

SOLOS

2023

january

newsletter



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

President's Report

In 1997 Solos was started with 25 single members. A few years later the CA changed the requirement for Charter Groups. There can be NO discrimination in its membership. Solos then changed its charter and opened membership to ALL. Singles, married couples, and persons in a relationship who lived in Sun City were able to become members of Solos. In December 2022, Solos had a membership of over 700.

The 2023 Solos Board has a FULL slate incorporating most of the officers from 2022 with the following changes. A couple of positions have switched and 2 members have been added to the board. Barbra Duke has replaced Melba Naylor in the Membership position and Mona Myers (2021 President) has replaced John Wardlow in the Vice President position. Sue Bawcom (2022 President) has filled the open Activities Chair position and I (John Wardlow) moved to President position. Sharon Stewart (Treasurer), Kathy Castoldi, (Secretary), Linda McFarlin (Communication), and Connie Bales (SIG leader) have returned in the same position for the 2023 year.

The 2023 Solos board feels that our SIGs (Special Interest Groups) are important for our membership and the Board would like to see increased activities for each of the SIGS. During the coming months we will be looking for options to aid our other 10 SIGs to increase enjoyment for our members. When you renew your 2023 membership, take the time to review which SIGs you have checked on your Solos membership page. If there's a SIG you're interested in receiving emails from regarding their activities, check the box. On the other hand, unchecking the box for a SIG will eliminate communication to you for that SIG's activities.

In 2021/2022 our Thirsty Thursday event grew in popularity due to changes made by Bob Nolen and his group. The Board has created the "Super" Thirsty Thursday which offers free pizza and selected beverages.

I'm looking forward to the 2023 year and working toward making Solos a strong Chartered Club for all its members.

Thank you,

John Wardlow

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Solos 2023 Executive Board Members

John Wardlow, President

Mona Myers, Vice President

Sharon Stewart, Treasurer

Kathy Castoldi, Secretary

Barb Duke, Membership Chair

Linda McFarlin, Communications Chair

Connie Bales, Special Interest Groups Chair

Sue Bawcom, Activities Chair

MISSION STATEMENT

The purpose of the Solos 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.

What Happened In December...

Solos Holiday Gala December 10 2022







Notes and News



Kathleen Mowery and Jim Milchen enjoying a surprise visit from Santa at Wriggleys.



Ann Brown received the 2022 Solos Hall of Fame award at the Solos Annual Meeting on December 7.

Darrell Hutchinson, Solos Badge Maker, has badges for the following:
Kriss Hooks
Lisa King
Debbie Russell
Dennis Smith

The name badges are in a black metal box on Darrell's front porch at 108 Bass Street.

What's happening in January?

Full Membership Events

Membership Rally and Social Event -

SOLOS CLUB

Come Join Other Solos Members and Guests for a Combined
Membership Rally & Social Event

January 20, 2023

Sun City Ballroom

2 Texas Drive

5:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Bring an Appetizer to Share
A "Surprise Beverage" Will Be Offered by



Señor Bob



BYOB Approved in the Ballroom
Cups Provided

ENTERTAINMENT

A Variety of Recorded Music for Listening and Dancing

We encourage new and/or current members, along with guests
to visit the Solos information tables throughout the room.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS (SIG)

SIG Leaders and volunteers will provide information for their SIG.

Book Club, Bowling, Cosmos Girls, Day Trippers, Golf,
Line Dance Lessons, Mingle w/Singles, Social Dance Lessons,
Solos Travelers, Wine Tasting

OTHER INFORMATION TABLES AVAILABLE

- Table for advice on purchasing or renewing memberships
- Table for volunteer sign-up
- Table for purchasing Solos Name Badges - \$8.00, payable by check made out to Darrell Hutchinson
- Table with information on downloading your photo to the Solos Member Directory
- Table for those who are interested in purchasing a Solos Logo Shirt

Event Coordinators: Barb Duke, Membership Chair barb2663@icloud.com
John Wardlow, President dutrica@icloud.com

A Note from Our Membership Chair:

As the new 2023 Solos Membership Chair and charged with writing something for the Solos newsletter, I revisited previous newsletters. What stood out to me were the continued descriptions, month after month, of the Special Interest Groups (SIGS) that are available to all of us as Solos members. If you're like me, sometimes I scan written information, but fail to read carefully to see how my life could be impacted by what I read. This month, at our Membership Rally & Social in the Sun City ballroom on Jan 20th, we want the 10 SIGS to come to life for you. Every SIG will have a table, manned by members of each individual SIG to tell you about their SIG and to answer any questions that you may have. Our president believes that joining a SIG is one of the fastest ways to find and make friends, not only for people new to Solos, but for those of us who have been here for some time and I agree. If you're still hesitant, attend a SIG event as a guest. Check it out for yourself and see if you think joining that group will add life to your life.

The SIG tables are not the only golden opportunities that you will find in the ballroom on January 20th. If you're new to Sun City or have lived here for years and have been wondering if the Solos Club might be of interest to you, we have volunteers at five other tables to answer your questions and give you the information needed if you are considering joining our club.

