

WIDOWED PERSONS SERVICE NEWSLETTER - JULY 2024

Serving Tarrant County and Surrounding Areas

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

IT'S THAT TIME OF THE YEAR AGAIN!!!!!!

This month we will begin our most important fundraiser.

ALL MEMBERS will receive their July newsletter by USPS mail, which will include five (5) drawing coupons with (\$3.00 each this year) for prizes to be awarded at the General Meeting on October 17 at the Olive Garden restaurant in Arlington, 4606 S Cooper St (S Cooper & I-20), at 1:00 PM. If you plan on having lunch, please be there by 12:00 Noon.

Major prizes this year are:

1st Prize - \$300 Gift Card

2nd Prize - Ring Door Bell

3rd Prize - Air Purifier.

Additionally, there will be donated prizes. You can mail in your Discount Coupon stubs with checks to the office or give them to your host/hostess at any event. So, PLEASE buy your coupons so as to help our wonderful organization continue our Grief Support sessions and meet our monthly obligations. We need members to sell coupons to friends and family. You may contact the office or your host/hostess for more coupons. If you chose not to participate in the fundraiser, PLEASE RETURN them to the office so we may issue them to other members who are selling them. Let's make this our best year ever. Hope you win!

Door prizes will be drawn for those present at the General Meeting (must be present to win door prizes). If you have questions, call the office at (817) 551-2922. Hope to see you soon.

We are working on next year's fundraisers and would like some ideas. If you would like to suggest a trip or cruise, text Ruth Turner at (817) 713-9372. Also, if you want to suggest something locally, we would appreciate it.

Have a great Independence Day on July 4th, and fly your flag!

Phyllis Weisheit, President

OUTREACH GRIEF SUPPORT

Good morning, my WPS Friends. As we greet this wonderful day, let us be grateful for our many blessings.

I trust you will find some meaning in the following article called, "Standing in Front of a Crossroad" (*Message in a Bottle* by Christina Rasmussen).

"Some will tell you to go left.

Others tell you to go right.

And some tell you to stay put.

Wait.

Maybe make a decision a year from now.

Or even two.

Just stand in front of the crossroad until then.

And because you doubt yourself you listen to the waiting crowd.

Thinking it's for the best right now.

But is it?

Your standing there for so long.

Unmovable. Unchangeable.

Waiting to live. Afraid of choices.

You are a human being.

You are here to change, move, act, step out.

You are not here to sit and wait.

You are here to live out loud.

Especially because you now know how quickly the crossroad can be taken away from you.

How quickly you won't have a choice to make.

The crossroad is a big honor.

The honor of being alive.

Should you move to a new town?

Should you change your job?

Should you cut your hair?

Should you turn down a dinner invitation?

The questions in front of the crossroad are infinite, but they must always be answered.

You must always make a choice.

Learning to step on the crossroad is a challenge.

But a challenge we must accept.

Now, what is the question you have been asking in front of the crossroad?

Answer it!...Will you?..."

Happy July 4th. Hugs.

Ruth Turner, Outreach Chairman & Certified Grief Support Facilitator

NOTICE: The next Board Meeting will be held at the WPS office on Saturday, July 13, 2024, at 10:30 AM.

Our next Grief Support series will be held July 14 - August 11 at Genesis United Methodist Church in Fort Worth. Refer to Page 3 for details and the complete 2024 Grief Support series schedule.

WAYS & MEANS

Dances:

Nancy Sheffer-Poole and Phyllis Weisheit hosted a WPS sponsored dance **Wednesday, June 12**, at the Arlington Elks Lodge.

Debbie Smith and Eula Plummer will be hosting a WPS sponsored dance on **Wednesday, July 10**, at the Arlington Elks Lodge. **See the attached flyer for details.**

Ann Barnes and Ruth Turner hosted a WPS DJ Dance at the Burleson Senior Center on Friday May 24. The next scheduled WPS DJ Dances will be **Friday June 28**, and **Friday, July 26**. **See the attached flyer for details.**

Travel:

WPS and First Travel of Burleson are sponsoring a bus trip to Branson, MO, on December 2 -5. This trip is now at or near capacity and will be open for waiting list only. If you want to go, call First Travel of Burleson at (817) 447-8747. The trip flyer was available in recent newsletters. All 2024 newsletters are available on our website, www.wpstc.org.

Donate 2 Impact:

The next donation period is scheduled for September 9 - 22. Those members that are working as a drop off location will start accepting donations on September 9. Please save your donations until then.

October Drawing:

Members attending the October General Meeting will also have the opportunity to win one of three main prizes listed on the Discount Coupons (also see the President’s Message on page 1). In addition to the prizes listed on the Discount Coupons, donated prizes as well as door prizes (must be present to win door prizes) will be awarded. If you have a gift that you were given and you don’t need or have gift cards that you have not used, please consider donating it/them to WPS to be awarded at the drawing.

