WIDOWED PERSONS SERVICE NEWSLETTER - NOVEMBER 2024

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Fall is finally here. Hope you are enjoying the cooler weather.

The holidays are going to be here soon (where has the year gone?), so prepare to manage them for yourself. WPS has a couple of activities that can help. First, we have "Getting Though the Holidays" Grief Support on Sunday, November 3, at 3:00 PM at Pleasantview Baptist Church in Arlington. This session will help you understand and plan for the holidays. Also, we have our annual Candlelight Remembrance Memorial Service on Nov. 10 at 3:00 PM at St John Lutheran Church in Mansfield where we will have a special time to remember our spouses. This is a very uplifting service. Your family is welcome to attend, too. Of course, we will have refreshments, so that afterwards we can visit with our friends. By attending these wonderful support events, when Thanksgiving Day arrives for your family gatherings, you will have prepared yourself for the day.

The <u>General (Annual) Meeting</u> will be held on November 21 at Sunny's Café, 3000 SE Loop 820, Fort Worth, just a short walk from the WPS office. In addition to the regular business meeting, the membership will be voting for the Officers and Board Members for 2025. Following the meeting our WPS Office will have an "Open House" for members to see where all the work happens for your support and enjoyment. We will have cookies and punch.

Sunday, December 1, at 1:30 PM is the annual "CHRISTMAS BANQUET" at Mira Vista Country Club in Fort Worth. Come enjoy a wonderful afternoon starting with a great luncheon followed by musical entertainment. We'll also have a silent auction (do a bit of early Christmas shopping), door prizes, and, of course, time to visit with our WPS family. Reservations are required (no tickets at the door), so get your reservations in early as seating is limited.

Enjoy the autumn leaves and their beautiful colors!

Phyllis Weisheit, President

NOTICE: The next Board Meeting will be held at the WPS office on Saturday, November 2, 2024, at 10:30 AM.

OUTREACH GRIEF SUPPORT

O.K. Here it is – Holiday time! For many of us, it is a detour time! Just when we thought we were headed back to the main road, we found ourselves in the "Holiday Season." Can I just go to sleep in a warm comfortable place and wake up around January 3rd? Can I just detour this time of year? Well. That ain't a bad idea...but in reality, with all the hurt and pain and memories, we can still be truly thankful

Thankful for all memories. You know, memories are gifts that we have been given. Reminiscing or remembering is a natural part of the grieving process, but we need to remember in a healthy manner.

Most of us spent a great part of our life as a married person. Those years helped to shape us and make us the person that we are today. While we must not live in the past, we need to learn how to integrate those memories into the new identity that we are building for ourselves.

As many of us go about preparing for holiday dinners, don't we wish we had a "Recipe for Recovery." ...Just add a cup of boiling water, stir well, drink, and our grief would be over. Instant recovery! What would go into that recipe? From Compassionate Friends with some alteration.

- ...Start with one cup of mild human kindness...all those dear friends that did not turn away when they heard of the death.
- ...Add several good eggs; the helping people who did without being asked.
- ...Throw in a few heaping tablespoons of reading material and WPS Support Groups.
- ...Add the salt of the earth...wonderful new friends through WPS. We can call them "cream of the crop" because they understand and rise to the top!
- ...Sprinkle liberally with tears, because it is OK to cry, generously sprinkle with laughter, because it is OK to laugh again. Bake in a warm oven of tender loving care. Make enough to give to others and freeze for later.

As the end-of-the-year holiday season approaches, we have planned events to help you remember the past while you face the festivities as a single person.

Holiday Grief Support, Sunday, November 3rd, and the Candlelight Memory Celebration, a special tribute to the life of our deceased spouses on Sunday, November 10th. See flyer for details.

Happy Thanksgiving! Hugs!

