

# More Joy: Zoom Dancing One-on-one !

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## 1) What makes pinning FUN ?

Many of us in solo isolation are hungry for human connection -- we miss you ! On Zoom, it's nice to see postage stamp images of friends, and to chat. For dancing, though, just walking a pattern alone in the living room falls short of the connection many of us seek. [\*see note below for folks in lockdown **as a couple**]

Zoom offers a way to dance with a partner/buddy, enjoying face-to-face personal connection: "pinning." If you and a buddy agree to share your videos, you form a mutual connection for the length of a dance. By 'pinning' each other, your videos fill each other's screens, and you can relate one-on-one as you dance together.

We use the term 'buddy', because the distinction between Partner and Neighbor gets fuzzy. It's most fun to do each dance move (e.g., star, box the gnat, Mad Robin ...) in a way that face and relates to your onscreen buddy -- they are **both** partner and neighbor ! (The 'ghosts' in your foursome don't mind that you're ignoring them.)

There are no mistakes -- it's playful and joyful to relate to another enthusiastic person as you figure out together what's most fun. Teddy bears, pets, and random props can add variety. Dancing this way has raised my satisfaction level at least 3,000%.

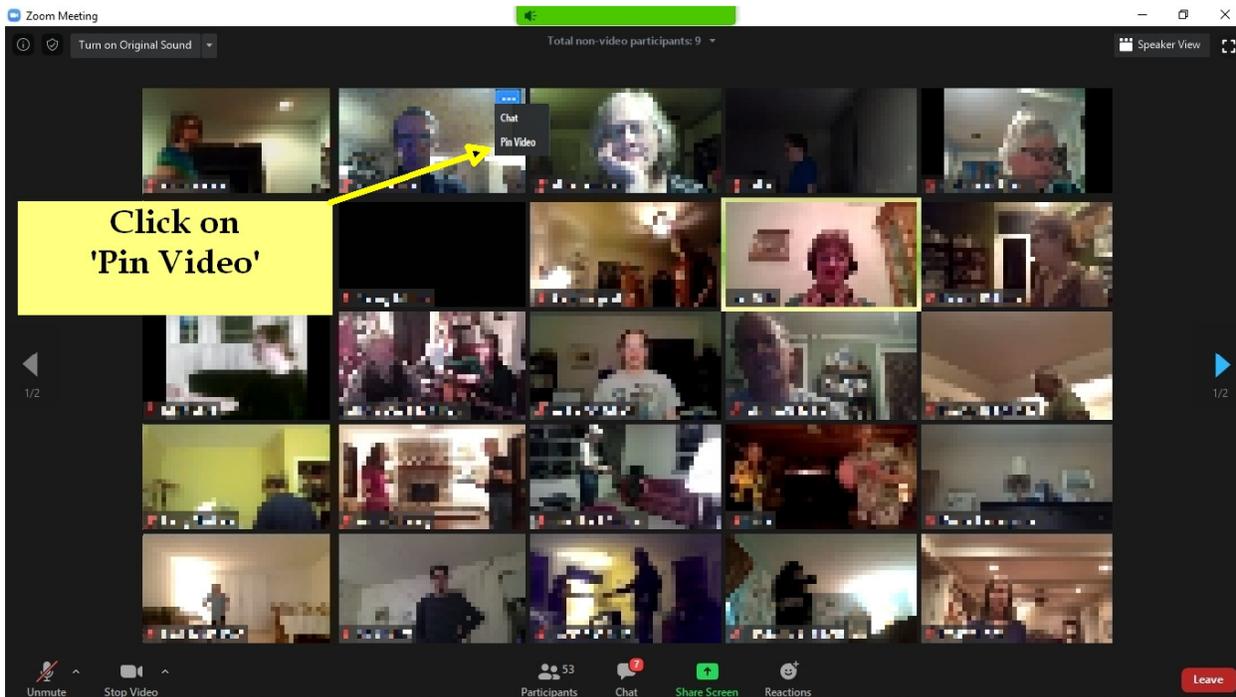
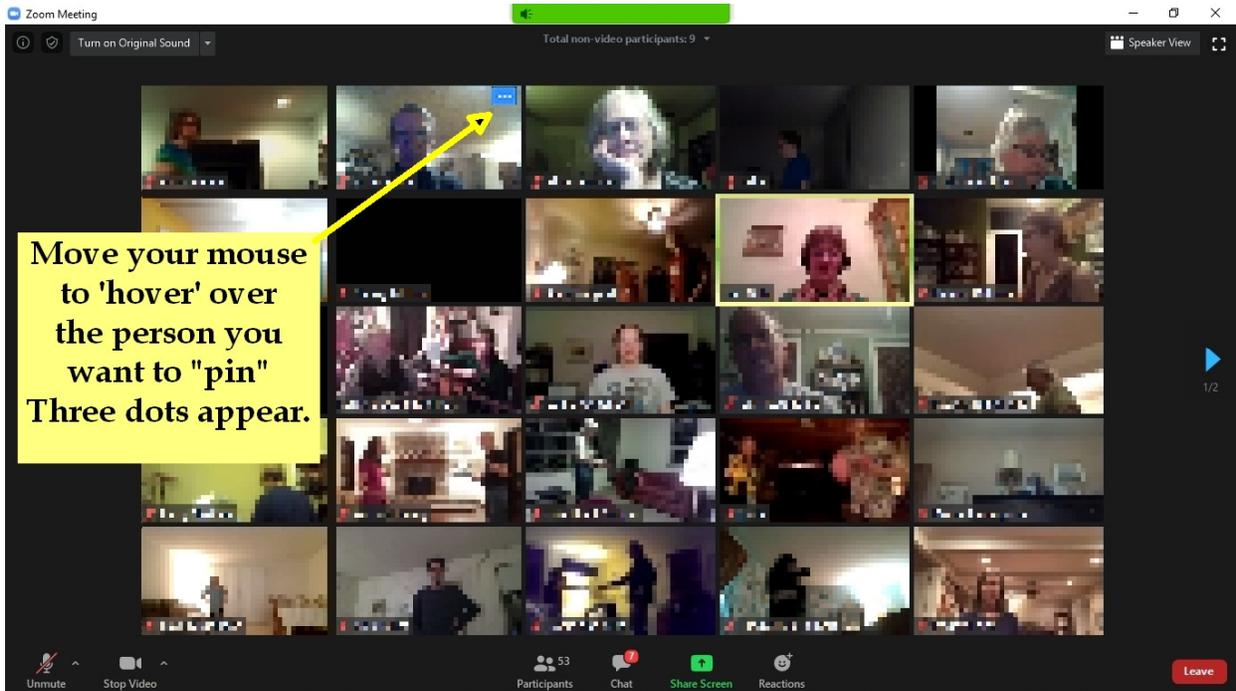
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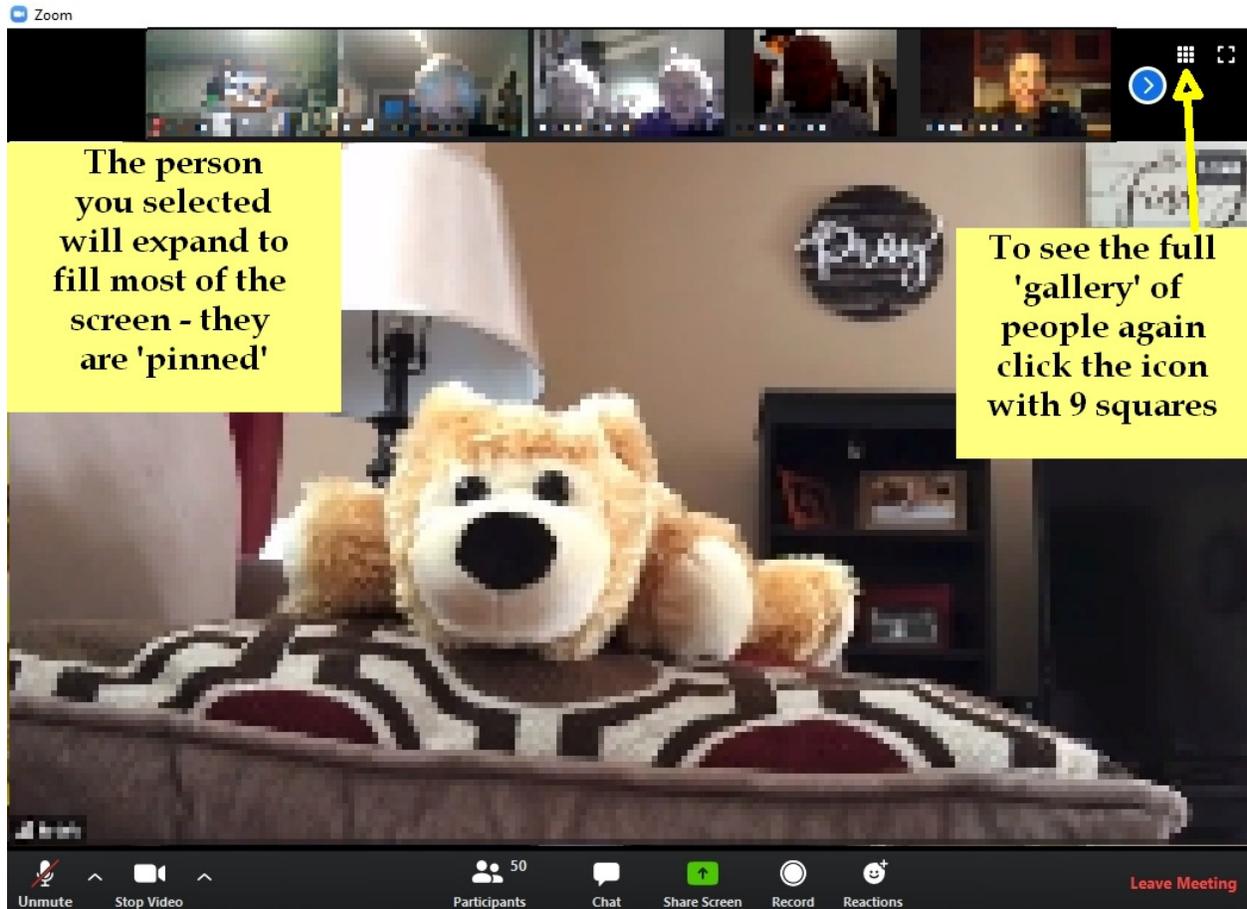
[\***Note for couples** in lockdown: it must be wonderful to have a flesh and blood person to dance with ! You might still enjoy "pinning" as a way to connect with other dancing friends. It's best to 'pin' with another couple, rather than a solo dancer if you try this. When a solo is pinned with a couple, the solo often feels left-out, as the others naturally give more focus to the human they're with than to the image on-screen.]

**Note to ALL:** Before you pin, get in touch, and get consent. In general, I resist 'booking ahead,' but it's hard to make eye contact when you are each one of 75 little windows with images. Just ask: "Would you like to do the next dance?" This works best as a private message in Zoom chat (click the chat icon, then select a person from the list ... or hover over an image, click the three dots, and select "chat").

### 3) How to do it

[note: this works on desktop. On tablets and phones, I'm told that double-tapping an image will 'pin' that person to your screen. Each environment has its quirks -- try it and let us know what works for you]





**That's all it takes. Looking forward to dancing together sometime soon !**

*Please help other dancers make the most of online dancing. If you find different ways to manage pinning (e.g., on tablet or phone), or have other fun ideas for Zoom dancing, please share that information. I'll update this document and pass the word. You can contact me, and find the latest document at the link below. Thanks !*

<http://scotthiggs.com/zoom-pin-with-me>

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