

# WIDOWED PERSONS SERVICE NEWSLETTER - OCTOBER 2024

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This month I have asked our Program Chairman, Nancy Sheffer-Poole to update us on the Christmas Banquet.

### DECEMBER 1, 2024 - ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BANQUET

It's that time of the year again to be thinking about attending our Christmas Banquet. The banquet will be held at **Mira Vista Country Club, 6600 Mira Vista Blvd, Fort Worth, on Sunday December 1, 2024**

The Christmas Banquet always affords a wonderful venue for an afternoon of socializing with friends and great music for your listening/dancing pleasure. Attending the banquet gives a person the chance to dress up and also see some of your friends that you don't see on a regular basis.

You may **arrive** around **12:45 pm**. Be sure to check in at the sign in table for your *table number and where you will be seated*.

You will be able to come downstairs, by way of the elevator to participate in the Silent Auction. The tables will be in the back of the seating area. We will have some very nice items again this year, so be sure you check them out and do some Christmas shopping. Coffee and water will be available.

**Seating will begin at 1:15PM and will be pre-arranged. Dinner will be served at 1:30PM.**

Nancy Sheffer-Poole will be visiting all functions in the month of October to take money for early bird reservations. The cost is \$30.00 per person for reservations made by November 15. Reservations postmarked between November 16 and 22 go to \$40.00. (NO EXCEPTIONS). We accept cash, checks and charge cards for payment. You may also give your reservation to your event host. *If you wish to sit with a group of 8 or 10, a list of names and the money **must be turned in at the same time***. If you wish to sit with a group of 4 or 6, just know that there will be other people seated at your table, as we seat 10 per table.

**Door prizes will be awarded to those present.**

If anyone would like to donate items for door prizes or know of any one, who would like to donate, or for questions or info Please contact NANCY SHEFFER-POOLE, (Note the area code) @ **812-593-1578**. Hope to see all of you there!

*Phyllis Weisheit*

President

## OUTREACH GRIEF SUPPORT

**Good morning, Dear Friends.** If you are recently widowed or have friends who are recently widowed, try our Support Group. It takes a lot of courage to walk into a Support Group the first time, but grief is a terrible burden to carry alone. You have a choice... It is comfortable (even though miserable and lonely) to curl up and let the world go on without you...or...you can choose to make a new but different life. Commit to living and let a support group show you the way.

If there is ever a time when we need others to support and nurture us, it's when that spouse we love dies. Sharing the devastation that results won't make the hurt go away, but it does make it more bearable. In thinking about this critical importance of seeking support, we can learn from the natural instincts for support and companionship demonstrated by "*Wild Geese*."

When flying in formation, if any goose has a problem, two other geese will always drop out of formation and follow the wayward goose to help support and protect it. They stay present to the goose that has special needs until it is able to continue the journey on its own. If we humans can learn from the wisdom of geese, we will always companion each other in difficult times. Receiving help from others who have been or are on a similar journey strengthens the bonds of compassion and love that help us survive when we are overwhelmed by our loss.

"There is strength in numbers," one saying goes. This is a time in your life when you need to let other people in. Seek out people who encourage you to be yourself and who acknowledge your many thoughts and feelings. In an ideal world, this is your family and friends. If this is not true for you, my hope is that you will seek out other sources of support such as attending our "Grief Support Series" as many times as you wish.

**September 29, October 6, 13, 20, 27 at Pleasantview Baptist Church in Arlington will be our last 5 week cycle for this year, and we will start up again January 2025.**

Do something good for yourself or others! Keep up that "attitude of gratitude" every day and don't forget...Kindness Matters! Happy Halloween.

Hugs!

*Ruth Turner*

**Outreach Chairman and Certified Facilitator**

**NOTICE: The next Board Meeting will be held at the WPS office on Saturday, October 5, 2024, at 10:30 AM.**

**Our current Grief Support series continues through October 27. Out next series begins in January 2025. Refer to Page 3 for details.**

**Ways and Means**

**Dances:** **Debbie Smith** and **Eula Plummer** hosted a WPS Dance on September 11, 2024, at the **Arlington Elks Lodge**. **Nancy Sheffer-Poole** and **Phyllis Weisheit** will host the next WPS Dance on Wednesday October 9, 2024 at the **Arlington Elks Lodge**. (Flyer pg. 5).

**Ann Barnes and Ruth Turner** hosted a **WPS DJ Dance** at the **Burleson Senior Center** on **Friday September 27, 2024**. The next scheduled **WPS DJ Dance** is **Friday October 25, 2024**. (Flyer pg. 8)

**Meet and Eat Fundraiser:** **Ann Barnes** is hosting a fundraiser for WPS members and guests only at a **new location**. October's fundraiser lunch will be Monday, October 14, 2024, at 3:30 PM at **On the Border, 13005 South Fwy, Burleson, Tx 76028**. You will need to order prior to 4:00PM, for lunch prices. WPS will receive 20% of the proceeds on your food bill flyer pg 8).

