

104 Places to Meet the Love of Your Life

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Are YOU single, wanting to date but not sure where to go and how to begin?

This simple little e book was designed with you in mind. I did some research online and in person. I interviewed couples to find out where and how they had first met. I asked groups of singles where they go to meet potential dates. And I started paying attention during my daily activities to uncover some of the easiest ways to meet men and women that we don't tend to think about.

As you read the list of 104 ways to meet new potential dates, please keep a few things in mind.

Be open to meeting someone.

Tomorrow morning you could bump right into the most perfectly suited partner for you. But will you be ready – open, willing and receptive – to meet, talk and negotiate a time and place to meet again? If you are still pining over a lost love, feeling inadequate and insecure, behaving in a shy and withdrawn way, or just too cynical to trust in love, you may miss the perfect opportunity that appears right in front of you. So please, remember to be open to possibility every time you leave your home.

Know where you came from, who you are now, and who you want to become.

Know your heritage and background. Do not focus on feelings of shame, past abuse, bullying, neglect or humiliation. Discover your own

worth as a sensual and sexual man or woman. Look in the mirror and feel love and compassion for that unique and special human being that is you. Accept yourself, love yourself, acknowledge your strengths and accomplishments – and – recognize your flaws, fears and insecurities. Seek help from a qualified professional counselor to increase your self-esteem and remind you of your true value.

Understand how the world works, what creates love and what suppresses and destroys love.

The law of attraction is a real thing. We tend to attract what we believe, deep down in our unconscious, not what we think we consciously want. If you believe you are a worthy partner for the type of person you desire, then you will eventually meet someone to partner with. But it doesn't end there. Meeting and feeling an attraction is just the beginning, the entry point, the door opening. If you do not understand the natural laws of giving and receiving, creating abundance and increase and the importance of surrender and non-resistance to what is. The world can be such a challenging place if we don't understand how these natural laws operate to create, enhance or suppress and destroy love.

Become interested in others. Learn all about what they want, desire and need.

Believe it or not, it is far better to be a great listener than to inspire huge audiences with your talent for talking. When you listen attentively and hear what others are saying, you learn how they think, what they say and don't say, what they want, desire and don't even know they need. Listening attentively gives you more power and confidence than you can imagine if your attention is focused on what you plan to say next. Listen with both ears. Encourage the other person to do the talking until they ask you because they are showing true interest in you. When you listen carefully, you may find qualities you do not like. Isn't it better to find that out quickly and move on to someone more suitable for you. When you listen attentively, you also discover the fears and doubts and secret longings that the other person can't help revealing through facial expression and body language.

Strive to be seen as the person who can give others what they want.

Listen attentively. Speak after you have listened intently. Then speak from your heart saying words that reveal YOU to be "the" person who will be able to fulfill the other person's dreams and desires. If you are seen that way by the people you meet, then it won't take very long at all for you to find the love of your life.

Have fun experimenting with new and unusual ways to meet the love of your life.

Have fun reading the list of 104 ways to meet your love. But don't stop here. Start adding new and unusual places where you may be able to naturally and effortlessly meet new men and women. Have a thriving dating experience and find the love of your life as soon as you are truly ready.

HERE WE GO

I hope you smile as you read this list and say to yourself:

"I never thought of it that way"

"I can do this"

"This will be so much fun."

As you read each item on this list, allow your thoughts to wander and your imagination to take over. Visualize a real situation in one of these everyday settings. Imagine seeing the kind of person you have always wanted to meet. Hold a clear image of yourself fearlessly smiling, approaching this person and starting a friendly conversation. It really is that simple. Just do it.

Many of the suggestions listed here are not immediate opportunities if you go there only one time. But if you consistently show up at a variety of places with an open mind, a friendly approach, and an eye out for "the one," then the world will be open to you and so will the arms of that new and wonderful person.

Remember: Do not be limited by the places suggested in this list. Allow your imagination and creative juices to flow, providing you with countless new ideas for places to go, activities to get involved in, and fearless ways to approach a new person you find attractive.

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1. Blind Date

Remind all your friends and relatives, neighbors and acquaintances that you would like to meet an eligible potential partner. Tell them what type of person you are looking for and what you believe you have to offer. Suggest that they introduce you to someone they know who is also available.

