

SOLOS

December 2022 Newsletter



President's Report

I had the pleasure of presenting the progress report of the Solos Club to the Sun City Chartered Club Committee on November 21st. I felt so proud to report we have 730 members with 10 Special Interest Groups providing social activities for all members including Singles, Married Couples, Companions and Partners. We have come a long way in our 25 year history.

The 2022 year is winding down with the December events.

- The Annual Solos Business Meeting is Wednesday, December 7th in the Activity Center Atrium at 1:00 p.m. All are welcome!
- Saturday, December 10th is the Solos Holiday Gala in the Sun City Ballroom. For those of you who have purchased tickets, we thank you for your support.
- Our Solos Cares' **Blue Santa** project is in need of your donation. You may contribute through the Sun City Website/Ticketing under Donations.
- The Special Interest Groups are "wrapping up" the end of year with holiday cheer.

The 2023 Solos Club membership renewals are now available to purchase.

The amount of the 2023 dues remains the same as 2022. Your \$25.00 dues will be allocated to give back to our members by subsidizing the ticket price for events, as well as financially supporting our Special Interest Groups and Thirsty Thursdays. Solos Club is a chartered club that continues to give back to our members through providing social fellowship.

The 2023 memberships may be purchased through the Sun City Website or at the CA business office on Texas Drive. If you haven't renewed your membership by January 31st, you will not receive email communication from the Solos Club until you renew your membership. Let's continue on this same path of keeping ourselves active with this awesome social club, full of love.

Happy Holidays,

Sue Bawcom, 2022 President

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*

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.

What Happened In November...

Thirsty Thursday Salute to Veterans, November 10



Sadie Hawkins Ballroom Event, November 16







What's happening in December?

Full Membership Events

Annual Business Meeting: Open to the Solos Membership - December 7 – 1 to 2 pm - Sun City Activity Center Atrium

Solos Executive Board Meeting - Monday December 12, 10am in Cowan Creek's Jarrell Room

For Special Interest Group Members:



SOLOS CARE

**BLUE SANTA
COLLECTION**

NOV 29 – DEC 10, 2022

Each year, the Georgetown Police Department and volunteers work together and join forces to collect toys and monetary donations. Blue Santa provides toys to more than 1,700 children in Georgetown during its annual toy drive and distribution. Solos takes pride in being able to contribute to this program through your generous donations.

Your donations to Blue Santa can be made through the Sun City Ticketing system or the CA Office. Once in Ticketing, click on "Donations" on the top left of the screen and then scroll to find the Donation for Solos Care Blue Santa.

Contact: Ann Brown @zoemarla@yahoo.com for more information

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 **8:15 pm** 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 4:30 pm** and **Wednesdays at 5:30 pm**. Classes will be taught by Peg Allen and Byron Goff. For more info, contact Peg Allen at mimzypeg@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 Bowleros, formerly 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

Travelers - Solos Travelers will not meet in December. For more information contact Anne Goodman at anne@goodman.net

Solos Wine Tasting: Learn about and taste wine, enjoy food pairings. Contact Mona Myers at 1416mona@gmail.com

Special Interest Groups (SIGS)

A note from our SIGS Chairman:

As we wrap up 2022 and look forward to 2023, I want to thank all the wonderful SIG Leaders for their time and efforts in making this year a great year for getting involved. And a big thanks to the volunteers and participants in making the various activities fun for all.

I would also like to encourage more folks to join our groups and maybe come up with ideas for new groups. A new year is a great time to consider activities that might be even more enjoyable with friends.

Have a happy and safe holiday season. Look forward to seeing you over the next few weeks. And we'll welcome the New Year with family and friends.

Connie Bales
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SIG Leaders:

Book Club	Linda Baker	214-208-2927	lindabaker.dallas@gmail.com
Bowling	Gail Cotteleer	512-863-8032	gailcotteleer@aol.com
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Solos Travelers	Jana Langston	630-254-4366	jllangston100@gmail.com
Wine Tasting	Mona Myers	512-635-0558	1461mona@gmail.com



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 Bowleros, formerly 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 Jo Merkli, jolynn2599@comcast.net or Linda Anderson at jerrylinanderson@gmail.com 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 Anne Goodman at anne@goodman.net

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.

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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