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ETH News

Sponsors Update

I am happy to announce that Bear Bear and Oscar have been adopted.



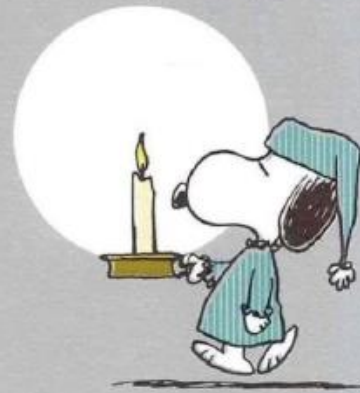
Sadly, Lola is still waiting at the Humane Society of Greene Co. Lola is a special needs senior due to a fatty tumor on her right hip area. Hopefully someone will look beyond this big bump and give her the family she deserves after being rescued from a life of neglect.

That Empty Chair

It saddens me each day to have to sit at the dinner table and look at my husband's empty chair. That is the only time of day I sit at the table. I don't want to have to look at that empty chair anymore than I have too. I try to busy myself while eating dinner so I save reading the daily newspaper and my mail until then. I also keep a paper and a pen handy just in case I would come across something either in the paper or the mail that I can do research on either for my next newsletter or an elected official that I need to contact about something that I feel I need to give my opinion on. If you know of someone who faces an empty chair everyday, please give them a call in the evening. The gift of your time will be greatly appreciated.



I'm proud of you...
The truth is, if most people really knew your story and all the things you've been through, they'd probably wonder how you're still smiling. So, if you don't hear it from anyone else, I'm proud of you



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Angel Dust

In one of my previous newsletters I talked about how my husband visits me through different means. I briefly told you about my Angel Dust experience. I was happy to find this photo on Facebook that gives you an idea of what I saw that day. It was like someone was above my house throwing handfuls of Angel Dust from a basket. I had asked Mike to make sure I didn't fall while changing a light bulb in one of the outdoor lamp posts. The ladder was on uneven ground and I had to get on the top step since the post was so tall and there was nothing to hold on to balance myself. The only thing missing from this photo are the silver and gold threads.



"Do good. It will come back to you in unexpected ways" `Thoughts & Wonder`



Is this a True National Day?

I was surprised when a post popped up on Facebook back on May 3rd that stated "Thinking of you on National Widows Day". I checked the National Day Calendar but there is no listing for this National Day on May 3rd. I wanted to research this day some more so I made myself a note to look into it further. I finally sat down on June 13th to search the internet. I checked all websites that list National Days. Not one of them had a National Widows Day listed on May 3rd. The internet shows this day being listed by two groups, Wednesday Widows in Kansas City and Hope for Widows in Texas. My opinion is that this day was created and being used by others but was never registered as a National Day.



While it doesn't make headlines like some awareness days, May 3 has been proclaimed National Widows Day.

A faith-based Kansas City nonprofit called [Wednesday Widows](#) is behind the day, which began in 2014. The rest of the year, each Wednesday, this group sends people to the homes of [grieving](#) widows and widowers to offer handyman services and emotional support.

Don't Walk Away

How true this is....not many realize what happens to widows after the loss of our husbands. She loses the greatest thing in her life...her soul mate...her best friend. Then everything else gets taken away just to add insult to injury, her income leaves, her house may be lost, her health insurance. She's now also lost her protector, her lover, her provider. Let's be honest...HER LIFE as she knew it!

Not many realize these things a widow goes thru AFTER she loses the love of her life. It's a domino effect of loss and pain. It's not over for her after the funeral like it is

for everyone else. Her life is FOREVER CHANGED 😞 Be kind to those who lose a spouse because as time passes after the funeral is over and everyone leaves....She's most likely ALONE and could use a good friend and support system. Instead of judging her on how long she should grieve, how about BE THERE FOR HER. Be that ONE person who DIDN'T walk away.

-JUST THIS WIDOWS THOUGHTS-

Too much animal cruelty happens in our world everyday. If you witness someone being cruel, please report it.



