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The pros and cons of dating women - as a woman

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Dating. When you hear the term you probably think of a man and a woman sitting at a candle-lit dinner table sipping on an alcoholic beverage and ogling over each other; "You like carrots? So do I!" "You like to ski? So do I!" "We have so much in common!"

Sometimes, however, it's nice to go on a date with a friend.

I've always said, when in a dating rut, that I should just start dating women. My flirtatious ways do not see a gender difference when it comes to batting my eyelashes and giggling. Although the attention would be great, I don't think I could take a casual drive down Lesbian Lane. But I found a caveat—I belong to the New Jersey Young Professionals, a networking group targeting men and women, married and single, between the ages of 21 and 35. Recently, they hosted a "Speed Friending" event for women only. Who doesn't need more gal pals? So I went.

That night I dated 14 women in about 1½ hours. Are you jealous? I would be! It was by far one of the most fun nights and an event I'd love to attend again.

It's exactly how you may be picturing it.

Small tables with two chairs set up in an orderly fashion around a small conference room. You even get a "score card" with everyone's contact information, profession, and hobbies.

The person in charge dings a concierge bell every four minutes and everyone rotates to the next table. It was like a first date with women and was so much fun.

Let's face it. When you go out to a bar the last thing on your mind is making a friend. You go out with the intent of having fun with the friends you already have, maybe meeting someone attractive to make out with or buy you dinner (or your drinks for the night).

Few females go out with the intent of walking up to another female and saying "Hey, you look like someone I'd really get along with. Want to come over Saturday night and paint each other's nails?"

She will look at you like you're nuts and most likely have security escort you out. Well maybe not that extreme but you will most likely look like a fool. This event took out the awkwardness.

We were all there for one purpose, well maybe two. Get to know other females that we'd get along with and maybe even network in hopes of expanding our career (after all, we're all looking for the next best thing; whether it be money, jobs, friends, MEN—oh come on, you know it's true!).

I left the event beet red (because it was a group of 40 women all talking a mile a minute in a very small space, plus the wine ... oyvey), and with 14 women I hope to see again.

I met an Arbon representative, a former Broadway performer, 2 teachers who were so full of life (one was "pretty much married" and the first to get excited about my blog, hope you enjoy it doll!), an archeologist, numerous writers (cheers to you gals!), a conference planning manager (who hopefully can help out one of my gal pals get out of her lame-o job), and a fellow medical writer who works right around the corner from me! I should've started dating women sooner!

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