2. Restaurant Counter

Instead of eating at home, go out to different local restaurants that have a bar or counter where you can order your food. If you don't have much money, just order a soda or coffee so that you can sit next to new people and possibly make a connection. The person next to you may be just the one you are looking for – or – that person may have someone special to introduce you to.

3. Meet up for Singles

Check out the meet ups scheduled in your local area and even a bit further away. Some of these groups meet regularly and you can get connected with a new group of men and women. In these groups you can get practice and become more comfortable socializing which will help you to reach out more easily in other social settings.

4. Singles Party

If you hear about a singles party or local singles event, don't shy away from it thinking there are too many women or not your type of people.

Just go with an open mind and a willingness to talk to as many people as you can. You never know who knows just the right person for you to meet. And your ideal partner could just happen to show up at the one party you attend.

5. Professional Conference – If You are a Professional

As a professional, you are invited to attend many different local and distant conferences during the year. Take advantage of this and go. You can get continuing education credits and just might meet that one special person. And wouldn't it be great to connect with someone in the same field so that you understand the commitments, struggles and time schedules involved in your career path.

6. Professional Conference – If You are NOT a Professional

Find out from friends and associates about upcoming professional conferences in your local area. Reach out to the local conference coordinators to offer your volunteer services. They might be thrilled to have your assistance and you may just meet your ideal partner or new people who can introduce you.

7. Local Adult Education Course

Check out your local colleges and universities and educational companies that offer Adult Education Courses. Sign up for courses that really interest you or choose the type of course where you know there will be some interesting men or women, even if you don't currently know anything about it. For example, a select a course about investing, real estate, boating, fishing, poker, cooking or beading. You may just meet your dream partner or someone whose son or daughter or cousin is perfect for you.

8. Cooking Class or Demonstration

Go to your local health food stores, vitamin shops or Yogurt stores. Find out when they are offering any special smoothie or health food cooking demonstrations. If they are not currently doing demonstrations, encourage them to start and offer to help them promote it. This could be a perfect opportunity to go up to total strangers and start talking.

9. Voter Registration

Volunteer to assist with voter registration promotion. You can be standing at the post office or stationed somewhere at your local mall. This gives you a perfect excuse for going right up to that handsome man or sexy lady to find out if they are not yet registered voters.

10. Voting Center

Volunteer (or find out how to apply to get paid) to assist at your local voting center during local elections. This does not happen often but it is an opportunity to meet a lot of new people in one place at one time.

11. Crowded Local Self-Service Restaurant

Go to lunch regularly at a local self-service or take-out deli at breakfast or lunch time when it is most crowded. While standing on line, find a way to chat with the people standing nearby. Be a bit more proactive by talking on your cell phone or fumbling with your wallet until you see someone attractive enter the room. Then quickly line up behind that person so you can start a friendly conversation.

12. Singles Cruise

Check with your local newspapers, local travel agents or online lists of local events to locate a singles cruise vent. Some small cruise lines offer special evening cruises on the local waterways.

13. Singles Dance

Although a singles dance can feel a bit intimidating if you are new or just returning to the singles world, but presumably you will be surrounded by local and eligible singles. Beware of married or committed men and women who are pretending to be single and re looking for a temporary fling. Ask for the other person's phone number rather than providing your own.

14. Singles Adventure

Join a local singles group that sets up outdoor adventures for singles. Choose your favorite activity to begin. Then be open to trying new activities and learning new skills to be exposed to people with different backgrounds and varying interests.

15. Learning a New Skill

Sign up for lessons to learn any new skill that interests you. If you live in a warm climate, learn how to fish, scuba dive, ride a motorcycle, improve your swim strokes or enter a race, shoot a pistol at a driving range or ride a horse, to name a few possibilities. If you live in a cold climate, learn how to ski or snow board, ice skate, or hike through a snow-covered mountain. Or, just visit a ski lodge dressed in your most appealing style. The possibilities for learning new skills, getting involved in new activities, and meeting new people are endless, limited only by your imagination and courage. The man or woman of your dreams may be waiting to meet someone just like you to share their favorite activity or to watch them excel as their most loyal spectator.

16. Sports Activities – Local Tennis

Find a sports activity that interests you and get involved in a local sports group. If you are a tennis enthusiast, but don't know how to play, take some private lessons and join different clinics at the local tennis centers.

