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## Welcome to the podcast world, Merry Widows of Pittsburgh!

*Seven ladies share the podcast mic to express what it's like being widowed. Teaser: it's a lot more fun and heartfelt than you think, especially when you're around this group!*



**Pittsburgh, PA:** Who are the “Merry Widows??” A first in Pittsburgh, please welcome to the podcast mic: Jan Fetzer, Linda Weaver, Kathy Gregory, Eileen Cervone, Lynn Swartzwelder, Iris Sliwinski and Donna Kane. They are the faces behind the The Merry Widows Podcast and the forefront of living life to the fullest.

Pittsburgh emulates comraderies and friendships, and among the Pittsburgh population are seven strong-willed ladies who have the personalities for podcasting, a true feat of a group who may not have known how to podcast from the start. Thanks to the YaJagoff! Podcast, co-owners Rachael Rennebeck and John Chamberlin are spearheading the pivotal conversations of the good, the bad, and bona fide personalities of these widows.

“We want to be famous,” exclaims Fetzer, who wanted to start the podcast with her group of friends. “Or to be infamous,” jokingly remarks Kane, the adventurer of the group.

The Merry Widows is a long-standing group of friends who have exclusively come together after their partners have passed away. Meeting initially at church through “the original food bank” years ago, the Pittsburgh Merry Widows want people to know what’s on the heart and minds when it comes to grieving loss, picking yourself up with support, and moving forward with a ‘merry’ time. As tradition stands, they meet each other every Tuesday.

Sliwinski says, “Hopefully people listening appreciate what we have to say, and we can help other widowers out. It’s about sharing amongst ourselves. It gives us our comradery, even though we don’t have any room left in our widow wagon, but hopefully some other group can start a second Merry Widows!”



The Merry Widows travel in Fetzer’s trademarked, ‘Merry Widows’ van, occupying seven seats, with the group of the ladies decaled on the back window. They travel and find new opportunities of fun in Pittsburgh and have traveled as far Florida, Aruba, and the Turks and Caicos Islands. The next stop? Nashville, Tennessee in October!

The group started a bi-weekly podcast including recaps of their weeks along with serious moments balanced by dark humor and laughter, most often. They are over fifty with no filter, with additional words of wisdom to live by for everyday life.

Kane remarks, “We have the same experiences of losing our partners and that’s what got us together in the first place. [For example] When someone’s feeling down about an anniversary or the grandkids are moving farther away, it helps that someone’s there to bounce off on the bad days.”

Though loss got them together in the first place, the Merry Widows have banded together to try new experiences and live life to the fullest. Whether it's karaoke night at The Grove, cooking, bike riding or dining out, the loud and glamorous group looks forward to future adventures of axe throwing, escape rooms and perhaps a haunted hayride and tour this year.

Kane may be the most adventurous of the group, but Fetzer is known for trying to get on top of a table or bar during a swanky evening out! As for the shyer people of the group, like Gregory, there is still fun to be had with boisterous laughter, being present in the moment, and sharing amongst the friends.

“Cervone mentions, “Don't be sad that they're not here. Be happy that you had that experience and keep moving forward with life without looking back.”

With podcasting and traveling on the forefront of minds, what's next for The Merry Widows? Are they looking for any mates? Do men find their group intimidating? What do they think about couples on their phones at dinner? Who laughs harder, them or their new podcast audience?

To find out more about The Merry Widows, join the [official Merry Widows Facebook group](#) and listen to the [Merry Widows Podcast here](#).

For media inquiries and their first Press Release talk, listen to [The Merry Widows Interview - For Their First Press Release here](#).

Come hang with the Merry Widows, you never know what they'll be up to [or say] next!

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