

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Our Special Interest Groups (SIGs) are going strong.

Go to THE SOLOS' WEB PAGE TO SIGN UP FOR ANY "SIG" GO TO The SOLOS' WEB PAGE AND CLICK THE BOX in front of the SIG you want to join. You will start receiving emails from the SIG.

FYI.....2024 Solos Officer's Nominating Committee will be formed late August. This committee of 3 or 4 members will interview interested members who might wish to be 2024 leadership.

Charter Clubs (SOLOS') must have a board of directors. January of each year a new board is created for the following year. It's a great way to learn who's who in the club and give back for the enjoyment Solos may have brought to you at Sun City. To add in the learning curve of the new board we want to try something new. **Pick a board position that interests you and ask the current officer if you can help. This adds you in learning for next year and reduces the stress of volunteering.**

Remember than in July the dues for Solos' new members drops to ½ price (\$12.50).

John Wardlow

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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

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

Our membership number is 716, with 166 NEW MEMBERS.

Tell your friends that haven't joined yet that they can join on July 1 for half price.

Take note of our Summer Socials:

July 20	Regular Thirsty Thursday	5:00-6:30 p.m.	Retreat
Aug. 10 /31	Regular Thirsty Thursday	5:00-7:00 p.m.	Mulligan's
Sept 21	Super Thirsty Thursday	5:30-7:30 p.m.	Retreat

We're trying to shake up things a little bit. Don't yet know the outcome of our Thirsty Thursday on Wed., June 28th, with the change in day, location, & change to no-share food. Anxious to know the outcome.

Regular Thirsty Thursday on July 20 has a TBD on food. Help me think of something different.

We had a Regular Thirsty Thursday at Mulligan's early in the year, which was well received. Looking forward to that again.

Super Thirsty Thursday is always a big hit, when we pamper our members.

Please wear a name tag!

Hope to see you there!

Barb Duke

Solos Membership Chair

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ACTIVITIES CHAIR REPORT

Mark Your Calendar for 2023 Ballroom Event Dates

Saturday, October 7th, Sun City Retreat Facility
"October Fest" Dinner and Live Band

Saturday, November 18th, Sun City Ballroom
Dinner and then enjoy the Music Provided by **"Off The Record"-Show
Band** www.offtherecord-showband.com

Saturday, December 16th,
Holiday Gala in the Sun City Ballroom Dinner and Live Band

More details will be provided as these dates are near. Mark your calendars now so you won't miss out on these events. Planning is underway to provide entertainment and dinner menus for you to enjoy.

Sue Bawcom

Solos Activities Chair
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What Happened In June...

Super Thirsty Thursday, June 8





Daytrippers "Rock" Around Round Rock, June 20

The Solos Daytrippers SIG traveled to Round Rock on Tuesday, June 20th. First stop was the famous Round Rock Donuts. Yum! Then we moved on to the historic downtown area where we learned the details of a famous shootout that ended in the deaths of Williamson County Sheriff Deputy, A.W. Grimes and the infamous train robber, Sam Bass.

Since it was getting hot even in the shade, we took refuge in the wonderfully cool, Lamppost Coffee House, and enjoyed iced coffee drinks before walking to see the Woodbine Mansion. Many of us enjoyed shopping in the Hometown Boutique across the street from the mansion.

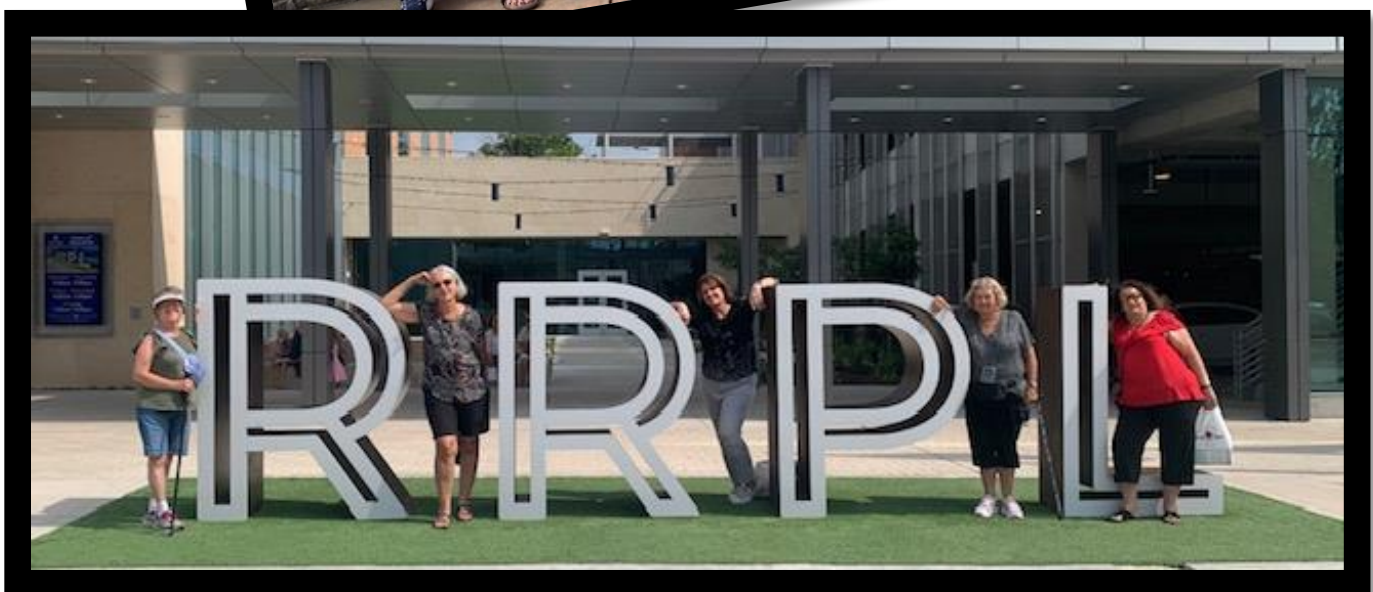
One of the highlights of the trip was walking through the brand new Round Rock Public Library. We visited with Roxanne, a 26 year old ball python that has lived in the library for 23 years. We departed downtown for lunch at Lupe Tortillas. Then we did a walkabout in Bass Pro Shop to see the ball returns on the bowling alley in The Fish Bowl.