If you are an experienced tennis player, join a local mixed doubles or World Team Tennis team. Inquire at your local tennis club about when they are hosting Mixed Doubles Round Robin events in which you change partners and get to meet and play with many different men and women. You can also join a local same sex tennis team and make new friends who might know someone eligible for you to meet.

17. Sports Activities – Local Golf

If you have never played golf before, invest in a few private lessons to learn the basics or take a group class at sponsored by your local golf range or by an Adult Education class.

Then, with just a little instruction under your belt, start going to the local driving range often. You will be delighted to see the number of men and women who practice their golf swing regularly. It only costs the price of a basket of balls. But remember to put your basket under the machine once you have dropped in your token. I once forgot and the balls went all over the place.

If you are an experienced golfer, consider joining a local fundraising tournament or at least volunteering your services to assist with the events. Then make sure to stop by the restaurant on the golf course at the end of the day to chat with the happy players who have just finished their latest round of 18 holes.

18. Marathon

Join a group that is training for an upcoming marathon. Even if you never intend to run the marathon yourself, this can be a wonderful way to meet new and exciting people. And, you might surprise yourself. As you keep moving and get your body into good physical condition, you might really want to get out there and join the marathon event. If you are not up to running the distance, you can volunteer to help others or just attend the event remaining on the lookout for interesting singles to meet in the crowd, cheering for their runner friends.

19. Sports Activity – Walking and Running

Not everyone is ready to train for a marathon, but you can walk along a path designated for walking or jogging. If you do this consistently, you will start to see familiar people. Smile and nod hello and keep on the lookout for someone who interests you. If you can maneuver to find yourself next to someone you like, ask some questions about the area or suggestions for another place to walk or run. Always find out if the person is single as quickly as you can so you don't spend time focused on someone unavailable.

Join a walking or jogging club to find regular partners to improve your fitness and get you ready to join other activities and events.

Join a Walkathon for Muscular Dystrophy or for some other chronic disease or charitable cause. Always remember to be as friendly and open as possible to encourage others to respond favorably toward you.

20. Sports Activities – Local Bicycling

Join a local bicycle riding group. Choose the hour and the level of ability that matches your preferences. This is a great way to meet new people

and to get into good physical shape at the same time. I have seen them stop to take breaks at a local deli which is a special moment for fun conversation.

21. Nautical/Boating Lesson

If you have never sailed a boat or operated a motor boat, find a local class to learn more about it. You may never actually become the captain of your own ship but you may meet a highly eligible partner who can steer your boat as you enjoy being a regular passenger.

22. Coffee House

Frequent your local coffee houses, different ones, at least once every day. If you are working, go in the morning before work or on your lunch break. Bring some work, a magazine, a good book, a writing notebook or a drawing pad. If you are artistically inclined, draw the image of someone who interests you and then give the completed drawing to him or her as an ice breaker. If you are a budding photographer, take a photo and ask that person if it is okay to post it on Facebook or Instagram. He or she may immediately say "No" but you have opened the door to further conversation.

23. Internet Cafe

Sit at a local pub with an internet connection. Open your laptop, IPad, Tablet or Smartphone. Stay engrossed in your own internet connection until you notice someone you would like to meet. Then inquire about his or her brand of equipment. Ask lots of questions as if you are considering a switch or praising their choice of the same equipment that you have.

24. Beach, Lake, River, Pond

Take a walk on the sand at your local beach or along the path near a local lake or river or pond. Be on the lookout for interesting potential singles. Walk along this path regularly and start talking to people you have seen a few times. If they recognize you, they will be more receptive to having a conversation.

25. Hike in the Woods or Mountains

If you live in the mountains, join a hiking club or Sierra group to find others to share the wonders of nature. Even if you do not have mountains nearby, there may be some local hiking clubs and trails on more level ground. This is a great way to get exercise, to clear your mind and to meet new men and women for a potential relationship or a potential introduction to someone you have not yet met.

26. Pet Stores and Animal Shelters

Spend time in your local pet stores or visiting your local animal shelters. Play with the animals if you can and talk to others about your experience. If you love animals, volunteer to assist at your local animal shelter. If you are an experienced animal lover, apply for a job at a local pet store, part time at night or on weekends if you already have a full time job.

27. Dog Parks

Spend time hanging out at local dog parks. Borrow your neighbor's dog or get yourself a part time job walking neighborhood dogs. Find someone with an adorable dog you like and start talking. Animal lovers enjoy talking about their beloved pets and eventually they may get interested in you as well.

