

SOLOS

August 2022 Newsletter



President's Report

"Funny How Time Flies" (When You're Having Fun), 1985 Janet Jackson Song

We are half way into our Solos year, and it is time to start thinking about the nomination process for the 2023 Executive Board Officers. The Solos nominating committee consists of a 2022 Board member as Mentor, and two or three Solos volunteers to complete the committee. This committee works together for approximately six weeks to accept candidates for the upcoming year. **Happy Note:** We already have at least three 2022 Board members willing to serve again next year. Serving on this nominating committee is a great way to meet other Solos members, and you're volunteering for a short period of time also. If you feel you can find the time to serve on this committee, please contact our Vice President, John Wardlow, at his email address: dutrica@aol.com

Our Wednesday, August 31st Ballroom Event will be featuring an entertainer I feel all attendees will enjoy. Due to the fact, our time for the event is a little later in the evening than usual; we are offering a full service catering dessert smorgasbord instead a full course dinner (Something different for a change). More information featuring our entertainer is provided in detail within this newsletter. (Keep Scrolling & Smiling)

Solos is growing in number (almost 700). During this past month, I have had suggestions from three members which will enrich our Solos Club. Please feel free to offer more of these positive suggestions. It is your club and the Board will work with you to try to provide the best social activities for the enjoyment of all. Positive suggestions may be sent to my email: suebawcom@gmail.com

-Sue Bawcom

MISSION STATEMENT

The purpose of this Club is to provide social opportunities, friendships & fellowship for Sun City Texas residents, primarily by organizing activities of interest to our members. While the club was created to enhance the life of singles, all residents are eligible to join.



2022 Executive Board Members

Sue Bawcom, President

John Wardlow, Vice President

Sharon Stewart, Treasurer

Kathy Castoldi, Secretary

Melba Naylor, Membership

*Linda McFarlin,
Communications Chair*

*Connie Bales, Special Interest
Groups Chair*

What Happened In July

July 4 2022

Solos golfers honored Independence Day in red, white and blue.



July 9, 2022 Celebrate America





Thirsty Thursday, July 14 at the Oaks





SAVE THE DATES!

Ballroom Events:

Wednesday August 31, 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm

Friday October 14

Wednesday November 16

Saturday December 10 (Holiday Gala)

Thirsty Thursdays:

August 11 and 25 - The Oaks

September 22 – Super Thirsty Thursday at the Retreat's Lone Star Room

October 13 and 27 – The Oaks

November 10 – The Oaks

What's happening in August?

Full Membership Events:

Thirsty Thursday - Our regular Thirsty Thursdays will be held at the Oaks on **August 11 and August 25** from 5:00 to 6:30 pm. Come meet visitors, new members and old friends, and enjoy a quiet evening for all. BYOB and you may bring an appetizer to share. Any questions, contact Melba Naylor 512-240-4851 or melba.naylor@gmail.com

Solos Executive Board Meeting - Friday August 12 at 11 am in the Cowan Creek Andice Room.

Keeping Cool social event - Wednesday August 31 from 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm in the ballroom:



SOLOS CLUB "KEEPING COOL" AUGUST BALLROOM EVENT

DATE: WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31, 2022

TIME: 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.

LOCATION: SUN CITY SOCIAL CENTER BALLROOM
2 Texas Drive

NOTE: THIS EVENT IS AN "AFTER DINNER" SOCIAL

BYOB

FULL SERVICE **DESSERT SMORGASBORD** WILL BE
PRESENTED BY DOUBLE SKY CATERING

Watermelon, Cantaloupe, Grapes,
Varying Flavored Cheesecake Bites, Varying Flavored Mini Cupcakes,
Yogurt Parfait, Banana Pudding
Iced Tea/Water

ENTERTAINMENT FOR LISTENING AND DANCING

Vocal Performer - Leslie Blasing

Leslie's music career has taken her in all directions. Singing with Michael Martin Murphy, The Lynard Skynard Band, David Frigell and Reba McEntire have been a few. Leslie now sings at South Padre Island, Texas. She puts on a high energy show for those who want to have fun. www.LesliePresents.com

TICKETING BEGINS - JULY 28TH ENDS - AUGUST 18TH

Your Choice of On-line Ticket Sales - www.sctexas.org (log in and choose the ticketing menu) or you may purchase at the Sun City Business Office

CHOOSE YOUR TABLE SEATING (8 SEATS PER TABLE) If desired, a member can purchase up to 16 tickets.

