



Grief Support

RSVP is appreciated, but not mandatory. RSVP to the WPS office (616) 538-0101 or director@wpsgr.org

“Assessing the Progress on Your Grief Journey – a look Backward and Forward to Move Forward!”

Evening Zoom Support Group
Next Meeting

Tuesday, June 4th
7:00 – 8:15 pm

The Online grief support group will meet on June 4 to discuss “Assessing the Progress on Your Grief Journey – a look Backward and Forward to Move Forward!” We have been discussing the 5 necessary goals to work your way through the grief journey.

We hope you all have the goal of completing one of the most challenging journeys to the other side of grief and be ready for what opportunities lie ahead of you!

Join us for a helpful and active discussion to gain a better understanding of where you are at the present so you can move into the future!

The meeting is facilitated by Dr. Susan Zonnebelt-Smeenge and Rev. Robert DeVries.

We hope to see many of you online on June 4, 2024.

“Keepsakes, Rings and Other Things”

Daytime Support Group

Monday June 10th at 1:00 pm

Location: Lincoln Square Community Room
3121 Lake Michigan Dr., NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49504. Please use the entrance door off of Lake Mich. Dr. Lots of parking available.

Facilitators: David Morgenstern, Lou Muller, Maureen Bawden

“Approaching The Summer Season While Facing the Challenge of Vacations Without Your Spouse”

Evening Support Group

Friday June 14th 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Location: Del-Mar Farm Recreation Association Clubhouse
5751 Del-Mar View Dr. SW, Grandville, MI 49418

Facilitators: Beverly and Bob Vander Heide

“Growth Through Loss” Seminar- See Insert to RSVP

Saturday, June 15 at 9:30 am

Location: Grandville Public Library
4055 Maple St., SW, Grandville, MI 49418

Facilitators: Dr. Susan Zonnebelt-Smeenge and Rev. Robert DeVries

“Changing Relationships with Family and Friends”

Daytime Support Group

Wednesday June 19th at 1:00pm

Location: Oriole Park, 1380 – 42nd St. SW, Wyoming.
We meet under the big tree by the basketball court. Bring your own chair. In case of rain, we will meet at the WPS office – 4211 Clyde Park SW, Wyoming.

Facilitator: Peggy Hayes

“Managing Your Life: How Do I Handle All The Work, Kids, and Others?”

Evening Support Group

Tuesday June 25th at 7:00 pm

Location: Knapp Community Church
4025 Knapp St. NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49525

Facilitators: Kim Slupe & Michele Cole

Social Support: Newly Widowed

THIS MONTH'S SOCIAL SUPPORT LUNCH/DINNER

Wednesday, June 12 @ 1:00 pm

Location: **Chubby's Bar & Grill**
5751 Byron Center SW
Wyoming, MI 49519

Sunday, June 30th @ 4:30 pm

Location: **Carrabba's Italian Grill**
3441 Century Center SW
Grandville, MI 49418

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. 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-year mark is only a suggestion. You are invited to attend any and all activities listed in this newsletter.

Marge's Donuts

Come join us for coffee, donuts and conversation. All are invited to share in conversation in the private back room at Marge's on the last Friday of each month at 10:00 am located at 1751 - 28th St. SW, Wyoming. This month it will be June 28th. For questions contact Michele Cole at 616-901-2839. Hope to see you there!

*****SAVE THE DATES*****

Golf Outing

Wednesday, June 28, 2024
Boulder Creek Golf Club
HAS BEEN CANCELLED

Picnic Potluck at the Pavilion

Sunday, August 4, 2024
Whistlestop Park
Byron Center, MI

Fall Auction

Thursday, November 7, 2024
Aquinas College, Donnelly Ctr.
Grand Rapids, MI

The WPS Spring Dance "May I Have this Dance?" and Fundraiser was held on May 4 at Sunnybrook Country Club. What a fantastic evening!!!! "The Big Dog's" had everyone on the dance floor. **Thank you to The Dance Committee who was super organized and to whom we are so very grateful for their collaboration. Thank you, Maureen, Bawden, Dave Campbell, Michele Cole, David Morgenstern and Deb Nykamp** who with the Sponsors and Supporters have raised over \$15,000.00.

Thank you to our Sponsors: Arsulowicz Brothers Mortuary, Bestside Restaurant, Fall Wine, Beer and Food Festival Volunteers, Grand Rapids Family Dental, H.A. Irish Tree Service, Jones Manufacturing, Kent Family Dental, Lighthouse Ins. Group, Meijer, Inc., Premier Automotive, Success Financial, VanTimmeren Builders, Varnum LLP, Z & Z Tire, Erica Barbour, Tracy Blair, Brad Bloomquist, Dave Campbell, Aggie Kempker-Cloyd, Dr. Stan Fortuna, Craig Hancock, Bonnie Hunter, David Morgenstern, Jacqueline Selbach, Jim Stoddard, Marggy Stoddard, Mary Usadel, Tom VanDalsen, and Two (2) Anonymous Donors.