28. Local Chamber of Commerce

If you have your own business, a good way to connect with many of the movers and shakers in your community is to join the local Chamber of Commerce. Even if you work for a company, you may be able to join the chamber as a representative of your company and have your membership paid by your employer.

29. Health Club

Take advantage of free passes at several of your local health clubs. Spend a few days working out at each one while you carefully evaluate the crowd. Then join the most suitable club and arrive at varying times to check out the members. Participate in several of the most popular classes. Work with a trainer and get yourself into great shape. If there is a café, stop for a smoothie or snack after your workouts. Strike up casual conversations with men or women who interest you. No pressure, no urgency. Be a friendly face and a casual friend. Over time your conversations may increase in length and then lead to an invitation to linger in the café or for a casual date.

30. Adult Education

If you are an educator, athlete, musician, artist, author or skilled in any specific activity or function, you may be able to teach Adult Education classes at your local college or community college. The other option, and a great way to meet new and interesting people, is to sign up for different courses. Learn the skills of a new hobby, speaking a new language, or anything that either interests you or may attract the type of man or woman you would like to meet.

31. Business Networking Events

Whether you are a self-employed entrepreneur or employed by a small business or a large corporation, you can attend local business networking events. At these events you can meet local men and women who are working to build their careers and businesses.

32. Walk Around Your Neighborhood

Walk around your neighborhood. You rarely can meet your neighbors while driving a car, but you can easily stop to chat if you've walked past that neighbor and nodded or said hello on a few occasions. Choose different hours of the day to do your walking to discover those hours when the most people are outside, maybe also walking.

33. Jog on a Track

Locate the nearby jogging tracks at the local high schools or colleges and get into a routine of regular jogging. Wear an attractive outfit and be on the lookout for anyone interesting. And then find an excuse to ask some questions.

34. Karaoke

Show up at your local pub that offers an evening of Karaoke. Be brave and get up to sing one of your favorite songs. If you are not so proud of your singing ability, attend some Karaoke events and cheer on your favorite singers. At the same time, start taking singing lessons for a few weeks or months and then wow the crowd with your newfound talent.

35. Bus Ride

If you live in a big city, you may already take buses but many prefer to walk or to take cabs. Make it your business to take bus rides often. Sit next to that adorable person you would like to meet and then start talking.

36. Ferry Ride

If you live near a waterway that hosts a Ferry to a nearby island, take a ride on the ferry often when you have some spare time. You might just meet that one special person when you least expect it.

37. Local Train Ride

If you commute a distance to and from work, you can easily meet someone interesting while riding on the commuter train. But you can also meet an eligible partner on an underground subway train in your city, if you have one.

38. Distance Traveling on a Train

Plan a trip and travel to another city by train. Upgrade to a more business class train for comfort but also to find someone eligible to meet. And then be prepared to ask some important questions that you really need this new person to answer.

39. Airplane Travel

Taking a flight to another city or country is one of the easiest ways to meet new and eligible men and women. You can arrive at the terminal early and stop for coffee, a drink, a snack or a meal. Look for people traveling alone. At the airport you can easily talk to someone new or become friendly with someone on staff (pilot, steward/ess, ticket salespeople). Once on the flight, if you are lucky (or if you found a way to get your seat changed to sit next to that interesting someone), you may have an opportunity to have a long and leisurely conversation with someone you like. If you are provided an opportunity to upgrade to first class, enjoy the luxury and the possibility of meeting someone in an upper financial bracket.

40. City Tour

Every city has a bureau which provides information about how to enjoy the sights of the city. Sign up for a tour of your local city. You may know the spots but that attractive stranger may enjoy having you highlight additional points of interest that the Official Tour Guide has not mentioned.

41. Visit Relatives and Friends in Different Cities

Don't just stay in the house while you are there. Make sure to stop a local coffee house or breakfast place and keep your eyes open to meeting someone new. Eat some of your meals at local sports bars or busy restaurants where lots of people, preferably singles, hang out. Go with your friends to a singles event, dance, night club or other social environment.

42. Blog

Create a blog all about you – your likes, dislikes, skills, talents, expertise, interests and favorite activities. Write often and encourage participation. Visit other people's blogs and leave comments with a link back to your blog.

