

SOLOS

April 2022 Newsletter



President's Report

Weather wise, the month of March entered "Like a Lion" and continued to blow its way out to the very last day. I'm glad to report that it was also a "Whirlwind" of social activities for our Solos Club. Wine Tasting; Mingle W/ Singles; Golf; Bowling; the Cowboy Roundup in the Ballroom; and the Super Thirsty Thursday at the Retreat. Not counting all the private social activities with our Solos friends. I'm convinced this social contact keeps us happy, healthy and "feeling young."

I want to thank those of you who have ordered a Solos Logo Shirt. The orders have been placed and hopefully, you will have your shirt before too much longer. When the shirts arrive, I will contact all of you for a shirt delivery social event.

In closing, be watching your emails for a survey to complete regarding your suggestions on how to improve our social events. We value your input.

Our membership continues to grow. . . 642 as of today.

Respectfully,

-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*

March Happenings

Mingle with Singles, March 2022



Our members turned out at our March 17th Mingles event at the Retreat wearing lots of green to celebrate St. Patrick's Day with friends. The St. Paddy's themed appetizers brought by members were a special treat.



Happy Bowling SIG crew on St Patrick's Day at Mel's

Cowboy Round-Up, March 2022



Great fun at the Cowboy Round-Up social event in the ballroom on March 11. Pok-E-Jo's barbecue, a True or False mixer game, and C&W music and dancing added to the occasion.

SAVE THE DATES!

Ballroom Events:

Friday April 22, 6pm to 9pm

Saturday May 21, 6pm to 9 pm

Saturday June 18, 6pm to 9 pm

Saturday July 9, 6pm to 9pm

Saturday August 13, 6pm to 9 pm

Friday September 30. 6pm to 9pm

Friday October 14, 6pm to 9pm

Wednesday November 16, 6pm to 9pm

Wednesday December 21, 6pm to 10pm (Holiday Gala)

Thirsty Thursdays:

April 14 and 28 - The Oaks

May 12 and 26 - The Oaks

June 30 - Super Thirsty Thursday at the Retreat's Lone Star Room

July 14 and 28 – The Oaks

August 11 and 25 - The Oaks

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 April?

Full Membership Events:

Thirsty Thursday - **April 12 and 26** at the Oaks from 5 to 6pm. BYOB and appetizers to share if you wish. Any questions, contact Melba Naylor 512-240-4851 or melba.naylor@gmail.com

Celebrate Earth Day at April's Ballroom Social Event - Don't miss this special Earth Day/Spring event on **Friday April 22** from 6pm to 10pm featuring live music by Alan and LaDonna and a delightful buffet. **See more info later in this newsletter for details and sign-up information...**

For Special Interest Group Members:

Mingle with Singles - **Thursday April 21** in the Legacy Hills Pavilion, 5pm to 8pm. 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.

Travelers - In April, Solo Travelers will meet on **Thursday April 7** at a different time - **2:30 PM at The Oaks** for a more festive and social meeting. We will have some fun activities, very light snacks, and lots of conversations about destinations around the world. So please bring your own beverage and your enthusiasm! In May we will go back to meeting on the first Thursday of the month at 10 AM. Contact Jana Langston at 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) for more information.

Golf – Solos golfers will play three Saturday tournaments in April: **April 2** on White Wing, **April 16** on Legacy Hills and **April 30** on Cowan Creek. Typically four months each year have five Saturdays which enables play 3 times instead of the usual 2. All April 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

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

Social Dance Lessons—There will be no social dances lessons in April.

Wine Tasting - Contact Mona Myers at 1416mona@gmail.com or 325-716-8277 for more info.

Day Trippers - See announcement below after the SIGS pages for more information! Contact Kathleen Stevens at kathy95747@hotmail.com or Jeanne Dillinger at gajeanne@gmail.com



DATE: FRIDAY, APRIL 22, 2022

LOCATION: SUN CITY BALLROOM, 2 TEXAS DR.

TIME: CHECK IN - 6:00 p.m. (daylight savings time—yea!)

