchestra	<p>"Rusty's Jazz Cafe Orchestra" Drummer/ Bandleader Jeff McDonald leads through classic Big Band Swing and Latin Hits EVERY Tuesday night at Club Degage (above Red Wells Restaurant) 301 River Rd, Maumee...Downbeat at 8pm..\$5 cover...</p> <p>There is a dance floor right next to the band, and last week we had tango, rhumba, cha cha cha, and foxtrot dancers grooving to our music. The music we play is from Jeff's personal library of over 2000 titles which he started collecting over 25 years ago , all original manuscripts, except for a few pop tunes we've added recently ..So, big band aficionados, and people who like listening and dancing to the real thing...this is your night !</p> <p>A delicious Dinner Buffet is available also...This coming week they will be featuring what we consider to be the BEST SPAGHETTI IN TOWN, always served with 2 or 3 other sides plus garlic bread, tossed salad and dessert ! All for \$5 !!! Featuring the lovely and talented Dawn Manning, and her wonderful banquet room staff will give you the best food and drink service available anywherePlease feel free to ask her about renting this facility for wedding receptions, anniversaries, birthday parties, etc .</p> <p>AND , if you'd like a LIVE band, Jeff will custom tailor a group to fulfill the needs of your party and budget .. Buffet opens at 7 p.m. , band starts at 8 ... Jeff McDonld.</p>
WEDNESDAYS	
Practica dancing at the Regency— (New 6/9/12)	<p>SUMMER SESSION PRACTICA every Wednesday: 6:30-7:30 pm, hosted by Sandy Muirhead-Gould, \$6 per person. A practica offers dancers the opportunity to practice in an informal, supportive environment. ALL LEVELS of dancers (both singles and couples) are welcome and instruction and feedback is included. If you wish, videotaping can be arranged. Each session will focus on <u>one smooth</u> and <u>one rhythm</u> dance: foxtrot, cha-cha, salsa, waltz, rumba, bolero, American tango, and East Coast swing. Come and enjoy dancing and 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.</p>
Restaurant Europa Argentine Tango	<p>Restaurant Europa--30519 Pinetree Road, Pepper Pike Ohio 44124; 216.591.1273. Argentine tango every Wednesday night with Timmy Tango. Lesson at 7 p.m. (\$5 per person), dancing at 8-11 p.m.</p>

(added 4/4/12)	
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.
John Carroll University	John Carroll University Salsa Party --Join Reid and Linda (Cleveland Swing and Salsa) every Wednesday from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm in DJ Lombardo Student Union in the lower level Fitness Room, the Rec Plex, on S. Belvoir. Cost is \$10.00. http://www.clevelandswingandsalsa.com/ Resumes September 1!
Ohio's Northcoast Jitterbug Connection	Ohio's Northcoast Jitterbug Connection hosts dances every Wednesday at the 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 oncjdance@yahoo.com We will get back with you soon. Also check us out on the Summit County Calendar at http://www.summitcountycalendar.com , we are listed under "Arts/Theatre/Music" search "dance". 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/ .
Swustle Swednesdays (Updated 6/23/11)	Space NiteClub — Space NiteClub (formerly Iron Horse Saloon)1543 Streetsboro Plaza, Streetsboro, OH (¼ mile east of Route 43, behind the Circle K gas station, the place in the corner of the plaza)—the sign outside may still say "Kent Arena." Starting April 6, every Wednesday Doug and Lori Rousar will be teaching classes in Streetsboro, OH. Each week they will alternate between hustle classes and west coast swing classes. Every week they will dance from 8-11 to a mix of swing and hustle! West coast swing lesson on 1 st and 3 rd Wednesdays; hustle lesson 2 nd and 4 th Wednesday; the 5th Wednesday will feature special guest instructors. A level 1 class is offered 6:30 p.m., level 2 class at 7:15 p.m. and dancing to swing and hustle music 8-10 p.m. DJ Katie Fallon will provide the tunes. The venue is excellent with a beautiful hard wood floor and incredible sound system. The entire evening for \$10—classes and dance included! No carry-ins allowed. For more information visit www.sd-pa.com/#!swustle-swednesdays