43. Article

Write articles for a local town newspaper or magazine or for an online article site. If you meet someone at one of the many places listed here, be prepared to offer to interview that person for an article you are writing (after you know what type of work they do or what activities interest them). We all love to talk about ourselves and that is a great way to learn a lot about another person very quickly.

44. Online Forum

Find Online Forums focused on specific topics that interest you and participate openly and often. Continue the dialogues that others have posted and then start your own comment threads. Write intriguing comments that beg for a quick response.

45. Online Singles Site or Forum

Locate sites online that cater to the concerns, fears and interests of singles. Respond to questions posed by others. Offer to submit guest blog posts in which you tell all about yourself in the resource box.

46. Online Group Course

Enroll in group courses that teach something you want to learn or are focused on something spiritual and intangible. Make sure they have a membership site where you can connect with others and share back and forth. Also find out it they plan to have breakout sessions in which you are placed into small group to talk with each other.

47. Social Media

Become active on several social media sites, including but not limited to: Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, Google+, Pinterest, YouTube. Comment and share other people's posts and always be very positive in your responses. Find interesting, unusual and captivating images and themes to post on your own wall and timeline. Look at your list of friends and their friends. When you find someone who interests you, send a note saying that you are already a friend of their friend and ask to become friends. If they accept, reach out to have more direct contact. Remain positive and friendly as you expand your circle of friends across the various social media platforms.

48. Marketing, Sales or Publicity Course to Brand Yourself

If you are a professional or an active entrepreneur, you may already have been presenting a clear and powerful brand. Even if you are not in business for yourself and work at a non-skilled job, you can still create an interesting and appealing brand. You can be the person who loves to travel, likes to listen to stories, will make you laugh – or whatever you can promote that is special about you.

49. Singles Ads

Place an intriguing yet honest ad about yourself in a local newspaper in the singles section. Post a similar ad in several different online singles directories. As they say in marketing, do a "split test." Write your ad emphasizing your beautiful smile in one ad while advertising your successful career in a different ad. Pay attention to which ad brings the greatest ROI (Return on Investment). Experiment with the wording of your ad. In fact, it may be worth hiring a copyrighter to help you describe yourself in your most favorable terms.

50. Matchmaker Service

Matchmaking is alive and well and making a comeback. With the busy lifestyle so many of us live, we don't have time to seek out an eligible partner. We want someone else to do the groundwork and help us to quickly and efficiently meet just the right person to share our time and our life. If you are too busy to do the work required to meet someone new, then consider signing up with a skilled matchmaker. It may cost a pretty penny, but if you get results it may be worth everything you have spent and more.

51. Temp Agency

Create a solid resume and then apply for different part time jobs, even if you already have a full time career. Working at different locations for a few hours each week can bring you in contact with a whole new set of men and women who might be "the one" or might just happen to have a friend or relative who is.

52. Volunteer at Sports Event

Local events require lots of precise timing and reliable assistance. Read your local papers to find out what sporting events are coming to your neighborhood and volunteer to assist. You will learn some new skills and connect with many people you have never met before, including possibly some celebrity athletes.

53. Volunteer in Your Community

Check with local churches and synagogues, non-profit organizations, hotels and hospitals to find out what is happening in your community and how you might be of assistance. Senior living facilities often need additional help. Museums, theaters and your local chamber may have some upcoming events where you can provide your time and assistance.

54. Political Campaign

Volunteer to assist at your local political campaign office. You will probably be kept quite busy handling papers and speaking on the phone but this is a great opportunity to meet with enthusiastic, community-minded men and women. And as you work together you can form a pretty solid friendship which could later lead to a romantic attachment.

55. Listen to Music

Bring a friend or go by yourself to a local jazz club or a bar that provides live music. Sit at the bar or choose a really crowded pub and stand in the crowd near the bar. This can be a great place to be relaxed and have a brief conversation about the music before sharing anything about yourself.

56. Have a "Bring a Friend" Party

Invite all your friends to a party at your home with the one stipulation: Everyone must bring another person. If you are heterosexual, each guest must bring someone of the opposite sex. If you are gay, each guest must bring someone who is single and available.

57. Local Park

Make the rounds of all the local parks. Bring something to read. Walk and enjoy the scenery. Take some photos. Sit on a bench and be extra friendly to those around you. Don't be shy if you see "the one."