Baby Animals



Be kind to all animals



I Don't Fit There Anymore

This widows story is heartbreaking. Why help certain widows and not another? If your church has a fund for helping widows and you

know of a widow who can use some help, please be their hero and get them the help they need. Thank you!

the church is to take care of the widows and orphans as stated in 1 Timothy 5:3-16. What does your church do for widows and orphans?

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Kristin Zaorski

My church was so supportive while Bob was sick and in hospice. Always visiting, asking if we needed money, meals, or anything done around the house. Since he has passed (9 months ago) I've had one visit from our pastor and none from anyone else. There is a "widow's fund" but I have no idea what it's for. No one has come to me and ever said, if you need help paying a bill or repair, let us know, there is a fund for that. Nothing. Without anyone officially telling me about it, I would never come out and ask. I know other widows have accessed this fund because I audited the books last year and saw checks written to several widows marked "heating oil" or "washing machine repair", etc. Older Widows that I know are well off financially and give scholarships to the church youth in their husbands names, for college and summer camps. (Which, I'm sorry, I know their financial status is none of my business, I'm just bitter and venting). I am only 51 with 2 children, still in high school and middle school, and I've been forgotten. Thinking about visiting other local churches to see how they feel. I've been struggling going to our church where my husband and I were so involved, and now I just don't seem to fit there anymore.

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Letter to Governor Shapiro on May 9, 2024

In yesterday's Observer Reporter, it talked about \$3 billion dollars in cash surplus sitting in the state treasury that you don't know what to do with but welcome a conversation about it. You need to follow the Republicans lead on giving a tax cut. The article says that the Democrats are floating plans to spend the state's considerable surplus. This is taxpayers' money; not free money to do with as you please, and it needs to go back to those who earned it. Deciding what to do with it is simple. Property Tax Reform needs to be at the top of the list, which has been promised for far too long and never delivered. Seniors and our widowed property owners without children in school cannot afford school property taxes with how our economy has declined the past couple of years and we certainly cannot afford more increases. We shouldn't have to pay a tax for which we receive no service.

I never received a response from Shapiro. Go figure! Didn't think I would get one.

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The Keystone's Post on Pennsylvania's Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program. Does Anyone Really Know Who This Program is for? I commented on their post.

The Keystone's Post

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The June 30th deadline for Pennsylvania seniors and disabled residents to apply for a rebate from the Property Tax and Rent Rebate Program is quickly approaching. Here's how to apply and who is eligible.

Sean Kitchen

<https://keystoneneewsroom.com/.../seniors-pa-property-tax.../>

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Under expanded PA program, many seniors can save on property tax or rent. Here's how.

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Of all the ads I have seen for this rebate, each one has left out that this program is also for widows and widowers age 50 and older. Your post only mentions seniors and the disabled. Why is it so hard to mention widows and widowers? I have mentioned this to my Senator about these ads. Even your link only states seniors-pa-property-tax. Many widowed property owners may miss out on this rebate because no one mentions that this program includes them and may not bother clicking on your link to read more because of how your post is worded.

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So proud of you



So Proud of You

I have been told by some that "Your husband would be so proud of you". I know in my heart that I feel this is true. Michael told me that he would live to be in his 90's. He died at the age of 58. I also feel that Mike and I were picked for something important, I just wish he didn't have to die to accomplish it. I have asked myself many, many times, why us? Why Mike? Why was I left behind? I concluded that I had to learn to live being a widow in order to understand and help others like me. After his accident Mike had multiple complications and I had to become a stronger person each time. I learned to do things I never had to do. I also feel that I had to change my personality as well in order to get through what was being handed to me. I found that I needed to become stronger so that I could help others and to bring the change that is so desperately needed. I am a person who does not give up easily. If I did, I would never have made it from September 6, 2011, until now. It has been a rough and long road for me. It also has been tough getting society to recognize surviving spouses as a special group. Society sees both widows and widowers as someone who suffered the loss of their spouse, but what they don't understand is what happens moving forward. Only those who are living the life after the death of a spouse understands the true meaning of what a surviving spouse is. And the list of surviving spouses grows longer every day. I will continue working on the change that is needed for as long as it takes to accomplish what I was given to do.

"Love and peace to all animals and to all of those who protect them" ~Unknown

Comical Animals

Something to make you smile.



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