VENUES, WEBSITES, BANDS AND OTHER INFORMATION

VENUES	
Holiday Day Inn (Rockside)—Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday	Holiday Inn Cleveland/Independence , 6001 Rockside Road, Independence, OH 44131; 216-524-8050. Live bands each week in Impulse Lounge. The dance floor is pretty crowded on Friday and Saturdays, so most of the serious dancers to on Wednesday and Thursdays. Bands such as La Flavour and Rumpelstiltskin are regularly featured. Bands start 9 or 9:30 p.m.
Lone Tree Tavern (Added 8/24/11)	Lone Tree Tavern --33009 Lorain Road, North Ridgeville, Ohio 44039; 440.309.4978 (just west of the 480/turnpike entrance just past the Motel 6); http://lonetreetavern.com/home.html ; on Facebook at http://www.facebook.com/pages/Lone-Tree-Tavern/73571033779 . They have a full menu with great food and dinner specials. I am told they have a fabulous patio with heaters. There is a brand new stage inside with room to dance. All shows 9-1, except as noted. Marilyn, who use to book bands for Savannah's is now booking bands here!

Cadillac Ranch	Cadillac Ranch -- 200 Euclid Ave., Cleveland, OH 44114. 216-685-0000; http://cadillacranchcleveland.com/ . They have bands here on a regular basis. I haven't been here myself, so anyone that has been here, let me know about the dance floor!
Brothers Lounge	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 ☹
Scoundrels Bar and Grill	Scoundrels Bar and Grill —826 Front St., Berea, OH; 440-234-3455. http://www.myspace.com/scoundrelsbar for band information. Bands often start late, around 10 p.m. They have a decent sized dance floor and the food is cheap and good!
Mon Ami Winery (Friday, Saturday, Sunday)	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
MTXX (Added 11/18/11)	MYXX --12459 Cedar Road, Cleveland Heights, OH; 216-321-MYXX (6999). Caroline reports that this was the “old Gillians bar in Cleve. Hts. Only 35 min drive from Hudson. Just off I-271 off the Chagrin exit, and go over to Fairmount from Green (the best way to get there); it is a nice drive as well. Fairmount ends at Cedar right in front of this MYXX Venue. Across from the Mad Greek. The floor space was huge and all wood. It is all new wood floor 4 months ago. Very cool decor. Retro 50's look. was only a \$5 cover charge for the band and drinks were reasonable for a high end place. \$10 martini.”
Kickin' Kountry	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.
Parkview NiteClub--Saturdays	The Parkview NiteClub --1261 West 58th Street, Cleveland, OH; 216-961-1341; http://www.parkviewniteclub.com/ . Located at the end of West 58 th , 3 blocks north of Detroit Avenue; parking in the street. They have bands on Saturdays and decent bar food, too!
Thirsty Cowboy	Thirsty Cowboy —2743 Medina Rd., Medina, OH; 330-722-5400; http://thirstycowboys.com/ They have live music every weekend and a great huge dance floor! Ed and I heard a country band, Caliber there. There was a cover charge or \$5.
Akron Night Clubs	<p>Akron Beacon Journal 8/24/06 Night Club Information</p> <p>Club: 7 Martini Lounge (4691 Dressler Road N.W., Canton)</p> <p>Hours: 4 p.m. to 2:30 a.m. Tuesday through Friday; 5:30 to 2:30 a.m. Saturday; open for private parties Sunday and Monday</p> <p>Dancing: Thursday, Friday and Saturday</p> <p>Information: 330-649-7777; www.7martinilounge.net</p> <p>Music: House and up-tempo Tuesday-Thursday. Top 40, R&B, techno jazz and reggae on Friday and Saturday</p> <p>Cover: free to \$5</p> <p>Age: 21</p> <p>Drinks: \$1.50 on special nights to \$10</p> <p>Food: during club hours</p>

Special promotions: Flirt Fridays
Most crowded night: Saturday

Club: Bungalow Five: (2511 Romig Road, Akron)

Hours: 9 p.m. to 3 a.m.

Dancing: Friday and Saturday

Information: 330-608-8428

Music: hip-hop and R&B

Cover: \$5 to \$10

Age: 21 Friday; 23 women, 25 men on Saturdays

Food: None

Special promotions: \$2 Tuesdays, Friday free before midnight Saturday, free before 11 p.m. (women, 23 and older and men, 25 and older)

Most crowded night: Saturday

Club: Cotton Club (1056 S. Main St., Akron)

Hours: 9 p.m. to 2:30 a.m.