58. Local Lecture

Read your town newspapers to find out about lectures on topics that interest you or topics that might attract the type of person you want to meet. Attend at least one lecture every week. Be friendly and chat with the people sitting near you. After a few of these lectures you will start to see familiar faces and will gradually become more comfortable and more easily reach out to strangers, maybe even "the one."

59. Church or Synagogue

Attend services at your local church or synagogue. Check out different ones until you find the place where you feel most comfortable and accepted. Join in on the activities and volunteer your time to assist wherever you might be needed.

60. Spiritual Group

Attend sessions of various spiritual groups to immerse yourself in positive, expansive thinking with a group that will support you to aim for the highest in yourself.

61. Meditation Group

Join a regular meditation group that provides practice, instruction and guided imagery. Learn some visualization techniques that you can use by yourself to keep focused on the type of relationship you want to have in your life instead of what you don't want. Be on the lookout to meet someone who practices meditation and could be a level-headed and calm companion.

62. Dog Park

Stop by your local dog park and check out the beautiful dogs freely playing with each other. While you're there you can also get to know the dog owners who are usually quite happy to talk about their precious pets. If you don't have a dog of your own, offer to walk a friend or neighbor's dog. If you feel ambitious, you can provide a dog walking service for several owners and have lots of new people stopping to talk to you instead of your having to reach out to them.

63. Wine Tasting

This is not a recommended activity for those of you who have a compulsive need to drink or an outright addiction to alcohol or drugs. But if you are a social drinker, this can be a wonderful opportunity to taste a variety of wines, enjoy some delicious appetizers, and chat freely with some new and interesting men and women.

64. Happy Hour

Make the rounds at all the local sports bars as well as some of the local upscale restaurants. Find out which ones offer a Happy Hour with discounted drinks and tasty appetizers. Not only is this an easy way to meet a potential date but it is also an inexpensive way to eat a satisfying meal.

65. Singles Dinner or Progressive Dinner

Find a local singles group that hosts a singles dinner or a more adventurous progressive dinner. If you eat each course at a different table you will be naturally multiplying the number of people you can meet and talk with in this casual and friendly situation.

66. Speed Dating

Attend a local speed dating event. In 1 hour of speed dating you can talk to so many more potential dates than in any other circumstance. The quick movement to the next person causes you to become more and more succinct in your self-description as well as more and more discerning as you listen to others' self-descriptions.

67. Group Share Vacation Home

If you have the money to invest, rent a summer near the beach or winter ski resort vacation home. Advertise and invite friends to pay for shares to offset the down payment and rental cost. If you don't have the finances or the wherewithal to rent the home yourself, then look through the papers or online to purchase a share in a rental home hosted by someone else. Interview the people, whether you are in charge or seeking to pay for you just your share. Spending time with a compatible group can lead to long term friendships and possible romance too.

68. Sporting Events

Attend the popular local football, basketball, soccer, or tennis events. Visit some of the local sports teams during practice. Go with some friends and make sure to stop at the food concessions or peruse the clothing and sports equipment booths. The best way to meet someone new is to be friendly and to ask some causal questions about the equipment or even the clothing.

69. Retreat

Find a retreat center, either locally or in some distant city. Plan to spend a week in a relaxing and healing environment. This will be

good for your spirit and may bring you in touch with someone who will meet you in one of your most appealing states of calm and ease.

70. Upcoming Events

Check your town newspapers and online events pages to find out about upcoming events in your neighborhood, town, or nearby towns and cities. Contact the local directors of those events that interest you and ask how you might be able to assist. What a great way to meet new people while you are actively involved in doing some simple tasks.

71. Cooking Class

Sign up for a local cooking class or better still, a series of classes. Improve your cooking skills as the same time that you could possibly meet someone with whom you can practice your newly acquired culinary talents. At the very least, you will have learned how to prepare a dish that you can offer to someone you meet at some later time.

72. Computer Course

Take a computer course at a local technology store or community college. If you're an advanced geek, consider teaching classes or even offering your services privately to help local people handle and overcome their computer fears and technology problems.

73. Smartphone Outlet

Shop at local outlet stores that showcase the latest smartphones and tablets. Before you invest in a new phone, go to many different stores. You may find your next date standing near the wall testing out the latest model phone or tablet. Or maybe you will find yourself connecting with one of the sales people. Purchase the phone from your favorite employee and return often to ask for their expert advice on the various features.

74. Outdoor Bench

Find a bench at a local park and sit there holding a controversial article or a book with an eye-catching title. Be prepared to talk with that attractive person who is curious about what you are reading.

