

By Clint Thomas

The SpeakEasy Singles social group, open to all residents of the Kanawha Valley, has planned a variety of socializing opportunities in May and beyond.

The group will have its Dancing Thru the Decades Reunion/Anniversary Dance on Saturday, May 10. Celebrating the SpeakEasy Singles' 29th anniversary, the dance will be held from 8 p.m. until midnight in the Wilson Student Union of West Virginia State University in Institute.

Admission is \$10 per person, which includes food; drinks can be purchased for \$1 each. (No alcohol is allowed on the premises.)

Randy Damron will serve as DJ, and door prizes will be awarded for the best costumes from past decades (such as a poodle skirt from the Fifties or a leisure suit from the Seventies, for example).

Married couples who met at SpeakEasy functions are invited to attend.

Contact Howard at 304-776-4212 or Nancy at 304-925-8024 for more information about Saturday's reunion dance.

The SpeakEasy Singles is also continuing its Thursday night dinner gatherings in May. The dinners start at 6 p.m. RSVPs can be made to Howard at 304-776-4212 or 304-543-1001.

The May calendar includes:

- Thursday, May 8: Fazio's, Charleston
- Thursday, May 15: Diehl's Restaurant
- Thursday, May 22: Fat Patty's, Teays Valley.

There will be no dinner gathering on May 27, on account of the Memorial Day holiday.

For those who embrace outdoor exercise, SpeakEasy Singles members lead a weekly Saturday morning bicycle caravan through Kanawha City. Weather permitting every Saturday in May, casual bike rides will begin at 10 a.m.. Riders generally meet at the University of Charleston or below the 35th Street Bridge in Kanawha City. Even if you don't own a bicycle, a few are available to borrow.

For more information, including each Saturday's meeting point, call Jerry at 304-965-1458 or Keith at 304-395-0182.

The SpeakEasy Singles group is also organizing its first camping trip of the year. Campers will travel to Carter Caves State Resort Park in Olive Hill, Ky., Friday, June 20 through Sunday, June 22. Along with camping, the weekend will offer opportunities for horseback riding, biking, trail hiking, fishing, canoeing and other back-to-nature activities.

The cost is \$40 person, which includes the camping fee and five meals during the weekend.

More information about Carter Caves can be found online at <http://parks.ky.gov/parks/resortparks/carter-caves>

Reservations for the Carter Caves trip can be made by calling Howard at 304-776-4212.

Established in 1985, SpeakEasy Singles is a volunteer-run organization for divorced, widowed or single people to socialize, without professing itself as a dating service. The group hosts 12 dances annually, typically on the second Saturday of every month at WVSU. Between 100 and 200 people from West Virginia, Kentucky and Ohio attend each dance.

Other SpeakEasy Singles activities include West Virginia Power baseball games, volleyball, movies, picnics and events at members' homes throughout the year.

The electronic version of the SpeakEasy Singles' May newsletter is posted online at [www.speakeasysingles.com/newsletters/SESMay2014Newsletter.pdf](http://www.speakeasysingles.com/newsletters/SESMay2014Newsletter.pdf)

SpeakEasy Singles now has Google voice mail. To leave messages if you have questions about activities or membership, leave a voice message or send a text message and a board member will return your call. The telephone number is 304-805-4109.

The group also maintains a Facebook page.

Email messages can be directed to [events@speakeasysingles.com](mailto:events@speakeasysingles.com)