Ruth Turner,

Outreach Chairman and Certified Grief Facilitator

Our Holiday Grief Support is NOV 3, at Pleasantview Baptist Church 4400 Pleasantview Dr, Arlington. Holiday Remembrance Candlelight Service is Nov 10, at St John Lutheran Church, 1218 E. Debbie Ln, Mansfield. Our next Grief Support series begins in January 2025. See page 3 for details.

November Ways and Means

<u>Dances</u>: Debbie Smith and Eula Plummer will host the next WPS Dance on Wednesday November 13, 2024, at the Arlington Elks Lodge. (flyer).

Ann Barnes and Ruth Turner hosted a WPS DJ Dance at the Burleson Senior Center on Friday October 25, 2024. The next scheduled WPS DJ Dance is Friday January 24, 2024. There will not be any scheduled WPS DJ Dances for the Months of November or December.

<u>Meet and Eat Fundraiser</u>: Ann Barnes is hosting a fundraiser dinner at On the Border, 13005 South Fwy, Burleson, TX 76028, Monday, November 11, 2024, at 3:30 PM. WPS will receive 20 % of the proceeds on your food bill. (Flyer).

<u>Donate 2 Impact</u>: Our next donation period is scheduled November 4 thru 17, 2024. Those members that are working as a drop-off will start accepting donations November 4, 2024. Please save your donations until then.

October Drawing & General Meeting: The General Meeting and Annual Drawing was held, October 17, 2024, at The Olive Garden, 4604 S. Cooper Street, Arlington. The drawing prizes and door prizes were awarded. The winners of the Drawing prizes not present, were notified.

2025 WPS Directory: A combined Ad and Member directory input sheet is included as a flyer attached so that we can generate the 2025 WPS Directory. The Member and Ad directory input sheets are also available on our website, wpstc.org. The charge is \$10 for member input. The Ads are \$40 for a halfpage advertisement and \$60 for a full-page advertisement. A cover sheet is also available on our website to explain the Directory. We have not received many ads this year. I am requesting that members make an effort to solicit ads for the directory. This has been our second largest fundraiser in the past years.

<u>WPS Travel</u>: First Travel of Burleson has set up WPS Caribbean Cruise for Oct 25, 2025, to Nov 1, 2025. The flyer was included in the October WPS Newsletter and can be viewed on our website <u>wpstc.org</u>. Additional travel packages in the planning stage for next year are: a March 2025, 3-day bus trip to Fredericksburg, Texas and a December 2025 bus trip to Branson, Missouri.

Ron Zembeck

Ways and Means Chairman

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Vivian Kenny Ralph Waite
Jolena Smith Elaine Thomas
Craig Sorrels James McDonald
Barbara Owen Nancy Neely
Tommy Thompson

MEMORIALS

Name

Barbara Stanley

In Memory of ...

Marvin Stanley,
Christene Bobbitt,
and Freddye Kimberling

DONORS

Suzy Flynn James Barnes Harold Millender Buddy and Lorene Haley Margaret Davis

ILLNESSES (reported to the office)

Mary Beth Hendricks

DEATHS

None reported



WPS GRIEF SUPPORT SCHEDULE 2024 2:30 to 4:30 PM SUNDAYS*

*NOTE: Any changes to this schedule will be announced in both the newsletter and on our Facebook page, so check each month for any changes. For any other information on Grief Support, call the WPS office 817-551-2922 Mon-Fri 10AM-2PM, or Ruth Turner 817-713-9372. If no answer at either number, please leave a voicemail, and your call will be returned as soon as possible.

<u>JAN 14, 21, 28; FEB 4, 11</u>: Pleasantview Baptist Church, 4400 Pleasantview Dr, Arlington. Facilitator: Merryl Kloster.

<u>FEB 18, 25; MAR 3, 10, 17</u>: First Baptist Church, Burleson, 317 W Ellison St, Burleson (park behind church). Facilitator: Ruth Turner.

MAR 24, (SKIP 31); APR 7, 14, 21, 28: St John Lutheran Church, 1218 E Debbie Ln, Mansfield (in Youth Bldg at back of church). Facilitator: Phyllis Weisheit.

