

Speak --- Easy Singles

SpeakEasy - another word for "Living and Enjoying Life"

Speakeasysingles.com
 or on FaceBook
 Text or Call
 304-805-4109



Oct 13-15th, Connie & Nancy are sponsoring the last Camping Trip for this year! Will be at GR Freeman Campground on beautiful Sutton Lake. Whether you sleep in your car, have a tent or an RV, cost will be \$40.00 per person which includes EVERYTHING (2 nights at site and 5 GREAT meals Friday dinner, Sat Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner and breakfast Sunday morning). Deadline for payment will be Wednesday, Oct 11th. Just come with your pillow, blanket and lawn chair and whatever you want to drink (we provide coffee & juice for breakfast). We have snacks around the campfire (Jiffy Pop Popcorn, S'mores, Marshmallows, etc.). Questions or think you might want to go? Call Nancy at 304-925-8024 or email Nifty50inWV@gmail.com. Can mail check or pay through PayPal to Nancy at above email address. See photos of our past camping trips on our internet site at www.speakeasysingles.com or Pg 3 of this newsletter.

Stonestreet Band!

SPEAKEASY SINGLES

Halloween Party & Dance 2017

\$10.00 includes free appetizers

find us on faceBook or Internet!

Sat. Oct 21st

OPEN TO ALL SINGLES
(EVEN ZOMBIES) 18 TO 80

COSTUME PRIZES

- BEST GROUP (3 OR MORE)
- SCARIEST
- FUNNIEST
- MOST ORIGINAL

West Virginia State University
Route 25 @ Washington Avenue
Wilson Student Union
Between Institute & Dunbar

No Alcohol. We know how to have fun

Sat. Oct 21st, our 2nd Biggest Dance of the year! We're opening all 3 rooms at WV State University (Wilson Student Union). Last year EVERYONE (except maybe 3) were in costume! We are having 1 week BEFORE Halloween so YOU can attend other parties the following weekend if you want! Talk about some wild homemade costumes & fantastic ideas! Double-Trouble, Toil & Trouble—we have Prizes for all your trouble for fun Previous SES folks now married can attend (we wouldn't know anyway with a costume on....). Of COURSE we'll have all kinds of neat appetizers & if you want to try your hand at making something "neat", bring it on, everyone would love it! For this SPECIAL dance, we've got a SPECIAL BAND—STONESTREET who everyone loves to dance to like "Thriller" or "Monster Mash" for fun! Some cool decorations will be provided by Tiffany's Twisted Creations. So grab a friend and come & ENJOY life and have some FUN, we do as you can see from the above photos! Questions? Just text or call 304-805-4109!



Each month our dances cost between \$850-\$950. This covers the DJ (or band), Rent, food, ice, table cloths, plates, cups, silverware, etc. Our only income for all of this comes from our dances. Increase in dance attendance will help, but THIS fundraiser helps YOU and SES!

Help SpeakEasy reach their goal to increase advertisement for a better outreach to singles who may not be aware of our programs and events. Purchase booklets for ONLY \$5.00 online (free shipping) **AND** we will have available at all SES upcoming events! Best of all, 100% of the \$5. proceeds go to benefit SpeakEasy! Going on 33 years now we've been "Meeting People, Making Friends & Having FUN"

<https://www.communitydayevent.com/organization-detail-support-your-community!> Choose the tab SpeakEasy Singles. Elder-Berman in Kanawha Mall and other fine stores online!

UPCOMING EVENTS

See 3rd page for possible Spring 2018 SES CRUISE & pictures of past events.

Sat., Nov. 11th

VETERAN'S SALUTE
DANCE at WV State

**THANK YOU
VETERANS**

November 11th —Sheri, Gary & Reba teaching the SHAG. FREE dance lessons 7-8 and dance will start at 8:00 pm. Huge thanks to Laurie & Darrell Fuller with the free Rumba dance lessons at our September dance. This will be our VETERAN'S DANCE and all VETERANS admitted FREE. DJs will be Donnie & Terrie Sangid at WV State University.

Sat., Dec 16th CHRISTMAS DANCE
DJ Dancin' Dave is back!

Sat., Dec. 16th and THIS dance will be at Columbia Gas Ballroom with one of our favorite DJs DANCIN' DAVE! We're still working on something SPECIAL for this dance as well!

NEW YEAR'S DANCE

Need suggestions-ideas for WHERE to have our New Year's Dance this year. Need a large place, tables & chairs, plenty of dancing room, we are a non-alcoholic group. Ideas? Suggestions? Call 304-805-4109 with suggestions please.....

CHRISTMAS DINNER

We're working on. In past we've had a VERY nice dinner, a White Elephant Gift Exchange for fun, photo props and even had Santa make an appearance one year!

WE JUST WANT TO SAY...
THANK YOU!

To Vicky and Lana for sponsoring the Sept 10th Picnic! It was FANTASTIC! Shantel has been sponsoring the "I-Eat" events, but sadly had to cancel the Sept 24th event. But we will possibly reschedule. Anyone want to sponsor Dinner & A Movie one day, or bowling or something? If so, give us a shout and a Board Member will help you! Text or call 304-805-4109 and someone will call you back!

Q: Why didn't the skeleton go to the Halloween party?



A: Because he didn't have any BODY to go with!