Thank you to our Auction Supporters: Applebee's, Hello Bombshell, Brew's Floral Creations, Clique Bowling, Celebration Cinema, DeMaagd & Ritcher, Field's Fabrics, Grainger, Grand Rapids Symphony, Home Depot, Hopcat, Ice Guru Photo Booth, JT Pizza, Kesslers Jewelers, Michigan Sports Academy, Northfield Lanes, Olive Garden, Peppino's Pizza, Russo's, Salus Wellness Spa, Siegel Jewelers, Sunnybrook Country Club, Trendz Hair Studio, Warby-Parker, Westgate Bowl, Why Knot, Uccello's, Tracy Blair, Dave Campbell, Victoria Hammond, Lisa Hankiewicz, Aggie Kempker-Cloyd, Diane Lobbestael, Jared Newman, Nancy O'Keefe, Al Olson, Cathy Pearce, Kendra Scott, Caryn Toering, Rich VanderWerf, Laura Watt and an Anonymous Donor.

Social Opportunities

WPS encourages the maintenance of friendships gained through participation in our services. If you find 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 email 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 of grief support and social opportunities and helps provide the newsletter to those who have become recently widowed.

Line Dance

Monday, June 10 & 24
at 6:30 pm

Location: Gilda's Club
1805 Bridge St NW
Grand Rapids 49504

Instructors Barb Stuckey-
Tomkins and Bev
VanderHeide provide a fun
evening of learning dance.

Gilda's offers dinner at 5:30
pm on Monday June 10,
please RSVP if you are
attending.
Contact Dave Campbell to
RSVP at 616-885-4238.

Golf Scramble!

Tuesday June 4, 11, 18 & 25

Location: Alpine Golf Course
6320 Alpine Ave.
Comstock Park, MI 49321
Tee Off Time: 9:30 am

Golf is every Tuesday for our
Jolly Drivers. Join the
camaraderie where the focus
is on fun, not just the score.
Please be on time to prevent
putter pandemonium.

For questions contact
Maureen 616-550-3515, Jim
616-915-4674 or Dave 616-
885-4238

Pickle Ball

Wednesday, June 5, 12,
19 & 26

Location: Outdoors

Join us each Wednesday
at 12:15 pm for a fun hour
of pickle ball. Pickle Ball
will be moving outdoors.

For questions contact
Bobby Brewer: 616-283-
3132



Thursdays: June 6 & 20
Time: 10:30 a.m.

Location:
Double Dip Depot Ice Cream
3284 Remembrance Rd. NW
Grand Rapids, 49534

Come join the Mini Putters.
Look for the Mini-Golf
Windmill, it's a fan favorite (lol).
Contact Karon with questions
at 616-885-4830

"THANK YOU" to The Beltline Bar. Thank you for hosting a wonderful WPS Evening.
Everyone who attended enjoyed a delicious meal, fun company and watched a very busy staff.
We had quite a large group and The Beltline Bar has donated \$330.00 to WPS.



Sparkle and Shine!!!

Wednesday: June 5
Time: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Location: Siegel Jewelers
2845 Lk. Eastbrook Blvd
Grand Rapids, 49512

Siegel Jewelers invites you to
a FREE Jewelry Cleaning and
Assessment. See the
WPSGR.org Calendar for
details.

Call or text Siegel's with
questions at 616-949-7370

The Kindness Krew

Thursday, June 13 from 9:30a.m. –
11:30a.m.

Location: Ronald McDonald House
1323 Cedar St. NE
Grand Rapids, MI 49503

WPS's "Kindness Krew" will be recruiting
volunteers for Treat Baking the Ronald
McDonald House. Please call/text
Maureen at (616) 550-3515 or Michele at
(616) 901-2839. There is a limit to the
volunteers, so please call earlier than later,
thank you.

If you have a non-profit that needs help,
feel free to contact "The Kindness Krew"



bringing our heritage to you

Russo's for Dinner

Russo Ristorante
350 84th St. SW Ste 510
Byron Center, MI 49315
In the way back behind Tanger Mall

Tuesday, June 18, 2024
Beginning at 5:30 p.m.

On the Left Side of the Building is the
Restaurant and on the Right is the
Market and Deli. Russo's will donate
15% of your total dinner to WPS, be
sure to bring a coupon to attach to the
bill. John Russo, a staple in the
community, and his family have
created a welcoming space. Buon
appetito!!

2024 Board Members

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Our Mission

Widowed Persons Service (WPSGR) 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.

WPS Updates

Stay updated with Widowed Persons Service online:



www.wpsgr.org



Widowed Persons Grand Rapids



Office Hours

Tuesday thru Thursday: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Please call for an appt.

Contact Us

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