<u>JUN 2, 9, 16, 23, 30</u>: Pleasantview Baptist Church, 4400 Pleasantview Dr, Arlington. Facilitator: Marcia Devoll.

<u>JUL 14, 21, 28; AUG 4, 11</u>: WPS OFFICE, 2906 SE Loop 820, Suite A Fort Worth 76140. Facilitator: Ruth Turner.

<u>AUG 18, 25; (SKIP SEP 1), SEP 8, 15, 22</u>: Lucas Funeral Home, 1321 Precinct Line Rd, Hurst. Facilitator: Sharon Ellershaw.

<u>SEP 29; OCT 6, 13, 20, 27</u>: Pleasantview Baptist Church, 4400 Pleasantview Dr, Arlington. Facilitator: Merryl Kloster.

<u>HOLIDAY GRIEF SUPPORT : NOV 3</u> : 2:30 - 4:30 PM (note Daylight Saving Time change). Pleasantview Baptist Church, 4400 Pleasantview Dr, Arlington.

NOV 10: CANDLELIGHT MEMORIAL SERVICE: 3:00 PM, St. John Lutheran Church, 1218 E Debbie Ln, Mansfield.

DONATION OPTIONS for MEMBERS, FAMILY & FRIENDS

- 1. Cash or check to the WPS office. Use the form below.
- <u>Credit Card</u>. Access our website at <u>wpstc.org</u> and choose "Donations." Click on "use a credit card online" near the middle of the page and follow the instructions.
- 3. <u>Kroger Community Rewards Program</u>. Call 866-221-4141 or register online at <u>kroger.com/account/</u> <u>enrollCommunityRewardsNow/</u> with your Kroger Plus Card number or alternate ID (your phone number). Enter Organization #IA786 (Widowed Persons Service of Tarrant County). To re-enroll (if "WPSTC" is not at bottom of receipt), use same procedure.
- Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD). Contact your financial institution for details.
- **5.** <u>Leave a Legacy</u>. Consider including WPS in your estate planning. Your thoughtfulness and generosity will enable WPS to continue helping other widowed persons into the future.

BUSINESS PARTNERS

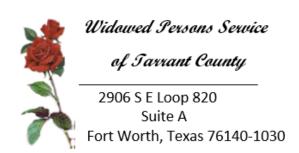
Donate 2 Impact
First Travel of Burleson
Hoopla Magazine
Kroger Markets
Mastercraft Printed Products and Services
Spring Creek Barbeque

EVENT VENUE PARTNERS

Arlington Elks Lodge #2114
Burleson Senior Center
First Baptist Church, Burleson
First Methodist Church, Mansfield (games)
Lucas Funeral Home, Hurst
Pleasantview Baptist Church, Arlington
St John Lutheran Church, Mansfield

CASH OR CHECK DONATION

	To mail a donation to WPS, please provide the information below and mail to: Widowed Persons Service of Tarrant County, 2906 SE Loop 820, Suite A, Fort Worth, TX 76140-1030				
	Amount of donation: \$25 \$50 \$100 Other \$				
	Specify if donation is a Memorial gift In memory of (name)				
	Specify where to send donation acknowledgement:				
	Name				
	Address				
	City. State. Zip				



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NON-PROFIT ORG.