**October Drawing & General Meeting:** **The General Meeting and Annual Drawing** is **Thursday, October 17, 2024**, at **The Olive Garden, 4604 S Cooper Street, Arlington, TX, at 1:00 PM**. (If you plan to have lunch, be there at 12:00PM Noon) The three prizes listed on the Discount Coupons will be awarded during this meeting plus seven additional drawing prizes and ten door prizes. To be part of this drawing you must have submitted the stub attached to the WPS Annual Drawing Discount Coupon. Additional Discount Coupons may be purchased at the General Meeting prior to 12:50 PM. Bring your return address labels to quickly fill out the stubs. Those attending the general meeting will also be eligible to receive door prizes (flyer pg 10).

**2025 WPS Directory:** A combined Member and Ad directory input sheet was included as a flyer in the September newsletter so that we can generate the 2025 WPS Directory. The Member and Ad directory input sheets are also available on our website, [wpstc.org](http://wpstc.org). The charge is \$10 for member input. The Ads are \$40 for a half page advertisement and \$60 for a full-page advertisement. A cover sheet is also available on our website to explain the Directory.

**WPS Travel:** **First Travel of Burleson** has set up a **WPS Caribbean Cruise for Oct 25, 2025, to Nov 1, 2025 (next year)**. The price includes taxes, fees and port expenses. (flyer pg 10). These cruises fill up fast, so get your deposit in early. The flyer was included in the September WPS Newsletter and can be viewed on our website [wpstc.org](http://wpstc.org).

*Ron Zembeck*

Ways and Means Chairman

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

Vicki Keltner	Penny Langstrand	Carol Young
Nancy Dodson	Maria Kelso	Debra Smith
Rachel Howell	Buck Nelson	John Hall
Laura Barrow	Glenda Mash	Ann Robinson
Irene Nabors		

**MEMORIALS**

<b>Name</b>	<b>In Memory of ...</b>
Sheila Franklin	Herman Franklin
Suzy Flynn	Jack Flynn & Phil Dunlap
Gary Frye	Richard Frye

**DONORS**

Kenneth Hulsey	Kristina Hendrickson
Billie Brooks	Betty Washington
Harold Millender	Gary Frye

**ILLNESSES**

Phyllis Bell	Frances Grote
Debbie Smith	Kay Hall
Joe Harris	Brenda Williamson

**DEATHS**

George Renfro

**STILL WORKING?**

For members still working, WPS offers a Facebook group and occasional Saturday brunches. Contact Robin Parr at [rparr822@sbcglobal.net](mailto: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: Merryl 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: Marcia Devoll.

**JUL 14, 21, 28; AUG 4, 11** : WPS OFFICE, 2906 SE Loop 820, Suite A Fort Worth 76140. 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: Merryl Kloster.

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

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

**DONATION OPTIONS****for**  
**MEMBERS, FAMILY & FRIENDS**

- Cash or check to the WPS office.** Use the form below.
- Credit Card.** Access our website at [wpstc.org](http://wpstc.org) and choose "Donations." Click on "use a credit card online" near the middle of the page and follow the instructions.
- Kroger Community Rewards Program.** Call 866-221-4141 or register online at [kroger.com/account/enrollCommunityRewardsNow/](http://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.
- Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD).** Contact your financial institution for details.
- 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)  
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 OCTOBER 1, 2024**

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

**OFFICERS**

**BOARD MEMBERS**

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

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 Northeast Dinners !!!

Volunteers are still needed to host the Arlington and Northeast 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: OCT 10, @ 11:45 am Jay Jay's Café, 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 east side service road), Burleson. Contact Diane Bowman, 817-996-2337.**

**LUNCH: OCT 14 @ 3:30PM. On the Border, 13005 South Fwy, Burleson (I-35 east side service road). ★ This is a fundraiser for WPS members and guests only. Contact Ann Barnes 817-774-6073 FUNDRAISER.**

**DINNER: OCT 21 @ 4PM, Old Texas 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, The Porch, 2771 E Broad St, Ste 201, Mansfield (across from Methodist Hospital). Contact Arlyne Clements, 817-366-0430.**

**LUNCH: OCT 4, @12 NOON, Saltgrass Steak House 1770 N US 287, Mansfield. ★ Contact Judy Baker, 817-320-3825.**

**DINNER: Oct 24, @ 4PM, 54th Street Restaurant, 600 US 287 Frontage Rd, Mansfield. ★ Contact Mary Cobb 817-473-3619.**

**GAMES: Every 2nd and 4th Tuesday 1:30 - 4:00 PM, First Methodist Church, 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: OCT 9, @ 1PM: Olive Garden, 8020 Bedford Eules Rd, N Richland Hills. ★ Contact Chuck Kraut 817-229-5194 .**

**DINNER: : Oct 15, @ 5PM: Red Lobster, 7800 Bedford Eules Rd, N Richland Hills. Contact Ann Marie Harmon 817-320-0240.**

#### SOUTHWEST

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

**LUNCH: OCT 7 @ 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: OCT 15 @4:00 PM, Olive Garden, 4700 SW Loop 820 (across from Hulen Mall), Fort Worth. Contact Joyce Pages, 817-229-2286, if you plan to attend (restaurant needs a head count).**