MEMBER: \$23.00

GUEST: \$27.00

Event Coordinator: Sue Bawcom
Texting: 940-395-6861

email: suebawcom@gmail.com

See below for more on this fabulous entertainer!



Leslie Blasing

High octane is the only description needed! Leslie has been performing on South Padre Island for at least 5 nights each week for 23 years. High energy shows with a whole lot of entertainment “I am here to have a fun time and enjoy the evening just like the rest of the people. If the audience wants to join me, then that is just fantastic!

Leslie is a full-time singer & entertainer and a transplant from San Antonio to SPI. Her music career has taken her in all directions. Singing with Michael Martin Murphy at The San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo was her kick-off to becoming a professional singer. Down the road she shared the stage with The Lynyrd Skynyrd Band for the SPI Roar By the Shore Bike Rally and with Reba McEntire at Caesar’s Palace in Lake Tahoe to name just a few of the highlights in her career. You can feel all of the influences from every category; style, genre and age of music come through in the selections of songs. Enjoying the intensity of rock-n-roll and then loving the story telling of a great country song is where the diversity comes together and when you add in a touch of craziness you get Leslie!

In 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017 she was awarded Female Vocalist of the Year - Valley Star Award for all of the Rio Grande Valley area in South Texas and the highly coveted Entertainer of the Year for all of the Rio Grande Valley area for 2014, 2015 and again in 2016. In 2017, Leslie was given the Lifetime Achievement Award for Female Vocalist.

Click on these You Tube links to sample Leslie’s incredible style:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=igoN96kHmfQ>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uAH_DVp5_G4

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sfn-ZUshxeY>

For Special Interest Group Members:

Mingle with Singles - **August 18, 5 to 8 pm at the Retreat Lone Star Room**
BYOB, bring an appetizer to share, and remember to wear your nametag! This event is for single SOLOS not in a committed relationship. For more information, contact co-chairs Ann Brown zoemarla@yahoo.com or Jo Merkli jolynn2599@comcast.net.

Line Dance Lessons—Classes meet **every Monday** in the Atrium at the Activities Center at 1 Texas Drive at 7:00 pm for beginners and 8:15pm for improvers. For more information, contact Phillip Pensabene at cueballtwo@icloud.com

Social Dance Lessons— We offer two dance classes at the Fitness Studio at Texas Drive. **Wednesdays at 4:30pm** and **Wednesdays at 5:30pm**. Classes will be taught by Peg Allen and Byron Goff. For more info, contact Peg Allen at mimzypeg@gmail.com

Travelers -**There will be no Solo Travelers meeting in August**, but we'll hopefully see you again **on Thursday September 1 at 10 AM**. In the interim, please remember that the BA4 and BA5 variants of COVID are the primary variants in Europe and other countries and are quickly becoming more prevalent in the US. This variant is EXTREMELY contagious and many people who have recently traveled overseas have noted that many of their fellow travelers have come back with COVID. Some who have worn their masks on flights and when out in public spaces have not become ill. So please consider wearing your mask throughout your trip so you can enjoy it fully!!!!!! Hope to see you in September and please stay cool if you remain here!!!!!! ~Jana Langston at jllangston100@gmail.com

Book Club - Meets the 4th Tuesday each month at 1:30 pm. Contact Linda Baker (lindabaker.dallas@gmail.com) for more information.

Golf – Solos golfers play the first and third Saturdays of the month. All June tee times will begin at 1:04. Golfers will meet at Mulligan's or Wriggley's after each tournament. Participation is limited to 40 players. Contact: Elaine Swint at elaine.swint@yahoo.com

Bowling - Solos Bowling (SIG) meets every Thursday morning at 9:35 am at Mels Lonestar Lanes in Georgetown. If you wish to bowl, you must sign up online through the SOLOS website before 4 PM on Wednesday to bowl on Thursday. The cost to bowl is \$6. Bowling ball and shoes can be rented for a small charge. Contact: Gail Cotteleer at 512.639.9319. Call or text and be sure to leave your name, or email gailcotteleer@aol.com

Wine Tasting -It is our intention to have a whole group offering for the Wine Tasting SIG once a quarter for the rest of 2022. With information provided by the attendees to the March Wine Tasting at the Oaks, an outing was the most requested, followed closely by wine education. Small groups for wine tasting was also a very popular option.

Wine Tasting for small groups normally has 10-15 per group, meet once a month, and typically cost \$10 per person attending. The hostess for the month is responsible for buying the wine based on the number of people who confirm attendance by email before the monthly event. The hostess is also responsible for snacks. In the past, the hostess has had this event at their home. A group leader is also named who is responsible for coordinating the monthly hostess and sending an email before the event so that the people can confirm their attendance that month.

