

SOLOS

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newsletter

PRESIDENTS REPORT

The year may be half over but we still have about 10 events remaining. Summer heat has put a damper on things.... on my trip with Pauline to Ruidoso I thought I spied a fellow Solos member but I can't place her name...see if she looks familiar:



With our SIGs having their weekly or monthly events we can keep in touch with our Solos friends. More information on further events will be forthcoming. Check your emails & Solos calendar.

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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.

MEMBERSHIP CHAIR REPORT

Total New Members to Date	174
Total Rejoining Members to Date:	552
Total Members:	726

Members, remember newcomers can visit any of our Events, Socials, as well as any of our 8 SIGS, Special Interest Groups activities, for a total of 3 times. If you have a neighbor or friend, who you think would enjoy our social activities, please talk to them and give them my contact info. Our SIGS are listed each month in our newsletter, so think of sharing our great newsletter with them as well.

Our year is flying by. Pull out your address book or your phone calendar and record the following dates:

August 31: 5:00-7:00 pm

Regular Thirsty Thursday at Mulligan's Restaurant

BYOB (Buy Your Own Beverage and food).

We will have the entire covered patio.

Please be generous with tips for the waitstaff.

Sept 21: 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Super Thirsty Thursday at the Retreat

You don't want to miss this one. First of all, do bring your own beverage to this Social.

However, Solos pamper attendees with pizza and if we're lucky, one of Senor Bob's specialty drinks. We will also be treated with recorded music for listening and dancing, by "Yesterday Once More," (DJs: Ralph Ruth and Phyllis Frey) These two do a fabulous job of making the music come alive by posting on the big screen, a picture of the artist, the name of the song and the year the song was released.

As always, please wear a name tag at every Solos activity

Barb Duke

Solos Membership Chair

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ACTIVITIES CHAIR REPORT

We will be returning to our monthly full membership events beginning in October. Save the dates for these three events with new caterers and new entertainers. The activities committee has worked hard to plan events with something for everyone. Watch your email notices with the details as the event time approaches.

Saturday October 7, 5:00 p.m. Fall Festival at the Retreat Facility. Dinner and live entertainment provided by the Vintage Vibes.

Saturday November 18, 5:00 p.m. Sun City Ballroom. Retro Vintage 50's Dinner and live entertainment by Off The Record Band.

Saturday December 16, 5:00 p.m. Sun City Ballroom. Holiday Gala Dinner and live entertainment by the Mark Charles Express Band.

Sue Bawcom

_Solos Activities Chair

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What Happened In July...

Salad Buffet, Thirsty Thursday, July 20





Guests Vicki Wood and Bobbie Mapp



New members

What's happening in August?

Full Membership Events

Regular Thirsty Thursday: **August 31 from 5-7 pm at Mulligans.** (Buy Your Own Beverage and Food). We will have the entire covered patio. Please be generous with tips for the waitstaff. Watch your emails for more information or contact Barb Duke at barb2663@icloud.com

For Special Interest Group Members

Mingle with Singles - Mingle with Singles will meet **Thursday, August 10th, from 5:00 - 7:30 pm at the Retreat, Lone Star Room.** The program will be Anti-Fraud/Scam presented by Paul O'Malley from the CA. Hope you plan on coming and guests are welcome. There will be tables for all of your snacks/appetizers to share. Your "goodies" are always appreciated by all. As usual it is BYOB. Looking forward to see everyone. If you have any questions contact Linda Anderson at jerrylinanderson@gmail.com. Ann Brown will be on vacation this time.

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 you at our next meeting: Thursday, **August 3, 10:30-11:30am**, at the Oaks. As always, we will be going to lunch at Mas Fajitas afterwards. 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: 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

Special Interest Groups (SIGS)

A note from our SIGS Chairman:

We are definitely in the sweltering heat here in Sun City. There seems to be no end in sight, but some of our lucky friends are vacationing in cooler climates. Wish you could be there? While that may not be in the cards for you or me, it's fun to consider in our air conditioned homes.

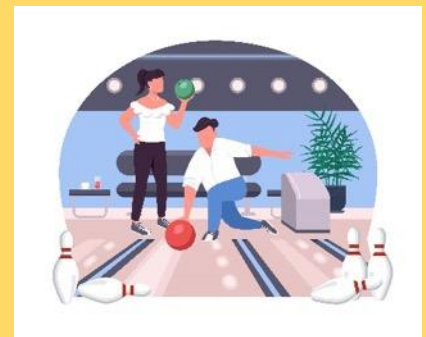
If you're thinking about a trip later, check out our Travelers SIG or maybe bowling or perhaps taking on leading a wine tasting event at the Oaks. We have a great variety of Special Interest Groups to consider.

While you're thinking about these things, consider leading a new group or perhaps a role on the Solo Board. We're looking for a few good folks to join the Board next year and why not you? This is the 2nd year of my 2-year term and it has been a lot of fun.

Connie Bales
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SIG Leaders:

Book Club	Linda Baker	214-208-2927	lindabaker.dallas@gmail.com
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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
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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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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