

# PARENTS OF MURDERED CHILDREN

FOR THE FAMILIES AND FRIENDS OF THOSE WHO HAVE DIED BY VIOLENCE

**JUNE  
2018**

## GREATER ORANGE COUNTY CHAPTER OF POMC

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### **Save the Date!**

**Aug 2-5, 2018**

**2018 POMC  
National  
Conference**

**Wash. D.C. Area**

## **Chapter Monthly SUPPORT Meeting**

**Guest Speaker this meeting: Sgt. Daron Wyatt**

Is held every **2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday** of each month  
**June 13 this month**

**We officially begin at 7:30PM**

We understand, first-hand, the overwhelming struggles of dealing with the loss of loved ones due to violence and the unimaginable grief it leaves. We are a comfortable group to be with, we share information and experiences and we benefit from each other's strengths. Everyone has something to offer, when the time is right. Our monthly meetings are meant to provide much needed emotional support. Our journey to a "new normalcy" is long and difficult, but we are survivors and we will travel that road together.

Let's meet at:

**ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH  
222 N. East Street  
Anaheim, CA 92805**

We appreciate and thank Zion Lutheran Church for graciously giving us the use of a room for our meetings.

### **Directions**

From the North: Take the 57 Fwy, 55 Fwy or State College Blvd. SOUTH Go RIGHT on Lincoln Ave. and RIGHT again on East St.

From the South: Take the 57 Fwy, 55 Fwy or State College Blvd. NORTH Go LEFT on Lincoln Ave. and then RIGHT on East St.

From the East or West:

Take the 91 Fwy, Exit on to East Street, Go SOUTH

**We Welcome You, Please Join Us June 13**

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#### **MISSION STATEMENT**

POMC® makes the difference through on-going emotional support, education, prevention, advocacy, and awareness.

#### **VISION STATEMENT**

To provide support and assistance to all survivors of homicide victims while working to create a world free of murder.

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

Membership is open to those who have been cruelly bereaved by the murder of a loved one. Professionals who are in frequent contact with grieving families are also welcome to join.

# Stepping Stones (by Barbara Williams)

Come take my hand, the road is long. We must travel by stepping stones.  
No, you're not alone, I'll go with you. I know the road well, I've been there.  
Don't fear the darkness. I'll be with you. We must take one step at a time.

But remember we may have to stop a while.  
It is a long way to the other side and there are many obstacles.

We have many stones to cross.  
Some are bigger than others... Shock, Denial and Anger to start.  
Then come Guilt, Despair and Loneliness.

It's a hard road to travel but it must be done.  
It's the only way to get to the other side.

Come; slip your hand in mine. What? Oh yes, it's strong.  
I've held so many hands like yours.

Yes, mine was, one time, small and weak like yours.  
Once, you see, I had to take someone's hand in order to take the first step.

Oops! You've stumbled. Go ahead and cry.  
Don't be ashamed. I understand. Let's wait here a while and get your breath.  
When you're stronger we'll go on, one step at a time. There's no need to hurry.

Say, it's nice to hear you laugh.  
Yes, I agree, the memories you shared are good.

Look we're halfway there now; I can see the other side.  
We're nearing the last stone, and you're standing alone.  
And look, your hands, you've let go of mine, and we've reached the other side.

But wait. Look back. Someone is standing there.

They are alone and want to cross the stepping stones.

I better go; they need my help. What? Are you sure? Why yes, I'll wait.  
You know the way, you've been there. Yes, I agree – it's your turn, my friend....

to help someone else across the stepping stones.

*A warm and appreciative thank you goes to Beckie Miller (Chapter-Leader of the Valley of the Sun Chapter in Phoenix, Arizona) and the host of the two Grief Weekends in Pine, Arizona. Beckie provides attendees with lots of take-a-ways and this wonderfully beautiful and simple story of the most difficult walk we all must take, was brought home and shared with me by my daughter Kim (Savannah's mom). Thank you Beckie for being a caring hand holder and warm hug giver.*

