

WIDOWED PERSONS SERVICE NEWSLETTER - AUGUST 2025

Serving Tarrant County and Surrounding Areas

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Summer is here. Hope you are staying **cool!**

This month's feature is our **"Members Directory."** It's time to sign up for our annual WPS members only directory so that our members can communicate with each other. It's hard to have everyone's number in your phone.

The Directory form is in this month's newsletter (page 7), and the cost is only \$10. This is also a fundraiser for WPS. Please return the form and money as soon as possible.

We are also looking for businesses to advertise in our directory. If you do business with a company, ask them to place an ad in our directory. Their business will be listed in our directory, but they will receive a businesses-only copy of the directory so they can't solicit business from us. A half page ad is \$40, and a full page ad is \$60. This information can be very helpful to members when looking for repairs needs.

Don't forget to send in your drawing coupon stubs and money for our annual drawing in October. Ask your event host for extra drawing coupons to sell extras to friends and family. This is what helps keep the newsletter coming to you.

Please remember WPS on **North Texas Giving Day**, an annual event in which we participate along with many other non-profits in the area. This year NTX Giving Day is on Thursday, September 19. NTX Giving Day provides an opportunity for special contributions and has been a significant source of income for the organization in past years. Anyone can donate, so make your family and friends aware of this opportunity. Please be as generous as you can, although donations of any amount are much appreciated. Full details are available in the flyer (page 6).

Remember to wear your name tag to all breakfasts, lunches and dinners as this is the way new members get to know more friendly people. Please don't tell someone they can't sit beside you, as this causes new people to drop out of WPS because they feel like they are not welcome. Introduce them to others in the group.

I want to commend our facilitators and assistants for the great work they are doing with the Grief Support sessions as our attendances are beginning to increase this year. If you know someone who is grieving over the loss of their spouse, offer to go with them to the first session, as it is hard to walk into a room full of strangers.

Phyllis Weisheit, WPS President

OUTREACH GRIEF SUPPORT

Hello again, my Dear Ones.

This year WPS is hosting nine (9) five-week Grief Support Series, in the north, east, south, and west areas of the Metroplex to give widows and widowers a place to go not too far from where they live. This includes an evening session for those that work. If you have not been to one or need a refresher course this is for you.

Attend as many Grief Support sessions as you like. It gives you somewhere to go Sunday afternoons from 2:30 to 4:30 PM -and-you are greeting new friends who "have walked in your shoes."

"Grief Support"Donna stood outside in the parking lot trying to talk herself into entering the building. Once in the door, the next step would be to get to "that" room. The thought of it caused her palms to sweat and her heart pound. Then what? She would need to enter the room to meet a room full of strangers she did not know. "What did I get myself into?" she questioned. "Will I have to speak? What will people think about me? What if I cry?" Her fears were beginning to overcome her choice to be there. This raised her anxiety even more. She wondered, "Is it possible someone else feels the same? Why am I afraid?"

Over the forty-six (46) years we have been facilitating support groups, participants have expressed these feelings. Attending a support group for the first time can be intimidating. Let me suggest though, that sharing the experience with someone else, going through the loss of a loved one far outweighs the burden of thinking grief is something I should be able to manage on my own.

Today's groups are a mixture of men and women, young and old, and death situations that vary from sudden to anticipated to traumatic. Grief has no boundaries. Just like our fingerprints, we are all different individuals trying to live with the hand we have been dealt. Grief groups are a place to recognize that you are not alone. It's a place to heal. Don't pass up this opportunity. We make a lot of choices in life and when loss has complicated our day-to-day existence, choose to allow others to understand you, nurture you, and offer you their friendship. Our support can be the best choice you make in living after loss.

Ruth Turner, Outreach Chairman &
Certified Grief Support Facilitator

NOTICE: The next Board Meeting will be held at the WPS office on Saturday, August 2, 2025, at 10:30 AM.

Current Grief Session: August 3 & 10 at Trinity Episcopal Church. **NEXT Grief Session:** Aug. 17, 24; Sep 7, 14, 21, at Lucas Funeral Home. Refer to Page 3 for details on this and all the other Grief Support sessions for this year.

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Dance Fundraisers: Debbie Smith and Eula Plummer hosted a WPS Dance on July 9, 2025, at the Arlington Elks Lodge. Nancy Sheffer-Poole and Phyllis Weisheit will host a WPS Dance on Wednesday, August 13, 2025, at the Arlington Elks Lodge. (Flyer pg 5.)

