

# Jeanne Martinet teaches you how to survive a party where you don't know anybody

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It's the time of year where you may find yourself attending a party where you know hardly anyone. Jeanne Martinet, author of *The Art of Mingling*, walks Steve Inskip through a mock-party with tips on how to join a conversation, and (perhaps more importantly) exit one. Don't just read the article; you need to listen to the story. The mock-party is a hoot! When Susan Stamberg starts going on and on about that cranberry relish recipe...

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