

SOLOS

May 2022 Newsletter



President's Report

The month of May 2022, has arrived and so far we are making great progress with the opening of all our Solos activities without the dread of the closures we experienced in 2020/21, due to the COVID pandemic. The Solos' Executive Board appreciates your support during that difficult time, and also your encouragement while we move forward to provide you with many activities of your choice.

Early in April, we sent an electronic survey to the Solos membership. The deadline for completing the survey has expired. The Board will evaluate the completed surveys and take all suggestions seriously.

During the month of May, we have many activities planned, including our Special Interest Groups (SIGS), Thirsty Thursday, and the May 26th event at Reunion Ranch. Information flyers for all the activities and events are sent to the email address you have on file. If for some reason, you are not receiving these notices, please contact me at suebawcom@gmail.com.

In closing, I would like to thank the many dedicated volunteers. You are the reason for the success of our Solos Club.

Our membership total is 622.

-Sue Bawcom

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.

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*

April Happenings

Mingle with Singles, April 2022



It was so nice to meet outdoors at our April Mingle with Singles at Legacy Hills Pavilion! Attendees brought an array of appetizers and desserts to share. Yum!

Earth Day Celebration, April 2022



SOLOS celebrated Earth Day in the Sun City Ballroom on April 22 with live music and a delicious buffet.

SAVE THE DATES!

Reunion Ranch event Thursday May 26, 4:30pm to 8:30pm

Ballroom Events:

Saturday July 9, 6pm to 9pm

Saturday August 13, 6pm to 9 pm

Friday September 30. 6pm to 9pm

Friday October 14, 6pm to 9pm

Wednesday November 16, 6pm to 9pm

Wednesday December 21, 6pm to 10pm (Holiday Gala)

Thirsty Thursdays:

May 12 - The Oaks

June 30 - Super Thirsty Thursday at the Retreat's Lone Star Room

July 14 and 28 – The Oaks

August 11 and 25 - The Oaks

September 22 – Super Thirsty Thursday at the Retreat's Lone Star Room

October 13 and 27 – The Oaks

November 10 – The Oaks

What's happening in May?

Full Membership Events:

Thirsty Thursday - **May 12** at the Oaks from 5 to 6pm. BYOB and appetizers to share if you wish. We welcome visitors and all Solos to meet, mingle and enjoy socializing in a quiet atmosphere at the Oaks, one of the best views in Sun City. Any questions, contact Melba Naylor 512-240-4851 or melba.naylor@gmail.com

Reunion Ranch Revelry - Don't miss the fun at Reunion Ranch, always a popular spot for a party, on **Thursday, May 26** from 4:30 to 8:30pm featuring entertainment and a fajitas buffet. Soft drinks, coffee, tea and water provided; cash bar available. After dinner entertainment including outdoor sporting games like corn hole, washers and horseshoes plus recorded music for listening and dancing. Reunion Ranch is located at 850 CR 255 in Georgetown; phone number 512-515-6200. Tickets on sale through May 19 at sctexas.org or in person at the Sun City Business Office at 2 Texas Drive. Members \$23, Guests \$25.

Solos Executive Board Meeting - Friday, May 20th, 10:00 a.m. in the Cowan Creek Andice Room.

For Special Interest Group Members:

Mingle with Singles - **Thursday May 19** in the Cowan Creek Park Pavilion, 5pm to 8pm. BYOB, bring an appetizer to share, and remember to wear your nametag! This event is for single SOLOS not in a committed relationship. For more information, contact co-chairs Ann Brown zoemarla@yahoo.com or Jo Merkli jolynn2599@comcast.net.

Travelers - Solos Travelers will meet **Thursday May 5** at 10am in the Oaks. Contact Jana Langston at jllangston100@gmail.com for more information.

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 May 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 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

Cosmo-Girls - We are having Cosmo Girls again! Friday, May 13th from 5 pm to 7 pm. The hostess this month is Sally Blackshear at 113 Grapevine Ln. You must register by Tuesday, May 10, in order to attend. We are limiting it to 20 attendees. Please bring your glass and an appetizer to share. Hostess will provide the drinks. For more info, contact Betsy Doss at 512-869-5864.

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 8:15pm for improvers. For more information, contact Phillip Pensabene at cueballtwo@icloud.com

Social Dance Lessons—Starting May 4 and running until May 25, we will be offering two dance classes at the Fitness Studio at Texas Drive. Wednesdays at 4:30pm – Country Waltz and Wednesdays at 5:30pm – Texas Two Step. Classes will be taught by Peg Allen and Byron Goff.

