

# SOLOS

## september

2023

## newsletter

### PRESIDENTS REPORT

Our September Solos events will be:

1.) a fun shrimp boil at The Oaks on September 11<sup>th</sup>  
2. a "Super Thirsty Thursday" at the Retreat on September 21<sup>th</sup>. These are events where we supply pizza arranged by Barb Duke and a specialty beverage created by Bob Nolen (Bob sometimes offers a selection of high-end liquor to sample by Solos membership). Bottled water will also be at the beverage table. GRAB A WATER TO HELP REMAIN HYDRATED. ALSO GRAB ONE FOR THE DRIVE HOME. I encourage all of you to drink responsibly at these events. Please BRING YOUR SOLOS NAME TAG and walk around and say hello to as many people as you can. Talk to others at your table, so everyone will feel welcomed and comfortable at this event.

August's Solos Calendar had a couple of events for members. August 17<sup>th</sup> had 2 events for Solos. There was a New Residents Orientation in the Ballroom in the morning where Barb Duke, Bill Powell, Charlie Stover and I manned the Solos table. We talked to 20-25 new Sun City residents who were interested in what Solos has to offer, with 8 filling out contact information forms for further emails information. The 2024 Solos Board Nominating meeting was held at "The Oaks" that evening. We served 100 hot dogs and talked about how we are looking for next year's slate of Board Members. By the time you read this there will have been the Thirsty Thursday August 31st event held at Mulligan's with entertainment by Jess Lopez. Support our Special Interest Groups (SIGs).

My suggestions are that you not only attend our big events but that you also get involved in our smaller SIGs events. Some Solos members only attended our Ballroom dinner/dances and miss out attending these intimate SIG outings. Some of my best friends in Sun City are people that I have met in Solos in the three years that I have been a member.

*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.*

## MEMBERSHIP CHAIR REPORT

Total Rejoining Members to Date	551
Total New Members to Date:	194
Total Members:	745

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

Super Thirsty Thursday at the Retreat

EAT: Pizza, provided by Solos  
DRINK: BYOB, Senor Bob's specialty drink  
BE MERRY: Recorded music for listening and dancing, provided by  
"Yesterday Once More." (DJs: Ralph Ruth, Phyllis Frey)

**October 12: 5:00-7:00 p.m.**

Regular Thirsty Thursday at the Retreat

*Barb Duke*

Solos Membership Chair

[barb2663@icloud.com](mailto:barb2663@icloud.com), 830-285-0142

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## ACTIVITIES CHAIR REPORT

We will be returning to our monthly full membership ticketing events beginning in October. Save the dates for these three events with new caterers and new entertainers.

**Saturday October 7, 6:00 p.m. Fall Festival at the Retreat Facility.** Dinner and live entertainment provided by "Vintage Vibes." Watch your email notices for information, including when the "great price" on-line ticketing begins, along with all the other event details.

**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 will be concluding her long run as a board officer at the end of 2023. She knows there are so many of you who can provide new social event ideas for our membership. Sue will be more than willing to assist a new Activities Chair with the learning process. Serving on the Solos Executive Board is not only an honor, it is an awarding experience.

*Sue Bawcom*

\_Solos Activities Chair

[suebawcom@gmail.com](mailto:suebawcom@gmail.com)

# *What's happening in September?*

## Full Membership Events

### **SOLOS SHRIMP BOIL**



**WHEN:** Monday, September 11

**TIME:** 6:30pm

**WHERE:** The Oaks (301 Del Webb)

**COST:** \$15

**MENU:** Boiled Shrimp, Sausage and Potatoes, Salad, Bread, Dessert, BYOB

Bring a check **BY FRIDAY, SEPT 8** for the number attending, **PAYABLE TO SCTX CA** with the names of the attendees to:

**306 Rosecliff Dr**

Questions: Mona Myers

325-716-8277

1461mona@gmail.com

### **Super Thirsty Thursday at the Retreat Sept 21: 5:00-7:00 p.m.**

You don't want to miss this one. First of all, do bring your own beverage to this Social. However, Solos will 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. Contact Barb Duke at [barb2663@icloud.com](mailto:barb2663@icloud.com)

### **For Special Interest Group Members**

*Mingle with Singles* - Mingle with Singles will meet **Thursday, September 7, from 5:00 - 7:30 pm at the Cowan Creek Pavilion**. 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](mailto:jerrylinanderson@gmail.com) or Ann Brown at [zoemarla@yahoo.com](mailto:zoemarla@yahoo.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](mailto:cueballtwo@icloud.com)

*Book Club* - Meets the **4th Tuesday** each month at **1:30 pm**. Contact Linda Baker ([lindabaker.dallas@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:gailcotteleer@aol.com)

*Travelers* - We look forward to seeing you at our next meeting: **Thursday September 14, 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](mailto: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](mailto:1416mona@gmail.com)

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



# Special Interest Groups (SIGS)

## *A note from our SIGS Chairman:*

For those of you present at our organizational meeting last month, I'm sure you understand we need to work hard to keep our great Solo Club viable. To that end I would like to encourage each of you to get involved. We need new officers for the Board and we need fresh new ideas to breathe life back into the club.

If you have an interest in a position or just want more information about the Board, please reach out to an officer to learn more and share your vision for next year.

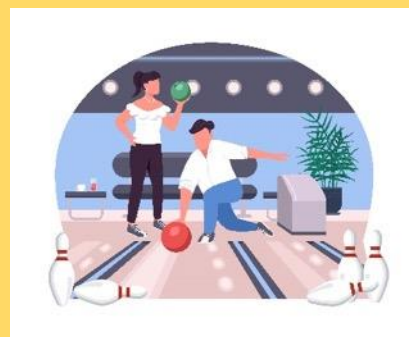
Our Special Interest Groups offer a variety of activities and working with those leaders has been a joy for the past 1 1/2 years. The normal term of our officers is 2 years and many of us have served our time by year's end.

Please consider how you can help.

*Connie Bales*  
[bassinher@aol.com](mailto:bassinher@aol.com)

## *SIG Leaders:*

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Day Trippers	Pauline Fredrickson	512-818-1480	<a href="mailto:pfred955@gmail.com">pfred955@gmail.com</a>





# SIGS Information

## BOOK CLUB

Meets the 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:cueballtwo@icloud.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](mailto:zoemarla@yahoo.com) or Linda Anderson at [jerrylinanderson@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

Currently, these events have 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! Currently I have hosts for April, June, and September. Contact me, get friends and sign up to host a month!

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](mailto: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](mailto: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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Mona Myers	Vice President	<a href="mailto:1461mona@gmail.com">1461mona@gmail.com</a>	325-716-8277
Sharon Stewart	Treasurer	<a href="mailto:sstewart8877@gmail.com">sstewart8877@gmail.com</a>	512-868-0116
Kathy Castoldi	Secretary	<a href="mailto:kcastoldi.kc@gmail.com">kcastoldi.kc@gmail.com</a>	512-787-1057
Connie Bales	SIGS chair	<a href="mailto:bassinher@aol.com">bassinher@aol.com</a>	512-426-3443
Linda McFarlin	Communications chair	<a href="mailto:linda@mcfarlin.com">linda@mcfarlin.com</a>	479-244-5818
Barb Duke	Membership chair	<a href="mailto:barb2663@icloud.com">barb2663@icloud.com</a>	512-688-1632
Sue Bawcom	Activities chair	<a href="mailto:suebawcom@gmail.com">suebawcom@gmail.com</a>	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](mailto: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 20<sup>th</sup> of the month to be included in next month's newsletter

Articles must be submitted digitally using email

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