

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Our March Solos event will be a “Super Thirsty Thursday (STT)” at the Retreat on March 16th. STTs are events where we supply pizza arranged by Barb Duke and a specialty beverage created by Bob Nolen (Bob sometimes offers a selection of high-end brands for Solos members to sample). Bottled water will also be at the beverage table, so grab a bottle to help stay hydrated and one for the drive home. I encourage all of you to drink responsibly at these events. Please BRING YOUR SOLOS’ NAME TAG and walk around and say hello to as many people as you can. Talk to others at your table, so everyone will feel welcomed and comfortable at this event.

Solos held a fun Super Bowl watching party on February 12 in the Ballroom. Whether your team won or not, a good time was had by all.

January’s ballroom event featuring our SIGs was a great success, as members and guests stopped by the SIG tables to gather information about what Solos is all about. My suggestion is that you not only attend our big events but that you also get involved in our smaller SIGs events. Some Solos members only attend our Ballroom dinner/dances and miss out attending these intimate SIG outings. Some of my best friends in Sun City are people that I have met in Solos in the 3 years that I have been a member.

Our new Wine Tasting Sig had a great event at the Oaks February 20th. Mona Myers had 10 wines and 15-foot-long table full of more chocolate than I’ve seen before in one place short of See’s Candy. Cost for this month’s event was only \$10.00 per person. Check the Wine Tasting SIG box and start getting emails.

You can learn about fellow Solos members in smaller settings. I encourage you to get involved in a SIG. If you do, I promise you will have something to talk about with at the next big Ballroom event with your new and old friends.

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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 REPORT

We're off to a great start for 2023. We had a packed house at both the Membership Rally/Social Event in January and the Thirsty Thursday in February. Again, my thanks to all of the fabulous Solos volunteers that made it possible for us to offer you these events.

So, what's next, you ask? On March 16, we will have a SUPER Thirsty Thursday at the Retreat from 5-6:30. The key words for this evening are: Pizza, Special Beverages, Music for Listening/Dancing and Meeting New Friends. Anyone interested?

If so, Listen Up: I have VERY important news regarding Super Thirsty Thursday. We are starting a new registration procedure, that we will be using for *Super* Thirsty Thursdays. Without requiring a ticket, we have no idea how many of you will attend, so it's always been a guessing game as to how much pizza & beverages to purchase. Solos members will receive an email telling you how to register. You **should be receiving the email in a day or two.** Please, please register, as soon as you get the email. **Registration will end on March 9th.** If you have trouble, contact me. We will be buying pizza and beverages, according to the final registration list. If you fail to register within the designated time frame, we will not have purchased food and drink for you. We hope you will find the process easy, peasy. It will definitely help the planning committee.

I still have more good news for you. We're thinking outside the box for our March 30th Thirsty Thursday. We're meeting at Mulligan's from 5-7 p.m. Take note of the following: BYOB usually means, BRING your own beverage. At Mulligan's, it will mean, **BUY** your own beverage and/or food. I have reserved the entire inside covered patio. It will be Come and Go or Come and Stay. We are expected to make a beverage and/or food purchase. Mulligan's has asked that I give them a total number count, so that they will know how many staff members they will need for our event. We will have our registration process in place for this Thirsty Thursday event, so I can give Mulligan's a final count.

I cannot stop talking to you without saying that we have been blown away by the wonderful response and attendance of our new members and guests, as well as our treasured members who buy a Solos membership year after year. If you have a **friend**, who has not yet joined Solos, **please register for him or her & ask them to join you at our Solos March events.**

That's all for now. Can't wait to see you at our March events!
Please wear a name badge/tag. Thanks!

Barb Duke

_Solos Membership Chair

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What Happened In February...

SIGS Events!

On a rainy February 8th, 18 hardy Solos **Day Trippers** made their way up 183 to Lampasas. First stop was the Lampasas Museum. It's normally only open on Fridays and Saturdays, but they gave us a very special private tour. Then we drove about a block to see the Lampasas County Courthouse and browse through the shops on the square. We loved the Trading Post and Merk and Tilly's. We then drove past the largest spur in the world according to Guinness. We ate Mexican food at the picturesque Alfredo's Restaurant. The last stop was Rustlers Junction, an amazing furniture and yard art store. Despite the weather, we enjoyed our visit to this friendly little town.

~Pauline Frederickson, Day Trippers SIG leader~





The **Solos Wine Tasting SIG** hosted a Wine and Chocolate event on February 20 at the Oaks. Ten different wines and a vast array of chocolate awaited the attendees. Join the fun on March 20 for the next wine event. Watch your email for more info.

~Mona Myers, Wine Tasting SIG leader~



What's happening in March?