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

OFFICERS

DATED MATERIAL: PLEASE DELIVER BY NOVEMBER 1, 2024

2025 OFFICER AND BOARD MEMBER NOMINEES WIDOWED PERSONS SERVICE OF TARRANT COUNTY

BOARD MEMBERS

Sharon Wallace

President	Phyllis Weisheit	Barbara Brickley	Diane Bowman
Vice-President	Ruth Turner	Arlyne Clements	Mary Cobb
Secretary	Judy Baker	Margaret Davis	Marcia Devoll
Treasurer	Mike Grissom	Sharon Ellershaw	Gary Frye
		Kay Hall	Mike Hennessy
		Bob Howard	Ski Lieske
		Jane Morton	Eula Plummer
		Nancy Sheffer-Poole	Debbie Smith

WPS of Tarrant County is a Grief Support Program for widowed persons of all ages

Carol Stacy

Ron Zembek

WPS of Tarrant County is a TAX EXEMPT NON-PROFIT Organization funded by Memorials, Gifts and Donations

<u>WPS PURPOSE</u>: To aid bereaved men and women of all ages regardless of race, creed, and/or economic status, to adjust more effectively to the loss of a spouse through death and to build a new life.

RECURRING EVENTS

Host Needed for Arlington Dinner!!!

Volunteers are <u>still needed</u> to host the <u>Arlington dinner</u>. For many newly widowed persons, WPS sponsored meals are their first exposure to WPS. Hosting a meal is simple and does not require a great deal of time but is rewarding and greatly appreciated. If you would be willing to host one of these events, please contact Diane Bowman at 817-996-2337.

ARLINGTON

Breakfast: Every Saturday 8:00 AM, Skillet & Grill, 1801 W Division St, Arlington. Contact Suzy Flynn, 817-483-5518.

LUNCH: Nov 14 @ 11:45am, Jay Jay's Cafe 1001 S Bowen Rd, Arlington. Contact Rita Sanders 817-907-7878

DINNER: CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. Host needed for this event.

BURLESON

Breakfast: Every Tuesday 8:30 AM, Our Place Restaurant, 950 N Burleson Blvd (I-35 service road), Burleson. Contact Diane Bowman, 817-996-2337.

LUNCH: Nov 11 @ 3:30pm, On The Border 13005 South Fwy, Burleson. Contact Ann Barnes 817-774-6073 (FUND RAISER).

DINNER: Nov 18 @ 4pm, Old Tx Brewing Co, 112 W Ellison St Burleson. Contact Ann Barnes 817-774-6073.

GRAND PRAIRIE

BRUNCH: Every Wednesday 10:30 AM, Theo's Bar & Grill, 107 NW 8th St, Grand Prairie. Contact Debbie Smith, 469-684-9982.

MANSFIELD

BREAKFAST: Every Saturday 8:30 AM, <u>The Porch</u>, 2771 E Broad St, Ste 201, Mansfield (across from Methodist Hospital). Contact Arlyne Clements, 817-366-0430.

LUNCH: Nov 1 @ 12noon @ Eggsquisite Café, 1530 E Debbie Ln, Mansfield. Contact Judy Baker @ 817-320-3825.

DINNER: Nov 21 @ 4pm, Mama Cuca's, 2880 FM 157, Mansfield. ★ Contact Mary Cobb 817-473-3619.

GAMES: Every 2nd and 4th Tuesday 1:30 - 4:00 PM, <u>First Methodist Church</u>, 777 N Walnut Creek Dr, Mansfield. Contact Jane Morton, 972-977-7899.

NORTHEAST

BREAKFAST: Every Saturday 9:00 AM, The Corner Café, 7901 Mid Cities Blvd, Ste 242, N Richland hills. Contact Sharon Wallace, 817-226-5095.

LUNCH: Nov. 13 @ 1pm, Esparza's Mexican, 124 East Worth St, Grapevine. Contact Ann Marie Harmon 817-320-0240

DINNER: Nov 19 @ 5pm, Outback Steak House, 813 Airport Fwy, Hurst. Contact Chuck Kraut 817-229-5194

SOUTHWEST

BREAKFAST: Every Thursday 9:00 AM, <u>Cracker Barrel</u>, 8010 SW Loop 820 (exit Winscott Rd), Benbrook. Contact Carol Stacy, 817-360-8066.

