



March 2020 Newsletter

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

March, the Month of Texas Independence and Leprechauns

Texas Independence Day: Since March 2, 1836, (184 yrs ago), Texas has rejoiced in its independence from Mexico. Let us not forget that independence could not have been won without the endurance of the Quarter Horse, the horse of Texas.

For those of you who are “Northern Yankee Wetbacks” (those forging the Red River in the dead of night or racing across the Red River on I-35), here are the official State flora, fauna and miscellanea you should commit to memory: Quarter Horse, Longhorn, Armadillo, Mexican Bat, Horned Toad, Bluebonnet, Mockingbird, and Dr. Pepper. Learn it!! You will be tested!

Now, let's get down to the serious business of constructing your Leprechaun traps! YUP! Leprechauns can be trapped. Once trapped, they will give you three (3) wishes. Like any good hunter, you must decide which of the five (5) clans of Leprechauns you wish to target. Each clan has its own territory: the Moors, the Forests, the Caves, the Gardens/Pastures, and River bridges/waterfalls. So plan accordingly. Favorite bait items are gold coins (chocolates covered in gold foil), four (4) leaf clovers (you can draw those), and rainbows (watercolors)also knowing the Leprechaun's individual name helps. The first Solos' member who catches a Leprechaun has “bragging rights” plus those three (3) wishes.

Have a marvelous March!

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***** Events *****

THE MARCH SOLOS EVENT

(hope you purchased your tickets before the Feb 27 deadline)

"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

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



Message from the Membership Chair

SOLOS has had four great events so far this year. We have had wonderful attendance and expect more of the same this month.

The March Sun Rays article went to print prior to these new times and locations. Please disregard the times/locations in the Sun Rays as they are NOT correct.

We are returning back to our roots as we have a new(old) location for the remainder of 2020. We will be meeting at The Oaks (formally the Legacy Grill inside the Legacy Hills Golf Clubhouse). The time for Thirsty Thursday is now fixed for the year as: 5:00 to 7:00 pm. every time we meet. Our parties for March are March 12th and March 26th.

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 TO SOLOS OR CA**).

Hope to see y'all there!

Jim Hood, Membership Chair, Jwhoodjr1@gmail.com

***** **New Members** *****

We have been busy! Solos Club was represented at the Chartered Club Fair in January, and we were at the New Resident Orientation in February. We talked to a lot of people and, as a result, gained 14 new Solos members from these two CA sponsored events.

New members meet monthly to get acquainted with each other and acclimate to Solos Club, including our Sun City community. We will begin venturing out of Sun City in March and continue to explore new adventures throughout the year. We max'd out occupancy at Orientation in January. In February, 18 New Members came to Website Intro, and after class, 11 of us went to lunch/brunch at Mariachis de Jalisco on Williams Drive. The March event will be a 'Help Center' for New Members to upload their personal profile pictures onto the website, followed by a short drive to experience 'burgers in Andice'. All New Members are on the distribution list to receive event notices, so stay tuned for **fun** kinds of things to do with each other.

For New Members who missed Orientation in January and those who joined Solos since then, we will schedule a '2nd semester' orientation this summer.

New Members -- your contact is: Marla Ramsey, marlaframsey@gmail.com OR 512-868-2326



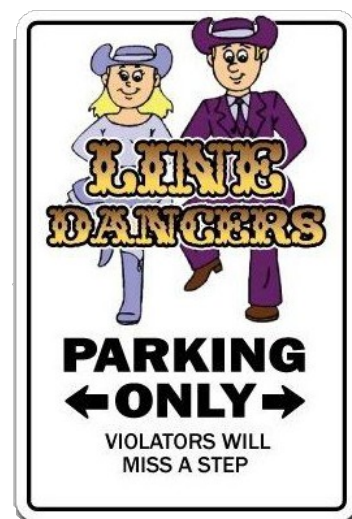
***** **Social Dance** *****

East Coast Swing is being taught this month. There is still time (until March 1) for more men to sign up.

For more info, contact Byron Goff at bygeorgeatx@gmail.com.

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

- Woo Hoo!!! - 5 Tuesdays in March
- 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 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.



March-03	1 pm @ The Retreat
March-10	2 pm @ Cowan - Florence Rm
March-17	9 am @ Activities Center Atrium
March-24	2 pm @ Cowan - Jarrell Rm
March-31	2 pm @ Cowan - Jarrell Rm
<i>Subject to change - check the Solos Line Dance calendar on the web</i>	

For more info contact: Phillip Pensabene, cueballtwo@icloud.com or 02-412-2393

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

The Chain Gang will do a return visit to PF Changs on March 24th. We will visit the Austin location at 10114 Jollyville Rd., leaving from the last long row of the ballroom parking lot at 10:30 a.m. Sign up on the Chain Gang Calendar, which is on the Solos Website. Please bring \$4 for your driver and lunch money.

Your contact is Pam Werner, pwerner@me.com.



***** **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.

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



Our March meeting will be at 5:30 - 8:00 on March 25 at Cowan in the Georgetown/Florence rooms. All Solos who are not in a committed relationship are invited. It is BYOB. If you would like to bring an appetizer to share, it would be welcomed.

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



The Solos Book Group will meet on March 24 to discuss *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* by Kim Richardson.

Inspired by the true blue-skinned people of Kentucky and the Kentucky Pack Horse library service of the 1930s, this is a story of the first mobile library in Kentucky, a story of the courage and strength of one woman as she strove to overcome prejudice and poverty through the power of reading and books.

Contact Linda Baker at lindabaker.dallas@gmail.com if you are interested in joining our discussion.

***** **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 Cottleer 512.863.8032 or gailcottleer@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.