

The Prez's Corner

Membership Chair Nancy Tinsley reports we have 644 members. That's reflects 16 additions this month.

Our goal is to make all of our members feel welcome and included, and Thirsty Thursdays are a great place to socialize, make friends, and greet new members. For more details see Nancy's notes below.

Dancing returned with the April 27th Picnic in the Park event, which was a sellout. I hope you enjoyed the "Dance Crew" asking everyone to dance. I was not there, because I attended my high school reunion in Austin. Don't ask!

Our great Webmaster continues to improve the look and feel of our website on the Sun City webpage. Have a look at our web site to see all the exciting things planned this year.

Our Board of Directors meetings are on the second Friday of each month at 11:00 am in Meeting Room 1 of the Activities Center. Meetings are open to members. We welcome Jana Douglas as our new Interest Groups Chair.

Just a reminder - there will be no May Activities event, but hope to see your smiling faces at Thirsty

Thursday.

Have a great May!!

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A Note From the Activities Chair

There is a date and venue change for the July event. The Speak Easy Party has changed to Thursday, July 25th, in the Ballroom from 6:00 to 9:00 pm. Details will be provided as we near that date.

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A Note From the Membership Chair

Thirsty Thursdays for the month of May will be held on the 16th and 23rd at 5:00 to 6:30 pm at the Cowan Creek Pavilion, with the 16th being our birthday celebration night. These events are a great time to meet new friends. We hope to see you there!

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Our next Activities event will be in June!





Book Group

We meet monthly on the 4th Tuesday afternoon, at 2:00 pm, to discuss a wide variety of books - fiction, nonfiction, historical, and popular.

We welcome all interested Solos and any visitors.

The books we have discussed over the past year: Great Alone - Kristin Hannah Beneath a Scarlet Sky - Mark Sullivan Born a Crime - Trevor Noah Hellfire Club - Jake Tapper Killers of the Flower Moon - David Grann Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane - Lisa See A Gentleman in Moscow - Amor Towles.

On May 28th, we will discuss *Prisoners of Geography -* Tim Marshall.

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Solos Care

Solos Care has two events this year. One for school supplies and one for Blue Santa. Newsletters will keep everyone informed.



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Day Trippers

Our group went to The Little Known Museums of Austin. The Elisabet Ney Museum was a real treat. On April 17th, we went to Lockhart. We saw the most beautiful courthouse, ate world famous barbecue, and visited two museums that opened especially for us - The Jail Museum and The Clock and Watch Museum.



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Ballroom Dancing

The Solos Social Dance Group has completed Blues/Slow Nightclub classes, as well as Beginning Waltz. The next class will begin May 6th, and our instructors, Greg and Kathy Rhodes, will teach Beginning East Coast Swing. The number of students is determined by the instructors, and Greg and Kathy have agreed to teach 30 students.

A social is held at the end of each five week session. An email invitation will be sent to all of the Dance SIG members with details.



Social Dancing
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Line Dancing

The line dance group resumes our weekly sessions with a full calendar in May.

Classes are held on Tuesdays - usually at the Cowan Creek Amenity Center in the Walburg/Jarrell room.

- 2:00 3:00 pm for Beginners
- 3:00 4:30 pm for Intermediates

A few benefits of line dance are:

- Provides a social outlet
- Teaches you basic footwork
- Provides good exercise
- Helps you find the beat
- Improves your confidence
- No dance partner needed

Hope to see you there!

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New Members Interest Group

New Members are still joining Solos Club each month. We had a full house at New Members Coffee on April 16th. We hosted the Board and SIG Leaders (those who were not away



traveling) and took our group photo that has been posted on the Solos New Members website page. Coffee/water, donuts and fruit sustained 16 New Members plus 11 Solos officers, who shared a description of their joyous volunteer jobs and activities for Solos Club. This was our 4th meeting this year. Coming up in July will be one more Orientation mid-year (July 22nd, 9:30 am) for those who missed the first one in January. Filling out the remaining months this year will be fun lunch destinations, with some activities thrown in the mix to promote our traditional meet-and-greet events. New Members - watch for the next email from me in early May. Meanwhile, mark your calendars for the next Thirsty Thursday on May 16th at 5pm. We'll have more fun, so come join us!

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Mingle With Singles

Mingle with Singles is a social SIG that has been formed for singles to meet other singles within the Solos group. We have our next get together on Thursday, May 2nd, in the Florence/Georgetown rooms at Cowan Creek from 6:00 to 8:30 pm.

Our second May gathering will be at Carol Palmer's house on Wednesday the 29th from 6:00 to 8:30 pm.

All our events are BYOB, unless held at an establishment that sells food and drink. We take turns bringing appetizers.

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The Chain Gang

Come with us to the famous Cheesecake Factory, on May 28th, in the Arboretum Area at 10,000 Research Blvd (183) in Austin. We will leave at 10:30 am from the last long row of the ballroom parking lot near the tennis court. Please Register on the Chain Gang Calendar.

The Cheesecake Factory began in the 1940's with Mrs. Overton



creating cheesecakes in her kitchen and selling them to local restaurants. Then in the 70's her son opened the first Cheesecake Factory Restaurant in Los Angeles to rave reviews. They have over 200 restaurants now and more than 250 menu items. Hope to see you there.

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