Despite the heat, we had a great day!

Happy Trails!

Pauline Fredrickson







What's happening in July?

Full Membership Events

Regular Thirsty Thursday: **July 20 5-6:30 p.m. at The Retreat.** Watch your emails for more information or contact Barb Duke at barb2663@icloud.com

For Special Interest Group Members:

Mingle with Singles - Mingles with Singles' monthly get together is coming up soon, **Thursday, July 13th from 5:00pm - 7:30 pm at the Oaks.** The theme for the month of July is celebrating your personal heritage. Wear something representing your heritage, ie: state or country where you were born and grew up, where your ancestors came from, etc. Ann and I already have our T-shirts, so put your thinking caps on and come up with something.

As always, we appreciate the snacks you bring to share. If possible, make something representative of your heritage. It will be BYOB. If you have any questions, contact Ann Brown (zoemarla@yahoo.com) or Linda Anderson at (jerrylinanderson@gmail.com)

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 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

Travelers - We look forward to seeing you at our next meeting: Thursday, **July 6, 10:30-11:30am**, at the Oaks. As always, we will be going to lunch at Mas Fajitas afterwards. This meeting is going to be an interesting one. We will discuss such things as:

- Timelines for trip preparation activities
- Packing Lists from members
- Types of Packing Cubes and their uses
- How to pack and role your clothes to take up the least space

In addition, we will be talking about the new trip we are planning for March, 2024. *We already have 8 people signed up to go through the Panama Canal on a Princess Cruise.* We would love to have you join us. Come find out the details! I am hopeful that some of you have already developed packing checklists, travel preparation lists, etc. and will be willing to share those with your fellow Travelers. 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: 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, the event has 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! Contact me, get friends and sign up to host a month! Contact Mona Myers at 1416mona@gmail.com

Day Trippers - Watch your email for the next great trip. Contact: Pauline Fredrickson, pfred955@gmail.com, 512-818-1480

Special Interest Groups (SIGS)

A note from our SIGS Chairman:

For those of us who can't take a summer vacation til October, welcome to a heat and humidity filled summer. It has been brutal with a lot more to come but that doesn't mean we can't have a great summer.

If you haven't joined our Solo SIGs, take another look at what's available. Our wine tasting group has been meeting once a month at the Oaks with a good turnout and sharing wine and food along with interesting information about the featured wines. Big bonus with this group is the air conditioned room. Bowling is another SIG held in air conditioned comfort at the local bowling alley.

We have the Travelers group that meets once a month to learn and discuss travel options and experiences. And their meetings are followed by lunch.

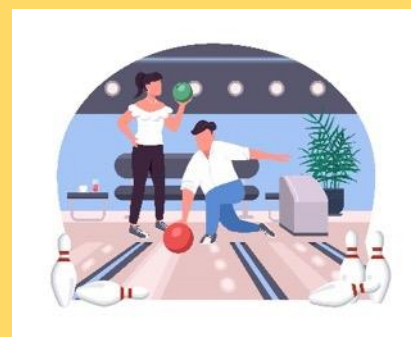
Now if you're willing to get outside, the Day Tripper group might be a good choice. I understand this group has recently gone to Round Rock and discovered interesting history of the area. Pauline Frederickson picks a place to go and then digs into the history and culture of the area. She includes restaurants and shopping in the selected area making the overall experience delightful.

Hope to see y'all out and about enjoying life.

Connie Bales
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Day Trippers	Pauline Fredrickson	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 9:25am. 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

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 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.

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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

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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