



February 2020 Newsletter

Celebrate !! It's Leap Year

HAPPY VALENTINE'S WISHES TO ALL (Feb. 14)
and
HAPPY GROUNDHOG DAY (Feb. 2)
and
HAPPY SUPER BOWL

***** **President's Corner** *****

Feb. 29th is known as Bachelor's Day in Ireland and Scotland. A tradition since 1288, the lady may propose marriage to any man she chooses. If he refuses, he has to pay a fine or give her a gift. What deal! HO!

Babies born on Feb 29th, are considered "Leapers or Leaplings". All "Leapers", according to the Occidental tradition, are under the Pisces sign. In the Oriental tradition, they are either Monkeys, Rats, or Dragons!

Like many of us who hate winter, we anxiously await "Punxsutawney Phil's" prognostication or if you hail from the USA desert regions, its "Mojave Maxine" prognostication. Are you ready for more winter or for an early spring? Have you placed your bets on the outcome?

Not to be outdone, I have consulted with the Sun City Wild Life Committee on a suitable Sun City mascot. It's "Tejas Scrappy", the Turkey Vulture. Not sure what "Scrappy" does to forecast the coming of Spring?.. But we can make something up. For your education, a group of vultures roosting is a "committee", a group soaring is a "kettle" and a group feasting is a "wake".

Have a marvelous February!

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***** **New Members Orientation** *****

Saturday, Feb.1, 10am, Intro to SCTexas and Solos websites, Florence Room
A notice will be sent to all recent New Members via email.

Contact Info: Marla Ramsey, 512.868.2326 or marlaframsey@gmail.com

***** **Thirsty Thursday** *****



Have started out the new year with two great events in January and expect to repeat them again this month.

Come join us for another fun Thirsty Thursday in the Georgetown/Florence Room at Cowan Creek on Feb 13th. The party starts at 5:00 (**going back to old time**). This is a casual time to meet new SOLOS and greet long-time friends. Be sure bring your own beverage and an appetizer to share.

Then only one week later, on Feb 20th, we will be at the Retreat's Lone Star Room for yet another great time. This time we will start at 5:30 (**New Time**). Again, bring your beverage of choice and appetizer to share and plan on a relaxing get-together.

Times for the Thirsty Thursdays will change monthly, based upon when the SOLOS club can get the room. Please double check the reminder e-mail that will come out the Sunday prior to the event.

You can order your SOLOS name badge at either of these events, or if you have already ordered one, pick it up. Order forms will be available at the door. Cost is \$7.00. Please pay by check made out to Darrell Hutchinson (**NOT SOLOS OR CA**).

Hope to see y'all there!

Jim Hood, Membership Chair, Jwhoodjr1@gmail.com

***** **Events** *****

The first monthly social event of 2020 was held January 16th in the Social Center Ballroom. Attendees enjoyed dinner, along with entertainment from some of the Solos Club members and other Sun City residents. Music by the On the Air Band provided the guests with music for dancing and listening.

The Solos Super Bowl event in the Ballroom is set for Sunday, February 2nd. We are anticipating an exciting night of watching the televised Super Bowl game with other Solos members and guests. **Go Clydesdales!**

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE MARCH SOLOS EVENT

"HAPPY TO BE IN TEXAS"



DATE: SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 2020

TIME: 5:30 (DOORS OPEN AT 5:00)

PLACE: TEXAS DR. SOCIAL CENTER BALLROOM

MEXICAN FOOD WILL BE SERVED AT 6:00 BY MASFAJITAS RESTAURANT

**MENU: A Fajita Buffet will include beef and chicken fajitas, rice, beans, cheese, guacamole, tortillas (flour and corn), chips and salsa.
Water and iced tea will be provided.**

BYOB as usual

The Pure Country Band will play traditional country music from 7:00 – 9:00

**Ticket Sales begin February 7, 2020 and end February 27, 2020
Tickets can be purchased on the Sun City Website or at the Sun City CA desk
Seating will be Reserved Seating**

\$19 for members and \$24 for guests

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***** **The Chain Gang** *****

We have been on the hunt for our favorite of the Better Chain Restaurants for over a year and in January we visited our 18th restaurant. We have a 3 way tie for Third Place, Pappadeaux, Grand Lux and PF Changs so we will have to go to all those again. Then we will try out our top two, The Cheesecake Factory and Jack Allen's Kitchen, our First Place restaurant. It is always fun to go back to our top picks and rate them again to see if they come out in the same order.