75. Sports Lesson

Invest in a series of golf lessons at the local golf range or tennis lessons at the local tennis center. If you are daring and not a person with dangerous intentions, take some target practice lessons at a local firing range. Whichever activity you choose, find a time when the place is busy so you have an opportunity to meet someone.

76. Dance Lesson

Take private ballroom or disco dancing lessons. Practice first with the instructor/s and then join an evening of free dancing with new and available partners. Women, to increase your sense of sex appeal and womanly power, consider taking belly dancing or pole dancing sessions. You may not be able to meet an eligible man at these classes but when you do meet someone, you can tantalize him with your feminine and sexy dance movements.

77. Martial Arts or Self-Defense Class

Sign up for a series of martial arts or self-defense classes. Try a few sessions at different studios (Tai Chi, Tae Kwon Do, Karate). Don't commit to one specific studio until you have checked out the students and feel there is potential to meet the type men or women that appeal to you.

78. Mixed Doubles Tennis Events

If you love tennis, it doesn't matter how well you play. Find out when your local tennis club is sponsoring some mixed doubles round robin events. You might just meet that special person even while you serve the ball into the net and miss every shot you run for.

79. Shopping

Spend time at the local mall. Watch the people walking by and notice where the single men and women tend to go. Then go spend time in those specific stores. You can always pretend to be looking for a gift for a friend if the store is not appropriate for your gender.

80. Automobile or Boat Expo

Check your local newspapers for any upcoming automobile or boat expos. This is a great place for women to meet men who own or plan to purchase a car or a boat or to meet one of the salesmen who are eager to make a sale. This is also a good place for men to meet one of the models or the salesladies who will be friendly and warm and just might welcome an invitation to dinner.

81. Library

Some people claim that libraries are becoming a thing of the past. But some are making a comeback with modern renovations, coffee cafes, lectures and more. Spend some time in your favorite local library. You may be surprised at the quality of well-read people sitting quietly to read or perusing through specific topics. This just might be the best held secret meeting spot.

82. Book Store

Spend time in your local book store. Focus your attention on those book sections where you see that attractive person hanging out. Develop an immediate interest in that topic, sift through the books and ask this potential acquaintance for some assistance.

83. Speaking

If you are not too shy and you have an area of expertise, decide to offer your services as a speaker. Contact local organizations to find places that would allow you to speak about what you know that might be of interest to their audiences.

84. Trade Show

If you have your own business or a sideline hobby like knitting, collector plates, jewelry and you have some items to sell, consider renting a booth at a local trade show. But you don't need to have a booth. You can attend a trade show and meet lots of friendly people while walking around. The people manning the booths will be eager to talk with you and so will some of those attractive people wandering up and down the aisles.

85. Swimming Pool

Is the weather warm in your area? Do you live in a condo complex with a huge swimming pool? Do you have a friend you can visit who might bring you down to his or her communal pool? If nobody you know has a pool, why not visit one of your popular local hotels. For a small fee, you may be able to spend a whole day sitting on chaise lounges, ordering pina coladas and meeting some eligible singles.

86. Running or Cycling Group

If you want to meet new people in an active way, join a local running or cycling group. Meet the group early in the morning and be prepared to move your body. You will have to be strong to keep up with the group. If you lag too far behind, you may find yourself all alone. But if you are able to stay with the group, you may have an opportunity to stop for a break, a cup of coffee, breakfast and a chance for some friendly conversation.

87. Grocery Store

When you do your food shopping, keep your eyes open and notice any attractive people walking up the aisles. You can go directly to the same section and ask a question about where you might find This could be the start of something new.

88. Art Museum or an Art Gallery

Stop by your local art museum when there is a new show and large crowds are expected. Find out when the local art galleries might be having special viewings or when a new gallery might be opening. If you are creative and want to meet a likeminded partner, this might be the best place for you to meet "the one."

89. Art Class

Enroll in an art class at your local art studio. Learn how to draw, paint or sculpt while connecting with others in a friendly and congenial environment. If you're curious about the human body, take a life drawing class where you will attempt to replicate the image of a live model with all the various bodily curves and creases.

90. Concert, Dance Recital, Theater

Check your local papers and go online to find upcoming concerts, small musical performances, dance recitals, new shows at the local theaters. Hang out during the breaks to observe and meet potential new acquaintances.