# Always In Our Hearts



## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

YEAR OF BIRTH	Loved One . . . and those missing them		YEAR OF DEATH
1987	Christian F. Alcantar	Son of Martha Silva	2010
1958	Rick Anderson	Ex-Husband of Robin Lancaster	2015
1966	Raymond Apolar	Brother of Margaret Apolar	1992
1978	Kevin Blunt, Jr.	Son of Kevin Blunt	2003
1999	Andrew Burk	Son of Staci Griffin-Burk	2000
1957	Terry Clodfelter	Son of Wanda Johnson	2003
1905	John Compton	Father of Karen Roper	1980
1974	Caesar R. Cruz	Son of Theresa Smith	2009
		Brother of Esther Cruz	
		Brother of Joseph A. Cardenas	
1970	Tammy Davis	Daughter of Deborah Armantrout	1990
1965	Christopher Dominguez	Son of Roger & Flora Strickland	1990
1992	Curtis G. Draskovich	Son of Regina Draskovich	2016
1985	Maxin Dudinov	Son of Maya Dundinova	2004
		Stepson of James Edwards	2004
1992	Anyssia K. Escamilla	Daughter of Pricilla Escamilla	2010
1973	Demetrius Fears, Jr.	Son of Theola Baugh	1997
1962	Mary A. Gallagher	Remembered by Brian Strayer	1988
1986	Mario R. Garcia	Son of Lourdes Chirino	2007
1987	Jonathan Paul Giurbino	Son of George & Linda Giurbino	2007
		Brother of Jessica Giurbino	
1992	Martin Granado II	Son of Martin & Katrina Granado	2007
		Remembered by Vincent G. & Family	
1974	Christopher Hamilton	Son of June Montero	2008
1965	Linda Kay Hesse	Fiancee of Randolph Reyes	1997
1960	Bill Ickes	Son of Be Jay & Herb Ickes	1992
1966	Paul Lewis	Son of Dale & Janice Lewis	2000
1969	Robert Jay Liken	Husband of Staci Liken	2012
1970	Paul Anthony LoCicero	Son of June LoCicero	1992
1997	Madeline Rose Mallory	Daughter of April Dacy	2016
1983	Lisa Diane Norrell	Daughter of Minnie Norrell	1998
1970	David Ernest Parra, Jr.	Son of Andrea Cortez	1999
		Brother of Lorraine Parra	
1980	Michael Peckham	Son of Cherie Callejas	2001
1956	Lynn Ann Sapienze Greene	Daughter of Sam & Antoinette Sapienze	1988
1987	Denaya M. Shanks	Daughter of Bruce & Patrice Shanks	2006
1970	Gary Silva	Son of Benny & Gloria Silva	1995
1967	Scot Anthony Suggs	Son of Jan Suggs	1996
1986	Jason Sweet	Son of Bettye Sweet	2004
		Godson of Tami Waters	
1968	Richard "Richie" Tapia II	Son of Richard & Shirley Tapia	1996

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<b>1960</b>	Alan David Teitelman	Brother of Barbara Teitelman	1997
<b>1969</b>	Brett Thompson	Son of Jeanne Thompson	2003
<b>1973</b>	Cathy Torrez	Daughter of Mary Bennett	1994
		Sister of Tina Mora	
<b>1983</b>	Richard A. Valdez, Jr.	Son of Sylvia Valencia	2005
<b>1996</b>	Savannah J. Walker	Daughter of Kimberley Brysselbout	2017
		Sister of Nicholas & Niece of Caralyn	
		Granddaughter of Charlene Morehead	
<b>1965</b>	Lisa Marie Weaver	Daughter of Diane Weaver	1987
<b>1963</b>	Chuck Weeks	Son of Michael & Sue Ellen Volpe	2001



*We're sending a dove to Heaven,  
 with a parcel on its wings.  
 Be careful when you open it,  
 it's full of beautiful things.  
 Inside are a million kisses,  
 wrapped up in a million hugs,  
 to say how much we miss you,  
 and to send you all our love.  
 We hold you close within our hearts,  
 and there you will remain,  
 to walk with us throughout our lives,  
 until we meet again.*

