## StoicDan's Alliances with Two Sister Groups

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(ORLANDO)—StoicDan, the organizer of Orlando Stoics, has formed alliances with two other groups: the Atlanta Stoics, a group that is restarting after a period of inactivity, and the Seattle Philosophy Club, a very active group with 7,000 members. The alliances will result in publishing Orlando's Friday night programs on the meetup sites of the two other groups. This will give their members access to our programming for the next ten weeks.

"Yakini Moseley, the organizer of Atlanta Stoics, and I started talking about ways to help the Atlanta group to restart," said StoicDan, "that led to some brainstorming which landed us on a joint meeting between the two groups."

The Atlanta Stoics are working to develop new topics and attract new members. They normally meet on Wednesdays and Sundays to discuss topics like "Philosophy of Love," "The Virtue of Stoicism: Courage," and "Epistemology."

Now, their Friday calendar will include combined Zoom meetings with the Orlando Stoics, as we review the important book "More Than Happiness" by Antonia Macaro (a book about Stoic and Buddhist practices). This new schedule, plus some special events, can help the Atlanta group become self-sustaining.

With the Seattle group, Orlando Stoics hopes to cross-pollinate with their members to create a broader community. In addition, StoicDan has helped other philosophy groups get started around the world, like the Copenhagen Stoics. He has identified some of the factors that contributed to the growth of Orlando Stoics, including offering a welcoming atmosphere, consistent meeting times and places, avoiding noisy venues and cross-talk, consistent starting and ending times, and easy parking.

"Any group that's building momentum needs to realize that attracting new members and building new curriculum is time-consuming," said StoicDan, "so working with another group with similar goals can split some of this labor."

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).

If you are interested in starting a philosophy group anywhere in the world, contact StoicDan on social media or at AskStoicDan [at] gmail.com.

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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 the United States, United Kingdom,

Australia, Thailand, and Nepal. The group focuses on the examination of Stoic principles and their intersectionality with diverse philosophical frameworks.