Dancing: Friday and Saturday

Information: 330-996-0990

Music: Latin, rap and R&B

Cover: free to \$5

Age: 18

Food: No

Special promotions: Friday Latin Night

Most crowded night: Saturday

Club: Fat Tuesday's, club is being remodeled, new club name is Whiskey Dick's Barroom (1 W. Exchange St., Akron)

Hours and dancing: 9 p.m. to 2:30 a.m. Friday and Saturday

Information: 330-434-0046

Music: hits, hip-hop and R&B

Cover: free to \$5

Age: 18 women; 21 men

Food: during club hours

Most crowded night: Saturday

Club: Groove Shack (inside Jillian's, 363 N. Main St., Akron)

Hours: 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.

Dancing: Thursday through Saturday

Information: 330-252-0085

Music: greatest hits; hip-hop and R&B

Cover: No

Age: 21

Food: until 1 a.m. at Jillian's

Special promotions: No

Most crowded night: Saturday

Club: Interbelt (70 N. Howard St. Akron)

Hours: 9 p.m. to 2:30 a.m. Monday, Wednesday, Sunday; 10 p.m. to 2:30 a.m. Thursday; 9 p.m. to 3 a.m. Friday; 9 p.m. to 3:15 a.m. Saturday; Closed Tuesday

Dancing: nightly

Information: 330-253-5700; www.interbelt.com

	<p> Music: '70s, '80s, '90s and current hits Cover: \$5 Age: 18 to party, 21 to drink Food: No Most crowded night: Monday </p> <p> Club: Mango's (271 S. Main St., Akron) Hours and dancing: 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. Wednesday through Saturday Information: 330-374-3331; http://mangosniteclub.com Music: hip-hop, R&B and party favorites Cover: free to \$5 and up Age: 18 to party, 21 to drink Drinks: \$5 and up Food: available during club hours at Panini's Special promotions: Saturday thong contest and teen night on Sunday, Wednesday college ID night Most crowded night: Saturday </p> <p> Club: Posh (1 W Exchange St., Akron) Dancing hours: 9 p.m. to 2:30 a.m. Thursday, Friday, Saturday Information: 330-253-7674; www.posh-niteclub.com Music: '80s, '90s and current music Cover: free to \$3 depending on the happenings Age: 18 to party; 21 to drink Drinks: \$3 to \$8 Food: until 11 p.m. Special promotions: Thursday's College Night. Live music in the Post Bistro on Friday starting at 10 p.m. Most crowded night: Thursday </p> <p> Club: Roseto (627 S. Arlington St. Akron) Hours: 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Dancing: Friday and Saturday Information: 330-724-4228 Music: hip-hop and R&B Cover: free to \$3 Age: 19 to party, 21 to drink Food: No Special promotions: karaoke on Wednesday Most crowded night: Saturday </p>
WEBSITES	
Websites for other weekend entertainment	<p> 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 </p> <p> Akron area: http://www.ohio.com/mlid/ohio/entertainment/ </p>
Websites on ballroom	<p> Ballroomdancers.com: http://www.ballroomdancers.com/ Learn dance steps and link to a lot of great resources (shoe vendors, etc.) </p>

dancing	<p>DanceVision: http://www.dancevision.com/. Find great instructional videos, music and links to other resources.</p> <p>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.</p>
Websites for Argentine tango	<p>Where to Tango in Cleveland--http://www.neotango.net/page5.html</p> <p>Good sites</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • www.todotango.com • 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!)
Websites for salsa	<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>
Websites for swing	<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>
Dancing with the Stars 16 th season (new 2/28/13)	<p>Dancing with the Stars season 16 starts on Monday, March 18 at 8 p.m. on ABC. Here is the line-up of stars and pro dance partners:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wynonna Judd will dance alongside Tony Dovolani. • Dorothy Hamill will learn some ballroom basics from Tristan MacManus. • D.L. Hughley is set to perform with pro dancer Cheryl Burke. • Lisa Vanderpump will partner with new pro Gleb Savchenko. • Victor Ortiz will try out his fancy footwork with first-timer Lindsay Arnold. • Andy Dick will hit the floor with some help from yet another new pro, Sharna Burgess. • Zendaya is set to step out with Val Chmerkovskiy. • Aly Raisman and pro Mark Ballas will vie for the mirror ball together. • Kellie Pickler will waltz with Derek Hough. • Ingo Rademacher will perform with Kym Johnson. • Jacoby Jones will be joined by pro Karina Smirnoff.