# Forever Remembered



## JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

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1952	Sandra K. Albiani	Daughter of Leonard & Catherine Coppini	1997
1987	Jonathon Arreola	Son of Amanda Arreola	2005
1972	Matthew C. Blek	Son of Charles & Mary Leigh Blek	1994
1980	Alicia M. Chagolla	Remembered by Tommy Hughes	1998
1985	Julian Collender	Son of Richard Collender	2010
1958	Victor Anthony Curiel	Son of Alice G. Contreres	1991
		Remembered by Stella Curiel	
		Remembered by Richard Pantoja, Jr.	
1939	Virginia L. De Anda	Remembered by Rose Hernandez	1953
1988	Salvador De Avila, Jr.	Son of Salvador & Bertha De Avila	2007
1984	Samuel R. Desrosiers	Son of Alana Y. Ramsteinfirst	2007
1992	Curtis G. Draskovich	Son of Regina Draskovich	2016
1963	Patricia Dunthorne	Daughter of Lawrence & Rose Tobin	2005
		Sister of Victoria Siegfried	
		Sister of Pam Tobin	
1979	David Franklin Dyer	Son of Toni Dyer	1998
1988	Edward Martin Fernandez, Jr.	Son of Dorrine Fernandez	2002
1962	Mary A. Gallagher	Remembered by Brian Strayer	1988
1986	Sean Gardhouse	Son of Gary & Laura Gardhouse	2006
		Grandson of Jack & Ursula Carden	
		Brother of Kelly Gardhouse	
1968	Ron Goldman	Son of Fred Goldman	1994
1978	Cynthia Tammy Hernandez	Daughter of LaRaine Jimenez	1999
1982	Alejandra Hernandez	Daughter of Maria L. Ortiz	2011
		Sister of Anika Ortiz	
1938	Daniel S. Hernandez	Remembered by Rose Hernandez	1992
1981	Kenny Holowatch	Son of Lisa David	2009
1973	Eli Hormann	Son of Elizabeth Hormann	1998
1967	Denise Huber	Daughter of Dennis & Ione Huber	1991
1954	Irvin Hurst	Son of Marlene Kelly	1979
1951	Rebecca Jolene Iannelli	Daughter of Keith & Cheryl Kelsay	1988
1960	Bill Ickes	Son of Be Jay & Herb Ickes	1992
1969	Joseph "Joey" Andrew Kondrath	Son of Joe & Sandy Kondrath	1992
1978	Mary Irene Lewis	Daughter of Regina Lewis	1995
		Sister of Anita Lewis	
1979	Bernard G. "BJ" Lopez, Jr.	Son of Bernard, Juanita, Ginny Lopez	1997
		Nephew of Martha DeLoera	
		Nephew of Mary Corona	
		Nephew of Martha Lopez	
1965	Lisa Marie Madrid	Daughter of Mary L. Garlinger	2017
1995	Christina Margueretta Mc Neil	Daughter of Tita Libras Mc Neil	1998

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1968	Yolanda Meraz	Daughter-in-law of Lynn J. Bufford	<b>2006</b>
		Mother of Matt & Megan Villa	
1965	Armando Montes	Husband of Dolores Montes	<b>1999</b>
1981	Robert Richard Padilla	Son of George Elizondo	<b>2000</b>
		Son of Monica Padilla	
		Nephew of Lisa Mendibles	
-	Andrew Padilla	Son of Darlene Bustos	<b>2007</b>
1964	Donald J. Pinanpanida	Grandson of Tom & Betty Lewis	<b>1997</b>
1983	Alfredo Pintor	Friend of Kristin Flores	<b>2014</b>
1968	Kathleen Rainey	Daughter of Marge Martin	<b>1998</b>
1952	David Ray Sanchez	Husband of Lois Runyon-Peterson	<b>2001</b>
1971	Robert P. Smith	Son of Phil & Colleen Smith	<b>1995</b>
1979	Frank Russell Solis, Jr.	Son of Marie Santana	<b>2009</b>
		Son of Frank Russell Solis, Sr.	
		Brother of Judy Marie Munoz	
1978	Teresa Soto-Del Rio	Daughter of Anna Soto-Del Rio	<b>1999</b>
1984	Branden Starr	Son of Victoria Starr	<b>2004</b>
1966	Kimberly Rose Trigo	Remembered by Mary Beth Raymond	<b>1983</b>
1981	Autumn Carol Wallace	Daughter of Linda C. Wallace	<b>1990</b>
		Sister of April L. Nunez	
		Sister of Amber Szabo	
		Friend of Linda Hand	
1953	Rebecca Jan Wilenius	Mother of Corinne McIntire	<b>1978</b>
1979	Michael Williams	Remembered by Tommy Hughes	<b>1998</b>
1966	Scott H. Wilson	Brother of Kirk Wilson	<b>1996</b>
1972	Laura Ann Zappulla	Daughter of Patricia M. Mazur	<b>1993</b>
		Daughter of Richard A. Zappulla	

Every effort is made to honor all our chapter loved ones on their anniversary and birth dates. If you do not see them in this newsletter, **PLEASE CONTACT US** so that we may correct and update our database. (714)402-3171 or email: [gocpomc@yahoo.com](mailto:gocpomc@yahoo.com)  
As survivors ourselves, we do not want to leave out nor offend anyone, so please help us be accurate.