ABOVE IS WHAT TYPICALLY HAS OCCURRED! Can it be changed? YES!!! The venue can be at any of the Sun City Venues with a reservation. Does it always need to be in the evening? NO! Can the cost be more or less than \$10? Yes, depending upon the price of the wine and the snacks to be served. Maybe you want to have dinner with the wine. If so, set the price for that dinner. There are so many options. Let's figure out what people want and let's make it happen!

If you are interested in a Wine Tasting Small Group, please contact me. I have a list of 13 people from the March event who are interested. The Wine Tasting SIG has 110 members, so I know there are more that would like to be involved. I'm anxious to meet you and enjoy social time together! ~Mona Myers 1461mona@gmail.com or 325-716-8277

Day Trippers - We are currently looking for a new leader of this SIG. If you are interested, please contact Connie Bales at bassinher@aol.com

Solos Cares - Watch your emails for info on our annual fundraising drive for school supplies for Georgetown schools, which will occur from **August 21 to September 3.**

Special Interest Groups (SIGS)

A note from our SIGS Chairman:

I'm sorry to report we no longer have the Day Tripper SIG. This activity can be a great way to discover interesting places in our nearby areas. If anyone has an interest in heading up this group, please let me know. Maybe you'd be interested in partnering up with someone or helping someone.

Another SIG we had before the pandemic is the lunch group. We would meet up and carpool to various restaurants in the area. We generally had 25-30 folks, and regularly met new folks. Each year the leader would decide on a theme and work with restaurants for special seating.

This has been such a hot miserable summer but excuses to get out certainly help pass the time till more comfortable weather eases our desire for the great outdoors.

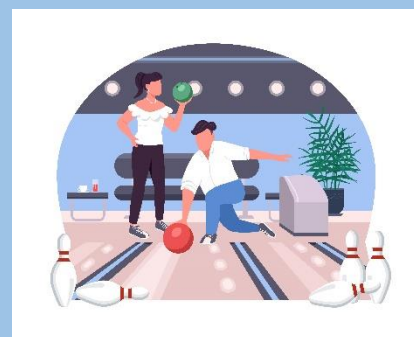
The abovementioned groups are really great for newcomers but great ways to try out new places and meet new folks in the process.

Let me know if you have an interest or questions.

Connie Bales
bassinher@aol.com

SIG Leaders:

Book Club	Linda Baker	214-208-2927	lindabaker.dallas@gmail.com
Bowling	Gail Cotteleer	512-863-8032	gailcotteleer@aol.com
Cosmo Girls	Betsy Doss	512-869-5864	homes@teamdosstexas.com
Golf	Elaine Swint	806-282-3149	elaine.swint@yahoo.com
Line Dance	Phillip Pensabene	202-412-2393	cueballtwo@icloud.com
Mingle w/ Singles	Ann Brown	512-639-3200	zoemarla@yahoo.com
Solos Care	Ann Brown	512-639-3200	zoemarla@yahoo.com
Solos Dance	Peg Allen	630-258-5855	mimzypeg@gmail.com
Solos Travelers	Jana Langston	630-254-4366	jllangston100@gmail.com
Wine Tasting	Mona Myers	512-635-0558	1461mona@gmail.com
Day Trippers	open		



SIGS Information

BOOK CLUB

Meets the 4th Tuesday of each month at 1:30 pm in member homes. The group sets up a list of books to read/discuss. For information about the group, please email Linda Baker at lindabaker.dallas@gmail.com

BOWLING

Solos Bowling Special Interest Group (SIG) is set up differently than what you are probably used to. It is not a league. There are no teams. Each week you bowl with different people. That way you get to meet lots of Solos. And you are not committed to bowling every Thursday. You bowl when you want to, but you must sign up online before 4 PM on the Wednesday before the Thursday you wish to bowl. It is truly social bowling. We do keep track of your scores and averages so you can see how you are doing, but no one cares if you are good or not. Essentially, you are bowling against yourself. Once you have an average, you can participate in a couple silly games that we play while bowling that makes it even more sociable and fun. You don't have to play, but it does make bowling a little more interesting.

We only bowl 2 games each week at Mels Lonestar Lanes in Georgetown, Thursdays at 9:35am. The cost to bowl is \$6. If you don't have your own ball, you can use a "house" ball. No bowling shoes? They can be rented for a small charge. You can be our guest twice to see if you like it. After that, you must be a Solos member and register for the Solos Bowling SIG. Remember, because it is not league bowling there is no pressure, just pure fun! Come join us! Contact Gail Cotteleer 512-863-8032.