2025 WPS Directory:

Each year we publish a WPS Directory as a fundraiser. Both Ad and Member directory input sheets are required so that we can generate the 2025 WPS Directory. The Member and Ad Directory input sheets, as well as an ad cover letter explaining WPS, are available on our website, wpstc.org.

North Texas Giving Day:

The early giving period this year is September 1 – 18. NTX Giving Day is September 19. **See the attached flyer for more information.**

Ron Zembek, Ways and Means Chairman

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Karen Gabriel	Patrick Frederick
Larry Glover	Ronnie Smith
Linda Cogburn	Virginia Wicher

MEMORIALS

Janice Martin in Memory of Freeman Martin
 Marvin Malone in Memory of Margee Malone
 Mary Wilson in Memory of Tom Wilson
 Mike Grissom in Memory of Roberta Grissom & Marvin Stanley
 Peggy Harkins in Memory of Mansel Madden
 Ron Keneipp in Memory of Nanci Keneipp
 Voleen Bailey in Memory of Gerald Brown

DONORS

Kenneth Parker

ILLNESSES

None reported

DEATHS

Dorothy Miles	Pat Powell
Judy Clarke	

STILL WORKING?

For members still working, WPS offers a Facebook group and occasional Saturday brunches. Contact Robin Parr at rparr822@sbcglobal.net.



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.

JAN 14, 21, 28; FEB 4, 11 : Pleasantview Baptist Church, 4400 Pleasantview Dr, Arlington. Facilitator: Merryll Kloster.

FEB 18, 25; MAR 3, 10, 17 : 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.

JUN 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 : Pleasantview Baptist Church, 4400 Pleasantview Dr, Arlington. Facilitator: Arlyne Clements.

JUL 14, 21, 28; AUG 4, 11 : Genesis United Methodist Church, 7635 S Hulen St, Fort Worth. Facilitator: Ruth Turner.

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

SEP 29; OCT 6, 13, 20, 27 : Pleasantview Baptist Church, 4400 Pleasantview Dr, Arlington. Facilitator: Merryll Kloster.

HOLIDAY GRIEF SUPPORT : NOV 3 : 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.
- 2. Electronic Bank Transfer** to Routing # 311 981 614 and Account # 0008 196110.
- 3. Credit Card.** Access our website at wpstc.org and choose "Donations." Click on "use a credit card online" near the middle of the page and follow the instructions.
- 4. Kroger Community Rewards Program.** Call 866-221-4141 or register online at kroger.com/account/enrollCommunityRewardsNow/ 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.
- 5. Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD).** Contact your financial institution for details.
- 6. Leave a Legacy.** 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)
Genesis United Methodist Church, Fort Worth
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 _____



*Widowed Persons Service
of Tarrant County*

2906 S E Loop 820
Suite A
Fort Worth, Texas 76140-1030

NON-PROFIT ORG.
U. S. POSTAGE
PAID
FORT WORTH, TX
PERMIT NO. 2389

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

DATED MATERIAL: PLEASE DELIVER BY JULY 1, 2024

OFFICER AND BOARD MEMBERS

WIDOWED PERSONS SERVICE OF TARRANT COUNTY FOR YEAR 2024

OFFICERS

BOARD MEMBERS

President :	Phyllis Weisheit	Barbara Brickley	Diane Bowman
Vice President :	Ruth Turner	Arlyne Clements	Margaret Davis
Secretary :	Judy Baker	Sharon Ellershaw	Gary Frye
Treasurer :	Mike Grissom	Kay Hall	Bob Howard
		Jane Morton	Eula Plummer
		Nancy Sheffer-Poole	Debbie Smith
		Carol Stacy	Ron Zembek

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

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

WPS PURPOSE : 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

Hosts Needed for Arlington and Mansfield Dinners !!!

Volunteers are still needed to host the Arlington and Mansfield Dinners. 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 : JUL 11 ONLY, 11:45 AM : Division Street Diner, 1800 W Division St, 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 : JUL 8 ONLY, 11:30 AM : Station 330, 210 S Main St, Burleson. Contact Ann Barnes, 817-774-6073.

Dinner : JUL 15 ONLY, 4:30 PM : Antonio's Mexican Restaurant, 344 SW Wilshire Blvd, 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 : The Porch, 2771 E Broad St, Ste 201, Mansfield (across from Methodist Hospital). Contact Arlyne Clements, 817-366-0430.

Lunch : JUL 12 ONLY, 12:00 NOON : Eggsquisite Cafe, 1530 E Debbie Ln, Mansfield. Contact Judy Baker, 817-320-3825.

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

Games: Every 2nd and 4th Tuesday 1:30 - 4:00 PM : First Methodist Church, Mansfield, 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 : JUL 10 ONLY, 1:00 PM : Feedstore BBQ & More, 530 S White Chapel Blvd, Southlake. ★ Contact Sharon Ellershaw, 817-233-4064.

Dinner : JUL 16 ONLY, 5:00 PM : Outback Steakhouse, 813 Airport Fwy, Hurst. Contact Linda Turner, 817-475-3014.

