

## Halloween dance party caps off October singles' social calendar

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The SpeakEasy Singles social group will have a slew of activities in October, culminating with a Halloween dance party gala in Institute.

On Saturday, Oct. 26, the SpeakEasy Singles will host their annual Halloween Dance Party. It is reportedly the second most popular dance of the year for the group, with only New Year's Eve dances attracting greater attendance. (Last year's Halloween bash drew 180 people, according to information in the SpeakEasy's current newsletter.)

Randy Damron will be the DJ for the far-from-ghastly dance, which will take place from 8 p.m. to midnight at the Wilson Student Union on the West Virginia State University campus in Institute. Admission is \$8 for SpeakEasy Singles members and \$10 for all others.

While wearing a costume isn't mandatory for admission to the dance, it is certainly advisable and potentially profitable: Prizes will be awarded for Best Group (three or more costumed individuals), Scariest, Funniest and Most Original costumes.

The WVSU venue is smoke- and alcohol-free, but beverages can be purchased at the dance party for \$1 each. Party organizers provide appetizers/snacks and encourage others to bring them to share.

Non-dancers are also encouraged to attend and socialize.

For more information about the Halloween Dance Party or the SpeakEasy Singles' other monthly dances, contact Ruth at 304-766-1041 or Nancy at 304-925-8024.

Additional activities the SpeakEasy Singles have in store for the remainder of October include the recently revived Thursday night din-

ners. Dinners will begin at 6 p.m. at the following locations:

\* Thursday, Oct. 17: TGIFriday's, Cross Lanes

\* Thursday, Oct. 24: Barnyard BBQ, Hurricane/Teays Valley.

RSVPs are requested for each of the Thursday night dinners; call Howard at 304-776-4212 to do so.

On Sunday, Oct. 20, the singles group will take part in a jet boat ride and lunch at Hawks Nest Lodge, near Ansted in Fayette County. Tickets are \$25 apiece and will include the tram ride. The boat ride will start at 2 p.m., with a passenger limit of 16 individuals.

The boat ride will encompass a six-mile trek on the New River, with a possible stop on the return portion at the Mystery Hole. (Mystery Hole admission is \$6.50 per person).

Those interested in participating in the Hawks Nest jet boat ride should RSVP by calling Vicky at 304-205-4329.

Other ongoing activities that several SpeakEasy Singles partake of include:

\* Saturday morning bicycle rides through Kanawha City. Bikers meet at 10 a.m. at the University of Charleston campus for leisurely, round-trip excursions, which often include stopping for lunch or yard sales in various Kanawha City neighborhoods.

More details about the Saturday morning rides are available by calling Jerry at 304-965-2458 or Keith at 304-395-0182.

\* A Self-Expression Group, not affiliated with SpeakEasy Singles, meets on the first and third Mondays of every month at Taylor Books on Capitol Street in downtown Charleston.

For more information about the discussion group, contact Mary at 304-552-5189.

More information, including membership criteria and a full calendar of activities, is posted online at [www.speak easysingles.com](http://www.speak easysingles.com)