LUNCH: Nov 4 @ 11:30 am, <u>Cracker Barrel</u>, 8010 SW Loop 820 (exit Winscott Rd) Benbrook. Contact Joyce Pages 817-229-2286 if you plan to attend

DINNER: Nov 19 @ 4pm, Olive Garden, 4700 SW Loop 820 (across From Hulen Mall) Ft Worth. Contact Joyce Pages @ 817-229-2286 if you plan to attend.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Wednesday, NOV 13: Dance, Arlington Elks Lodge. See the attached flyer for details.

Friday,: DJ Dances @ Burleson Senior Center. Will resume January 24, 2025.







AN OLD FASHIONED CHRISTMAS BANQUET

When: Sunday, December 1, 2024 @ 1:30 PM (no seating until 1:15 PM)

Where: Mira Vista Country Club, 6600 Mira Vista Blvd, Ft Worth (off Bryant Irvin)

- RESERVATIONS ONLY RESERVE EARLY !!! (limited seating)
- EARLY BIRD SPECIAL \$30 per person, if postmarked by Nov 15
 - If postmarked Nov 16-22, price is \$40 per person

(NO RESERVATIONS ACCEPTED AFTER NOV 22)

(Reserve a table for 8 to 10 people by returning names and payment together)

> VALET PARKING AVAILABLE (they're volunteers, so tips are appreciated!)

LUNCH MENU

Pecan Crusted Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetables, Rolls & Butter, Dessert,
Coffee & Water

LISTEN / DANCE (large dance floor!) to the



"PRIME TIME BAND"

- SILENT AUCTION
 Many Items to Bid On!
- DOOR PRIZES (must be present to win)

Nancy Poole will be attending all breakfasts/lunches/dinners to accept reservations and collect money

Questions or for Reservations: Call Nancy Poole, **812**-593-1578

or

You may also send names & money to the WPS Office, 2906 SE Loop 820, Suite A, Fort Worth, TX 76140





You are invited to attend

HOLIDAY GRIEF SUPPORT

Sunday, November 3, 2:30 - 4:30 PM (Remember Daylight Savings Time Change)

Pleasantview Baptist Church, 4400 Pleasantview Dr, Arlington

When the family circle has been broken by the death of your husband/wife, the only thing that sparkles this year may be tears. Attend this program of "*Getting Through the Holidays.*" It will help renew your spirit, giving you clear, concise information about grief, and coping tips to help you through the emotional Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's festivities.

- and -



Sunday, November 10, 3:00 PM St. John Lutheran Church, 1218 E Debbie Ln, Mansfield

Give yourself a holiday present by sharing with others in this Annual Widowed Persons Service tradition of lighting candles in Remembrance and Celebration of the life of your spouse. This is a wonderful presentation that gives tribute to your husband or wife. With music and bagpipes, this ceremony is a heartwarming way to honor your spouse. A reception and fellowship immediately follow, and your family is welcome to attend. There is no charge.





On the Border of Burleson will be Donating 20% of your total This Month's Fundraiser will be at On the Border of Burleson Meet & Eat "On the Border" Fundraiser



food Purchase to WPS

Monday November 11,2024 At 3:30 PM



On the Border 13005 South Fwy, Burleson, TX 76028.

This fundraiser is open to all customers, the only requirement is that you be there at 3:30PM. Please also let them know you are with WPS



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Come Enjoy a night with

THE MONTANA BAND

Wednesday November 13, 2024

6:30 TO 9:00 PM

\$10 A PERSON AT DOOR

Bring Your Family & Friends

It's OPEN TO THE PUBLIC !!! **Arlington Elks Lodge

601 W. Pioneer Pkwy, Arlington, TX 76010

Serving Food 5:30 to 6:30 PM @ \$8:00 a Person **DELI Sliders Sandwich**

Potato Salad & Baked Beans

*Reservations are appreciated to ensure enough food is available st Drawing: Door Prizes and MORE!! Information: *Debbie 469-684-9982 or Eula 214-668-7999*

Proceeds from Food goes to **ELKS National Foundation**.



