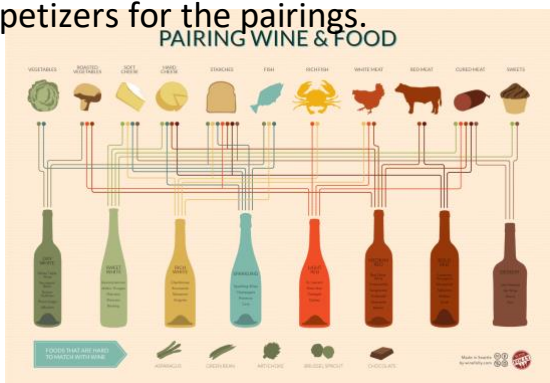


### PRESIDENTS REPORT

Our main May event will be at Reunion Ranch May 26th and tickets are available now. It will be a remote event at the nearby Reunion Ranch. See flyers in your email and ticket purchase web page for more information.

Our new Special Interest Groups (SIGs) are going strong.

**Wine SIG:** (Remember, not at members houses...always at the Oaks .) Mona's restarted the "Wine SIG" and it had its 3rd event (French Wines) April 17th and it was wonderful. The three members who co-hosted the event were Linda McFarlin, Lynn Taylor and Priscilla Poole. It was cute how they offered plastic shot glasses to taste the 5 types of French wines.....Wait For It.....but after the tasting, full size wine glasses were given out where you could get a full glass of the wine that you preferred. The handouts on the table showed which of the appetizers you should pair with your wine sample. There were 10 trays of appetizers for the pairings.



**Day Trippers SIG:** Traveled out to see the Bluebonnets at the Willows City Loop and lunch at Cooper's Old Time BBQ in Llano, TX. Beautiful flowers and a variety of food choices. There will be a delay between trips due to traveling by Pauline and myself.

**Bowling SIG:** Bowling leagues are all over but the Solos' bowling on Thursday continues into December. Sign up Wednesday before 4:00 for the next day's bowling. It starts at 9:25-11:00 AM only \$6.00 for 2 games. Gail Cotteleer runs a fun group of bowlers. It's individual scoring so your game won't impact the other 3 players on your lane.

GO TO THE SOLOS' WEB PAGE TO SIGN UP FOR ANY "SIG": AT THE SOLOS' PAGE JUST CLICK THE BOX in front of the SIG you want to join. You will start receiving emails from that SIG about their activities.

FYI.....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 To aid 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 aids you in learning for next year and reduces the stress of volunteering.

Solos creates events that member can look forward to attending, see their friends and maybe make new friends. July the dues for Solos drops to ½ price (\$12.50). Encourage friends to join you at the May or June event as a guest and then join at a discount if they like what they see.

*John Wardlow*

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dutrica@aol.com



### **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 CHAIR REPORT

### *A LOOK BACK:*

We've now had three Solos socials at our usual venues, in addition, to our, "Out of the Box," social at Mulligan's. At our Super Thirsty Thursday on March 16, 23 new members were in attendance. At our Regular Thirsty Thursday at Mulligan's, we had 79 attendees. New members, if you haven't yet attended an Event or Social at the Ballroom, Retreat, and the Oaks, I encourage you to do so. Each venue gives you a different environment and a different Solos experience. However, all three give you an opportunity to meet new friends and to visit with those whose company you already enjoy.

### *A LOOK FORWARD:*

**Regular Thirsty Thursday at The Oaks or The Retreat:**

***The Retreat: May 18th, 5 - 6:30 p.m.***

***The Oaks: June 29th, 5 - 6:30 p.m.***

Each attendee is asked to take a substantial appetizer to share. Please have it "table ready," to be placed immediately on the serving table, refrigerated, or plugged in for heat, if needed. BYOB & glass.

**Super Thirsty Thursday at The Retreat:**

***June 8, 5-7 p.m.***

Prepare to be pampered by the Solos Club.  
Pizza, Specialty drinks, Recorded music for dancing & listening

*Barb Duke*

Solos Membership Chair

[barb2663@icloud.com](mailto:barb2663@icloud.com), 830-285-0142

## ACTIVITIES CHAIR REPORT

The April dinner/entertainment in the Sun City Ballroom provided a nice evening for those who attended. Thank you to all the volunteers for the success of this event.