Full Membership Events

Thirsty Thursday: Join us for Super Thirsty Thursday on **March 16 at 5pm at the Retreat**. Pizza will be provided, as well as a specialty drink by Bob Nolen.

And in an exciting twist, we're going to Mulligan's patio on **March 30 from 5 to 7 pm**. BYOB, which in this case means **BUY** your own drink and dinner.

Both TT events in March will require registration, so watch your email for details. 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 - Mingle with Singles will meet **Wednesday, March 8** at the Lone Star Room in The Retreat from **5:00 pm to 7:30 pm**. We will have a St Patrick's Day theme. It is BYOB and bringing an appetizer to share will be appreciated. We will have activities to encourage our singles to get to know more about each other. 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, **March 9, 10:30-11:30am**, at the Oaks. 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. The next wine tasting will be on **March 20**. Look for an email with details and registration information to come. 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

Save the Date!

Mark Your Calendar for 2023 Ballroom Event Dates

April 19



SOLOS CLUB TEXAS WILDFLOWER DINNER EVENT

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19, 2023

5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the Ballroom

DINNER: CATERING BY DOUBLE SKY

ENTERTAINMENT: BITTERROOT BAND

HOPEFULLY, MORE ENTERTAINMENT SURPRISES

WATCH YOUR EMAIL FOR MORE INFO AND TICKETING INFORMATION IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS

May 26 (Dinner Event at Reunion Ranch)

July 29

August 26

November 18

December 16

Check your email for more info and ticketing information

Save the Date!

Mark Your Calendar for 2023 Thirsty Thursday Dates

AT MULLIGANS:

March 30 – special Thirsty Thursday
BYOB – **BUY** your own beverages and food

AT THE OAKS:

June 29
July 20
Aug 17
Aug 31
Sept 14
Oct. 19
Nov. 9
Nov. 30

AT THE RETREAT:

March 16 -- Super Thirsty Thursday
April 27 -- Regular Thirsty Thursday
May 18 -- Regular Thirsty Thursday
June 8 -- Super Thirsty Thursday
Sept 21-- Super Thirsty Thursday
Oct.12 -- Regular Thirsty Thursday



Exciting News from Board Member, Sue Bawcom



It is time to offer the Solos Logo Shirt Sale again, as seen above on three of our board members. Watch your emails for “How to Order” information. There will be a variety of colors, men and women styles in sizes from Small to Extra Large – 3X-Large, Short Sleeve and Long Sleeve, and might even have Men’s Extra Tall. Within the next few weeks, we will be posting all the information including the shirt prices and how to order. We might even be able to introduce a Solos Logo Golf and Bowling Towel.



Special Interest Groups (SIGS)

A note from our SIGS Chairman:

Spring is trying to break through the winter doldrums in grand style. And with the blooming and budding are opportunities to join our fellow Solo members in outdoor activities.

Our newest Special Interest Group, Day Trippers, is looking for fun places to visit so be sure to join the SIG and find out where they'll be going next.

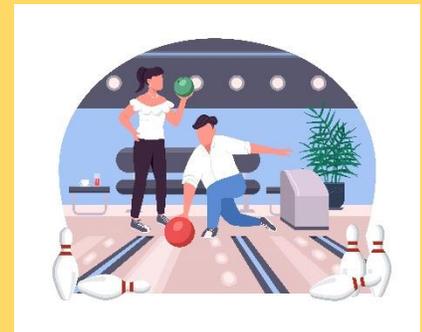
I'm also getting some interest in a Game group so be on the lookout for more information about that.

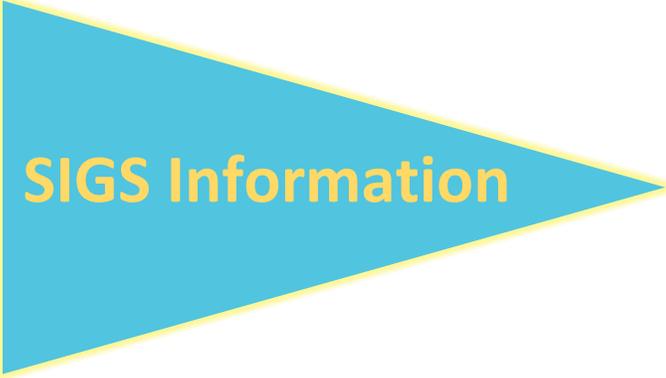
Joining the SIGs is the best way to see what's happening with our great club. And if you have an idea for a new SIG for Solo members, please reach out to me and let's get started.

Connie Bales
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Golf	Elaine Swint	806-282-3149	elaine.swint@yahoo.com
Line Dance	Phillip Pensabene	202-412-2393	cueballtwo@icloud.com
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Wine Tasting	Mona Myers	512-635-0558	1461mona@gmail.com
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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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