**In Memory of Aaron Chavez**

***Feb. 1, 1991 - Aug. 12, 2014***

***“You know that place between sleep and awake,  
that place when you still remember dreaming?  
That’s where I’ll always love you.  
That’s where I’ll be waiting”.***

- J.M. Barrie, Peter Pan



Mushy kisses and Squeezy Hugs...  
Savannah Jeanne Walker – Birthday Girl    You are so loved and so missed every day!





# Reflections



Fathers hold their children's  
hands for  
just a little while...  
And their hearts forever.



*Being both  
SOFT and  
STRONG is a  
combination  
very  
few have  
mastered.*



He wants to catch you  
before you fall,  
but instead,  
He picks you up,  
brushes you off  
and lets you try again.

It takes a strong man to be a  
father and an even stronger  
man to be a grieving father.



## **Reminder .....MONTHLY SUPPORT MEETING**

**and GUEST SPEAKER**



**Sergeant Daron Wyatt  
a 30 + year Law Enforcement Veteran**

**Wednesday June 13, 2018 at 7:30pm**

POMC provides the on-going emotional support needed to help parents and other survivors facilitate the reconstruction of a "new life" and to promote a healthy resolution. Not only does POMC help survivors deal with their acute grief but also helps with the criminal justice system.

LOCATION:

**ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH  
222 N. East Street  
Anaheim, CA 92805.**

*This is the location of our meeting (no affiliation).*

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## **32<sup>nd</sup> Annual POMC National Conference ...and Effective Leadership Training**

**August 2 thru August 5, 2018**

Not only is this the 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual National Conference, but it marks the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary for the organization Parents of Murdered Children.

The Conference will be held at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Washington D. C. – Crystal City located at 300 Army Navy Drive, Arlington, Virginia 22202.

This location is within minutes of many popular landmarks including the Washington Monument, the United States Capitol Building and the White House. You will have easy access to the Nation's Capital with a complimentary shuttle service to Pentagon City Metro, Ronald Reagan National Airport (DCA) and Fashion Centre Mall.

If you are interested in presenting a workshop for the 2018 National Conference, Please reach out to Kayla McCarthy at [kmccarthy@pomc.org](mailto:kmccarthy@pomc.org)

If you are interested in completing POMC's Effective Leadership Training, it will be held prior to the conference and at the same conference location (DoubleTree by Hilton). Dates for the Effective Leadership Training are July 29 – 31, 2018. Please note that there will NOT be an EFT (Effective Leadership Training) opportunity at the 2019 Conference. Please consider completing it this year 2018.

Both forms for registering for the Conference and the ELT are available on the national website: [www.pomc.org](http://www.pomc.org)



## **One More Grief Weekend Opportunity This Year**

Grief has been described as: "an emotion that heals itself" or "the process that allows us to let go of that which was and be ready for that which is to come..." But for those of us who have experienced the death of someone we love by murder, the trauma experienced lasts a lifetime.

Nothing in life could possibly prepare families for such a tragedy.

Murder destroys more than "just" the life of another human being. For survivors, it disrupts all previous life patterns; thoughts, feelings and beliefs as-well-as any hopes or dreams for the future.

This intensive self-help weekend has been specially designed for survivors of homicide victims. Beneath the explosive emotions of anger, hate and revenge lies the more primary feelings of pain, hopelessness, frustration, fear and helplessness. Unresolved, these emotions can cause survivors to feel as though they're losing their minds; alienation from family and friends who can't or won't imagine the impact of such a loss, thus leaving survivors alone with their grief or discouraged from grieving at all.

A weekend of hope and healing: An integral part of this intense self-help weekend will be an examination of love, tenderness and affection, along with relaxation techniques, compassion for oneself, meditation and the encouragement to move forward.

This weekend will place emphasis on: permission to uncover, experience, and feel within a safe environment and to share with others who truly understand; time to help survivors examine their relationship with the deceased, the effects of the murder, feelings about one's self; living with others and yet surviving alone.

**This weekend has been designed to influence the reconstruction of a "new life." A life that has a renewed sense of purpose.**

## **GRIEF RETREAT IN PINE, ARIZONA**

**Fall Grief Retreat: October 19 - 21, 2018**

A Weekend of Hope and Healing<sup>SM</sup> begins with Friday night dinner and ends Sunday at noon.

This retreat is held twice annually, spring and fall (October) It is held at a 9 bedroom cabin owned by Roger and Carol Fornoff whose 13-year-old daughter Christy was murdered in 1985 and they founded the cabin specifically for retreats.

The cost of the weekend is \$125 per person. This includes board and home style cooked meals. Scholarships are available.