Wine Tasting - From leader Mona Myers: I am currently working on a bus outing to a winery in June! Look for information and details in an email once the plans are finalized.

It is my intention to have a whole group offering for the Wine Tasting SIG once a quarter for the rest of 2022. With information provided by the attendees to the March Wine Tasting at the Oaks, an outing was the most requested, followed closely by wine education. Small groups for wine tasting was also a very popular option.

Wine Tasting for small groups normally has 10-15 per group, meet once a month, and typically cost \$10 per person attending. The hostess for the month is responsible for buying the wine based on the number of people who confirm attendance by email before the monthly event. The hostess is also responsible for snacks. In the past, the hostess has had this event at their home. A group leader is also named who is responsible for coordinating the monthly hostess and sending an email before the event so that the people can confirm their attendance that month.

ABOVE IS WHAT TYPICALLY HAS OCCURRED! Can it be changed? YES!!! The venue can be at any of the Sun City Venues with a reservation. Does it always need to be in the evening? NO! Can the cost be more or less than \$10? Yes, depending upon the price of the wine and the snacks to be served. Maybe you want to have dinner with the wine. If so, set the price for that dinner. There are so many options. Let's figure out what people want and let's make it happen!

If you are interested in a Wine Tasting Small Group, please contact me. I have a list of 13 people from the March event who are interested. The Wine Tasting SIG has 110 members, so I know there are more that would like to be involved. I'm anxious to meet you and enjoy social time together!

Mona Myer 1461mona@gmail.com or 325-716-8277

Day Trippers - Trips are being planned! Contact Kathleen Stevens at kathy95747@hotmail.com or Jeanne Dillinger at gajeanne@gmail.com for more information,

Special Interest Groups (SIGS)

A note from our SIGS Chairman:

I'm sure y'all have received and hopefully returned the survey sent out this month. We really are interested in what's working and what we can do better. And I guess what's not working for you. Obviously we can't please everybody all the time, but if we can improve the club, we want to do so. The Special Interest Groups were developed to fill a blank space seen by some members.

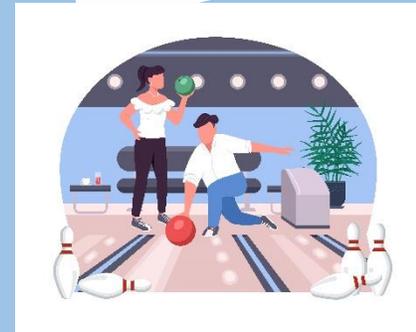
We have quite a few options in our SIGs and are interested in adding or expanding what we offer. In fact with the Day Trippers starting up again we're anxious to see what Kathy and Jeanne have lined up and I'm sure they would welcome suggestions too.

Hope to see everyone out and enjoying our scheduled events. Be sure to contact me if you have any ideas or suggestions to improve our great club.

Connie Bales
bassinher@aol.com

SIG Leaders:

Book Club	Linda Baker	214-208-2927	lindabaker.dallas@gmail.com
Bowling	Gail Cotteleer	512-863-8032	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
Solos Care	Ann Brown	512-639-3200	zoemarla@yahoo.com
Solos Dance	Peg Allen	630-258-5855	mimzypeg@gmail.com
Solos Travelers	Jana Langston	630-254-4366	jllangston100@gmail.com
Wine Tasting	Mona Myers	512-635-0558	1461mona@gmail.com
Day Trippers	Kathy Stevens	916-837-9634	kathy95747@hotmail.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 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 Jo Merkli, jolynn2599@comcast.net 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 Care thanks the members of Solos for donating \$605 to Living Grace Canine Ranch. The money will be used for medical care for surrendered and abandoned senior dogs who live in the shelter.” Ann Brown

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 Jana Langston, jllangston100@gmail.com

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.

Name	Board Office	Email	Telephone
Sue Bawcom	President	suebawcom@gmail.com	940-395-6861
John Wardlow	Vice President	dutrica@aol.com	916-267-0429
Sharon Stewart	Treasurer	sstewart8877@gmail.com	512-240-4580
Kathy Castoldi	Secretary	kcastoldi.kc@gmail.com	512-787-1057
Connie Bales	SIGS chair	bassinher@aol.com	512-426-3443
Linda McFarlin	Communications chair	linda@mcfarlin.com	479-244-5818
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