

PRESIDENTS REPORT

The month of May found me traveling. My niece's wedding was in Australia (April 23 through May 8th) followed by a golf trip to St George UT (May 21 through May 24th).

Our main May event was at the Reunion Ranch May 26th and it went well. There was plenty of food and fun. There was even an old fashioned hayride around the ranch property as well as horseshoes and bean bags toss. Our new Special Interest Groups (SIGs) are going strong. Wine SIG: Not at members houses...Always at the Oaks Meeting Room. Mona's restarted the "Wine SIG" and June will be the 4th event hosted by Solo's Brenda Carr.

THE SOLOS WEB PAGE TO SIGN UP FOR ANY "SIG" GO TO The SOLOS' WEB PAGE AND CLICK THE BOX in front of the SIG you want to join. You will start receiving emails from the SIG.

FYI.....Charter Clubs (SOLOS) must have a board of directors. January of each year a new board is created for the following year. It's a great way to learn who's who in the club and give back for the enjoyment Solos may have brought to you at Sun City. To add in the learning curb of the new board we want to try something new. Pick a board position that interests you and ask the current officer if you can help. This adds you in learning for next year and reduces the stress of volunteering.

Solos creates events that member can look forward to attending, see their friends and maybe make new friends. July the dues for Solos drops to ½ price (\$12.50). encourage friends to join you at the May or June event as a guest and then join at a discount if they like what they see.

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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

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.

MEMBERSHIP CHAIR REPORT

The year is flying by. In the last five months, Solos has sponsored two Ballroom events + the Super Bowl party + Reunion Ranch, three Regular Thirsty Thursdays + Mulligan's, & two Super Thirsty Thursdays.

On June 8th, we will be having another Super Thirsty Thursday. That five-letter word, Super, is an important word for you. I've told you before, but I want to say it again. For those of you, who are new to Solos, SUPER means you don't have to bring food, YEA! Free Pizza, is the name of the game for this social gathering. Since we're guessing on attendance, bring along your favorite beverage of choice. Wait for it.....

If you notice, our Super Thirsty Thursday will be extended from 5-7 p.m, rather than ending at 6:30. This allows all of us to have more time to greet our new members and guests, as well as have time toenjoy Señor Bob's specialty drinks, while being treated to recorded music for listening and dancing by Ralph Ruth & Phyllis Frey.

We have had a wonderful response to our call for substantial appetizers for our Appetizer Buffet at our Regular Thirsty Thursdays. For this, we are so grateful and we THANK You.

However, we want to back off from our Appetizers Buffet, for awhile & try something different. Actually, it is very simple and was used often in the early days of Solos. There will be two changes, the location of our Social and the food that you take will not be taken to the Buffet table.

June 29, 5-6:30 p.m. at The Oaks.

BYOB & your own Snack.

We will eat, drink, and be merry at our own table,
eating whatever we take.

Mark your calendar for July 20th for a Regular Thirsty Thursday.

The location is a surprise.

It takes a village to plan, organize, and execute our Solos Events & Socials. Thank you,
Thank you, to all of our Volunteers.

We APPRECIATE YOU!

Barb Duke

Solos Membership Chair

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ACTIVITIES CHAIR REPORT

If you missed the Reunion Ranch Memorial Day event, the Solos Club will be taking advantage of their excellent services again.



No Ballroom events during the months of June & July. Many of you will be traveling, so plans are to save our big events for October, November, and December. Continue to enjoy the SIG activities and Thirsty Thursdays.

Mark Your Calendars for these event dates:

*Saturday, October 7th, Sun City Retreat Facility
"October Fest"
Dinner and Live Band

*Saturday, November 18th, Sun City Ballroom
Dinner and Enjoy the Music Provided by
"Off The Record"-Show Band
www.offtherecord.com

*Saturday, December 16th, Holiday Gala in the Sun City Ballroom
Dinner and Live Band

Sue Bawcom

_Solos Activities Chair
suebawcom@gmail.com

This & That...



This jacket was left at the Oaks a few months ago.
Please claim it if it's yours!
Contact Barb Duke at barb2663@icloud.com

What Happened In May...

Thirsty Thursday, May 18th





Reunion Ranch, May 26th







What's happening in June?

