



SOLOS

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newsletter



PRESIDENTS REPORT

Dear Solos Members,

Votes have been cast and a new slate of officers have been elected. During the Annual Business Meeting at 3 p.m. on Monday, December 4th at the Mesquite Room in the Oaks, the new officers will be introduced. The new officers are:

President: John Wardlow

Vice-President: Bill Powell

Secretary: Kathy Castoldi

Treasurer: Gary Gauthier

Membership: Barb Duke

Activities Chair: Sue Bawcom

Communications Chair: Pauline Fredrickson

Special Interest Groups Chair: Connie Bales



And a special thank you to the retiring members of our board, Mona Myers, Sharon Stewart, and Linda McFarlin. Your hard work and dedication to our club were greatly appreciated.

Also, I hope to see you at the Holiday Gala at 5 p.m. on Saturday, December 16th.

I send you all best wishes for a wonderful Christmas and a happy and healthy new year!

John Wardlow

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MISSION STATEMENT

The purpose of the Solos 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.

MEMBERSHIP CHAIR REPORT

Total New Members to Date: **224**
Total Rejoining Members to Date: **550**
Total Members: **774**

Don't wait until January 1, 2024, to join Solos!

I want to remind our Solos members, that our 2024 Membership Drive starts on **Dec. 1, 2023**. I encourage everyone to jump online and **JOIN, as soon as possible**, in order to enjoy the Solos events and socials of the 2024 new year. Of course, if you join in January and beyond, you can still become a member, but you may miss out on communication about a Solos event or social that you might enjoy. As Membership Chair, I am charged with promoting Solos membership. It would make my heart sing for membership in December and these early months of 2024, to exceed all expectations. We have some new and exciting happenings coming up. Looking forward to sharing a new year of fun, fellowship, and friendship with you.

Barb Duke

Solos Membership Chair

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ACTIVITIES CHAIR REPORT

Join us for the Solos Holiday Gala on Saturday, December 16, 2023 in the Sun City Ballroom Tickets are still available until December 7th, or until we reach a total ticket sale of 200. A great night of Dinner and Entertainment. Usual Beverages are included.

Sue Bawcom

Solos Activities Chair

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What happened in November...

'50s Ballroom Event!





What's happening in December?

Full Membership Events

Solos Annual Business Meeting -- 3 p.m. on Monday, December 4th at the Mesquite Room in the Oaks.

Solos Holiday Gala



REMINDER NOTICE

SOLOS CLUB HOLIDAY GALA

JOIN THE SOLOS CLUB FOR AN EVENING OF HOLIDAY ENTERTAINMENT

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2023 - 5:00 p.m.

SC SOCIAL CENTER BALLROOM - 1 TEXAS DRIVE

5:00 p.m. - CHECK IN & SOCIAL TIME

USUAL BEVERAGES INCLUDED

6:00 p.m. DINNER: BEST MOBILE CHEF

Mixed Greens with Strawberries, Feta, Craisins w/Bakamie Dressing (Pecans on the Side) Grilled Beef Tri-Tip w/ Rosemary Beef Reduction; Fennel Potato Gratin; Green Beans w/ Caramelized Red Onion Mushroom Wellington for Vegetarians; Dessert Shooters (Pumpkin Mousse w/Gingerbread Crumbs, Chocolate Peppermint Mousse and Apple Pie w/Caramel) Tea & Water

7:00 p.m. ENTERTAINMENT

MARK CHARLES EXPRESS BAND

Check The Band Out on Facebook - Sun City Mark Charles Express

"Choose your Table" Ticket Purchase

Ticketing Ends December 7th, or until Ticket Sells Out at 200

Sun City Website - www.scctexas.org (Tickets)

or Tickets May Be Purchased at the Sun City Business Office.

MEMBERS: \$20.00

GUESTS \$23.00

Event Coordinator: Sue Bawcom suehawcom@gmail.com

For Special Interest Group Members

Be sure to check on exact times for SIG events in December:

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

Golf— Solos golfers play the **first and third Saturdays** of the month. All 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 9:25 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

Solos Cares - Blue Santa needs our help! We are collecting monetary donations for Blue Santa to provide toys through the Georgetown Police Department. Donations may be made through the CA ticketing system (click on "donation" tab once you are in the ticketing system) OR through the CA office.



Special Interest Groups (SIGS)

A note from our SIGS Chairman:

I'm sure y'all are busy planning for the big Holiday coming up and likely still thinking about Thanksgiving activities.

There are a lot of parties to attend and gifts to buy. This is a very busy time of the year. I want to thank everyone for joining the various Special Interest Groups. I hope you enjoyed the activities offered.

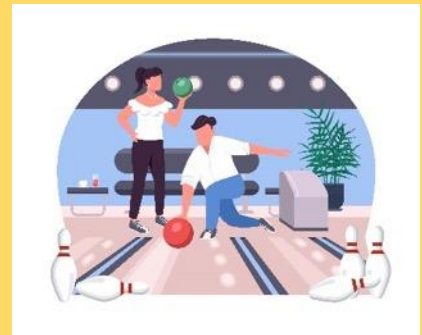
With the New Year around the corner, I encourage you to give some thought to expanding our SIGs or creating a new one. If you have any suggestions, I'd like to hear them. We're always looking for new ideas.

In the meantime, relax and enjoy this month and always remember the reason for the season. Merry Christmas to all.

Connie Bales
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SIG Leaders:

Book Club	Linda Baker	214-208-2927	lindabaker.dallas@gmail.com
Bowling	Gail Cotteleer	512-639-9319	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
	Linda Anderson	512-591-7252	jerrylinanderson@gmail.com
Solos Care	Ann Brown	512-639-3200	zoemarla@yahoo.com
Solos Travelers	Anne Goodman	512-585-3048	anne@goodman.net
Wine Tasting	Mona Myers	512-635-0558	1461mona@gmail.com
Day Trippers	Pauline Fredrickson	512-818-1480	pfred955@gmail.com



All About Our SIGS

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 9:25am. 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 512-639-9319.

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

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 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

Solo Travelers meetings and lunches provide a venue for members to share travel experiences and tips while exploring possible trip locations and ways of travel. In addition, we help members find new roommates for travel. We meet on the 1st Thursday of each month at 10:30pm at the Oaks on Del Webb. We encourage members to attend lunch with us afterwards as we get to know one another better. Anne Goodman, a member from our inception in 2012 and avid traveler, takes on the SIG leadership role for 2023. 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 Solos Wine Tasting SIG is scheduled to have a group event the 3rd Monday of each month at The Oaks and is hosted by members of the SIG.

Currently, these events have been attended by approximately 30 people, but there are 144 members of the Solos Wine Tasting SIG. Let's make these wine tasting events even more--- music, blind wine tastings, education, games, visit wineries! One of the members is working on an offsite trip for wine in September! We need hosts and ideas! Currently I have hosts for April, June, and September. Contact me, get friends and sign up to host a month!

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.

DAY TRIPPERS

Fun outings in Georgetown or around the area. For more information, contact Pauline Fredrickson at 512-818-1480 or pfred955@gmail.com

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 Crawl**, 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