**For more information and flyer regarding this retreat, please call**

**Beckie Miller (602) 254-8818 or e-mail [beckierose@aol.com](mailto:beckierose@aol.com)**

*"After the worst has happened,  
With nothing left to fear,  
The sun continues shining with  
Undiminished cheer,  
And winds continue blowing  
And skies continue fair,  
As hearts continue bearing  
The thing they could not bear."*

- Anonymous

## Newsletter Submissions

Calling  on all MEMBERS for DONATIONS

(of a different kind).... 

*Remembrances, poems, articles of interest, photos, court updates, etc.*

After all, this is our NEWS-letter. 

Please submit your contributions via email to  
[gocpomc@yahoo.com](mailto:gocpomc@yahoo.com)

Or mail to:  
Greater Orange County Chapter of POMC  
14131 Woodlawn Ave., Tustin, CA 92780

- \*MS Word or Excel preferred
- \*We will format your text for you
- \*Please do not use ALL CAPS
- \*Please send picture/photos in JPG format and please send as a separate attachment, not in the body of the text.

Submit by month-end for inclusion in the *next month's* newsletter.

*We look forward to hearing from you.*

**Oh yes! Please remember that our Chapter is supported by members and friends. Your "green" \$ donations are always welcomed and accepted.**

**Thank you all for whatever you can for the Chapter in whatever way.**

Marsy's Law significantly expands the rights of victims in California. Under Marsy's Law, the California Constitution article I, § 28, section (b) now provides victims with the following enumerated rights:

1. To be treated with fairness and respect for his or her privacy and dignity, and to be free from intimidation, harassment, and abuse, throughout the criminal or juvenile justice process.
2. To be reasonably protected from the defendant and persons acting on behalf of the defendant.
3. To have the safety of the victim and the victim's family considered in fixing the amount of bail and release conditions for the defendant.
4. To prevent the disclosure of confidential information or records to the defendant, the defendant's attorney, or any other person acting on behalf of the defendant, which could be used to locate or harass the victim or the victim's family or which disclose confidential communications made in the course of medical or counseling treatment, or which are otherwise privileged or confidential by law.
5. To refuse an interview, deposition, or discovery request by the defendant, the defendant's attorney, or any other person acting on behalf of the defendant, and to set reasonable conditions on the conduct of any such interview to which the victim consents.
6. To reasonable notice of and to reasonably confer with the prosecuting agency, **upon request**, regarding, the arrest of the defendant if known by the prosecutor, the charges filed, the determination whether to extradite the defendant, and, **upon request**, to be notified of and informed before any pretrial disposition of the case.
7. To reasonable notice of all public proceedings, including delinquency proceedings, **upon request**, at which the defendant and the prosecutor are entitled to be present and of all parole or other post-conviction release proceedings, and to be present at all such proceedings.
8. To be heard, **upon request**, at any proceeding, including any delinquency proceeding, involving a post-arrest release decision, plea, sentencing, post-conviction release decision, or any proceeding in which a right of the victim is at issue.
9. To a speedy trial and a prompt and final conclusion of the case and any related post-judgment proceedings.
10. To provide information to a probation department official conducting a pre-sentence investigation concerning the impact of the offense on the victim and the victim's family and any sentencing recommendations before the sentencing of the defendant.
11. To receive, **upon request**, the pre-sentence report when available to the defendant, except for those portions made confidential by law.
12. To be informed, **upon request**, of the conviction, sentence, place and time of incarceration, or other disposition of the defendant, the scheduled release date of the defendant, and the release of or the escape by the defendant from custody.
13. To restitution.
  - A. It is the unequivocal intention of the People of the State of California that all persons who suffer losses as a result of criminal activity shall have the right to seek and secure restitution from the persons convicted of the crimes causing the losses they suffer.
  - B. Restitution shall be ordered from the convicted wrongdoer in every case, regardless of the sentence or disposition imposed, in which a crime victim suffers a loss.
  - C. All monetary payments, monies, and property collected from any person who has been ordered to make restitution shall be first applied to pay the amounts ordered as restitution to the victim.
14. To the prompt return of property when no longer needed as evidence.
15. To be informed of all parole procedures, to participate in the parole process, to provide information to the parole authority to be considered before the parole of the offender, and to be notified, **upon request**, of the parole or other release of the offender.
16. To have the safety of the victim, the victim's family, and the general public considered before any parole or other post-judgment release decision is made.
17. To be informed of the rights enumerated in paragraphs (1) through (16).

(Proposition 9 Passed 11-4-2008) The above Marsy Rights are to be provided to each crime victim pursuant to Penal Code Section 679.26

**Victim's Bill of Rights Act of 2008: Marsy's Law**

