

SOLOS

November 2022 Newsletter



President's Report

It's that time of the year when the Solos Club presents the 2023 Executive Board candidates. The ballot listing the names of the candidates with their Bios will be sent to you soon for electronic voting. Please watch for the email with instructions to vote for your 2023 Solos Executive Board.

The Solos Hall of Fame award is presented each year to a deserving Solos member. The criteria is based on volunteer participation in helping to make our club successful. While the Executive Board votes on the recipient, we are asking for recommendations from the membership. If you would like to recommend a deserving Solos member, send your recommendation to our Executive Board Secretary, Kathy Castoldi (kcastoldi.kc@gmail.com) no later than November 8, 2022.

Included in this newsletter are pictures from our Reunion Ranch social. For those of you who attended, a special thank you for your support. We are now preparing for the November 16th event in the Sun City Ballroom. Tickets are on sale for Sadie Hawkins night of fun for all attending. Please refer to the event flyer included with this newsletter.

A reminder to be sure and read your Solos emails thoroughly. You don't want to miss all the great happenings with our Solos Club.

Our membership count is now 735, consisting of singles, married, and/or companions working together to make lasting friendships during our senior years.

-Sue Bawcom

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*

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.

What Happened In October...

Reunion Ranch, October 19







SAVE THE DATES!

Ballroom Events:

Wednesday November 16

Saturday December 10 (Holiday Gala)

Thirsty Thursdays:

November 10 – The Oaks

What's happening in November?

Full Membership Events

Ballroom Event.



SOLOS CLUB

NOVEMBER 16, 2022 - SADIE HAWKINS BALLROOM EVENT

WHEN: WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2022

WHERE: SUN CITY BALLROOM

2 DEL WEBB BLVD

6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

TIME: 6:00 p.m. - SOCIAL TIME

DINNER - 6:30 p.m. (Due to Event Late Set-Up Time)

Homemade Meat Loaf, Potatoes, Green Beans, Salad, Roll
Tea/Water

ENTERTAINMENT

Music Provided by DJ Services

Sun City Resident Darral Quebedeaux

darralkim@gmail.com

TICKETING INFORMATION

Purchase through the Sun City Website;

www.sctexas.org (Tickets) or through the Sun City Business Office

Ticket Sales Begin October 17th Ticket Sales End November 7th

\$20.00 Member

\$25.00 Guest

Please Note: The Solos Mingles w/Singles SIG requested that tables 13-17 be available for singles if desired, to encourage fellowship among single members. Tables will fill up quickly, so don't delay in purchasing your ticket.

Event Coordinator: Sue Bawcom suebawcom@gmail.com

Thirsty Thursday – The month of November brings one regular Thirsty Thursday on **November 10 from 5:30 to 6:30 pm at the OAKS**, 301 Del Webb Blvd. Come and mingle with Solos members, guests and visitors. We will munch on appetizers and beverages of your choice that you bring, in the quiet atmosphere with a beautiful view of Legacy Hills Golf Course.

Solos Executive Board Meeting – Monday **November 14 at 9 am**. Location TBD.

For Special Interest Group Members:

Mingle with Singles – **November 17, 4:30 pm** at the **Barking Armadillo (507 River Bend Drive in Georgetown, 512-240-5137, <https://barkingarmadillo.com>)**. This decision was based on a poll of about 30 members at the October Mingles event. The Barking Armadillo offers the usual beverages and a food truck will be available. This interest group is for single Solos not in a committed relationship.

In other news, the Solos board will offer SINGLES seating at tables 13 to 17 for ballroom events for the rest of this year on a trial basis. If you wish to sit with other SINGLES at these events, try to make your seating reservations for those tables as soon as possible once the ticket sales begin for the event. If there is sufficient interest during this trial period, the SIG will present a proposal to the 2023 Executive Board asking that this type of table selection for SINGLES continue at all events

For more information, contact co-chairs Jo Merkli at jolynn2599@comcast.net, 206-899-9570 or Ann Brown at zoemarla@yahoo.com, 512-639-3200.

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 June 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 - Solos Travelers will meet Thursday November 3 at 10 am at the Oaks. For more information, contact Jana Langston jllangston100@gmail.com

Wine Tasting - It is our 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 Myers 1461mona@gmail.com or 325-716-8277

Special Interest Groups (SIGS)

A note from our SIGS Chairman:

The cooler weather that arrived recently is a welcome relief from the hot, hot summer we endured. The fall crisp air and changing leaf colors makes us anxious to get out and enjoy the beauty of Sun City and surrounding areas.

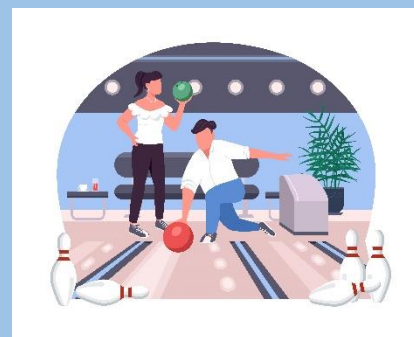
Now would be a great time to consider trying out new opportunities with the many Solo Special Interest Groups (SIGs). Join a new group and meet new folks. We offer several dance options, golf, bowling, wine tasting, travel group and more. Join the SIG and receive details on upcoming events.

Don't see one that interests you, consider starting a new group. We need a Daytripper leader or how about a new game group? Let me know if you have an idea and we can discuss how to get it started.

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



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 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 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.

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Sue Bawcom	President	suebawcom@gmail.com	940-395-6861
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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