SOUTHWEST

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

Lunch : JUL 1 ONLY, 11:30 AM : Cracker Barrel, 8010 SW Loop 820 (exit Winscott Rd), Benbrook. ★ Contact Phyllis Bell, 817-657-5579, if you plan to attend (restaurant needs a head count).

Dinner: JUL 16 ONLY, 4:00 PM : Olive Garden, 4700 SW Loop 820 (across from Hulen Mall), Fort Worth. ★ Contact Joe Harris, 817-929-8658, if you plan to attend (restaurant needs a head count).

SPECIAL EVENTS

Friday, JUN 28 : Dance, Burleson Senior Center.

Wednesday, JUL 10 : Dance, Arlington Elks Lodge. See the attached flyer for details.

Friday, JUL 26 : DJ Dance, Burleson Senior Center. See the attached flyer for details.

Sponsored by Widowed Persons Service

Come Enjoy a Night with



“Billy Keeble & the Montana Band”

Wednesday, July 10, 2024

6:30 to 9:00 PM

\$10 PER PERSON AT DOOR



BRING YOUR FAMILY & FRIENDS !!!

IT'S OPEN TO THE PUBLIC !!!

Arlington Elks Lodge

601 W Pioneer Pkwy, Arlington

Serving Food 5:30 to 6:30 PM @ \$8 per Person

- **BBQ Pork Sandwiches & Grilled Chicken Sandwiches**
- **Potato Salad, Baked Beans & Desserts**

Proceeds from food go to ELKS National Foundation

★ **Reservations are appreciated to ensure enough food is available** ★

Drawings for Door Prizes and MORE !!!

Information: Debbie 469-684-9982 or Eula 214-668-7999

Sponsored by Widowed Persons Service

Come Dance/Listen to

Country & Western Songs from the Past and Present

with

Travis Moncrief as Disc Jockey

Dance

Friday, July 26, 2024

6:30 to 9:00 PM



Admission: Donations Only

Snacks available at the break

Bring Your Family & Friends !!!

It's Open to the Public !!!

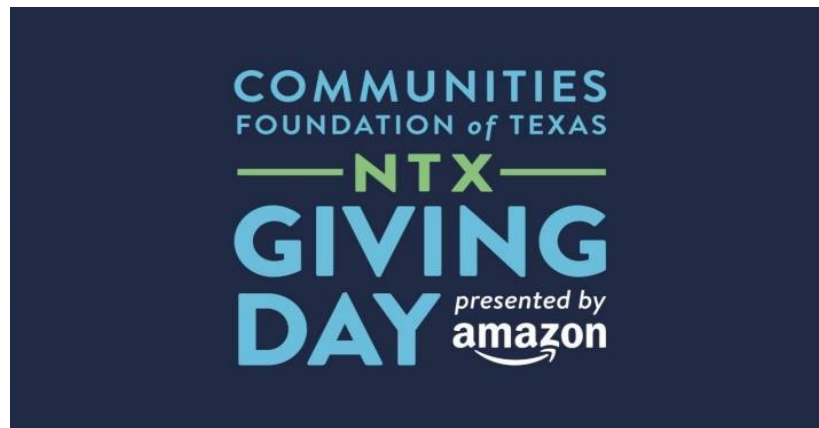
Dance

Burleson Senior Center

216 SW Johnson Ave, Burleson



Information: Ann 817-774-6073



WHAT IS NORTH TEXAS GIVING DAY 2024?

North Texas Giving Day 2024 is sponsored by the Communities Foundation of Texas. For the 16th year, CFT has brought together over 3,200 local non-profits like WPS for an area-wide one-day event as one means of raising annual operating funds. WPS has been participating in the North Texas Giving Day for several years. Last year we received over \$625 in needed funds. We invite you to help us reach our goal of \$1,200 this year. A donation of any amount is appreciated. Your gift counts!

All members are encouraged to donate. Additionally, explain our mission to your friends and family members and encourage them to donate, also. If you are still employed, and if your employer does gift matching to charitable organizations, it is an easy way to double your contribution.

HOW DO I DONATE?

It's easy! On Thursday, September 19, between 6:00 AM and Midnight:

1. You **must** use a **credit card** or **debit card** to donate. Donations **must** be made **online only**.
2. Using your computer or smartphone, go to www.northtexasgivingday.org.
3. At the top, in the Search window, enter "Widowed Persons Service of Tarrant County." Choose "Donate" and follow the instructions.
4. We prefer that you use your own name so that we will be able to recognize you as a donor. However, if you prefer that your donation remain completely anonymous, you may choose that option, also.
5. To complete the checkout process, choose "Pay \$xxx.xx."
6. Although NTX Giving Day is officially a one day event, you may donate at any time from midnight September 1 until midnight September 18. Your card will not be charged until September 19.
7. You will receive an email confirmation of your donation and a printable receipt.

NEED MORE INFORMATION? Contact Kay Hall, Coordinator, at (817) 937-6435