I encourage you to read the Solos Club flyer for the Membership Rally & Social event very carefully, It not only lists the individual informational tables that are available, but also describes the Social Event part of the evening. We will eat, drink, dance, and be merry, at the same time providing information to help you continue to enjoy fun social events throughout the year. Note: We kindly ask you to take an appetizer to share, not forgetting to pick up your dish afterward. Please wear your Solos name tag or any name tag, that you may have. BYOB. In addition Señor Bob will be providing a special beverage for us. A fun time will be had by all! Hope to see you there!

~ *Barb Duke*

2023 Solos Membership Chair

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For Special Interest Group Members:

Line Dance Lessons— Classes meet **every Monday** in the Atrium at the Activities Center at 1 Texas Drive at **7:00 pm** for beginners and **8:15 pm** for improvers. For more information, contact Phillip Pensabene at cueballtwo@icloud.com

Social Dance Lessons— We offer two dance classes at the Fitness Studio at Texas Drive. **Wednesdays at 4:30 pm** and **Wednesdays at 5:30 pm**. Classes will be taught by Peg Allen and Byron Goff. For more info, contact Peg Allen at mimzypeg@gmail.com

Mingle with Singles - The January gathering of Mingle with Singles will be January 12, 2023 in The Oaks at 5:00 PM. It will be a free interactive presentation called "What Are Your True Colors - What is Your Temperament?" Please email Jo Merkli if you plan to attend at jolynn2599@comcast.net. Preregister by January 5 with your name, email and phone # to ensure adequate handouts and seats. There will be a guest presenter, Stephanie Black, who will guide us through an entertaining participatory evening as we explore our personalities and travel temperaments. There will be door prizes provided by Steve Farnham of 4 Nomads Travel Dream Vacations. Please wear your nametag. It is BYOB and an appetizer to share would be appreciated. For more info on Mingle with Singles, contact Ann Brown at zoemarla@yahoo.com or Linda Anderson at jerrylinanderson@gmail.com.

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 play the first and third Saturdays of the month. All 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 Bowleros, formerly 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

Travelers - Solos Travelers will not meet in January. For more information contact Anne Goodman at anne@goodman.net

Solos Wine Tasting: Learn about and taste wine, enjoy food pairings. Contact Mona Myers at 1416mona@gmail.com

Day Trippers - Fun outings in and out of Georgetown. Watch your email for more information. Contact: Pauline Frederickson at pfred955@gmail.com or 512-818-1480

Special Interest Groups (SIGS)

A note from our SIGS Chairman:

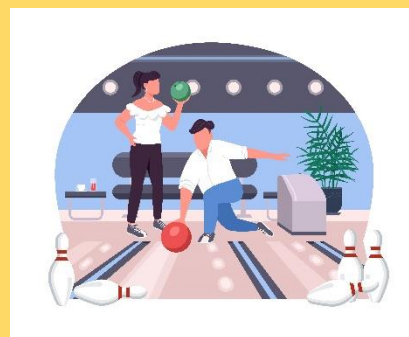
As we welcome 2023, please consider what our Solo Club offers in the way of Special Interest Groups. While we have a wide variety of groups, maybe you have a new idea for consideration.

Remember this is your club and we are interested in new ideas. Our membership rally this month would be a great time to discuss and consider new SIGs. Hope to see everyone there and re-energized to try something new and different. Hope everyone had a great Holiday and not too many New Year resolutions to get in the way of fun times ahead.

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
	Linda Anderson	512-591-7252	jerrylinanderson@gmail.com
Solos Care	Ann Brown	512-639-3200	zoemarla@yahoo.com
Solos Dance	Peg Allen	630-258-5855	mimzypeg@gmail.com
Solos Travelers	Anne Goodman	512-585-3048	anne@goodman.net
Wine Tasting	Mona Myers	512-635-0558	1461mona@gmail.com
Day Trippers	Pauline Frederickson	512-818-1480	pfred955@gmail.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 Bowleros, formerly 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

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, 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

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 Linda Anderson at jerrylinanderson@gmail.com 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

Solo Travelers meetings and lunches provide a venue for members to share travel experiences and tips while exploring possible trip locations and ways of travel. In addition, we help members find new roommates for travel. We meet on the 1st Thursday of each month at 10:30pm at the Oaks on Del Webb. We encourage members to attend lunch with us afterwards as we get to know one another better. We want to send a big thank you to Jana Langston for her dedication and hard work while serving as SIG leader during the difficult years of Covid and 2022. Anne Goodman, a member from our inception in 2012 and avid traveler, takes on the SIG leadership role for 2023. Contact Anne Goodman at anne@goodman.net

WINE TASTING

Expand your palate, explore standout selections, and learn about wine in an entertaining, relaxed, interactive and unpretentious atmosphere. The Wine Tasting SIG offers small group gatherings as well as a quarterly whole SIG get together. Whether you just want to sip wine and visit with friends or develop your knowledge and appreciation of wine or learn about wine and food pairings, the Wine SIG offers all. Come join us! Contact Mona Myers at 1416mona@gmail.com or 325-716-8277 for more info.

DAY TRIPPERS

Fun outings in Georgetown or around the area. For more information, contact Pauline Frederickson at 512-818-1480 or pfred955@gmail.com

Volunteer!

If you are interested in volunteering on a committee in 2023 please contact the board member for your area of interest.

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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
Barb Duke	Membership chair	barb2663@icloud.com	512-688-1632
Sue Bawcom	Activities chair	suebawcom@gmail.com	940-395-6861

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