You CAN come without any "body". Our Motto: Meet People, Make Friends



The "Gold Star Families" are having a 5K Run/1 Mile Walk Oct 28th for \$15-\$20. Proceeds will be to purchase the hundreds of wreaths they place on local Veterans graves on December 16th. Connie is very involved with this project. For more info contact Renee Becket 304-634-3579.

BALLROOM/LATIN DANCE CLASSES—by Steve Prowse & Darlena Surbaugh on Friday nights at the Charleston Moose 304-552-1456.

WALTZ/TANGO CLASSES—will be held at January's Academy of Arts on Tennessee Ave in Charleston on Sunday afternoons from 4:30—5:30 by Darlena Surbaugh. Beginners and intermediate welcome! 304-766-7368 or 304-419-5636.

BALLROOM STYLE LESSONS—USA Dance Beckley Chapter meets every Thursday 7-9 pm. Lessons at Prosperity/Dry Hill Community Park. Contact Carol Parker 304-877-2751 or Darrell Fuller 304-469-6401.

LINE DANCING LESSONS—Marmet Gail 837-7563, Danville & Jefferson Debbie 545-6377, Elk Lodge Becky 949-3973, Elk Ele Center Becky 949-3973.

**Let's
Talk**

Taylor Book Discussion Group meet and make new friends in a casual atmosphere. Meets 1st & 3rd Mondays every month at 5:30 at Taylor Books, Capitol St., Chas. Call Mary at 304-552-5189.



Hello All! Nancy here. SpeakEasy has sponsored several group Cruises over the years by various members. The last Cruise was January 2015 and had 63 people to go. I know you can get great discounts with a Group Cruise. I'm THINKING of sponsoring and organizing one for us. I've never been on a Cruise, so I am really looking at dates, length, destination, etc. BUT, before I go further, want to know what possible interest there is. So before I contact a Travel Agent or Cruise place, need YOUR thoughts and if you would be interested. The January 2015 Cruise cost \$349—\$379 for a 5-day Cruise and the Tour Bus cost \$150.00 per person.

I'm thinking of:

- Spring, 2018 (maybe March or April)
- Bahamas or Bermuda
- Leaving out of Norfolk VA, Charleston SC, Jacksonville FL or Port Canaveral FL
- Renting a Tour Bus to go and return
- 3-5 day length

If interested and think you'd want to go, PLEASE, email me at Nifty50inWV@gmail.com, or call at 304-925-8024 or I will have the post in the FaceBook Group for comments, etc. A LOT of work goes into organizing something like this, so just need to know if enough interest before I Rock N Roll with information. :) *Thanks!*

HUGE Thanks to Lana & Vicky for sponsoring the September Picnic! EXCELLENT response, PLENTY of food, Lots of FUN & GREAT Conversations!



Weather was BEAUTIFUL and a few regular SES Campers (9) decided at the last minute to go Camping at Sutton, no time to post in the Sept newsletter. So 9 of us went, FANTASTIC time around the campfire, looking at the beautiful stars, talking of course, fantastic campfire food. We're going again Oct 13-15th if interested.



Our History



1985 On May 20th of 1985, two friends, Carolyn Stevens and Linda Geronilla, Ph.D. started Speak Easy in Charleston, WV at the John XXIII Pastoral Center. Carolyn had gone through a divorce and hated the bar scene. Linda, trying to be a helpful friend, said that she had a conversation with another therapist at a Reality Therapy Conference who had a successful singles group. Linda said she would contact Doug Walker in California, who was very willing to share his materials as long as she agreed to call it the same thing. That first meeting over 90 people attended and SpeakEasy took off as a much needed entity in the area.

1989 SpeakEasy developed By-Laws and filed with the WV Secretary of State's Office as a non-profit with a list of volunteer officer's duties, meetings, elections, etc.

2015 SpeakEasy applied for a Federal non-profit ID, which was easily obtained since we are all vol-

SpeakEasy Singles has been serving divorced, widowed or never married people in a social environment since 1985, all run by volunteers. SpeakEasy is a non-alcoholic social organization and not a dating service but a place to "Meet People, Make Friends and Have Fun". As a group, SpeakEasy sponsors picnics, trivia, house parties, camping trips, train rides, etc. SpeakEasy's only financial support is

2017 It's "that time of year again" when we are looking for more and new volunteers to help keep SpeakEasy going. We have a meeting, usually at Shoneys, once every few months to go over finances, present and future plans, etc. We correspond by group email on ideas, suggestions, decorations, thoughts, etc. Every "Board Member" has a "job" that usually takes 1 day a month and if they are not able, the rest of us step up to do that "job", we're a great team BUT we need more folks to help out. If you would like to be on "The Board" OR, if you would like to be a "BOARD HELPER" as a

**STRENGTHEN
AND GROW →
THE PATH TO
OUR FUTURE**

Present Board Members Shantel, Jack, Lana, Nancy, Vicky, & Aaron have some AWESOME ideas for SES future, but we need more help to move forward. Consider becoming a part of this great organization. When we post for elections or sign-ups for helpers, please remember we can always use more help. SpeakEasy may

be the only organization that helps those divorced, widowed or never married folks to rebuild their lives and supports those who have chosen to be single. We are non-alcoholic and welcome those aged 18 and up. We do truly Meet People, Make Friends and we DO have Fun. Think about it!

The Future