BANDS											
Websites for good dancin' bands	<p>Send me your ratings to the bands that YOU see!</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>★★★★</td><td>Great dancing 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 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 see them at the GetAway Pub and Grotto in Tallmadge. 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. 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 club two-step, and occasionally hustle, rumba, and cha cha! Tony plays saxophone and guitar and has a smooth bluesy voice. We hear them mostly at Savannah's. Amy rating: ★★★★★</p> <p>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: ★★★★★</p> <p>Remember When http://www.rememberwhenohio.com/ We have been unable to walk into several places because they have a huge following that packs the joint! They do oldies, Motown, disco, etc.—so we do hustle, East coast swing, West coast swing, and night club two-step. The lead singer is very charismatic. We have heard (or tried to hear them) at Savannah's, Doc and Louie's and places in the Akron area. Amy rating: ★★★★★</p>	★★★★	Great dancing 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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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: ★★★★★

Bradford White <http://bradfordwhiteband.com/> . This is a fun band, if you like a wide variety of music and an unusual song list. Ed and I heard them (along with Ray and Deb) at Doc and Louie's. Every time we hear them, we like them even more! We get in a variety of dancing (east coast swing, west coast swing, night club two-step, rumba—they even know a waltz!). They sing a lot of songs that we do not hear from other bands. We sure enjoy their mix of songs and band's energy!
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: ★★★★★

The Curve <http://www.myspace.com/thecurvecleveland> A very energetic band with outstanding female (Brittany Lobas) and male (Jimmy Maler) vocals. They sing a variety of songs that have a rock beat. Ed and I heard them at the Berea National Rib Cook-Off—probably our favorite of the bands that entertained that year. They were named to Cleveland Magazine's 2011 Best of Cleveland list, performing top 20 dance rock.
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: ★★★★★

Evil Ways Band <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: ★★★★★

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: ★★★★★

Frank and Dean and Then Some

<http://www.freewebs.com/scottbrotherton/frankdean.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!

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: ★★★★★

John Hardy Band <http://www.johnhardyband.com/> If you enjoyed Lawless (broke up last August), you will enjoy this band. The lead singer has formed a new band with a great country sound! Ed and I heard them at Wild Billy's—we did west coast and east coast swing, night club two-step, and even a rumba!

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: ★★

Heart and Soul <http://www.heartandsoulshow.com/>. Music ranges from R&B, rock, Motown, disco, funk, 80s pop to today's current hits. We heard them at Savannahs and got a lot of dancing in. They have a male and female singer, both great!

Amy rating: ★★

Real Life featuring Becky Boyd <http://www.myspace.com/beckyboydmusic>
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: ★★

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: ★★

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: ★★

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: ★★

Coalies Run <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: ★★

Breakfast Club <http://www.clevelandsbreakfastclub.com/main.htm> An 80's band with a lead singer that looks like Billy Idol! They have a great solid

sound—we heard them at the Oktoberfest. We have danced west coast and east coast swing, nightclub two-step and even a rumba to this band!

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: ★★

Uptown Cats <http://www.freewebs.com/uptowncats/> Ed and I heard these guys at the Holiday Inn at Independence—there are only three of them, but they sound great. We didn't stay very long, but we danced hustle, west coast swing, night club 2-step, rumba and a samba! They play Motown, pop and other styles.

Amy rating: ★★

Jim Fry rating: ★★

Crazy Chester <http://www.facebook.com/crazychesterclleveland> This Avon-based band was playing at the Berea Oktoberfest; some great songs, but unfortunately the only dance floor was a small plot of grass under a tent! Ed and I enjoyed their vocals and selection of songs. We did do a west coast swing on the uneven grass to "Son of a Preacher Man" before we headed for better dancing surfaces!

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: ★★

Fleshcoat Featuring Dr. E <http://www.myspace.com/giveusfreerecords> They have a good range of songs, including disco and Motown. We do hustle, East coast and West coast swing, night-club two-step and even an occasional rumba and cha cha! The lead singer is highly spirited and sometimes comes out on the floor and dances with the crowd. However, they had the oddest rendition of Mustang Sally...

Amy rating: ★★

KG Blues—(can't find a web site) almost everything they play is "West Coastable" or "night club two-stepable." We've seen them at Savannah's.

Amy rating: ★★

2nd Avenue Project <http://www.2ndavenueband.com/> I haven't heard them yet (but I did listen to some clips off of YouTube!), but I know one of the band members, John Rindy, and everything he does is quality work! They have played at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame! They mostly play in the west

Pennsylvania/east Ohio area.