Ann Barnes and Ruth Turner will host the WPS DJ dances on Friday, July 25, 2025 & August 22, 2025, at the Burleson Senior Center. (Flyer pg 5). Please donate at the same rate (\$10) that you are charged at other WPS dances.

WPS Travel Fundraiser: First Travel of Burleson has set up a WPS Caribbean Cruise for Oct 25, 2025, to Nov 1, 2025. There is now a reserved bus to Galveston for the Cruise for \$140 per person round trip.

Donate 2 Impact Fundraiser: The next scheduled donation period is September 8 to 21, 2025.

October Drawing Fundraiser: All WPS members were mailed 5 drawing tickets with their June newsletters. In addition to the prizes listed on the drawing ticket, donated prizes will also be awarded. Members attending the General Meeting October 16, 2025, can also win a door prize. If you have an item or gift card that you were given and do not have a need for, please give it to WPS to be awarded at the drawing. If you need additional tickets, please check with one of your hosts, any WPS Board Member, or call the office.

2026 WPS Directory Fundraiser: The 2026 WPS Directory Input sheets have been updated and posted on the WPS website wpstc.org under Activities, Annual Printed Directory. Having your name added to the 2026 WPS Directory allows you to keep in touch with other WPS members, especially if you have lost contact with a close WPS friend.

North Texas Giving Day Fundraiser: See the flyer (pg 6) included with this newsletter for details. This is a convenient way to donate to WPS.

Fundraisers: All the listed items above plus Donations / Memorials provide funds that allow WPS to pay our bills. Please consider a Donation or Memorial, especially if you are not able to participate in one of our fundraisers.

Ron Zembek, Ways and Means Chairman

You have no idea what **others** are dealing with in their **personal life**
So just **be nice**, its that simple.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Arzona Lee
Shihping Edmundson
Evelyn Bowen
Billie Evans
Dennis Webb
Jeremy Carpenter
Sandra Kudelka

Betty Luttrell
JoAnn Wallace
Luther Mergner
Jean Tinkle
Janna Mayfield
Tammy Schreiber

MEMORIALS

Name

Anita Goodale
Vicki Leza
Janice Martin

In Memory of

Bill Goodale
Rudy Leza
Freeman Martin, Jr.

DONORS

Jenny Neumann
Carol Bennett
Judy Seifer
Kenneth Parker
Marylin Hicks
Nannette Green
Kristina Hendrickson

ILLNESSES

Linda Orwan

DEATHS

None Reported

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 2025 2:30 to 4:30 PM **SUNDAYS EXCEPT FOR NIGHT CLASSES**

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. ***This year there are two Grief Support sessions scheduled at the same time, one in Mansfield and one in Hurst.**

JAN 12, 19, 26; FEB 2, 9: Pleasantview Baptist Church, 4400 Pleasantview Dr, Arlington. Facilitator: **Merryl Kloster.**

FEB 16, 23; MAR 2, 9 (note Daylight Saving Time change), 16: First Baptist Church Burleson, 317 W Ellison St, Burleson (park behind church). Facilitator: **Ruth Turner.**

MAR 23, 30; APR 6, 13, (SKIP 20), 27 : Pleasantview Baptist Church, 4400 Pleasantview Dr, Arlington. Facilitator: **Marcia Devoll.**

***NEW* APR 30; MAY 7, 14, 21, 28 NIGHT CLASSES:** WEDNESDAYS, 6-8PM, St Barnabas United Methodist Church, 5011 W Pleasant Ridge Rd, Arlington. Facilitator: **Marcia Devoll.**

***JUN 1, 8, 15, 22, 29:** St John Lutheran Church, 1218 Debbie Ln, Mansfield (in Youth Bldg at back of church - park in back). Facilitator: **Phyllis Weisheit.**

***JUN 1, 8, 15, 22, 29:** Lucas Funeral Home, 1321 Precinct Line Rd, Hurst. Facilitator: **Sharon Ellershaw.**

JUL 13, 20 27; AUG 3, 10: Trinity Episcopal Church, 3401 Belaire Dr S, Fort Worth. Facilitator: **Ruth Turner.**

AUG 17, 24, (SKIP 31); SEP 7, 14, 21: Lucas Funeral Home, 1321 Precinct Line Rd, Hurst. Facilitator: **Sharon Ellershaw.**

SEP 28; OCT 5, 12, 19, 26: Pleasantview Baptist Church, 4400 Pleasantview Dr, Arlington. Facilitator: **Merryl Kloster.**

HOLIDAY GRIEF SUPPORT: NOV 2, 2:30 - 4:30 PM (note Daylight Saving Time change). St. Barnabas United Methodist Church, 5011 W Pleasant Ridge Rd, Arlington.