SOCIAL TIME (HOWIE ARNER)

PHOTO BOOTH (ANNE MARSHALL)

BYOB

DINNER (AFTER SOCIAL TIME)

SPECIAL "EARTH DAY" MENU BY DOUBLE SKY CATERING

Starter Green Salad w/Garlic Toast

Pork Tenderloin w/Raspberry Wine Sauce

Roasted & Cubed Sweet Potatoes

Long Cut Green Beans served with Cherry Tomatoes and Almond Slices - Dessert: Lemon Bars

Unsweet Tea & Water

AFTER DINNER ENTERTAINMENT - LIVE MUSIC BY ALLAN & LaDONNA

www.allanandladonna.com

TICKET SALES - MARCH 29th thru APRIL 14th

CHOOSE YOUR TABLE SEATING (8 SEATS PER TABLE) If desired, a member can purchase up to 14 tickets.

www.sctexas.org (tickets), or you may purchase tickets at the Sun City Business Office, 2 Texas Dr.

MEMBER: \$23.00

GUEST: \$25.00

Event Coordinator - Sue Bawcom suebawcom@gmail.com

Event Committee Member: Sharon Oman sharonoman@gmail.com

Special Interest Groups (SIGS)

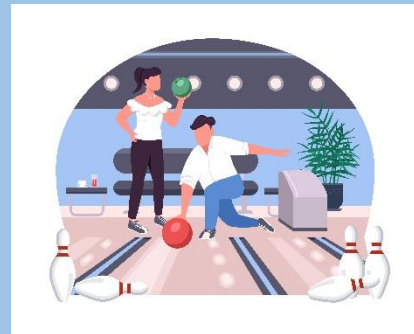
A note from our SIGS Chairman:

Looks like Spring is finally here. Between trees budding and wildflowers blooming and of course the occasional hail and tornadoes, we welcome warmer weather for sure.

Be sure and check out the info on our new SIG Day Trippers, with details later in this newsletter. Between pandemic concerns and dreary winter weather, I'm sure we're all anxious to get out and see new sites and meet new people. This new group will offer interesting opportunities for both.

We continue to encourage our members to participate in the numerous SIGS currently offered with Solos (be sure to click on each SIG on the Solos website to join) and help us explore new ideas for more groups.

Connie Bales
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SIG Leaders:

Book Club	Linda Baker	214-208-2927	lindabaker.dallas@gmail.com
Bowling	Gail Cotteleer	512-863-8032	gailcotteleer@aol.com
Cosmo Girls	Betsy Doss	512-869-5864	homes@teamdosstexas.com
Golf	Elaine Swint	806-282-3149	elaine.swint@yahoo.com
Line Dance	Phillip Pensabene	202-412-2393	cueballtwo@icloud.com
Mingle w/ Singles	Ann Brown	512-639-3200	zoemarla@yahoo.com
Solos Care	Ann Brown	512-639-3200	zoemarla@yahoo.com
Solos Dance	Peg Allen	630-258-5855	mimzypeg@gmail.com
Solos Travelers	Jana Langston	630-254-4366	jllangston100@gmail.com
Wine Tasting	Mona Myers	512-635-0558	1461mona@gmail.com
Day Trippers	Kathy Stevens	916-837-9634	kathy95747@hotmail.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 (NOTE: no meeting in April)

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 Wiggley'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 (NOTE: No dance lessons in April.)

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

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



ANNOUNCING!

New Solo's SIG:

"Day Trippers"



"A JOURNEY IS BEST MEASURED IN FRIENDS RATHER THAN MILES," -TIM CAHILL

Austin Area gets an average of 300 days of sunshine a year!

Did you know you can go on an epic road trip in Texas as there are more than 70,000 miles of highway?

Are you new to Texas or Georgetown?

Have a desire to travel to see the local sites but don't want to venture out alone? Like to explore artsy communities, experience small towns, experience the best BBQ places, go on a safari, or go bat crazy?

*Join Jeanne Dillinger, Kathy Stevens
as your SIG leaders to see the local sites.*

Join our SIG "Day Trippers":

Log onto the Main Sun City Webpage (www.sctexas.org)

- *Click on My Memberships*
- *Scroll down to where you see Solos Club*
- *Check box "Day Trippers"*
- *We will then send you info on all our fun day trips throughout the year*

*One of the most memorable aspects of your travels is the
people you meet and the friends you make along the way.*

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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Sue Bawcom	President	suebawcom@gmail.com	940-395-6861
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Sharon Stewart	Treasurer	sstewart8877@gmail.com	512-240-4580
Kathy Castoldi	Secretary	kcastoldi.kc@gmail.com	512-787-1057
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