August Newsletter



### **Prez's Corner**

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Be sure to check out the Escape to Margaritaville event coming up on the 17th. See the flyer below. All 200 tickets were sold by July 30th. Just a reminder, all monthly Solos social events will be BYOB.

Once again, look for the "Dance Crew" asking everyone to dance.

The July Speakeasy event was great and had the largest attendance so far this this year. Food was wonderful and many men and women dressed in period costume. Jesse Lopez and the Funky Monkeys kept us on the dance floor. Marcia DeCastro and her Activities Committee did a great job planning this event for us.

Remember that our web site is a great source of information on all things Solos, and the pictures from our events are posted there as well.

Board of Directors meetings are on the second Friday of each month at 11:00 am in Meeting Room 1 of the Activities Center. Meetings are open to members.

Have a great August !!

Jim Hester

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### ESCAPE TO MARGARITAVILLE

Saturday, August 17 @ 6pm

C'mon down to the Ballroom for a laid back evening filled with fun, food, and dancing to the music of Allan and LaDonna.

See your old SOLOS friends and meet some new ones.

Grab your flip flops and flowered shirts and let's look for that lost shaker

of salt!



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Everything, with the exception of coconut shrimp, is gluten-free!!!

#### APPETIZERS

Red Bell Pepper Hummus and Fresh Veggies

#### DINNER

Grilled Chicken Kabobs with bell peppers, pineapple and bacon

Cheeseburgers-in-paradise sliders with mango sauce on the side (gluten-free buns)

Jerk pork tacos with Big Kahuna shredded pork on corn tortillas

Grilled Fish tacos with Pico de Gallo and jalepeno ranch sauce

Huli-Huli shrimp

Coconut shrimp with assorted dipping sauces

Plantain chips with pineapple aioli dip

#### DESSERT

Key Lime Sorbet and Tropical Fruit Salad

#### BEVERAGES

Raspberry Lemonade/ice tea/regular and decaf coffee

#### BYOB

### A Note From the Membership Chair

August 8th will be another fun Thirsty Thursday get together in the Georgetown/ Florence Room at Cowan Creek. As always, we will meet at 5:00 pm. This is a casual time to meet new Solos and greet your long-time friends. Be sure to bring your own beverage and an appetizer to share with others.

This is the perfect time to order your Solos name tag, or, if you have already ordered one, pick it up. Bill Freitag will have the forms at the door, and the cost is \$6.25. Checks should be made to Darrell Hutchinson.



We hope to see you there!

Nancy Tinsley Membership Chair nt06sct@gmail.com

### **Book Group**



The Solos Book Group will be meeting on August 27th, to discuss

"Educated" by Tata Westover

Named one of the 10 best books of the year by New York Times, a memoir about a young girl who leaves her survivalist family with a quest for knowledge, learns to navigate society's rules and goes on to learn a PhD from Cambridge University.

We meet monthly on the 4th Tuesday, at 2pm, to discuss a wide variety of books - fiction, nonfiction, historical, popular. We welcome all interested Solo's and any visitors.

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## Bowling

Bowlers meet at Mel's Lone Star Bowling Lane's in Georgetown every Thursday, at 10:00 am. Cost is \$6.00 for two (2) games. There are no teams. Bowlers play against themselves, by trying to outdo their past average score. Bowlers are welcome to enter the Individual Best Average Score contest (\$1.00) and/or enter the Poker Pot contest (\$2.00). Prizes are awarded. Fun for all.

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## **Solos Care**

Solos Care thanks you for the donations of school supplies made to Georgetown School District at the Solos Speakeasy event. If you missed that collection and would still like to donate, there will be another collection in front of Cowan Creek during the August 8 Thirsty Thursday.

Ann Brown

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# **Chain Gang**

Results for Maggiano's Little Italy

A small group of just 12 people went to rate **Maggiano's** on Tuesday. Surprise! We rated it 9.3 which ties it for Third place with **PF Chang's**, **Grand Lux**, and **Pappadeux**! Then you add in **Jack Allen's** at First (9.7) and **Cheesecake Factory** (9.5) at Second and right now we have to go to 6 restaurants after the first of the year to re-evaluate them in our top 3 (6!). The only problem with having so many on our top 3 list is that we will have to return to restaurants that we really liked. I guess that will work for all of us.

