
Educational Support

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

Evening Zoom Support Meeting

Tuesday December 8th 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 by noon on December 8th. A secure zoom link will be sent after you register.

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

Facing Christmas and New Year's: A Backward Glance and A Forward Look

Evening Support Group

Cancelled for December

Bob and Bev have kindly offered to hold the meeting at their neighborhood clubhouse.

Facilitators: Bob and Bev VanderHeide
Location: 5751 Del-Mar View Dr. SW Grandville, MI 49418

Holiday Memories: Sharing The Past/Creating The Present

Daytime Support Group

Cancelled for December

Come join us in the office. Plenty of room for social distancing. 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.

Facilitator: Peggy Hayes
Location: Widowed Persons Office 4211 Clyde Park SW (Unit C)
Wyoming, MI 49509

Facing Christmas and New Year's: A Backward Glance and A Forward Look

Evening Support Group

Cancelled for December

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

December Social Support: Newly Widowed

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THIS MONTH'S SOCIAL SUPPORT LUNCH/DINNER

**Sunday Social Support
Dinner:**
Cancelled until further
notice.

**Monday Dec. 14th at 1:00
pm**
Location: Pizza Ranch
3492 Chicago Drive
Hudsonville, MI

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.

December 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.

December Zoom Cooking Class Fundraiser

We've decided to take the month of December to regroup. We'll start fresh again in January with zoom classes even more fantastic than the first two. Thank you to all who have joined us and we welcome those who have not joined to come try it! Stay tuned for January for special New Year recipes. We are hoping to unveil ways to purchase the video and recipes to use at your own convenience.

Bowling Has Started!

Tuesdays, December 1, 8, 15,
22 & 29

Please arrive between 9:45 a.m.

Bowling starts at 10:00

Location: Westgate Bowl

4486 Alpine Ave. NW Comstock
Park

Join us each Tuesday morning
for three games of bowling fun
and friendship. Cost: \$6.00 with
shoes. Mask required on entry
and when moving around.
Optional \$1:00 donation for
drawing.

RSVP: Jack 616 951-9736.

Board Member Highlight

Stacey Levitt

Stacey has loyally served WPS as Board Treasurer. Throughout the past years, her dedication and talent has added to the board and to WPS as a whole. She keeps us on track with our budget and annual planning so we can best serve our community. She has been a loyal supporter attending our past in-person fundraising events. Stacey will be moving on from WPS, but will always hold a special place in my heart and we wish her the best in her new endeavors.

Sponsor of the Month

Third Coast Development

WPS would like to thank Third Coast Development for many years of financial sponsorship of events. They have generously given annually to our Spring Luncheon, Golf Outing, Fall Fundraiser/Auction, while always contributing prizes and gift cards to many past events. Their commitment to WPS, along with others, is how we can continue to support the newly widowed and keep offering our services.



Volunteer Highlight

Marti Haynes

Marti is a wonderful addition to our WPS volunteers. After using our support groups, she is now heavily involved in the behind the scenes work it takes to make us successful as an organization. Marti puts together the monthly newsletter, helps coordinate any social events we are still able to offer, and overall, just adds a special joy to anyone she comes into contact with. I appreciate all that she does and you should, too! She is active in other areas of the community and enjoys time with her children and grandchildren.

2020 Comes to a Close!

As the Holiday season approaches, I am grateful for the opportunity to serve with others. While 2020 has brought many unexpected surprises and challenges, my hope is that you have found joy and hope in the little things. I think we have all had to adapt and evolve this year, which can feel awkward at times. Thank you for your continued commitment to WPS as we had to adjust our programming and social events. I am so excited for a time where we can gather, in-person, again. My wish for you is that you stay safe, comforted, healthy, and optimistic for what the New Year brings in 2021.



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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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Tuesday – Thursday: 9 am – 2 pm

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