

# SOLOS

## March 2022 Newsletter



### President's Report

February was another typical Texas winter month when we had to give up a few of our outdoor activities, but you can't keep our Solos Club down for long. The Solos Super Bowl Tailgate Party at the Oaks facility was enjoyed by all in attendance. A special thank you to Bert Perkins and Mona Myers who worked countless hours preparing for this event. The delicious food offerings were amazing! Thank you also to Bob Nolen for supplying the usual beverages. As always, all the volunteers who helped to make this Tailgate Party a success are to be commended.

Our membership continues to grow with 624 members.

Thank you for your support.

*-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*

*Activities Chair – Pending*

### 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.*

# February Happenings

## *Mingle with Singles, February 2022*



*"Our February 17<sup>th</sup> Mingle event was a resounding success with special Valentine's Day beverages and a wonderful array of delicious shared appetizers. Over 65 singles participated in this fun evening."* Jo Merkli, Mingle with Singles co-chair



*Roses are red*

*Violets are blue*

*Guess who was caught selecting Valentines...*

*Such a thoughtful thing to do.*

# What's happening in March?

## *Full Membership Events:*

*Thirsty Thursday* – Let's send March out like a lion! This month there will be one Super Thirsty Thursday on March 31 in the Retreat's Lone Star room from 5pm to 7pm. We will mix and mingle then have pizza, and some beverages will be provided. BYOB if you wish. After we eat there will be music provided by the DJ for dancing or listening with your friends. Any questions, contact Melba Naylor 512-240-4851 or [melba.naylor@gmail.com](mailto:melba.naylor@gmail.com)



*Cowboy Roundup* – **Yee Haw!** Join us for a full-service buffet from Pok-E-Jo's, music and dancing on March 11 from 5pm to 9pm in the Social Center ballroom. Solos member, \$19. Guests \$24. Ticket sales through March 3, ticketing at [sctex.org](http://sctex.org) or the CA office.

## *For Special Interest Group Members:*

*Mingle with Singles* – Thursday March 17 (St. Patrick's Day!) in the Retreat's Lone Star room, 5pm to 8pm. BYOB, bring an appetizer to share, and remember to wear green ... and your nametag! This event is for single SOLOS not in a committed relationship. For more information, contact Co-Chairs, Jo Merkli ([jolynn2599@comcast.net](mailto:jolynn2599@comcast.net)) or Ann Brown [zoemarla@yahoo.com](mailto:zoemarla@yahoo.com).

*Travelers* – Meets on the first Thursday of the month at 10:00 am at The Oaks. On March 3rd we'll have Bob Stine of Stine Travel Associates speak about what he's seeing around the world and about his upcoming trips. Additionally, we'll discuss some travel companies and destinations. Please wear a mask as some of our members have compromised health conditions. Contact Jana Langston at [jllangston100@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:lindabaker.dallas@gmail.com)) for more information.

*Golf* – Solos golf this month is March 12 at White Wing and March 26 at Legacy, with tee times starting at 1:00pm. 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 9:35 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](mailto:gailcotteleer@aol.com)

*Line Dance Lessons*—Classes meet every Monday in the Atrium at the Activities Center at 7:00 pm for beginners and 8:15pm for improvers. For more information, contact Phillip Pensabene at [cueballtwo@icloud.com](mailto:cueballtwo@icloud.com)

*Social Dance Lessons*— For March, two dance classes will be offered at the Fitness Studio at Texas Drive on Wednesdays, 4:30 pm –Cha Cha and 5:30 pm - Texas Two Step. Classes will be taught by Peg Allen, Byron Goff and Phillip Pensabene. For sign-up information, contact Peg Allen at [mimzypeg@gmail.com](mailto:mimzypeg@gmail.com).

*Wine Tasting* - Solos Wine Tasting SIG will have a meeting on Friday, March 4 at the Oaks at 4pm. This will include social time and a short meeting to introduce people to opportunities for types of wine tastings, venues, and answer any questions. Cost is \$10, payable to Mona Myers and delivered to 205 Rosecliff Dr. by Wednesday, March 2. Contact Mona Myers at [1416mona@gmail.com](mailto:1416mona@gmail.com) or 325-716-8277 for more info.



# Special Interest Groups (SIGS)

## *A note from our SIGS Chairman:*

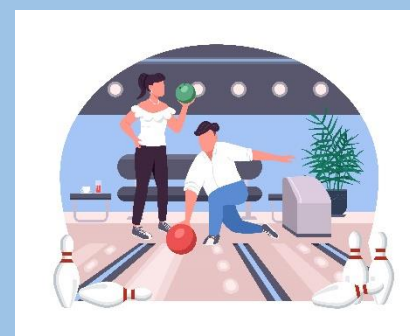
*Be sure to check out all the Special Interest Groups (SIGs). We have quite a variety of groups available for Solo members to join.*

*Don't see one that appeals to your interests...consider developing a new SIG. That's how most of the current ones were started.*

*If you have an idea, contact me. The next step is to create a formal proposal including purpose, leader(s), estimate of members, how often to meet, where, etc. We could present your ideas at the next board meeting for consideration.*

*I've recently met some folks who have some suggestions, and we welcome more. We really want this club to be something the members are proud of and fully represents the interests of the membership.*

*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>
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Solos Dance	Peg Allen	630-258-5855	<a href="mailto:mimzypeg@gmail.com">mimzypeg@gmail.com</a>
Solos Travelers	Jana Langston	630-254-4366	<a href="mailto:jllangston100@gmail.com">jllangston100@gmail.com</a>
Wine Tasting	Mona Myers	512-635-0558	<a href="mailto:1461mona@gmail.com">1461mona@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 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@teamdostexas.com](mailto:homes@teamdostexas.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 Jo Merkli, [jolynn2599@comcast.net](mailto: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](mailto:zoemarla@yahoo.com)

### SOLOS TRAVELERS

The Solo Travel SIG 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](mailto:jllangston100@gmail.com)

### WINE TASTING

Learning about wine from around the world and the US, then tasting it, makes for a fun evening. Small groups of 8-12 meet monthly at member's homes. The host supplies the wine and others bring light snacks. Contact Mona Myers at [1461mona@gmail.com](mailto:1461mona@gmail.com)

## 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	<a href="mailto:suebawcom@gmail.com">suebawcom@gmail.com</a>	940-395-6861
John Wardlow	Vice President	<a href="mailto:dutrica@aol.com">dutrica@aol.com</a>	916-267-0429
Sharon Stewart	Treasurer	<a href="mailto:sstewart8877@gmail.com">sstewart8877@gmail.com</a>	512-240-4580
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
Melba Naylor	Membership chair	<a href="mailto:melba.naylor@gmail.com">melba.naylor@gmail.com</a>	512-240-4851
Pending	Activities chair		

### 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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