Full Membership Events

Super Thirsty Thursday: Join us for Super Thirsty Thursday on **June 8 at 5 pm at the Retreat**. Note that hours have been extended to **7 pm**. Free pizza, specialty drinks by Senor Bob or BYOB and wear your name tag! For more information, contact Barb Duke at barb2663@icloud.com

Regular Thirsty Thursday: **June 29, 5-6:30 p.m. at The Oaks**. BYOB & your own snack, which is a departure from our usual request to bring a substantial appetizer. This time we will eat, drink, and be merry at our own table, eating whatever we take. Again, BYOB and wear a name tag. For more information, contact Barb Duke at barb2663@icloud.com

For Special Interest Group Members:

Mingle with Singles - The June event is on June 1 for only the 50 people that signed up to go to the Hacienda. Our regular Mingle with Singles event will resume in July at the Oaks. For more info on Mingle with Singles, contact Ann Brown at zoemarla@yahoo.com or Linda Anderson at jerrylinanderson@gmail.com.

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

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 9:25 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 - We look forward to seeing your smiling faces at our next meeting: Thursday, **June 8, 10:30-11:30am**, at the Oaks. As always, we will be going to lunch afterwards. We have so much fun getting to know one another better. We hope you will join us! Please keep in mind our meetings are on the 1st Thursday of each month unless announced otherwise. For more info, contact Anne Goodman, anne@goodman.net

Solos Wine Tasting: Our next wine tasting event will be **June 19 at the Oaks**. Watch your email for more info! The Solos Wine Tasting SIG is scheduled to have a group event the 3rd Monday of each month at The Oaks and is hosted by members of the SIG. Currently, the event has been attended by approximately 30 people, but there are 144 members of the Solos Wine Tasting SIG. Let's make these wine tasting events even more---music, blind wine tastings, education, games, visit wineries! One of the members is working on an offsite trip for wine in September! We need hosts and ideas! Contact me, get friends and sign up to host a month!
Contact Mona Myers at 1416mona@gmail.com

Day Trippers - Watch your email for the next great trip. Contact: Pauline Fredrickson, pfred955@gmail.com, 512-818-1480

Save the Dates!

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Check your email for more details and ticketing information

Mark Your Calendar for 2023 Thirsty Thursday Dates

AT THE OAKS:

June 29

July 20

Aug 17

Aug 31

Sept 14

Oct. 19

Nov. 9

Nov. 30

AT THE RETREAT:

June 8 -- *Super Thirsty Thursday*

Sept 21-- *Super Thirsty Thursday*

Oct.12 -- *Regular Thirsty Thursday*

Special Interest Groups (SIGS)

A note from our SIGS Chairman:

At the NRO meeting recently several folks stopped by our table to get more information on the Club. While we welcome the opportunity to talk about all the great things we offer, I would encourage all our members to promote the Club as well.

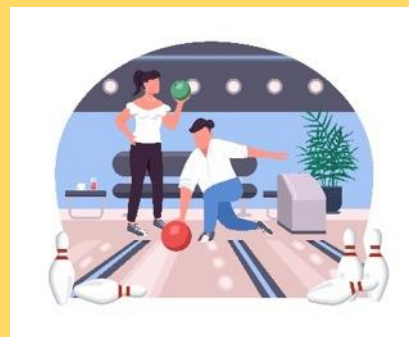
With the variety of Special Interest Groups we have, there should be new members joining regularly. And feel free to contact me with any new ideas you might have for a new SIG. I believe having a wide variety of options not only offers more for current members but brings in new members. We can all be cheerleaders for our Club which will enhance and expand the Club.

There was some interest in a Game Group several months ago but so far no one wants to lead such a group. I understand there are rooms available for this activity but we still need a leader. Please give this your consideration.

Connie Bales
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SIG Leaders:

Book Club	Linda Baker	214-208-2927	lindabaker.dallas@gmail.com
Bowling	Gail Cotteleer	512-639-9319	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
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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 Fredrickson	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 9:25am. 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 512-639-9319.

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. 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 Solos Wine Tasting SIG is scheduled to have a group event the 3rd Monday of each month at The Oaks and is hosted by members of the SIG.

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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

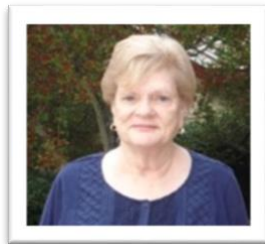
Fun outings in Georgetown or around the area. For more information, contact Pauline Fredrickson at 512-818-1480 or pfred955@gmail.com

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