On February 25, we will rate Pappadeaux again so pack your big appetite and come along with us. Sign up at the Solos website on the Chain Gang Calendar page. Your contact is Pam Werner, pwerner@me.com.



***** **Social Dance** *****



The next solos dance class will begin on Monday, March 2 at 7:30 PM in the atrium. The class session is held on Monday nights for five weeks, ending on March 30. The style of dance that is taught is determined by input received from solos interested in attending the classes. Varied interests have been expressed, so the goal is to accommodate the majority. There will be a solos social dance in the atrium on April 6 at 7:30 PM where several genres of music will be played to allow for various styles of dancing.

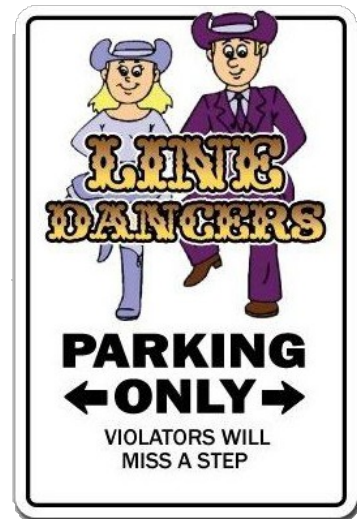
There will be three more dance session held throughout 2020. Sign-up for all dance sessions will be available on the solos chartered club site under the special interest group section.

If you have two left feet, no problem. If you have no money budgeted for dance classes, no problem. It's all about having fun!

Send a message to Byron Goff at bygeorgeatx@gmail.com to express the style of dance classes you would like to attend in 2020.

***** **Line Dance** *****

- You saw us perform at the last Solos event.
- This is a great way to have fun and learn some dance steps.
- We learn one or two new dances starting the first week of every month
- We meet @ 2 pm in the Jarrell/Walburg room @ Cowan Amenity Center
- But due to room conflicts we sometimes have other locations and start times.
- Always check the Dancing Interest Group calendar on the Solos website.



To receive our weekly Line Dance newsletter

- Login to Sun City website
- Select 'My Memberships' in the Resident Home sidebar
- Put a check mark in 'Dancing' in the Solos Club

For more info contact:

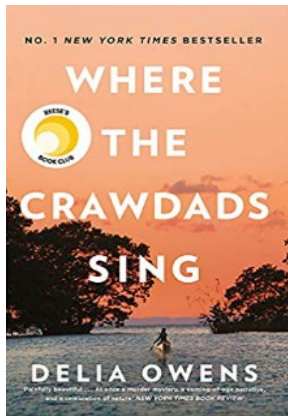
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***** **Solos Travelers** *****



Come see what fun traveling with friends can be! We invite you to attend our meetings on the first Thursday of each month from 10:30am to 11:30am at the Activity Center, Rooms 1-2. We have a new Leadership Team and are welcoming new and established members to attend. Contact: Jana Langston at (630) 254-4366 or Anne Goodman (512) 585-3048.

***** **Book Group** *****



The Solos Book Group will be meeting on Feb. 25th, 1:30pm, to discuss *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens. If interested in attending our discussion, please email Linda Baker at lindabaker.dallas@gmail.com.

***** **Bowling** *****



The Solos Bowling 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 every Thursday at 9:50 AM. 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!

Questions? Contact Gail Cotteleer 512.863.8032 or gailcotteleer@aol.com

***** **Solos Care** *****

If you are interested in helping with our two charity collections this year, please join our interest group. We collection school supplies in August and Blue Santa presents in December.

***** **Mingle with Singles** *****



Our next gathering will be Wednesday, February 26 from 5:30 - 8:00 in the Georgetown/ Florence rooms at Cowan. This is an interest group for single Solos who are not in a committed relationship. The meeting is BYOB. If you would like to bring an appetizer to share, that would be appreciated. If you are signed up for this interest group, you will be receiving a monthly letter and a reminder letter for the events.