CANDLELIGHT MEMORIAL SERVICE: NOV 9, 3:00 PM. St. John Lutheran Church, 1218 E Debbie Ln, Mansfield.

Substitute Facilitator: **Arlyne Clements.**

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

1. **Cash or check to WPS office.** Use the form below.
2. **Electronic Funds Transfer.** Transfer to Routing # 311981614 and Account # 0008196110.
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

Blink Designwear
 Donate 2 Impact
 First Travel of Burleson
 Hoopla Magazine
 Kroger Markets
 Mastercraft Printed Products & 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
 Trinity Episcopal Church, Fort Worth
 St. Barnabas United Methodist Church, Arlington

CASH OR CHECK DONATION

To mail a Donation or Memorial 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/Memorial: \$25 \$50 \$100 Other \$ _____

If a Memorial gift, this is In Memory of (name) _____

Specify where to send Donation/Memorial acknowledgement:

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

RECURRING EVENTS

ARLINGTON

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

LUNCH: AUG 14 @ 11:45am, Jay Jay Café, 1001S Bowen Rd, Arlington. If you plan to attend **Contact Rita Sanders 817-907-7878**, if you plan to attend @ 817-907-7878, head count needed.

DINNER: AUG 25 @ 4pm, Cotton Patch, 461 E Interstate 20, Arlington. **Contact Donna Adams if you plan to attend @ 817-609-2726.**

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: August 8 @ 11:30am, Frisco's Cocina Mexican, 112 S Main St, Burleson. **Contact Ann Barnes 817-774-6073.**

***DINNER: NEW HOST August 28 @ 4pm**, Station 330, 210 S. Main St, Burleson. **Contact Diana Stenburg @ 817-925-1006** if you plan to attend.

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, Mansfield (across from Methodist Hospital). **Contact Arlyne Clements, 817-366-0430.**

LUNCH: Aug 1 @ 12noon, Salt Grass steak House, 1770 U.S. 287 Frontage Rd., Mansfield. **Contact Judy Baker 817-320-3825.**

DINNER: AUG 21 @ 4pm, Fish City Grill, 581 W Debbie Ln, Mansfield. **Contact Mary Cobb 817-473-3619.**

GAMES: Every 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 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: Aug 13 @ 1pm, Cristina's 9159 Blvd 26 #300, NRH. **Contact Ann Marie Harmon 817-320-0240.**

DINNER: Aug 19 @ 5pm, Ernie's Seafood 8206 Bedford-Eules Rd, NRH. **Contact Chuck Kraut @ 817-229-5194.**

SOUTHWEST

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

LUNCH: August 5, changed to Tuesday @ 11:30 am, Westside Café, 7950 Camp Bowie W. Blvd, Fort Worth. **Contact Ski Lieske**, if you plan to attend @ 817-789-3778, need head count.

DINNER: August 19 @ 4pm, Olive Garden, 4700 SW Loop 820(across from Hulen Mall) Ft. Worth. **Contact Joe Harris**, if you plan to attend @ 817-929-8658.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Friday July 25 @ 6:30: DJ Dance, Burleson Senior Center. **See the attached Flyer.**

Wednesday, August 13 @ 6:30: Dance, Arlington Elks Lodge. **See the attached Flyer.**

Friday, August 22 @ 6:30: DJ Dance, Burleson Senior Center. **See the attached Flyer.**

Sponsored by
**Widowed Persons
 Service**

Come Dance/Listen to Country
 & Western

Songs from the Past and
 Present
 With

Travis Moncrief as Disc
 Jockey

Friday August 22, 2025
 6:30 to 9:00 PM

Admission: Donations Only

Snacks provided at the break.

**Your Family & Friends
 Open to the Public**

Burleson Senior Center
 216 SW Johnson Ave, Burleson,
 TX



Sponsored by Widowed Persons Service

Come Dance/Listen to

“Sweetwater Country”

