

SOLOS

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newsletter

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Solos kicked off 2023 with a big Ballroom event. The Membership Rally and Social Event brought in 11 Solos SIGs having information tables for the benefit of the almost 200 attendees. Members and guests could check out future SIG plans and upcoming events. In addition, members could get information on purchasing name badges and Solos logo sport shirts, as well as how to upload their photo to the Solos CA website member directory.

The social part of the night came with Senor Bob mixing up his personal type of margaritas which ran out early due to limited quantity and high demand! Our MC Howie kept the attendees entertained by introducing board members and telling stories while calling people to the buffet lines. The serving tables were loaded with delicious appetizers, salads, vegetables meat entrées and lastly desserts. The recorded music allowed the dancing to start. Karaoke type video started with each song showing interesting facts as we danced.

February 12th will bring a Super Bowl party the Ballroom. This low cost event (\$10.00) won't have our Dallas Cowboys playing but we will be serving Thunder Cloud Classic Sub Sandwiches. BYOB. Iced tea, coffee and water will be provided.

February 16th has our Thirsty Thursday back at the Oaks. Watch your email for more event information.

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Solos 2023 Executive Board Members

John Wardlow, President

Mona Myers, Vice President

Sharon Stewart, Treasurer

Kathy Castoldi, Secretary

Barb Duke, Membership Chair

Linda McFarlin, Communications Chair

Connie Bales, Special Interest Groups Chair

Sue Bawcom, Activities Chair

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 REPORT

Solos Membership Rally & Social Event: Phenomenal is the word that comes to mind, when I think of this event. Thank you, Thank you to our 200+ Attendees, our 49 Volunteers, & all who filled our appetizer tables with a delicious feast!

Mark your calendars:

Feb. 16: Thirsty Thursday at The Oaks, 301 Del Webb Blvd.

March 16th: Super Thirsty Thursday at The Retreat, 1220 Cattleman Drive

March 30: Possibility of a Thirsty Thursday at Mulligan's

More info to follow at a later date.

Barb Duke

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Notes and News



Phillip Pensabene and some of his line dancers. Not all of them are Solos members, but many are. They were attending the State Line Dancers Jamboree in Waco a few weeks ago. What a fun group!

What Happened In January...

Membership Rally/Social Event January 20







What's happening in February?

Full Membership Events



SOLOS CLUB
GET TOGETHER IN THE SUN CITY BALLROOM FOR THE
VIEWING OF THE
SUPER BOWL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2023
SUN CITY SOCIAL CENTER BALLROOM
2 Texas Drive
4:30 p.m. UNTIL END OF GAME

MENU: A Variety of Sub-Sandwiches and Other
"Super Bowl Fixings" to Add to the Menu
BYOB, Cups, Ice, & Paper Goods Provided
\$ Game Boards \$

TICKETING INFORMATION:
Beginning Now - Ends Feb. 3rd
\$10.00 Per Person

*Please Make Your Check Out to SCTXCA and take your check
to Sharon Stewart's residence, 116 Hollyberry Lane.
If you would like to sit with your team supporters, I will try
to make that happen. Eight per table. Please list the names
on the outside of the envelope containing the checks.*

Sue Bawcom, Activities Chair suebawcom@gmail.com 940-395-6861

Thirsty Thursday: February 16 at 5pm at the Oaks. BYOB, bring an appetizer to share and wear a name tag. Come meet visitors, new members and old friends, and enjoy a quiet evening in the beautiful atmosphere at the Oaks. For more information, contact Barb Duke at barb2663@icloud.com

For Special Interest Group Members:

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

Mingle with Singles - The February gathering of Mingle with Singles will be this Thursday, February 2 at The Oaks from 5:00 to 7:30. It will be BYOB. If you would like to bring an appetizer to share, it will be appreciated.

We are planning a fun evening for everyone to help members get to know each other. We want you all to truly mingle. We have all had such interesting and different lives. We are planning an activity that will help us find out about your different and shared experiences in life. Hope to see you on February 2, this coming Thursday.

