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## Educational Support

For all events, please RSVP to the WPS office (616) 538-0101 or [info@wpsgr.org](mailto:info@wpsgr.org)

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Evening Zoom Support Meeting  
Tuesday Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> from  
7pm to 8:15pm

Professor Robert DeVries and Psychologist Susan Zonnebelt-Smeenge will be hosting a monthly zoom meeting starting in September. Please register at [widowedpersonsgr@gmail.com](mailto:widowedpersonsgr@gmail.com) by noon on September 8<sup>th</sup>. A secure zoom link will be sent after you register.

**Facilitators:** Bob DeVries and Susan Zonnebelt-Smeenge  
**Location:** The convenience of your home.

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Are My Friends “Friends  
Forever”? Looking At How  
Friendships May Change  
After The Death Of Your  
Spouse

Bob and Bev have kindly offered to hold the meeting at their residence. Snacks and water will be provided.

**Facilitators:** Bob and Bev VanderHeide  
**Location:** 4265 Limousin Ct. SW Grandville, MI 49418  
(Please Note: Meeting will be held in their driveway, weather permitting, otherwise in their garage)

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Evening Support Group  
Friday September 11<sup>th</sup> at  
6:30 pm

Evening Support Group  
Tuesday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at  
6:30p.m.

**Facilitators:** Kim Slupe and Leanne Daglow  
**Location:** Knapp Reformed Church  
4025 Knapp St. NE Grand Rapids, MI 49525

**\*We will meet outside. Please bring a chair to distance safely in the parking lot.**

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Grieving + Pandemic = !?!?

Daytime Support Group  
Wednesday September 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>  
@ 1:00  
Whistle Stop Park

Come out and join us for lunch in the fresh air. Bring your own lunch and join in with other widowed people and the office staff. It's another opportunity to share your stories and support each other. We'll have an informal discussion on Grieving + The Pandemic. Feel free to share your thoughts, questions and frustrations on this unprecedented topic.

**Facilitators:** Peggy Hayes and Dick Rolfe  
**Location:** Whistle Stop Park 2120 76<sup>th</sup> St. Byron Center

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## September Social Support: Newly Widowed

For all events, please RSVP to the WPS office at (616) 538-0101 or [info@wpsgr.org](mailto:info@wpsgr.org)  
**THIS MONTH'S SOCIAL SUPPORT LUNCH/DINNER**

### Sunday

Cancelled for August

### Wednesday Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 1:00 PM

Location: Whistle Stop Park  
2120 76<sup>th</sup> St. Byron Center, MI  
49315

(Bring a sack Lunch)

Monthly social activities are coordinated by WPS volunteers who have been widowed. Social activities sponsored by WPS are intended for those who are current support group participants and still actively grieving. Our goal is that by attending social events, an important component to your grief journey, you begin to gain confidence in life as a single person and you expand your horizons beyond WPS. WPS holds to the view that once a person is dating or remarried, they are through their grief journey and therefore no longer need the support of social activity (primary) services of WPS.

Join this friendly group for an afternoon of fun and friendship. WPS encourages you to take this opportunity to make new friends who are going through the same loss you are, to help you through the grief process. These events are for those who have been widowed in the last two years or are actively attending support group meetings.

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## September Social Support: Independent Social Opportunities

The following activities are being held independent of WPS programs. WPS encourages the maintenance of friendships gained through participation in our services. If you have found Widowed Person's Services helpful, these opportunities may be of some interest to you as you integrate and adapt into your life as a single person. Please call or emails contacts listed below to RSVP and for further information. As a non-profit organization, your \$25.00 contribution to the newsletter renewal enables WPS to inform all current and past participants on all support and social opportunities and helps provide the newsletter to those who have become recently widowed.

### Line Dance Lessons At Gilda's Club

**Cancelled for Summer.  
Will revisit in the Fall.**

Location: 1806 Bridge St.  
NW Grand Rapids, MI  
RSVP:  
[135shylock@gmail.com](mailto:135shylock@gmail.com)

### Potluck, Cards and Game Night

**Cancelled for Summer.  
Will revisit in the Fall.**

Location: St Casimir / 6<sup>th</sup>  
Street Hall  
649 6<sup>th</sup> St. NW Grand  
Rapids  
RSVP:  
[135shylock@gmail.com](mailto:135shylock@gmail.com)  
This time if people with last  
name starting with the letter  
A thru M please bring a dish  
to pass. Thank you and  
hope to see you there!

