03/9/2023 & 04/13/2023 SOLOS Meeting Minutes

I missed the potluck meeting in March. There really wasn't a meeting; just eating and a good time. We had a new member in attendance, Gale Meister. Contact Pat Bolz for the latest list of members and their info if you're interested.

Pat B started the meeting by reviewing how many times the group has visited the various restaurants. Decision for May destinations are: 5/2, Christie's Pub Grub; 5/16 Gondolas; and 5/30 Grinder House for lunches. Dinners at Pour House on 5/11 and Manny & Isabella's (off Peavine Road near Fairfield Glade) on 5/25.

Another decision made on meeting times – starting next month (May), we will meet at 4:00 pm in the Hiawatha Community Center until we "fall back" in November.

David White suggested a BBQ potluck dinner in June; and Charlene Juranko volunteered my (Debbie McConnell's) house. We looked into maybe using the BBQ and picnic tables at the Hiawatha, but it appears its being renovated, so my house it is! More details next month, but I expect we'll have the gas grill working and folks can cook their meat/fish course as well as bring a dish to share. Or we could get a head count and have everyone donate money towards hamburgers/hot dogs/chicken.

Pam Leikert provided info on Rock City in Georgia (near Chattanooga). She spoke with the Fair Park Senior Center and their 10-seater van plus driver is available for us to rent. We need to verify insurance details, etc., provide trip details, and get a price. The van and driver are only available for day trips.

We briefly mentioned Lunch on the Lawn put on by Habitat for Humanity coming up in the next months.

Genesis Gardens is open to the public for viewing; fee: donations. A local family has a large parcel of land right off Genesis Road with a pond and an extensive collection of azaleas and rhododendrons. Pat B and I went last year, past peak time, but it was still a nice outing. Look it up in Google for directions.

David W. checked into The Caverns, which is near Pelham, TN, about 2 hours away on back roads. A day tour is \$22; and the concerts are \$50-\$70 each, depending on if you're standing or seated. Everyone at the meeting agreed the concerts were a bit pricey.

Meeting adjourned and the group went to dinner.