Watch your Solos email message for information on our Reunion Ranch dinner event scheduled for Friday, May 26th. Another great time with outdoor games, including a hayride and dinner in the inside enclosure.

Please correct your calendars with the following: No July 29th ballroom event and no August 26th event in the ballroom.

We will be working on plans to provide you with an October Fall Festival and a December Holiday Gala you will enjoy.



In addition, we are offering the Solos Logo Shirt Sale again, as seen left 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.



Last but not least, a kind soul left these beautiful flowers on my porch. Many many thanks to whoever that kind soul is. I appreciate you!

*Sue Bawcom*

Solos Activities Chair  
[suebawcom@gmail.com](mailto:suebawcom@gmail.com)



# What Happened In April...

## *Ballroom Texas Wildflower Event, April 19*







# April SIGS Events!

## Solos Care

In spite of the fact that the April Mingle With Singles event was canceled, many people dropped by that night with their toilet paper donations. We ended up with a car full. Then our April ballroom event added another big bundle of toilet paper. The Caring Place was so grateful for these donations. I delivered the first carload to the back door, and by the time I got to the front of the food pantry, I saw some of the toilet paper going out in baskets. It is obviously so needed. Thank you to those who helped collect.  
~Ann Brown



And ... toilet paper collection  
by the Solos Bowling Sig!

# Wine Tasting

At our last Wine Tasting Sig event on April 17, we enjoyed a tasting of French wines and an array of appropriate pairings, hosted by Linda McFarlin, Lynn Taylor and Priscilla Poole.







# What's happening in May?

## Full Membership Events



### *SOLOS CLUB REUNION RANCH EVENT*

*A Memorial Tribute Honoring America's Military who lost their lives in service to their Country.*

*WHERE: REUNION RANCH  
850 CR 255, Georgetown, TX 78633*

*WHEN: FRIDAY, MAY 26, 2023  
3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.*

*Please Note: In support of a CA Ballroom dance scheduled for the same night, we have adjusted our time by one hour for you to be able to attend both events if you desire.*

*Outdoor Games, including Corn Hole, Horseshoes, Washers  
Socializing on the patio, Hayrides, Photo Booth*

*Social Time: Cash Bar*

*5:00 p.m. Dinner Catered by Reunion Ranch  
Fajitas - Beef & Chicken - Flour or Corn Tortillas  
Spanish Rice, Beans, Chopped Lettuce, Tomatoes, Onions, Guacamole, Salsa,  
Tea & Water  
Dessert - Individual Servings of Peach Cobbler*

*Members: \$23.00      GUESTS: \$25.00*

*General Admission Tickets may be purchased through the Sun City  
website: [www.sctexas.org](http://www.sctexas.org) (Tickets)*

*Scroll to Solos Club Reunion Ranch Dinner Event, May 26<sup>th</sup>  
Or purchase ticket at the Sun City Business Office - 2 Texas Dr.*

*Sue Bawcom, Coordinator      [suebawcom@gmail.com](mailto:suebawcom@gmail.com)*

*Thirsty Thursday:* Join us for Thirsty Thursday on **May 18 at 5pm at the Retreat**. BYOB, bring an appetizer to share and wear your name tag! For more information, contact Barb Duke at [barb2663@icloud.com](mailto:barb2663@icloud.com)

## *For Special Interest Group Members:*

*Mingle with Singles* - Our April Mingle with Singles event had to be canceled because of the bad weather. Thanks to you who ventured out to bring donations of toilet paper for Solos Care that night.

