

## Educational Support

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

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### Surviving The Holidays On The Positive Side

Evening Zoom Support Group  
Tuesday, November 2, 2021  
7:00 – 8:15 p.m.

Dr. Susan Zonnebelt-Smeenge and Dr. Bob DeVries will lead a discussion at the November Zoom/online support group meeting to help prepare you for what is coming soon! They will have a number of very practical suggestions that can help relieve some of the anxiety of the holidays and actually clear the way for some movement along your grief journey on these important occasions. November meeting ID: 827 7651 0951 Password: 884338. Please email [widowedpersonsgr@gmail.com](mailto: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.

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### Effective Ways to Manage The Holidays

Evening Support Group  
Friday, November 12, 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 Vander Heide  
**Location:** Del-Mar Farm Recreation Association Clubhouse  
5751 Del-Mar View Dr. SW Grandville, MI 49418

\*\*December meeting - please Join us for fellowship and friendship during the holiday season. We'll hold a discussion on the holidays to help you through your grief journey, followed by a lighted candle ceremony. Please join us for Hors d'oeuvres, Dessert and Fellowship\*\*

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### “Simple Gifts: Sharing Grief & Gratitude”

Daytime Support Group  
Wednesday, November 17, 2021 at  
1:00 pm

Come join other newly widowed people as we share our stories and support each other. The meeting is being held at the WPS Office.

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

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### Effective Ways to Manage The Holidays

Evening Support Group  
Tuesday, November 23, 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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## November Social Support: Newly Widowed

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

#### Wednesday November

**10 @ 1:00 PM**

Location: New Beginnings  
5400 Division, S.  
Kentwood, MI

#### Sunday, November 21

**@ 5:30 PM**

Location: Brann's Steakhouse  
3475 Fairlanes Ave. 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.

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## November 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 November 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:00.

Hope to see you there!



### Pickleball in November!!

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

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

The cost is \$5.00 per person. 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.

**RSVP: [135shylock@gmail.com](mailto:135shylock@gmail.com)**  
Or WPS office: (616) 538-0101

### Bowling Location has Changed!!

Thursday, November 4, 11 and 18. No bowling on the 25<sup>th</sup>, Thanksgiving.

**Location: Clique Lanes**  
533 Stocking Ave. NW  
Grand Rapids, MI 49504

Join us each Thursday morning for three games of bowling, fun and friendship. Cost is \$2.00 per game and \$2.00 for shoes. Lunch afterwards for those who wish to stay.

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

## Upcoming Highlights

Don't miss out! Please join us for Hor 'deuvres and cocktails for an evening of fun and community

WPS Annual Silent Auction.  
Ticket cost: \$45  
Thursday, November 11<sup>th</sup> 2021  
6-8pm  
English Hills Country Club  
1200 4 Mile Road NW

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### *Thank You!!*

Thank you to all those who participated, volunteered, and donated to the 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Martin J. Edema Memorial golf outing. We were so glad to have the day together with you to raise awareness and financial support for WPS. It was a cold day, but thankfully, no rain!

WPS was represented over 36 golfers! Our teams of volunteers, board members, group members (new to the event and long-standing) had an exciting day together raising awareness and much needed funds to ensure WPS can continue serving the newly widowed in our community.

A big thank you to, Jim Stoddard, for personally donating the grand raffle prize. The round of golf for (4) at American Dunes was an alluring raffle prize which drove up raffle ticket sales.

This annual event could not take place without all the hard work, dedication, participating, and care of each and every one connected to WPS. Stay tuned for a Save the Date for next summer's outing!!!

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### *Stewardship Opportunity!!*

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



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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](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)
-  Widowed Persons GR



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### Office Hours

Tuesday – Thursday: Hours Vary, please call first.

### Contact Us

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