Please remember to wear your name tag. Remember we now have a suggestion box, so if you have an idea you would like us to try, please write it down and throw it in the box. For more info on Mingle with Singles, contact Ann Brown at zoemarla@yahoo.com or Linda Anderson at jerrylinanderson@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 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 - We look forward to seeing your smiling faces at our next meeting: Thursday, 2/2/2023, 10:30-11:30am, at the Oaks. Remember to bring printout of any trips you may be interested in going on to share with the group. We will be discussing those and others on Thursday. As always, we will be going to lunch afterwards. We have so much fun getting to know one another better. We hope you will join us! Please keep in mind our meetings are on the 1st Thursday of each month unless announced otherwise. For more info, contact Anne Goodman, anne@goodman.net

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

Day Trippers - **Lollygag in Lampasas!** The Caravan for this trip will leave the Cowan Creek Amenity Center at 8:15 on Wednesday, February 8th. Park down by the Pavilion.

First stop in Lampasas will be Hanna Springs Sculpture Garden. Wear your walking shoes so we can stretch our legs as we take a leisurely walk around this 19 acre park filled with unique artwork. (Great photo ops!)

Second stop will be the historic and beautiful Lampasas Courthouse. We will be able to view the courthouse and take advantage of their public restrooms.

Then we will take advantage of some of the shops around the square. The Trading Post is a large co-op antique and craft store with over 70 vendors.

On our way to lunch, we will stop at the World Largest Spur according to the Guinness Book. Group picture!

Then lunch at Alfredos, a picturesque Mexican restaurant. They do not take credit cards so please bring some cash. \$20~ should do it. Their lunch specials run around \$12. We will attempt to sit at tables of four with someone from another car so that you will have a chance to talk to someone new.

After lunch, we will wind up our day in Lampasas with a tour of Rustlers Roost, a Lampasas landmark. Lots of photo opportunities with life-sized cows and gorilla sculptures.

If you would like to register for this trip. Please logon to SCTX. Go to chartered clubs, select Solos Daytrippers, go to the calendar and the event on 2/8 and register. Remember to SAVE REGISTRATION. This trip will be limited to 20 people. Registration begins on Monday, January 30th.

Also bring \$5 to contribute to your driver's gas cost. IF you can't make this trip, I will be happy to share the detailed itinerary that includes addresses so that you can make a trip to Lampasas on your own.

Contact person for this trip: Pauline Fredrickson, pfred955@gmail.com, 512-818-1480

Save the Date!

Mark Your Calendar for 2023 Ballroom Event Dates

February 12, 2023 – Super Bowl Party

April 19, 2023

May 10, 2023

July 29, 2023

August 26, 2023

November 18, 2023

December 16, 2023

Special Interest Groups (SIGS)

A note from our SIGS Chairman:

January 20, 2023 was a very busy day for many Solo members. The day started off with the Charter Club Fair. From 9:00-12:00 we along with all the Chartered Club volunteers greeted or maybe "courted" visitors. We did our best to explain the purpose of our Clubs.

By chance or plan we also had a Membership Rally that evening. Because of our efforts that morning, posting flyers in Sun City and the interest and help of current members we had a great turnout at the Rally.

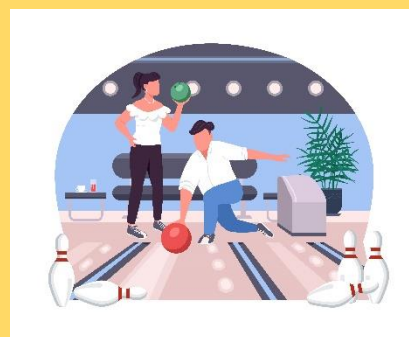
Our 11 Special Interest Group leaders prepared project boards describing the purpose of their individual group and encouraged attendees to join the group. A huge thanks to those leaders for their efforts in preparing for the event and their time in greeting those interested.

We also received some ideas for more Special Interest Groups. One idea brought forward was a game group. We believe we have space available to hold this project. This could be a card game or dominoes. If you're interested in participating or leading this group, please contact me and let's see what we can do to make this happen. Certainly if you have other ideas, please reach out and let's discuss.

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SIG Leaders:

Book Club	Linda Baker	214-208-2927	lindabaker.dallas@gmail.com
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Line Dance	Phillip Pensabene	202-412-2393	cueballtwo@icloud.com
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Day Trippers	Pauline Frederickson	512-818-1480	pfred955@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 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 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.

DAY TRIPPERS

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

Volunteer!

If you are interested in volunteering on a committee in 2023 please contact the board member for your area of interest.

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Barb Duke	Membership chair	barb2663@icloud.com	512-688-1632
Sue Bawcom	Activities chair	suebawcom@gmail.com	940-395-6861

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

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