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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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### “What Makes Acceptance So Difficult?”

Evening Zoom Support Group  
Tuesday August 3rd  
7:00 p.m. to 8:15 p.m.

We will lead off this meeting talking about the highlighted topic followed by a group discussion of what is important to do to **accept** your spouse has died and it's significant meaning in order to help yourself get through your grief journey. Join us online, even if you have never attended this ongoing, Zoom meeting before. We hope to have a lively discussion of what things would help you walk step by step through the challenges of acceptance. Please register at [widowedpersonsgr@gmail.com](mailto:widowedpersonsgr@gmail.com) by noon on Aug. 3<sup>rd</sup> or call the office at 616-538-0101 to have the link sent for you to join the meeting.

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

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### Who Am I Now? Widowed Or Single? Increasing My Self-Esteem

Evening Support Group  
Friday August 13th at  
6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

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

**Facilitators:** Bob and Bev VanderHeide  
**Location:** Del-Mar Farm Recreation Association Clubhouse  
5751 Del-Mar View Dr. SW Grandville, MI 49418

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### Dealing With Children, Whether Dependent Or Adult, On Your Grief Journey

Evening Support Group  
Tuesday August 24th  
7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**Facilitators: Kim Slupe & Michelle Cole**  
**Location: Knapp Reformed Church**  
4025 Knapp St. NE Grand Rapids, MI 49525

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### “Widow to Widow: Sharing Our Stories”

Wednesday August 18th @ 1:00 at  
Oriole Park  
1380 – 42<sup>nd</sup> St. SW Wvoming. MI

Come out and join us in the fresh air at Oriole Park. Join in with other newly widowed people and the office staff. It's another opportunity to share your stories and support each other. We will meet under the big tree across from the basketball courts in the shade. Please bring your own chair.

**Facilitator:** Peggy Hayes  
In case of rain, we will meet at the WPS office 4211 Clyde Park SW Wyoming.

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## Wednesday Social Support Lunch

August 11<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm at  
Russ' in Grandville  
4440 Chicago Drive SW

It's been a LOONNGG time since we have been able to eat out, so come join us and let's get caught up!!

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## August Dinner Night!!

Wednesday August 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm

Brann's In Granville

3475 Fairlanes Ave. SW Grandville, MI

Come join us for food and fun!!

## August 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 Widowed Persons 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.

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### Marge's Donut Den!!

Come join us for coffee, a donut and conversation. We will meet the last Friday of each month.

This month it will be August 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

Hope to see you there!



### Cards and a Burger!!

Come join in on the fun!  
Wednesday, August 11<sup>th</sup> at  
5:30 pm

**Location:** St. Casimir/Sixth  
Street Hall 649 6<sup>th</sup> St. NW  
Grand Rapids, MI 49504.

\$8.00 dinner includes a  
burger, baked beans,  
coleslaw, potato salad and  
chips. Coffee furnished.  
Outdoor seating available.  
Cards inside.

**RSVP:**

[135Shylock@gmail.com](mailto:135Shylock@gmail.com) or  
WPS office: (616) 538-0101

### Golf Scramble!

Tuesdays, August 3, 10, 17, 24  
& 31.

Please arrive between 9:30 -  
9:45 a.m. Ready to golf, on carts  
at 10:00.

Location: The Pines Golf Course  
5050 Byron Center Ave. SW  
Wyoming, MI 49519

Join us each Tuesday morning  
for a fun golf scramble. Please  
be there by 9:30 to draw names  
for teams. Optional \$2.00  
donation for drawing.

RSVP: [135shylock@gmail.com](mailto:135shylock@gmail.com)  
or Steve (616) 669-5636.

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## **GROWTH THROUGH LOSS**

**Saturday August 28<sup>th</sup> 2021 – 9:15 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.**

**Del-Mar Farm Recreation Association Clubhouse  
5751 Del-Mar Dr. SW Grandville, MI 49418**

### **A SEMINAR FOR WIDOWED MEN AND WOMEN ON HOW TO WORK THROUGH GRIEF AND LOSS**

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#### **Martin J. Edema Annual Golf Outing**

Quail Ridge Golf Club  
8375 36<sup>th</sup> St. SE Ada, MI 49301  
September 22, 2021

Over \$500,000 in contributions have been contributed over the past 33 years from the Martin J. Edema Memorial Golf Outing.  
Your support is greatly appreciated.

\$150 per Golfer includes:

18 holes of golf and golf cart.

Four-Person Scramble

Beverage tickets and Box Lunch

Cocktail Reception begins at 3:00 pm. Grilled Barbecue dinner with awards and raffle prizes.



Volunteers are needed to work the event. In addition, donations for raffle prizes are also needed.

#### ***A Walk in the Park!!***

***Wednesday Mornings at 9:00 a.m.***

***The walking paths for August are as follows:***

***August 4<sup>th</sup> – Kellogg Woods Park 275 Kellogg Woods Park Dr. SE Kentwood***

***August 11<sup>th</sup> – Douglas Walker Park 1195 84<sup>th</sup> St SW Byron Center***

***August 18<sup>th</sup> – Millennium Park – West Side 1415 Maynard Ave. SW Walker***

***August 25<sup>th</sup> – Canal Park (Metered Parking) 941 Monroe Ave. NW Grand Rapids***



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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.



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### **Office Hours**

Tuesday – Thursday: 9 am – 2 pm

### **Contact Us**

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