

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS (SIGs)

*****Fall 2020 Plans for meeting*****

Special Interest Groups (SIGs) foster fellowship and allow members to engage with others who share a common interest. Special Interest Groups are member-driven and meet on a regular schedule such as bi-weekly or monthly, according to what the group members decide. SIGs are an added benefit of your Silver Frog membership.

Culture

Art of Fort Worth - contact: Ann Heinz sigarttcu@gmail.com

Discover Ft. Worth's unique and fascinating art scene. View the art in our area by visiting galleries, studios, special events and museums with fellow Silver Frogs. Tours are led by docents, artists and gallery owners and generally occur every two weeks. Attendees may decide to get together after a tour to discuss art and visit with new friends.

Connecting through email.

Discussion of Current Societal Issues - contacts: Larry & Elaine Klos klostx@sbcglobal.net

This group explores societal issues chosen by the members. The goal is to provide a welcoming atmosphere where all points of view can be presented and respectfully heard. The group will have succeeded when members can "agree to disagree" with respect to other's viewpoints. **Meeting virtually with Zoom.**

German Conversation - contact: Helga Gerlinger helgagerlinger@sbcglobal.net

Members of this group enjoy having the opportunity to get together to enhance their working knowledge of German, brush up on grammar, add new vocabulary and join in discussions of current events and other topics of interest.

Waiting to meet in person.

Spanish Club - contact: Virginia Dias virginiadias0863@gmail.com

The purpose of this group to practice the Spanish language in a fun way, such as sharing experiences, ideas, cultural insights, learning new vocabulary and common expressions. Basic Spanish knowledge is necessary. **Waiting to meet in person.**

Food and Fellowship

Ladies Lunch Out - contact: Virginia Dias virginiadias0863@gmail.com

This group will meet once a month to share experiences, foster new friends, and socialize in general. Every participant will have the opportunity to suggest a nice restaurant to explore, have lunch and more importantly, have fun! **Waiting to meet in person.**

Men's Breakfast Group – contacts: Gary Harrell garem36@sbcglobal.net and Jim Box fishingbones@yahoo.com

The men's monthly breakfast group meets with the goal of fostering friendships, networking and exploring common interests in a relaxed atmosphere. Social and/or service opportunities could arise out of any shared interests.

Connecting through email.

Positive Aging - contact: Anne Carlson carlsonab@sbcglobal.net

This group will share resources that enhance positive aging, develop a supportive community to anticipate, smooth, and own expected/unexpected life transitions. In addition, it will provide an informal forum to facilitate in-depth continuing discussions, relationship building and growth.

A pre-requisite is that participants need to have taken Kathy Bowser's class called: *The Gift of Years - The Art of Aging Gracefully* by Joan Chittester, for at least one of the sessions to be familiar with the concept of this SIG. Size may be limited due to the size of the facility we will be using (La Madeleine restaurant at 6240 Camp Bowie) and to allow for strong group interaction. **Waiting to meet in person.**

Food and Fellowship (continued)

Women & Wine - contact: Sian Borne sianb0803@hotmail.com

This group meets to provide an opportunity for networking with other Silver Frog women who enjoy tasting and learning about wine, plus possibly arranging for more formal tastings/trips at local wineries. **Meeting virtually with Zoom.**

NEW!!!! Bake Anything Better - contact: Sharon Harrelson sharon.r.harrelson@sbcglobal.net

Silver Frogs who are already bakers (or those who'd like to be) are invited to join this SIG to improve their understanding of ingredients, recipes, techniques and tools. We'll select a topic for each meeting and take turns "hosting" to present and share information; members will be encouraged to bake a recipe at home, then share their observations and results with the group so we can learn together. **Meeting virtually with Zoom.**

Sports and Games

Classic Canasta - contact: Virginia Dias virginiadias0863@gmail.com

This group will focus on playing Classic Canasta which provides many hours of fun and the opportunity to make new friends. This game is played with two or more partners making it easy and faster to play and players have fun playing and trying various strategies. **Connecting through email.**

Liverpool Rummy - contact: Polly Hooper hooper.polly@yahoo.com

This American game is a multi-player, multi-round card game similar to other variants of Rummy that adds features like buying and going out. Come and have fun with this easy to play game, and make new friends in the process. **Connecting through email.**

Silver Frogs Fly Fishers - contact: Ken Bowers 68bowers@gmail.com

This group hopes to introduce fly fishing to interested beginners and offer meetings with experienced fly fishers. The group will explore local waters, learn more about casting, etymology, reading water, knots, lines, leaders and tippets, rods, reels, fly tying and fly selection. They plan to have regular meetings and field trips to local fishing holes within a 75-mile radius of Ft. Worth. **Waiting to meet in person.**

Working Together, Developing Skills

American Sign Language - contact: Lisa Winter lqw.winter@gmail.com

Interest in this group was forged in the Spring 2018 American Sign Language class offered by Dianne Fisher. Sign language will be important for seniors to know as they and their parent's age. It is also a way to communicate with younger grandchildren who are sometimes taught sign language as a form of communication before they are able to talk. The group welcomes all skill levels. Come have fun while learning a new skill. **Meeting virtually with Zoom.**

Give Me A Break - contact: Roger Norman Roger@Normanestatelaw.com

Give Me a Break is a group of Silver Frogs formed to assist and "give a break" to caretaker Silver Frogs who are caring for their spouse or other family member. Some of our fellow Silver Frogs are not in the best of health and need around-the-clock care by their spouse, so we provide relief for the caretaker on an occasional basis. Times of assistance will vary depending on needs of the caretaker and availability of our volunteer(s), and our volunteers may split a shift depending on their schedules. Volunteers and the ill spouse will be matched by gender. Examples of assistance are keeping the ill person company, making and sharing a drink of coffee or tea, establishing a 'meal train,' running errands, grocery shopping, and taking the ill person out to lunch if the person's condition and situation permits. **Waiting to meet in person.**

Knitting - contact: Terry Marquardt marquardt@gmail.com

We will meet once a month to work on our knitting projects. We will share our patterns, ideas, learn more knitting "tricks," and help each other fix knitting "mistakes." **Waiting to meet in person.**

No Fears Writers Group - contact: Judith Soriano soriano.soriano100@gmail.com

Writers of prose and /or poetry come together to exchange ideas, find support and write. If you are not a writer yet but long wanted to muster up the courage, this group is for you, providing a safe space for aspiring writers. **Meeting virtually with Zoom.**