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## Educational Support

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

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### Evening Zoom Support Group

Tuesday, September 7, 2021  
7:00 – 8:15 p.m.

In the September meeting we will talk about an often less discussed subject, “The Absence of Affirmation from Your Spouse Verbally, Physically and Sexually That Created the Special Intimacy of Marriage.” Mark your calendars now to reserve the date for yourself. Please register at [widowedpersonsgr@gmail.com](mailto:widowedpersonsgr@gmail.com) by noon on Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> or call the office at 616-538-0101 to have the link sent to you to join the meeting.

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

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### What Can I Do About All The Emotions I Am Experiencing? Do Some of Them Get Expressed In My Dreams?

Evening Support Group  
Friday, September 10, 2021  
6:30 pm to 7:30 pm

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

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

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### Are My Friends “Friends” Forever”? Looking at How Friendships May Change After The Death of Your Spouse.

Evening Support Group  
Tuesday, September 28, 2021  
7:00 pm

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

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### Widowed: Is It Different For Men and Women?

Daytime Support Group  
Wednesday, September 15, 2021  
1:00 pm

Come join newly widowed people as we share our stories and support each other. We will start meeting in the office, as we never know about the weather.

**Hosts:** Peggy Hayes  
**Location:** WPS Office 4211 Clyde Park Wyoming, MI

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## September Social Support: Newly Widowed

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### THIS MONTH'S SOCIAL SUPPORT LUNCH/DINNER

**Wednesday Sept. 8th @**

**1:00 PM**

Location: Byron Family Restaurant  
2527 84<sup>th</sup> St. SW  
Byron Center, MI

**Sunday, Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> @**

**5:30 PM**

Location: Monelli's Italian Grill &  
Sports Bar  
5675 Byron Center Ave. SW  
Wyoming, 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. This event is 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 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.

### 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 September 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:00.

Hope to see you there!

### Cards and Burger Night!

Wednesday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm

**Location:** St. Casimir / 6<sup>th</sup> Street Hall

649 6<sup>th</sup> St. NW Grand Rapids

\$8.00 Burger dinner includes:

A burger, baked beans, potato salad and chips.

Outdoor seating available.

Cards will be played inside.

**RSVP:** [135shylock@gmail.com](mailto:135shylock@gmail.com)

Or WPS office: (616) 538-0101

### Golf Scramble!

Tuesdays: Sept. 7, 14, 21 & 28.

Please arrive between 9:15 and 9:30 am. Ready to golf, on carts at 10:00 a.m. start time.

**Location:** Gracewil Country Club  
2597 – 4 Mile Rd. N.W.  
Grand Rapids, MI

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

Please be there by 9:30 to draw for teams.

WPS was presented with an impactful gift. Tom, one of our current board members, was widowed in 1995 after his wife Mary Rose died. He began using our services and programming for the next few years. He would later contribute his time and talent serving on WPS Board of Directors. Knowing the importance of supporting the newly widowed, Tom started a designated fund through the Grand Rapids Community Foundation to benefit WPS in later years. Once the fund grows and establishes a monetary amount, WPS then earns proceeds that is later paid out annually.

While WPS is 100% donor funded each fiscal year, this is an additional opportunity to ensure the future livelihood of WPS for years to come. 2020 and 2021 has been a very unique time for WPS and many other organizations. While we are committed to meeting this year's fundraising goals despite the challenge of hosting traditional events in person, this dedicated fund will ensure future sustainability for WPS. As we grow this long-term development fund, we will be offering you the chance to attend a planning session to fully inform you what this means, how it works, and how you can donate. Are you eligible for a (QCD) Qualified Charitable Distribution from your IRA? Did you receive a stimulus check that may benefit others? Find out if your charitable donation may qualify.

Email [widowedpersonsgr@gmail.com](mailto:widowedpersonsgr@gmail.com) or call the office (616)538-0101, for a consultation to learn more about how your gift will impact WPS.

Gifts can be made online using a debit/credit card by visiting:

<http://www.givegr.org/nonprofit>

from the drop down menu choose: Widowed Persons Service Fund

If mailing a check, address to:  
Grand Rapids Community Foundation  
Widowed Persons Service Fund  
185 Oakes St. SW  
Grand Rapids. MI 49503

**WPS Auction!!**  
**Thursday November 11<sup>th</sup> 2021 at**  
**English Hills Country Club**



### **Donations Needed!**

Please consider asking for donations at your local restaurants, barber, bowling alley and any other places that you may frequent. Items are needed for the Annual Fall Auction. Every little bit helps!

### **Come join us for Dinner!!**

**Wednesday September 29<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm**  
**Shot's On The River**  
5760 West River Dr. NE Belmont, MI  
49306.  
RSVP to [135shylock@gmail.com](mailto:135shylock@gmail.com)

Don't eat alone, come join us for good food and great conversation!!

### **Pickleball Coming this Fall!!**

We are working on getting a Pickleball night at Ramblewood Athletic Club/Premier. Please text Marti to let me know if you would be interested at 616-204-4210. Details to follow!

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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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### AmazonSmile

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.com](http://www.wpsgr.com)



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### Office Hours

Tuesday – Thursday: 9 am – 2 pm

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