## SPECIAL EVENTS

**Friday, SEP 27: DJ Dance, Burleson Senior Center.**

**Wednesday, OCT 9: Dance, Arlington Elks Lodge. See the attached flyer for details.**

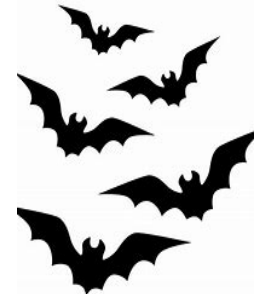
**Friday, OCT 25: DJ Dance, Burleson Senior Center. See the attached flyer for details.**

***Sponsored by Widowed Persons Service***

**Come Enjoy a**



**HALLOWEEN DANCE**  
**with**  
***“Ben & Doug”***  
***50s/60s/70s/80s Music***



***Be Very Scared !!!***

**→ Come in costume if you like ! ←**

**Wednesday, October 9, 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**



***Monster Mash !!!***

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

***Taco Soup, Vegetable Soup, Grilled Cheese Sandwich & Dessert***

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

***Drawings for Door Prizes and MORE !!!***

**Information: Nancy 812-593-1578 or Phyllis 817-371-2151**



## **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**

# Sponsored by Widowed Persons Service

Come Dance/Listen to

**Country & Western  
Songs from the Past and Present**  
with  
**Travis Moncrief as Disc Jockey**

Friday, October 25, 2024

6:30 to 9:00 PM

Dance

Admission: Donations Only

Snacks available at the break

Bring Your Family & Friends !!!

It's Open to the Public !!!

**Burleson Senior Center**

216 SW Johnson Ave, Burleson



Information: Ann 817-774-6073



## Meet & Eat at "On The Border" Fundraiser

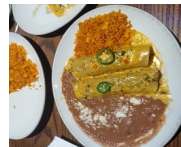
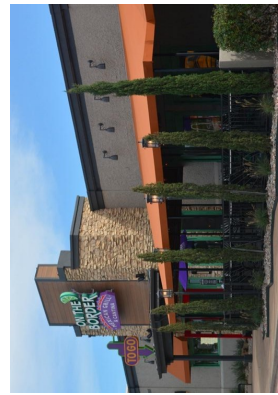
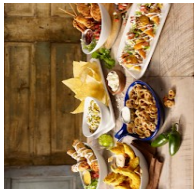
This Month's Fundraiser will be at  
**On the Border of Burleson**

**On the Border of Burleson will be donating 20% of  
your total food purchase to WPS**

Monday, October 14, 2024, 3:30 PM

On the Border, 13005 South Fwy (I-35 east side service road),  
Burleson, TX 76028

**This fundraiser is open to WPS members and  
guests only. Please let them know you are with  
WPS. (Order before 4:00PM to get lunch prices.)**



Sponsored by Widowed Persons Service of Tarrant County  
Information Ann (817) 774-6073





**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 -**



**CANDLELIGHT MEMORIAL SERVICE**

**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.**

**LAST CHANCE**



**FINAL REMINDER**

# General Meeting & Yearly Drawing

**Thursday, October 17, 2024, 1:00 PM**

**(If having lunch, be there at 12:00 Noon)**

**Olive Garden**

**4604 S Cooper Street, Arlington**

- **Drawing Prizes and Door Prizes Will be Awarded**
- **Meet your 2025 Nominated Board Members**



**FIRST TRAVEL**  
OF BURLESON

## 7-Night Western Caribbean Cruise 2025 Carnival Cruise Line - Jubilee

**October 25 to November 1, 2025**

### Departing from Galveston, Texas

- **SATURDAY** – Depart from Galveston, Texas (4pm Embark)
- **SUNDAY** – Fun Day at Sea
- **MONDAY** – Fun Day at Sea
- **TUESDAY** – Mahogany Bay, Roatan (8AM – 6PM)
- **WEDNESDAY** – Costa Maya, Mexico (8am – 5pm)
- **THURSDAY** – Cozumel, Mexico (8am – 4pm)
- **FRIDAY** – Fun Day at Sea
- **SATURDAY** – Arrive in Galveston, Texas (8am Disembark)

**Deposit: \$250 Per Person      Final Payment Due: July 25, 2025**

**Package Pricing: Price is for 2 Persons (Based on Double Occupancy)**

- **Interior Room** - \$1,728 - Price is for 2
- **8C – Balcony State Room** - \$2,368 - Price is for 2 (Decks 10 or 11)
- **8E – Balcony State Room** - \$2,388 - Price is for 2 (Decks 12 or 14)
- **8G – Balcony State Room** - \$2,428 - Price is for 2 (Decks 15 or 16)

**\*Price Includes: Taxes, Fees & Port Expenses**

**"Without a Travel Agent, You are on your Own"!**

Optional cancellation insurance is available, due at time of booking

**CALL AMANDA & SHERRY FOR DETAILS**

**FIRST TRAVEL OF BURLESON 817-447-8747**

