

SOLOS

September 2022 Newsletter



President's Report

This is a very busy time of the year for the Solos Club. While we are getting plans ready for the remaining 2022 social events, we are now beginning to prepare for the upcoming year. The nominating committee for the 2023 Board Officers will begin their search for three open positions on the Executive Board. Watch your email for more information regarding the nomination process

A special thank you to those of you who attended the Solos event on August 31st.

We are looking forward to the Super Thirsty Thursday September 22nd, and the regular monthly events in October, November and December.

Membership total is 711 and growing.

-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*

What Happened In August ...

Thirsty Thursday, August 25





Keeping Cool, August 31

What a fun evening! Unfortunately, we didn't get many photos (mainly because I was so caught up in the event I forgot), but ... Leslie Blasing was just amazing, the dance floor was full the whole evening, everyone heartily sang along, the snacks and desserts were delicious. I hope we can get her to come back again soon!

~ Linda McFarlin



Bob, John and Sue planning the evening's lineup.



Leslie Blasing



The Double Sky catering team with their array of dessert offerings.

SAVE THE DATES!

Ballroom Events:

Friday October 14

Wednesday November 16

Saturday December 10 (Holiday Gala)

Thirsty Thursdays:

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 September?

Full Membership Events:

Thirsty Thursday – Our Super Thirsty Thursday Happy Hour will be held **September 22** at the Retreat's Lone Star Room from **5 pm to 7 pm**. We will offer a variety of pizzas and a variety of beverages. You may also bring your own beverage. After eating, who knows who or what may show up to entertain you! The evening will continue with music for listening and dancing. Any questions, contact Melba Naylor 512-240-4851 or melba.naylor@gmail.com

Solos Executive Board Meeting – **Friday September 9 at 10 am** in the Cowan Creek Andice Room.

For Special Interest Group Members:

Mingle with Singles – **September 28, 5 to 8 pm at the Cowan Creek Park Pavilion**. 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.

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– We offer two dance classes at the Fitness Studio at Texas Drive. **Wednesdays at 4:30pm** and **Wednesdays at 5:30pm**. 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 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

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)

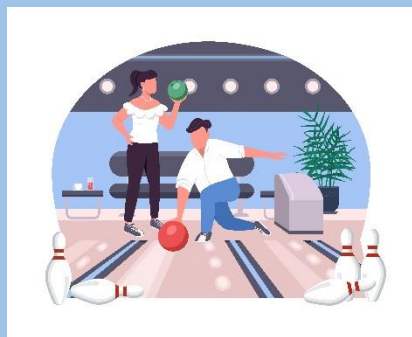
A note from our SIGS Chairman:

I know we're all looking forward to cooler temperatures and the recent rain was certainly welcome. Now is the time to start thinking and planning for fall.

Our club has some great SIGs- Special Interest Groups so check them out on the website. It's a great time to try out something new and different. I know Peg Allen is looking for some guys to join her dance classes. Mingle with Singles has been adding some extra activities to their events and welcome ideas from their members. Cosmo Girls wants to start back up and needs hostesses for the coming months. We may soon have some great news about the Day Trippers group.

If you have ideas for new groups, please let me know. We're always looking to expand the list. These SIGs are a great way to meet new folks who enjoy similar activities.

Connie Bales
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SIG Leaders:

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| Book Club | Linda Baker | 214-208-2927 | lindabaker.dallas@gmail.com |
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| 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 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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| 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