

Dances, dinners number among SpeakEasy Singles' December events

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The SpeakEasy Singles social group will host an Open House Christmas Celebration, three Thursday night dinners and two dances in December.

Also, dance lessons will be starting again on Charleston's West Side.

Beginning Dec. 1, dance lessons will be conducted each Wednesday from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Knights of Pythias building at the corner of Randolph Street and Tennessee Avenue in Charleston. Some of the dances that will be taught are waltz, fox trot, swing (rock and roll) and cha-cha. George Alder will lead the classes, assisted by Ruth Justice.

For additional information, call Ruth at 304-766-1041.

The 6:30 p.m. dinners on Thursday will be held at the following locations:

Dec. 2: Lone Star Steakhouse, Kanawha City

Dec. 9: Taste of Asia Hibachi/Japanese, South Charleston

Dec. 16: Buffalo Wild Wings, Cross Lanes

Call Howard at 304-776-4212 for further information.

From 6 to 10 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4, Dreama's second annual Christmas Open House will be held. Activities will include Christmas bingo, games and carols.

At nearby Valley Park in Hurricane, horse-drawn carriage rides will be offered from 6 to 9 p.m. Saturday. Donations will be accepted for rides.

Bring a covered dish, dessert or appetizer to share.

To RSVP or obtain directions, contact Dreama by Thursday, Dec. 2, at 304-415-3833 or grannydreama@hotmail.com.

On Saturday, Dec. 11, the singles' Christmas dance will be held from 7 to 11 p.m. in the West Virginia State University Wilson Student Union in Institute. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m., and admission is \$8 for members and \$10 for non-members. Admission includes food; drinks can be purchased for \$1 each.

For this dance, admission will be free for those renew-

ing or starting their SpeakEasy Singles memberships by paying the \$16 annual dues. A one-year membership includes the monthly newsletter and discounts to dances and other SpeakEasy Singles functions during the year.

Randy Justice will perform DJ duties. The suggested dress code is holiday-casual to dressy (Santa hats are welcome, however). Door prizes will be awarded during the evening.

Call 304-766-2415 or 304-744-1955 or visit www.speakeasysingles.com for more information.

On Friday, Dec. 31, the singles' New Year's Eve dance will be held from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., with doors opening at 8:30 p.m., at the Wilson Student Union on the WVSU campus.

Admission will be \$10 for SpeakEasy members and \$12 for others. Admission will include food, with beverages sold for \$1 apiece.

Dressy to formal attire is recommended, but attendees are welcome to come wearing what makes them feel comfortable.

Call 304-766-2415 or 304-744-1955 or visit www.speakeasysingles.com to find out more.

SpeakEasy members and guests have been invited to the Singles of Marietta, Ohio, dinner and Christmas party at the old Howard House in McConnellsville, Ohio.

Dinner will be served at 7 p.m. The menu will include Southern pulled pork, mashed potatoes and gravy, collard greens, black-eyed peas, sweet potato casserole, a tossed or chef's salad and a mixture of breads and desserts.

The cost is \$18 per person. Checks in advance can be made out to Joé Swartz and mailed to Henry Swartz, P.O. Box 154, Reno, Ohio 45773.

For further information about these and ongoing SpeakEasy Singles activities, visit the website, www.speakeasysingles.com; direct e-mail to speakeasysingles@suddenlink.net or call and leave a voice-mail message at 304-345-7810.