### Golf Scramble!

Tuesdays, September 1, 8, 15,  
22 and 29<sup>th</sup>.  
Please arrive between 9:30 -  
9:45 a.m. Ready to golf, on carts  
at 10:00.  
Location: Pines Golf Course  
5050 Byron Center Ave. SW  
Wyoming, MI

Join us each Tuesday morning  
for a fun golf scramble. Please  
be there by 9:30 to draw names  
for teams. Optional \$2.00  
drawing.  
RSVP: Steve (616) 669-5636 or  
Joette 616 481-0417.



## Zoom Cooking Class Fundraiser

Thursday September 10, 2020

Time: 5:00-6:30 p.m.

We're trying a new fundraiser, online!!

Zoom Cooking Class/Demonstration with Richard Roane, featured in GR Magazine. We will be making three appetizers. Come join the fun while raising money for WPS. Event sponsored by Warner. We are hoping this can be a monthly event, featuring different chefs, recipes and just getting everyone "together". Register at [widowedpersonsgr@gmail.com](mailto:widowedpersonsgr@gmail.com). Cost \$20. After registration and payment, a secure Zoom link will be sent for the event.

## "GROWTH THROUGH LOSS SEMINAR"



Widowed Persons Service

Saturday September 12<sup>th</sup> 2020

9:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

Bicentennial Park 8085 Byron Center Ave SW, Byron Center, MI 49315

Learn how to work through grief after the death of a spouse or partner. Presented by pastor and professor Robert DeVries and psychologist Susan Zonnebelt-Smeenge. Registration fee of \$30 includes seminar materials and lunch. Books by the presenters will be available for purchase. For further information contact WPS at (616) 538-0101.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/STATE/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

MONTH/YEAR WIDOWED: \_\_\_\_\_

# AND AGES OF CHILDREN UNDER 21: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail form and fee to:**  
 Widowed Persons  
 Service  
 4211 Clyde Park SW—  
 Unit C  
 Wyoming, MI 49509

**Don't forget to  
 register by noon  
 Sept 8th**

### Growth Through Loss Seminar Fee: \$30

Make check payable to: Widowed Persons Service

Please charge my Visa/Mastercard:

Number \_\_\_\_\_ Exp date \_\_\_\_\_

Name on card \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

## Walking for September

*If you're interested in walking with friends. I have joined a group from Wyoming Senior Center on Wednesday mornings at 9:00 am. We meet at a different location every week. I'm attaching a copy of the September schedule for anyone interested in joining.*

**September 2<sup>nd</sup> – Douglas Walker Park 1195 84<sup>th</sup> St SW Byron Center**

**September 9<sup>th</sup> – Lamar Park 2561 Porter St SW Wyoming**

**September 16<sup>th</sup> – Walker City Hall 4151 Remembrance Rd. NW Walker**

**September 23<sup>rd</sup> – Fred Meijer M-6 Trail (Parking lot north of Red Barn Vet Clinic)**

**6421 Division Ave. S. Grand Rapids**

**September 30<sup>th</sup> – Brewer Park 399 84<sup>th</sup> St SE Byron Center**

**Hope to see you there!!**



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### **Our Mission**

Widowed Persons Service (WPS) is organized exclusively for the purpose of offering supportive services to those individuals in the greater Grand Rapids area who have suffered the loss of a spouse through death.

### **Our Vision**

To provide actively grieving widowed men and women a safe and healthy environment in which to process their grief, resulting in an enriching life as a single person.

### **Our Process**

WPS offers each grieving individual peer-to-peer support based on the belief that a widowed person is best helped along his/her grief journey with the help of other widowed people who have had similar experiences.



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### **AMAZON SMILE**

You can support WPS by making purchases on Amazon. Amazon donates 0.5% of the prices of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the charitable organization of your choice. To sign up, login at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) and select **Widowed Persons Service-Wyoming**, found under the search box at the top of the page.

### **WPS Updates**

Stay updated with Widowed Persons Service online:

-  [www.wpsgr.org](http://www.wpsgr.org)
-  Widowed Persons GR



GROWING THROUGH GRIEF

### **Office Hours**

Tuesday – Thursday: 9 am – 2 pm

### **Contact Us**

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