91. Theater Group

If you have never acted before, sign up for acting lessons. If you are creative and have had some prior acting experience, apply to participate in a local theater group. This is a great way to express yourself and to connect with creative and interesting men and women.

92. Home Improvement or Hardware Store

This is a great place to meet men, and some women, who are handy and mechanically inclined. Spend time wandering up and down the aisles and don't stop until you spot that one appealing person. But make sure to find out if the person you meet is single or involved in a relationship. Very often they are in this type of store to fix up the home they share with a partner or family.

93. Foreign Language Class

Take a class at a local language institute or community college adult education. You may meet some interesting executives who travel around the world and want to become more proficient in certain languages. Learning how to speak, or at least to understand a bit of a foreign language, can help you to connect with a native speaker of that language. Connecting with men and women from different cultures and different parts of the world will broaden your horizon and provide an additional group of potential dates and possible ongoing relationships.

94. Furniture Store

Spend time viewing furniture, sitting in chairs and on sofas and even lying down on mattresses. During your playful exploration, you just might meet someone new to your neighborhood who is in the process of furnishing a new home.

95. Special Interest Group

If you have a friend, relative or ex-partner with a drug or alcohol addiction, check out a few local Alanon or Co-dependency meetings. If you are a single parent, go to a local Parents Without Partners meeting and get involved so that you can be sitting at the front desk to meet all newcomers.

96. Fund Raising Event

Attend local fund raising events for your favorite causes. If you have the ability, sponsor a funder raiser yourself or in conjunction with a non-profit organization. That is a great way to meet some dedicated, caring people who may be financially comfortable. And you get to do something really valuable for society.

97. Car Wash

Get on line to have your car washed at the most crowded time on a busy weekend. When you see someone you like, ask about that person's car and find something really positive to say about that model. If you are ambitious, choose a place where you can wash your car yourself. Not many women wash their own automobiles so there probably will not be much competition for meeting that special guy who spends an hour sprucing up his 4X4. But if that one woman does show up, if you're a guy this may be a very special lady and you need to lose your shyness and find a reason to talk to her.

98. Storage Room

Moving can be so stressful, but it is also a perfect opportunity to meet totally new people. If you are bringing some items to a storage room, you might be surprised at the number of eligible singles who just rented a home that is not large enough for all their stuff. Best time to stop at the storage room is at the beginning and end of each month.

99. Farmer's Market

Find a local farmer's market with farmers and vendors selling their healthy food and candles and knick knacks. Saturday morning is a great time to browse through their products. Dress attractively because you just might meet someone and you don't want to be wearing your old jeans and a sloppy T shirt – unless that's your preferred mode of dressing.

100. Therapy, Special Interest or Support Group

If you are serious about meeting a new person and creating a lasting love relationship, a singles support group run by peers or a therapy group hosted by a licensed professional counselor can help you hone your relationship skills. You will learn a lot about yourself and the way you come across to others. You will also learn a lot about what other men and women are looking for, what turns them on and want turns them off. You just might find you are attracted to one of the group members who finds you appealing too.

101. Cleaners

Bring your clothes to your local cleaning store but don't go right inside. Linger in your car, fiddling with your cell phone until you see "him" or "her" going into the store. Then immediately follow that person into the store and find a way to quickly start a conversation.

102. BlogTalk Radio Show

Start your own blog talk radio show and interview single men and women on each show. This provides a perfect opportunity to talk to strangers wherever you see them. Offer to interview them about their career, their goals and dreams, their hobbies and interests, whatever they might like their episode to focus on when they are a guest on your show. Not only is this a great opening line for meeting a new person, but you can quickly and easily find out a lot of useful information about any new person you meet.

103. Restaurant Host or Hostess

Get yourself a part time job at a local pub, sports bar, or upscale restaurant. Dress in your most sophisticated and appealing outfits. This is a great opportunity to draw attention to your charming personality and caring nature. People you meet will be impressed with your air of confidence.

104. Anywhere in Your Town or a Distant City

Research your local area to find out where the eligible men tend to hang out – and hang out there often with your friends and by yourself. Go online to find other cities in your country or a far away city in a country across the ocean. Don't be afraid to travel far and wide to meet your mate. Remember, it only takes ONE person to make your dating life complete. You only need to meet one special person that you like and eventually, a person who finds you appealing and grows to love you too.

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