

# SOLOS

## october

2023

## newsletter

### PRESIDENTS REPORT

Solos Members: Rescheduling our Thirsty Thursday event last 9/21 means we have one to look forward to this month!

Our October Solos' events will be:

1. Solos' Fall Festival October 7<sup>th</sup>
2. "Super Thirsty Thursday (STT)" at the Retreat on October 12<sup>th</sup>. STT are events where we supply pizza arranged by Barb Duke and a specialty alcoholic beverage created Bob Nolen (Bob sometimes offers a selection high-end liquor to sample by Solos membership). **Bottled water will also be at the beverage table. GRAB A WATER TO HELP REMAINING HYDRATED. ALSO GRAB 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.

Support our Special Interest Groups (SIGs). My suggestions are that you not only attend our big events but that you also get involved in our smaller SIGs events. Some Solos members only attended 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 three years that I have been a member.

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.

*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*

*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

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| Total New Members to Date        | 209 |
| Total Rejoining Members to Date: | 550 |
| Total Members:                   | 745 |

Rescheduled Super Thirsty Thursday  
at the Retreat, Oct. 12, 5-7, BYOB  
Pizza & a special beverage provided  
by the Solos Club. Wear a name tag.

Regular Thirsty Thursday @ Mulligan's,  
Nov. 2nd, 5-7. **BYOB** - **Buy** your own  
beverage and food. Entertainment provided.  
Wear a name tag.

Regular Thirsty Thursday  
The Oaks, Nov 30, 5-7  
Take your own beverage and snack.  
Wear a name tag.

*Barb Duke*

Solos Membership Chair

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

## ACTIVITIES CHAIR REPORT

Saturday October 7, 6:00 p.m. Fall Festival at the Retreat Facility. Dinner and live entertainment provided by "Vintage Vibes." Preparations are for a fun-filled evening. If you missed the ticket purchase deadline of Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> and would like to find a ticket to purchase; or if you have a ticket to sell, contact the Solos Ticket Broker, Nancy Tinsley [nt06sct@gmail.com](mailto:nt06sct@gmail.com).

Saturday November 18, 5:00 p.m. Sun City Ballroom. Retro Vintage 50's theme. Dinner and live entertainment by "Off the Record Band." Watch your Solos email messages with ticketing information for this November event.

December 16, 5:00 p.m. Sun City Ballroom. "Holiday Gala" dinner and live entertainment by the "Mark Charles Express Band." Information will be forthcoming.

### **Solos Nominating Committee**

The 2024 nominating committee is searching for the following candidates: Vice President, Communications Chair and Activities Chair. There are many of you who are very qualified to fill these positions. Bill Powell, John Kogler and Sue Bawcom are available to visit with you at your convenience. Bill Powell; [bpowell@gmail.com](mailto:bpowell@gmail.com); John Kogler; [electra225ltd@aol.com](mailto:electra225ltd@aol.com); and Sue Bawcom; [suebawcom@gmail.com](mailto:suebawcom@gmail.com)

*Sue Bawcom*

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

# *What's happening in October?*

## *Full Membership Events*

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Rescheduled **Super Thirsty Thursday at the Retreat, Oct. 12, 5-7**, BYOB Pizza & a special beverage provided by the Solos Club. Wear a name tag. Contact Barb Duke at [barb2663@icloud.com](mailto:barb2663@icloud.com) for more information.

## *For Special Interest Group Members*

*Mingle with Singles* - Mingles with Singles will meet on October 4th, 5:00 - 7:30 at the Legacy Pavilion. Let's bring fall in with no tricks, no costumes just the treats to share. Your snacks are always appreciated and delicious. BYOB as usual. If you have any questions contact Ann Brown , [zoemarla@yahoo.com](mailto:zoemarla@yahoo.com) or Linda Anderson , [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)

*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 you at our next meeting: **October 12, 10:30-11:30am**, at the Oaks. As always, we will be going to lunch at Mas Fajitas afterwards. 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! 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

# Special Interest Groups (SIGS)

## *A note from our SIGS Chairman:*

As the year winds down, the temperatures are trying to cool off. With fall festivities including football and Wurstfest activities getting outside sounds much more appealing.

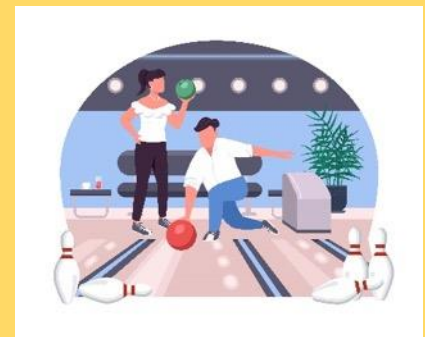
I encourage our members to consider other options for a new Special Interest Group to begin next year. I'm looking for new ways to get together and enjoy the company of other Solo members.

We're losing our leader of Social Dance. Peg Allen is moving away from the area and will be greatly missed by her group. She always had a way of getting our group up and dancing at events. Anyone interested in assuming this role? Please let me know if you are.

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

## *SIG Leaders:*

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|-------------------|---------------------|--------------|--|
| 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>         |
| Golf              | Elaine Swint.       | 806-282-3149 | <a href="mailto:elaine.swint@yahoo.com">elaine.swint@yahoo.com</a>           |
| Line Dance        | Phillip Pensabene   | 202-412-2393 | <a href="mailto:cueballtwo@icloud.com">cueballtwo@icloud.com</a>             |
| Mingle w/ Singles | Ann Brown           | 512-639-3200 | <a href="mailto:zoemarla@yahoo.com">zoemarla@yahoo.com</a>                   |
|                   | Linda Anderson      | 512-591-7252 | <a href="mailto:jerrylinanderson@gmail.com">jerrylinanderson@gmail.com</a>   |
| Solos Care        | Ann Brown           | 512-639-3200 | <a href="mailto:zoemarla@yahoo.com">zoemarla@yahoo.com</a>                   |
| Solos Travelers   | Anne Goodman        | 512-585-3048 | <a href="mailto:anne@goodman.net">anne@goodman.net</a>                       |
| Wine Tasting      | Mona Myers          | 512-635-0558 | <a href="mailto:1461mona@gmail.com">1461mona@gmail.com</a>                   |
| 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)

## 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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| John Wardlow   | President            | <a href="mailto:dutrica@aol.com">dutrica@aol.com</a>               | 916-267-0429 |
| Mona Myers     | Vice President       | <a href="mailto:1461mona@gmail.com">1461mona@gmail.com</a>         | 325-716-8277 |
| Sharon Stewart | Treasurer            | <a href="mailto:sstewart8877@gmail.com">sstewart8877@gmail.com</a> | 512-868-0116 |
| Kathy Castoldi | Secretary            | <a href="mailto:kcastoldi.kc@gmail.com">kcastoldi.kc@gmail.com</a> | 512-787-1057 |
| Connie Bales   | SIGS chair           | <a href="mailto:bassinher@aol.com">bassinher@aol.com</a>           | 512-426-3443 |
| Linda McFarlin | Communications chair | <a href="mailto:linda@mcfarlin.com">linda@mcfarlin.com</a>         | 479-244-5818 |
| Barb Duke      | Membership chair     | <a href="mailto:barb2663@icloud.com">barb2663@icloud.com</a>       | 512-688-1632 |
| 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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