

## 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  
\*Next Meeting  
Tuesday, August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
7:00 – 8:15 p.m.

Join Bob and Susan for this online support group, 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. This is an opportunity to share your concerns, thoughts and feelings about your widowed experience with others who understand.  
Meeting ID: 896 3232 0173 Passcode: 795148 or 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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### ***“Dealing With Children, Whether Dependent or Adult, On Your Grief Journey”***

Evening Support Group  
Friday, August 12, 2022  
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

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### ***“The Layers of Grief”***

Daytime Support Group  
Wednesday, August 17, 2022 at  
1:00 pm

Come join other newly widowed people as we share our stories and support each other. We will meet under the big tree near the basketball court. Bring your own chair. In case of rain, we will meet at the WPS office 4211 Clyde Park SW Wyoming, MI

**Hosts:** Peggy Hayes  
**Location:** Oriole Park 1380 – 42<sup>nd</sup> St. SW Wyoming, MI

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

Evening Support Group  
Tuesday, August 23, 2022 at  
7:00 pm

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

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# August Social Support: Newly Widowed

## THIS MONTH'S SOCIAL SUPPORT LUNCH/DINNER

**Wednesday August 10<sup>th</sup> @**

**1:00 PM**

Location: Rush Creek Bistro  
(Inside Sunnybrook Country Club)  
624 Port Sheldon St. SW  
Grandville, MI

**Sunday, August 28<sup>th</sup> @ 4:30 PM**

Location: Longhorn Steakhouse  
5088 – 28<sup>th</sup> St.  
Grand Rapids, 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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## 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

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### Marge's Donuts

Come join us for coffee, a donut and conversation. We will meet in the back room at Marge's on the last Friday of each month at 10:00 a.m. This month it will be August 26. Hope to see you there!!

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### **Potluck, Cards and Game Night**

Wednesday, August 31st @  
5:30 pm

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

Burgers, Brats and Hot Dogs will be available for purchase for \$9.00 with fixings. Please bring small dish to pass or a dessert.

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

### Golf Scramble!!

Tuesdays, August 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30.

Location: Gracewil Country Club  
2597 4 Mile Rd. NW Grand Rapids, MI 49544

Join us each Tuesday morning for a fun golf scramble. Please be there by 9:15 – 9:30 to draw names for teams. Golf starts, promptly at **10:00**. Optional \$2.00 donation for drawing.

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

### Pickleball !!

Thursday, August 4, 11, 18 & 25<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 a.m. (**Please note time change**)

**Location:** Premier Athletic & Tennis Club  
4250 Spartan Industrial Dr. SW  
Grandville, MI 49418

Join us each Thursday morning for some friendly competition. Cost is \$5.00 per person. Bring your own paddle or they have paddles we can borrow.

## Upcoming Highlights

### GROWTH THROUGH LOSS

**Saturday August 27th – 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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#### Wine Tasting Tour

Would you be interested in a wine tasting tour around the Saugatuck area in late September early October? Email Bonnie Kruithof at [Onlydutch1@yahoo.com](mailto:Onlydutch1@yahoo.com) for more information no later than August 15. Be sure to include your name in email.

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#### **The long anticipated return of the Riverboat Cruise!!**

Come join us on the Riverboat Thursday September 15<sup>th</sup> with music by the Adams Family. Cost will be \$16. You may purchase your own tickets. Leanne Daglow will be keeping a count for our group so please notify her at [leannedaglow@gmail.com](mailto:leannedaglow@gmail.com) once you've purchased your tickets.

SAVE THE DATE

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#### Dinner Dance

Saturday Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>

St. George's Hall 1513 Quarry St. NW

Wristbands will be available for purchase starting July 15<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Jim at 616-915-4674 to purchase wristbands. Cost of wristband will be \$25. Music by Skybourne Band.

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#### Fall Silent Auction Fundraiser

Thursday November 3<sup>rd</sup>

6:00 to 8:00 at Aquinas College

Donnelly Center, 1700 Fulton St. E, Grand Rapids MI 49506

Hors d'oeuvres catered by Aquinas College & Libations by Martha's Vineyard. Tickets: \$49 per person. For more information go to [wpsgr.org](http://wpsgr.org)

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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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GROWING THROUGH GRIEF

## Office Hours

Tuesday – Thursday: Hours Vary, please call first.

## Contact Us

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