

Orlando Stoics Reaches 2,800 Members

Orlando Stoics Nears Its 9-Year Anniversary

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(ORLANDO)—Orlando Stoics, a philosophical discussion group founded in April 2015, has reached the milestone of 2,800 members who have attended 1,180 events in the last nine years. The events include popular topics such as reading the diary of Marcus Aurelius, the key lessons from Seneca, and the use of Stoicism in popular culture.

"We developed Orlando Stoics as a philosophy discussion group to give members time in each meeting to discuss ideas and engage in critical thinking," said StoicDan, the lead organizer for Orlando Stoics.

Stoics meetings are typically 90 minutes long, where the panel discussion will talk for 30 minutes and then participate in a Q&A session for 60.

StoicDan also invites noted scholars to speak at the group, including modern philosophers and authors Margaret Graver, John Sellars, Donald Robertson, Massimo Pigliucci, William O. Stephens, and Ward Farnsworth.

When the pandemic struck in 2020, Orlando Stoics adopted Zoom meetings for three of their four weekly meetings and continued the practice after it ended. This has helped them attract members from across USA, Canada, UK, Australia, and Nepal.

"We have regulars from all over the world who Zoom into our meetings and participate in our different discussions," said Stoic Dan.

Orlando Stoics also hosts in-person meetings at the community room at Panera Bread in Altamonte Springs. They read the texts of the Stoics from Ancient Greek and Roman times. They also organize field trips with the Peace & Justice Institute (PJI) for their Common Read program, where they discuss topics like trauma awareness and adverse childhood experiences.

"Some of the members of Orlando Stoics have attended PJI's Common Read events over time and helped develop conversations on trauma awareness," said Sofiya Asedrem, community resilience manager at PJI. "Both PJI and Orlando Stoics offer programs that foster a more resilient community."

For more information about the Orlando Stoics and their upcoming events, visit the website (<http://www.orlandostoics.com>) or their Meetup page (<https://www.meetup.com/orlando-stoics>).

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About Orlando Stoics:

The Orlando Stoics is a philosophical discussion group that originated in 2015. It hosts four weekly meetings both online and in-person, uniting participants from USA, Canada, United Kingdom, Australia, and Nepal. The group focuses on the examination of Stoic principles and their intersectionality with diverse philosophical frameworks.