The Chain Gang will travel to Round Rock to try out Cover 3, right on I-35, on August 27. Though this is a very nice Sports Bar, you don't have to like sports to enjoy the food. Come along with us. To sign up, go to the Solos web site and then Interest Groups, The Chain Gang, then find the calendar for August and Register. See you then!



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# **Cosmo Girls**

Do you love a marvelous Cosmopolitan or fanciful cocktail drinks with great conversation and friends? Then Cosmo Girls is for you. We meet every 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday, from 5:00 to 7:00 pm in members' homes. The hostess may limit the number of guests she can accepted based on the size of her house. Everyone who wishes to attend must register with Betsy Doss at 512-869-5864 the Wednesday before the event so that the hostess can adequately prepare. Usually \$5.00 is asked to cover hostess' expenses.



# **Day Trippers**

Our next day trip will be September 13. We will be going to the Bullock Texas State Museum.

This is a wonderful museum that will help newcomers to Texas understand the history of Texas and make native Texans proud of their heritage.

We'll car pool and enjoy a day at an absolutely wonderful, interactive museum.

If you have joined the Day Trippers SIG, you will receive an email inviting you to join the trip.

How to join the SIG (Special Interest Group): Log in to the CA. Click on My Memberships. Scroll down to Solos. Click on Special Interest Groups. Select Day Trippers. Yeah! Now you'll get the emails of upcoming trips.

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# **Ballroom Dancing**

On Monday, August 26, we will begin our next Solos Social Dance Class. At that time, Jana and Larry Douglas will teach Country/ Western 2 Step and, if time allows, Country Waltz. Jana is our Solos Special Interest Group Leader, and she and Larry are experienced C/ W dancers and instructors. You can plan to have a fun class.

We must limit the class to 10 men and 10 women. Registration is required. Ladies, if you have already taken 2 or more classes, please do not register for this class. We need to give others an opportunity to



learn a new dance 4

As usual, our classes will be held on Monday evenings from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Atrium of the Activities Center. Plan on attending four classes, and then we will have our social the fifth week. All Dance SIG members are invited to the social to be held on Monday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Your Solos Social Dance SIG Leader,

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# **Solos Golf**



We play four (4) member, mixed Golf scrambles. Nine hole Golf is played on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Saturdays of each month. \$2.00 is collected and the top score teams share the Jack Pot. Tee Time is usually 1:00 pm. BarbaraSharp

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# **Mingle With Singles**

Mingle with Singles is a social SIG that has been formed for singles to meet other singles within the Solos group. This SIG is ONLY for those who are not in a committed relationship.

Mingle with Singles will be meeting at the Georgetown/Florence rooms at Cowan Creek on Thursday, August 23. Beverages will be provided. If you would like to bring an appetizer, it would be welcomed.

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## **Outdoor Adventures**

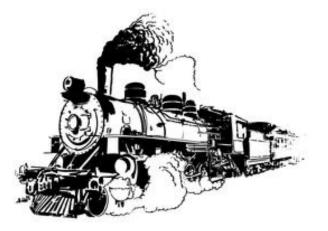
We are going summer camping to Dos Rios RV park in Mason, Tx. Please join us Aug 5, 6, 7, 8 for three nights.

The park is small but has lots of facilities including restrooms and showers, full hook-ups, two trailers to rent, and a beautiful river right there. We have started reserving on the lower level 1-5. There is one tent site there

(Patty), then more on the next level up. Mason is close to Georgetown so come camping. No excuse!!!! Any questions, please write or comment to Kevin. Bring your water gear.....We enjoy group cooking so plan on sharing.

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## **Travelers**



Don't have a travel partner? Solo Travelers is a group that helps you find others to travel with. We sign up for different tours, then put out the info for others to sign up too. It is great fun. If you sign up for our emails, you can keep up with our trips and see how many are going on each one.

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## Wine Tasting

Would you be interested

in an evening of wine,

snacks and Solos fellowship? Consider joining one of our Solos' wine groups. Jack Essex is our Solos' SIG Wine Group Coordinator, and he can provide you with a group that fits your schedule. Give him a call and try a wine tasting evening!

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