COSMO GIRLS

Meets on the second Friday of each month from 5 pm to 7 pm. Members take turns hosting each month in their homes. Contact Betsy Doss, homes@teamdosstexas.com

GOLF

Solos has a friendly, enthusiastic golf interest group. Formats are usually a scramble or shamble designed to include all player levels. Tournaments are typically the 1st and 3rd Saturdays each month with 10 tee times starting at 1:00. However, high school tournaments and/or conflicts with other clubs' tee times caused a shortage at times, and we will let members know of these changes. Golfers meet afterward at either Mulligan's or Wriggley's. Preregistration required. New Solos members are welcomed to join the golf interest group on the My Memberships page of the Sun City website. Elaine Swint leads the golf interest group and will gladly answer any questions regarding Solos golf: elaine.swint@yahoo.com, 806-282-3149.

LINE DANCE LESSONS

This is a great way to socialize and exercise at the same time. Members learn two new dances the first week of the month. Atrium Room at the Activities Center (1 Texas Drive), 7:00 p.m. for beginners and 8:15 for improvers, every Monday night. Contact Phillip Pensabene, cueballtwo@icloud.com

SOCIAL DANCE LESSONS

Learn great dances while twirling around the dance floor with a professional teacher. Ballroom dancing is fun and good exercise. Two dances a month are learned, one at 4:30pm and one at 5:30pm in the Fitness Studio on Texas Drive. Preregistration is required. Check the calendar for dates and locations. Contact Peg Allen, mimzypeg@gmail.com

MINGLE WITH SINGLES

Activities are usually scheduled once a month in one of the SC reserved rooms or at place outside Sun City. The purpose is to socialize and get to know other singles not in a committed relationship in a smaller venue. Contact Ann Brown, zoemarla@yahoo.com, or Jo Merkli, jolynn2599@comcast.net for information.

SOLOS CARE

This group was started as a way to give back to the community. The committee decides how to help with various local projects and the best ways to collect donations. Contact Ann Brown, zoemarla@yahoo.com

SOLOS TRAVELERS

The Solo Travel SIG usually meets the first Thursday of the month at 10:00-11:30 AM. The meeting is generally held at the Oaks but due to room availability, the location or times might change. This group aims to connect travelers with other people who want to travel either in the US or other countries. At their monthly meeting, they discuss destinations and ways to travel either by tour or cruise. Since no one wants to travel alone, the group provides ways to find a roommate. Contact Jana Langston, jllangston100@gmail.com

WINE TASTING

Expand your palate, explore standout selections, and learn about wine in an entertaining, relaxed, interactive and unpretentious atmosphere. The Wine Tasting SIG offers small group gatherings as well as a quarterly whole SIG get together. Whether you just want to sip wine and visit with friends or develop your knowledge and appreciation of wine or learn about wine and food pairings, the Wine SIG offers all. Come join us! Contact Mona Myers at 1416mona@gmail.com or 325-716-8277 for more info.

Volunteer!

If you are interested in volunteering on a committee in 2022 please contact the board person for your area of interest.

Name	Board Office	Email	Telephone
Sue Bawcom	President	suebawcom@gmail.com	940-395-6861
John Wardlow	Vice President	dutrica@aol.com	916-267-0429
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Kathy Castoldi	Secretary	kcastoldi.kc@gmail.com	512-787-1057
Connie Bales	SIGS chair	bassinher@aol.com	512-426-3443
Linda McFarlin	Communications chair	linda@mcfarlin.com	479-244-5818
Melba Naylor	Membership chair	melba.naylor@gmail.com	512-240-4851

SOLOS SUNSHINE LADY



*Do you know a Solos member in the hospital or confined at home with a serious illness? Do you know about the death of a Solos member or a member who has lost an immediate family member? Let me introduce you to **Evelyn Crowl**, who has volunteered for the position of "Sunshine Member" for Solos. Evelyn will send out Get Well and Sympathy cards for Solos. Contact Evelyn at evelini@usa.net or 913-209-3830*

A Note from the Editor

This Solos Club newsletter is compiled and distributed by Linda McFarlin, Communications Chairperson, and distributed to all Solos Club members via email. Current and past newsletters are available on the club's website.

Guidelines for Article Submission

Articles must be received by the 20th of the month to be included in next month's newsletter

Articles must be submitted digitally using email

~ Linda McFarlin Email: linda@mcfarlin.com