Wednesday, August 13, 2025

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**



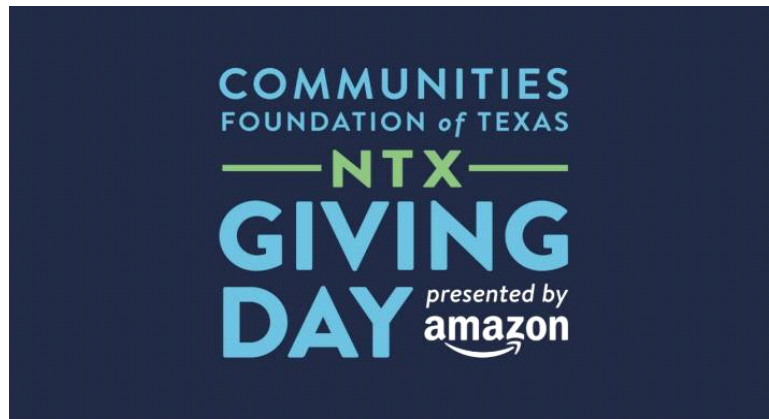
Serving Food 5:30 to 6:30 PM @ \$8 per Person

**Ham, roast beef, chicken salad, sliders,
 coleslaw and Dessert**

Proceeds from food go to ELKS National Foundation

Drawings for Door Prizes and MORE !!!

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



WHAT IS NORTH TEXAS GIVING DAY 2025?

North Texas Giving Day 2025 is sponsored by the Communities Foundation of Texas. For the 17th year, CFT is bringing 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 approximately \$600 in needed funds. We invite you to help us reach our goal of \$1,250 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 18, 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" and click the magnifying glass icon, then click on the Widowed Persons Service of Tarrant County icon box. 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." (You do not have to give the suggested 12% "tip" to Communities Foundation of Texas. Choose "Custom" on the pull-down menu and enter 0.00.)
6. Although NTX Giving Day is officially a one-day event, **you may donate at any time** from midnight August 28 until midnight September 17. Your card will not be charged until September 18.
7. You will receive an email confirmation of your donation and a printable receipt.

NEED MORE INFORMATION? Contact Mike Grissom, Coordinator, at (214) 284-3415

-----**PUT ME and PUT MY AD IN THE WPS DIRECTORY Combined Form**-----

The Ways and Means Committee on behalf of WPS is publishing a **Directory for year 2026** with the following conditions:

1. You will be listed in the Directory **ONLY** if you send in this signed form as your permission.
2. The cost is \$10.00 for each copy. A copy of the Directory will be delivered to you.
3. Commercial advertisement in the Directory is desired and encouraged. **Enclose a business card or other form for half-page ad, 4"x5" (\$40) or full-page ad, 5"x8", (\$60). (Remember: Member listing is additional \$10).**
4. The full Directory will be available to WPS members only. Advertisers will receive only a book of advertisements.

If you wish to be included, please enter the appropriate information below, send this Form and \$10.00 (for individuals) or \$40.00 or \$60.00(for advertisement) to the WPS Office by December 1, 2025.

REQUIRED INFORMATION (your listing will not be accepted without this information & signature): PLEASE PRINT

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Nickname _____

CHECK ONLY IF ENTRY IS TO STAY THE SAME AS LAST YEAR ☐ ← Please include Phone #

Primary Phone: (H, C) _____ Please circle H or C Month/Day of Birth: _____

Secondary Phone (C) _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Do you **want** your address to appear in the directory? **Yes** **No** If neither are circled, Yes is assumed

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: PLEASE PRINT

Email Address: _____

Interests: (Limited to ten (10) words) WPS RESERVES THE RIGHT TO EDIT

I hereby give my permission to WPS, and request that WPS publish the above information in the Directory, which will be made available to WPS members only. By signing below, I am acknowledging that I agree I am acquiring this Directory for my personal use and will not make it available to anyone not a member of WPS, nor will I reproduce or permit anyone to reproduce my copy of the Directory.

Printed Name: _____

(Signature) ← Required

The number of Directories printed will correspond with the response received from this announcement. If you wish to be included in the Directory, **PLEASE INCLUDE THIS FORM WITH YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO 'WPS', MAIL TO: WIDOWED PERSONS SERVICE, ATTN: WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE, 2906 SE LOOP 820, SUITE A, FORT WORTH, TEXAS 76140-1030.**

-----**Below Information for AD Only**-----

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Fort Worth, Texas 76140-1030

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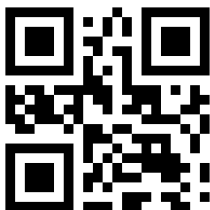
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DATED MATERIAL: PLEASE DELIVER BY AUGUST 1, 2025

**OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS
WIDOWED PERSONS SERVICE OF TARRANT COUNTY
YEAR 2025**

OFFICERS

President: Phyllis Weisheit
Vice-President: Ruth Turner
Secretary: Judy Baker
Treasurer: Mike Grissom



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

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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.