

Skagit Widowed Support Services Newsletter

Winter 2020

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Scenes from the Christmas Dinner If you were not there you missed a great time!



Note: All the pictures of people having fun at the party would not fit on this page.

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From your SWSS President

As we enter into yet another New Year, I would like to thank each and everyone of you for a wonderful 2019. We have experienced some new faces joining our organization and welcomed their individual expressions and experiences as well as their own ways of dealing with the loss of a spouse or partner. Not any of us deal with this part of our lives in the same manner. That is why we, here at SWSS, are so successful with both of our Grief Group Sessions each and every year.

With all of our Monday luncheons, as well as our three special events each year, we are able to enjoy the company and the social companionship with others that have been through the same loss.

As your President for another year, I am thoroughly committed towards making this New Year as productive and as memorable as I possibly can. I strive to make each of our social events as enjoyable to each and everyone of you that attend them, so that you go away from them much happier and with less feelings of loneliness.

So, my many SWSS friends, I am honored to serve you and this great organization for another year.

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and donations are what fund SWSS activities including our quarterly newsletter. Please support us and mail your dues and donations to **SWSS, P. O. Box 156, Mount Vernon, WA 98273**

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From Left to Right

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Join us at a board meeting! The SWSS board meets every 2nd Wednesday at 10 AM in the Skagit Publishing building Community Room.

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Note: The next free 6-week Grief Workshop will start on Tuesday March 3rd. 2020. It will be held at the Burlington Senior Center. To register or for more information, call Robin at 360-333-9973 or email her at tamacn3@mac.com

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Birthdays

January	February	March
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> James Bonholzer Bob Johnson Michael Morris 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kathy Kunferman Judy Tholstrup Sally Wirtzfeld 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jack Sands Susan Custance Sue Herlickson Chuck Parsons Penny Snarrenberg Chic Stiers Bert Stubbs

Death takes the body. God takes the soul. Our mind holds the memories. Our hearts keep the love. Our faith let's us know we will meet again.

Kelly's Trehouse



Four Things You Can't Recover:

The *Stone* after the throw.
 The *Word* after it's said.
 The *Occasion* after it's missed.
 The *Time* after it's gone.

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In Remembrance

Ron Dudeck, was a long time SWSS member. He was a familiar face at all SWSS activities. He joined the SWSS board in November 2010, and, until recently, had been an integral part of the SWSS board. Ron served as our board president for 5 years from 2011 thru 2015 and was an active member of the board until his recent health issues necessitated he step back from his board activities. Ron was a Washington native who retired from the insurance industry and moved to Mount Vernon after retiring. He was an accomplished pianist and entertained at SWSS gatherings with his music on occasions. He enjoyed the many friends he has made through SWSS, the Monday lunches and special events like the summer picnic and Christmas Dinner. He was very appreciative of the visits and cards he received from his many SWSS friends while he was in the hospital.

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1st Monday of the month is at the Royal Star located in in Mount Vernon at 2300 Freeway Dr, Mount Vernon



2nd Monday at Lorenzo's Mexican Restaurant located at 2121 East College



3rd Monday is at the San Juan Lanes located at 2821 Commercial Ave, Anacortes, WA 98221 .



4th Monday is at the Skagit Casino located in Bow at 5984 N Darrk Ln, Bow



5th Monday (if the month has 5 Mondays) is at the Farmhouse Inn located at 13724 La Conner Whitney Rd, Mount Vernon .

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