Get Rid of those clothes that don't fit you anymore or extra household items you don't need, and WPS will receive a donation.

Donate 2 Impact is a non-profit organization that accepts items for resale and reimburses other charitable organizations for them at a rate of \$0.09 per pound. WPS has signed up with this organization, and they have given us the **donation period of November 4-17, 2024.**

Items may be dropped off at the following location: **6020 S. Cooper St. Arlington.** Their hours of operation are Monday – Saturday 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM and Sunday 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM. **Donations must be made during the WPS Donation period for WPS to receive credit.**

When you drop off your items make sure you tell them that your organization is Widowed Persons Service of Tarrant County (WPS).

You also have the option to have them pick up your items. You must schedule the pickup between November 4 and 17, 2024, and you must have the items outside your house for pickup. Call (972) 619-7880 to schedule a pickup. When you schedule a pickup, they will give you a date that they will pick up. They can schedule up to 2 weeks after the WPS donation period. Again, make sure you tell them that your organization is Widowed Persons Service of Tarrant County (WPS). They also request that items be separated as much as possible (i.e, clothing, shoes, appliances) and that breakable items be protected with packing.

Below is a list of Items that they Accept:

Clothing (all types and sizes), Shoes, Purses/Backpacks, Jewelry & Accessories, Linens/ blankets, Household items, Bath and Kitchen items, Books, Toys, Electronics, Small Appliances, and Small Home Décor.

Below is a list of items NOT Accepted:

Any used Medical Supplies, Anything Toxic or Flammable, Blinds, Building Materials (bricks, lumber, fence posts, tile, etc.), Cabinetry, Chemicals/Oils/Paints, Countertops, Doors, Food (animal or human), Hospital Beds/Adjustable Beds, Hot Tubs, Large Appliances, Large Exercise Equipment – Heavy Dumbbells, Light Fixtures, Magazines, Mattresses/ Box Springs, Newspapers, Office furniture, Cubicles, Desks, File Cabinets, Pipes, Scrap Fabric, Sheet Rock, Sinks, Soiled/Torn/Damaged/Stained Furniture, Swing Sets, Tires, Toilets, Trash, Tube TVs, CRT and Projection TVs, Unframed Mirrors, Unprotected Glasses, Used AC/Heating Units, Water Beds, Water Heaters, Weapons/Guns,/Swords/Knives, Wet/Rusty/Broken Items of any kind, Windows.





WPS (ANNUAL) GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, November 21, 2024,

Meeting Starts at 1:00 PM

(Arrive by 12:00 Noon for lunch)

Sunny's Restaurant

3000 SE Loop 820, Fort Worth

Door Prizes!!! (must be present to win)

We will vote on Your 2025 Officers & Board Members

1. Commercial advertising in the Directory is desired and encouraged. A business advertisement (half page

PUT MY AD IN THE 2025 WPS DIRECTORY

The Ways and Means Committee on behalf of WPS is publishing a Directory for the year 2025 with the following conditions:

4"x5") is \$40.00, a double ad (full page 5"x8") is \$60.00.

2. The Directory will be available to WPS members only, advertisers will receive a bound listing of all ads placed in the Directory. Attach the business card or other type ad to this form or check the box: Use Same as Last Year □ Available on electronic Media And send along with Check #_____ and Amount \$ to WPS. Must be in WPS Office by December 1, 2024 Advisement _____ Phone _____ Advertiser's Name Phone WPS Contact If you wish to have an ad in the 2025 WPS directory, please include this form with your check Payable to 'WPS,' and Mail to: Widowed Persons Service ATTN: Ways and Means Committee 2906 SE Loop 820, Suite A Fort Worth, Texas 76140-1030 or Give it to a WPS Volunteer to deliver it to the WPS Office. If you have an ad on electronic media, you may e-mail it to the Ways and Means Chairman at RJZEMBEK@SBCGLOBAL.NET

Available on electronic Media Ad emailed A

Ad Attached