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: ★★★

Kentucky Thunder <http://www.myspace.com/kentuckythunder2> 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 a Wild Billy's Bar and Grill when we heard them.

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: ★★

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.redneckincmusic.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: ★★

New Century Beatniks <http://newcenturybeatniks.com/> They play music from the 60's to the present—a nice solid sound. You can dance some west coast swing and others. We heard them at the Cuyahoga County fair. Not everything was danceable, but we enjoyed the music!

Amy rating: ★★

Disco Inferno <http://www.discoinfernoband.com/home.htm>. 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: ★★

Allergic to Katz <http://allergictokatz.com/home.cfm>. This band's web site is hilarious! Especially if you think cats disguised as hot dogs and beer guzzling TV watchers and rock stars are funny. They classify themselves as a classic rock band, but a lot of it is very danceable! Ed and I heard them at Savannah's.

Amy rating: ★★

LaFlavour <http://www.laflavour.com/> They play a lot of songs with a disco beat, so it's hustle, hustle, hustle. Sometime they string lots of songs with the same disco beat together (exhausting, if you like to dance until the music stop!)

However, they have a great solid sound and are a fun band. They play at festivals, the Holiday Inn at Rockside, 365th Fighter Group, and lots of other places!

Amy rating: ★★

Tom Frietchen Band <http://www.tomfrietchenband.com/index.html> 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: ★★

Cruisemasters (can't find a web site) 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: ★★

Ed Sarley and the Survivors http://edsarley.com/en_vivo.html If you look at his web site, Ed Sarley is in a lot of bands, including The GeezeCats. I think this is a fairly new band, however, because they didn't sound very tight. They still had a good song list and danceable tunes!

Amy rating: ★★

Dave Michaels and Music on a Mission Band They play Elvis and a lot of other oldies. The vocals and instrumentals were good, but for some reason, Ed

and I were not inspired to do much dancing. I think it is because they play a little too fast for our dancing speed! We heard them at Savannah's.

Amy rating: ★★

Wyng-It <http://www.myspace.com/wyngitband> A classic rock band that plays some danceable tunes—a lot of Tom Petty, Stones and Beatles. Ed and I heard them at Savannah's—we thought they had a better first set (apparently they had a lot of requests) than the second set.

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: ★★

Tumblin' Dice <http://www.tumblindicemusic.com/> Ed and I call them the world's greatest garage band! However, lately, they have been growing on us—they have done a passable version of Doors tunes. They sometimes sound "pitchy." They are mostly classic rock, so we don't dance to everything, but we can do swing and night-club two-step. We hear them at Savannah's and Doc and Louie's.

Amy rating: ★★

The Feedbacks (can't find a web site) 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 <http://www.myspace.com/claytonbrothersband> 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: ★★

BFD Blues Band <http://www.bfdbluesband.com/>. Monica Robbins, health reporter, is the lead singer. Much of this band's music is a little "too fast" for dancing, but you can still get some West Coast and East Coast swing out of them! We haven't seen them lately, but I know they were at the rib fest over Memorial Day weekend.

	<p>Amy rating: ★★</p> <p>Tailor Made Classics http://www.tailormadeclassics.com/ This is a 50's and 60's band that plays a lot of Motown and doo-wop. A couple of the members were part of the Inkspots! This band sometimes has great harmony, but sometimes they get a little pitchy! We heard them at the Holiday Inn at Belden Village (where they regularly have live bands and a small dance floor). Amy rating: ★★</p> <p>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: ★</p> <p>The Knock-offs http://www.theknock-offs.com/ You can knock this one off your list of must-see bands. They have a decent looking song list, but made everything sound the same (fast and unrecognizable). This was the first time that we left in the first set without dancing! We say them at Ace's Grill in North Ridgeville (by the way—they have a \$5 cover charge, which they may waive if you are eating dinner there). Amy rating: 1/2★</p> <p>NON-LOCAL BANDS</p> <p>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: ★★★</p> <p>ADD YOUR RATING!</p> <p>What bands have YOU heard that you want to rate? Or add your rating to mine to any of the above bands!</p>										
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Ratings for places to dance New feature!	<p>Send me your ratings to venues where YOU dance!</p> <table> <tr> <td>★★★★</td><td>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</td></tr> <tr> <td>★★★</td><td>Very good—floor is favorable for dancing (at least 6-10 couples) and music is good; may lack in “extras”</td></tr> <tr> <td>★★</td><td>OK venue—has some of the extras, but the floor is not very big</td></tr> <tr> <td>★</td><td>Desperation venue—only go if there is nothing else around!</td></tr> <tr> <td>No stars</td><td>Don't go!</td></tr> </table> <p>Send in YOUR descriptions and ratings! Tell me what you think about the</p>	★★★★	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!
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dance floor, bands/music, food, and ambience!

