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Finding Love: Speed Dating
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Coco Warner Reporting

A lot of busy singles out there would like to try and meet someone, but traditional dating can be difficult.

And if you're not interested in the bar scene, how do you even make a match?

As part of a month long series, Coco Warner is taking a closer look at love. This week, she's helping us find it. Today's subject? Speed dating!

How does this idea sound? In a single night, you have the opportunity to meet nearly a dozen new people in a matter of an hour. It's called speed dating, and here in Salt Lake City, there's a company that sponsors a speed dating night at least once a month.

"Hitch"/Columbia Pictures: "I really prefer Rachmaninoff to the heavier composers, but despite the Pan-Germanic anti-semitism, yeah. I still have to say my favorite is Wagner. Okay, thank you."

The romantic comedy "Hitch" sets a scene against the back-drop of speed dating. In this set-up, the participants switch partners at the sound of a gong.

Cupid.com uses a bell. And like boxers coming in from their respective corners, these Utah singles get ready for another round. They get just six minutes to make a great first impression.

Jennifer/Speed-dater: "Sometimes it's a good thing when the bell rings. And if it's not, then you get their name."

Jennifer says she and a couple of her single co-workers promised each other that if a speed dating event ever came to town, they would join in. Tonight's her first time.

Jennifer/Speed-dater: "I'm having a ball. It is so much fun. Six minutes goes by really fast. So you do know right away the ones you're interested in seeing again, and the ones you're not interested in seeing again."

Kelli Tyree/Cupid.com: "It's ideal for people that are on the go, people that don't have time to meet the traditional way, or are sick of meeting people in the bars."

Coco Warner/Eyewitness News: "A match is made when both people circle 'Let's talk again.' Then they're able to get ahold of each other through Cupid.com."

Kelli Tyree/Cupid.com: "I do the scoring the next day. They get their match information in an email. They can contact each other from there."

Eric/Speed-dater: "Everybody is kind of in the same boat here. It's a tough town to meet people in, and this is a step to do it."

Kelli says the event always gets positive feedback. It costs 32 dollars to participate, and the groups are arranged by age, usually around a 10-year span.

For more information about Cupid.com and their next speed dating event, we have a link in the box at the top of the page.

And coming up tomorrow, remember that guy who had a billboard along I-15 advertising his eligibility? Find out if he ever made a love-match!



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