

Educational Support

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

Now I'm Widowed: How Do I Navigate This Unwanted Life Change in a Healthy Way?

Evening Zoom Support Group

Tuesday, October 5, 2021 and
Tuesday November 2nd
7:00 – 8:15 p.m.

Dr. Susan Zonnebelt-Smeenge and Dr. Bob DeVries will lead a discussion, online by way of zoom, on what the journey looks like, why it seems to be so challenging and how to navigate your way! To join the October meeting the link is as follows: ID: 854 9398 8412 Password: 607679. For November meeting ID: 827 7651 0951 Password: 884338. Please email widowedpersonsgr@gmail.com or call the office at 616-538-0101 with any questions.

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

Keepsakes, Ghosts and Odds and Ends: How Does That Fit With The Goals of Grief?

Evening Support Group
Friday, October 8, 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

Relationships On The Grief Journey

Daytime Support Group
Wednesday, October 20, 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

Reconstructing, Redefining and Reinvesting: Rediscovering Who You Are As Part Of The Grief Journey

Evening Support Group
Tuesday, October 26, 2021
7:00 pm

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

October Social Support: Newly Widowed

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THIS MONTH'S SOCIAL SUPPORT LUNCH/DINNER

Wednesday October 13

@ 1:00 PM

Location: Pizza Ranch
3492 Chicago Dr.
Hudsonville, MI

Sunday, October 31 @

5:30 PM

Location: Carrabba's Italian Grill
3441 Century Center St. SW
Grandville, 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. The two years is only a suggested time frame, please feel free to attend any or all of the events listed.

October 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 October 29th at 10:00.

Hope to see you there!



Annual Halloween Party!!

Thursday, October 28th at 5:30 pm

Location: St. Casimir / 6th Street Hall

649 6th St. NW Grand Rapids
Cost is \$10.00: includes Pizza and hall rental.

Interactive minute to win it games if possible and trivia. Prizes will be given for highest scores. Bring all your skills!! Prizes for best homemade costume man and woman. Card game, mess with your neighbor after.

RSVP: 135shylock@gmail.com

Or WPS office: (616) 538-0101

Golf Scramble!

Tuesdays: October 5, 12, 19 & 26.

Please arrive between 9:15 and no later than 9:30 am. Ready to golf, on carts at 10:00 a.m. start time.

Location: Ironwood Golf Course
3750 64th St SW
Byron Center, MI

RSVP: 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 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

October is our Final Month for the Walk Club Outside

The schedule is as follows:

Wednesday October 6th Wedgewood Park 3391 Wilson Ave SW Grandville

Wednesday October 13th Palmer Park 1275 52nd St. SW Wyoming

Wednesday October 20th Buck Creek Trail 2989 Broadway Ave SW Grandville

Wednesday October 27th RAIN DATE MAKEUP

Thank you to all who joined in on the walking program. They do continue walking in the mall during the winter months.

Pickleball Starting in November!!

**Premier Athletic and Tennis Club
4250 Spartan Industrial Dr. Grandville, MI**

Tuesday November 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 from 1 to 2 pm.

The cost is \$5.00 per person, per hour. Bring your own paddle if you have one. They do have some we can use for those of us who don't have our own.

Please RSVP: mjhano2@yahoo.com if interested.

Join Us at Robinettes

Wednesday October 15th @ 10:00 am
Let's meet by the big apple grab a donut and coffee, walk around and enjoy the weather or come try the wine! Wine tasting is \$8.00, which includes a taste of 6 wines of your choice. RVSP to mjhano2@yahoo.com or call the office at 616-538-0101 if interested.



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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.

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 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
-  Widowed Persons GR



GROWING THROUGH GRIEF

Office Hours

Tuesday – Thursday: Hours Vary,
please call first.

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