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)

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!)

Doc and Louie's-- 24270 Lorain Road North Olmsted, OH 44070; (440) 734-0833; <http://www.docandlouies.com/> A designated dance floor, mostly surrounded by a partial divider; 4-6 couples. There is a stage extender onto the dance floor, which further limits the space for dancing. A friendly crowded; so-so food. They have bands every Friday and Saturday.

Amy rating: ★★ (last visited 12/21/12)

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.thefatlittlebuddies.com/> A bit of 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 2012)

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. Apparently, it has been newly renovated. Does anyone know if the dance lounge has been affected?

Amy rating: ★★★ (last visited 12/19/12)

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. The night that we went, 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. However, the menu looks plentiful!

Amy rating: ★★ (last visited 12/14/12)

Jocko's Bar & Grill--1100 West Royalton Road Broadview Hts., OH 44147; (440) 877-2622; <http://www.jockosbarandgrill.com/> Dance wood floor is not bad for a bar, but not very big (maybe about 8 x 12 feet with a rounded off edge)—enough for 5-6 couples who don't take up a lot of space with dancing. We didn't eat, but was told the food was good (the menu looked tasty!). Crowd tends to be younger (well, than me and Ed); very crowded and noisy (I put in ear plugs to protect my ears). They have a good mix of dance and rock bands.

Amy rating: ★★ (visited November 2012)

Parma Tavern--5680 Broadview Road, Parma, OH 44134; 216-635-1800; <http://www.parma-tavern.com/> A slate tile dance floor that fits 4-6 couples (once 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 12/29/12)

Scoundrel's Bar & Grill-- 826 Front Street Berea, OH 44017; (440) 234-3455; <http://scoundrelsbarandgrill.com/> The wood dance floor is maybe 10 x 18 feet; up to about an 8 couple floor. The food is OK and cheap, but the service is slow. They have a mix of good dance bands and rock bands.

Amy rating: ★★★ (visited September 2012)

SB Eighty One--24481 Detroit Rd. Westlake OH 44145; 440-835-3559; <http://www.sbeightyone.com/> They have moved their dance floor from downstairs to upstairs! It is smaller (about 4-6 couple comfortably fit) and was very sticky during our last visit. The food is very good, but a little pricey. They have great bands on Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays!

Amy rating: ★★ (visited 12/7/12)

StringZ & WingZ--9244 Market Square Drive Streetsboro, OH 44241; <http://www.stringzwingz.com/> . HUGE wood floor, good bands—and good food! The crowd differs, depending on the band; sometimes there are ballroom dancers! Sometimes has a cover charge, sometimes no cover charge (depending on the band). The dining area is separated by a wall from the room with the dance floor and bar, which they call the Z-Plex. The Z-Plex address is 1543 State Route 303, Streetsboro, OH 44241; 330-422-1200; <http://www.thezplex.com>

Amy rating: ★★★★★ (visited November 2012)

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 (there was a cover charge when we went). By the way, they also have a mechanical bull, for those of you who would like to try...

Amy rating: ★★★★★ (visited September 2012)

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)

Wild Billy's Bar and Grill -- 6600 Biddulph Rd, Brooklyn OH 44144; (216) 741-2800; <http://wildbillysbargrill.com/> and <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Wild-Billys-Bar-and-Grill/289271464492705> . A large floor (a bit odd shaped, but it depends on the table they move), that can fit 10-12 couples. I am not sure how the food is, since we did not order anything to eat. They tend to have country bands, but have bands that play rock and other types of music as well. Watch out for the guy with the spurs! We were told that have line dance lessons on Wednesdays.

Amy rating: ★★★ (visited January 2013)

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!

Nashville Nights—88 W. Wilbeth Rd., Akron, OH 44301; 330-724-7541; <http://www.nashvillenightsakron.com/> . They have country bands (and blues or rock n roll bands) every Friday and Saturday night. Bands start at 9:30 p.m. From the pictures, it seems that they have a dance floor for maybe 4-6 couples.

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
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) • 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)