

FORMER BOARD, VOLUNTEERS, ANYONE WHO HAS EVER ATTENDED ANY SPEAKEASY ACTIVITIES OVER THE LAST 30 YEARS, EVEN IF NOW MARRIED. YOU'RE INVITED!

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SpeakEasy Singles

Celebrating 30 Years
1985—2015

MAY 9TH, 2015
8-MIDNIGHT
CHARLESTON MOOSE
UPSTAIRS BALLROOM
NO ALCOHOL
DRESS CASUAL OR FANCY-
JUST COME!
DJ RANDY DAMRON
\$10.00 ADMISSION
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The original “Social Network”. In today’s society, everyone is on their cell phones, texting and internet and people just don’t “socialize” anymore. It is our belief that SpeakEasy serves a great purpose as we “Speak” face to face. Our motto is “Meet People, Make Friends and Have Fun”.

HISTORY

SpeakEasy was founded on May 20, 1985 in Charleston by two friends, Carolyn Stevens and Linda Geronilla Ph.D. Carolyn had gone through a divorce and hated the bar scene. Linda knew of a successful California singles group and together they held their first meeting with over 90 people attending. Speak Easy is based on the idea that there are four “needs” which are important to all human beings: love/belonging, empowerment, fun and freedom.

THROUGH THE YEARS

As SpeakEasy grew, the divorced, widowed and never married folks started having social gatherings at their home, card parties, picnics, etc. Then they created a volunteer Board for better organization and communication. They incorporated in 2000 and registered with the State of WV as a non-profit, complete with By-Laws and a Board. The earliest Newsletter we could find was May 1999 and in that newsletter was listed a Picnic, Pool Party, Luau Dance (at LKM Auditorium in Nitro), Volleyball every Sunday and 2 SpeakEasy meetings a month. About 1998 Vicky Stevens created an internet site for the group with weekly activities listed and that site continues today with the history, photos of events, upcoming events, etc.

Around 1999 through 2007 the monthly SpeakEasy dances were held at the LKM Auditorium in Nitro with anywhere between 150-250 people attending. When LKM was sold, the Board secured the Dunbar National Guard Armory and the dances were held there until about 2010. Due to Guard activities, SpeakEasy needed to find a more available space and rented WV State University. That is where the dances were held until January 2015 when the rent was increased and we could no longer afford their facility.

MORE THAN A DANCE

The monthly dances are the only income for the organization to pay for dance space rental and DJ. We have 14 dances (each month as well as a big New Year’s Dance and a Halloween Dance). Any profits made are used to help with other activities during each month. Over the years, the group has gone on scenic train trips, 3 cruises, bike rides, outdoor theater, ball games, stock car races, picnics, ice cream social, 3-4 camping trips each summer, Thursday night dinners, Dinner and a Movie, bowling, etc.

PRESENT

SpeakEasy held their March and April 2015 dances in the St. Albans Moose private room as we are non-alcohol and none is permitted there. However, the St. Albans Moose was sold effective end of April. We have the Charleston Moose Lodge, upstairs ballroom for our big 30th Anniversary Celebration on May 9th with DJ Randy Damron. You do NOT have to be a member of the Moose to attend. We will continue to have card parties, picnics and any other events people would like to sponsor.