Our May event will take place from **5:00 to 7:30 Thursday May 4** at the Cowan Creek Pavilion with a Cinco de Mayo theme. It is BYOB. If you would like to bring an appetizer to share, it will be welcomed. For more info on Mingle with Singles, contact Ann Brown at [zoemarla@yahoo.com](mailto:zoemarla@yahoo.com) or Linda Anderson at [jerrylinanderson@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:mimzypeg@gmail.com)

*Book Club* - Meets the **4th Tuesday** each month at **1:30 pm**. Contact Linda Baker ([lindabaker.dallas@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:gailcotteleer@aol.com)



*Travelers* - We look forward to seeing your smiling faces at our next meeting: Thursday, **May 11, 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](mailto: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! Currently we have hosts for April, June, and September. Contact me, get friends and sign up to host a month! Contact Mona Myers at [1416mona@gmail.com](mailto:1416mona@gmail.com)

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

# *Save the Dates!*

## *Mark Your Calendar for 2023 Ballroom Event Dates*

May 26 – dinner event at Reunion Ranch in lieu of ballroom event

November 18

December 16

Check your email for more details and ticketing information

## *Mark Your Calendar for 2023 Thirsty Thursday Dates*

### **AT THE OAKS:**

June 29

July 20

Aug 17

Aug 31

Sept 14

Oct. 19

Nov. 9

Nov. 30

### **AT THE RETREAT:**

*May 18 -- Regular Thirsty Thursday*

*June 8 -- Super Thirsty Thursday*

*Sept 21-- Super Thirsty Thursday*

*Oct.12 -- Regular Thirsty Thursday*

# Special Interest Groups (SIGS)

## *A note from our SIGS Chairman:*

I have to say I really enjoyed the Wine Tasting at the Oaks in April. The pairings were well thought out, nicely presented and delicious. This event is generally held the third Monday and I recommend it.

Heard many good comments on the Day Trippers outing in April and can't wait to see what is on the schedule for May.

We have been collecting toilet paper to assist the Caring Place through Solo Care. I don't have a current report but certainly want to thank everyone for participating.

Our Bowling and Golf have been very busy and well attended. Mingle with Singles in April was canceled due to weather but anxious for the May event.

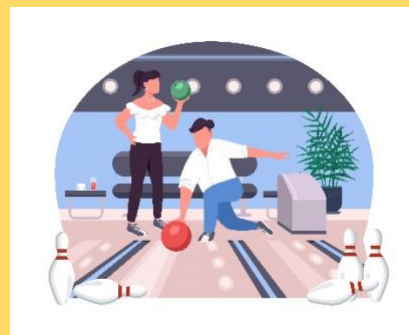
Had an informative meeting with Travelers in April and look forward to the next one.

You might consider joining all our Special Interest Groups to keep up with the various events and activities.

*Connie Bales*  
[bassinher@aol.com](mailto:bassinher@aol.com)

## *SIG Leaders:*

Book Club	Linda Baker	214-208-2927	<a href="mailto:lindabaker.dallas@gmail.com">lindabaker.dallas@gmail.com</a>
Bowling	Gail Cotteleer	512-639-9319	<a href="mailto:gailcotteleer@aol.com">gailcotteleer@aol.com</a>
Cosmo Girls	Betsy Doss	512-869-5864	<a href="mailto:homes@teamdosstexas.com">homes@teamdosstexas.com</a>
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Day Trippers	Pauline Fredrickson	512-818-1480	<a href="mailto:pfred955@gmail.com">pfred955@gmail.com</a>







## SIGS Information

### BOOK CLUB

Meets the 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:zoemarla@yahoo.com) or Linda Anderson at [jerrylinanderson@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:pfred955@gmail.com)

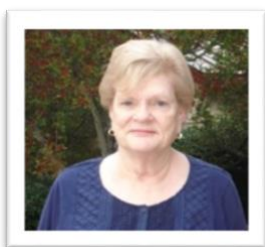


## Volunteer!

*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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Sharon Stewart	Treasurer	<a href="mailto:sstewart8877@gmail.com">sstewart8877@gmail.com</a>	512-240-4580
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Sue Bawcom	Activities chair	<a href="mailto:suebawcom@gmail.com">suebawcom@gmail.com</a>	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](mailto: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 20<sup>th</sup> of the month to be included in next month's newsletter

Articles must be submitted digitally using email

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