### PARENTS OF MURDERED CHILDREN

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

May 2019

### GREATER ORANGE COUNTY CHAPTER OF POMC

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## 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual POMC

Conference
August 8-11, 2019
Denver, Colorado
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### **MISSION STATEMENT**

POMC® makes the difference through ongoing 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.

### A Mother's Thoughts



By: Carol Cichella, Rockford Illinois

### Yesterday ...

We dreamed of how our future would be.
Of times we'd share, my child and me.
Whether joy or pain, laughter or tears,
We'd stand together throughout the years.
A promise of what life should always be,
Of a child so dear, ever loving me.

### Today ...

My heart sobs with uncontrollable grief.
I search for answers but find no relief.
The skies have darkened, no longer bright,
For my child is gone, forever from sight.
The dreams we shared can never be.
They're left to linger in my memory.

### Tomorrow ...

My heart will push aside this cloud
That darkens my life like a heavy shroud.
Once again, I'll see dawning light
And know my child's love still burns bright.
I'll remember the moments we both shared;
I'll remember our love and how we cared.
I'll remember my child now lives in me,
And his yesterdays shall always be.





## Always In Our Hearts

### **MAY BIRTHDAYS**

YEAR OF BIRTH	Loved One and those missing them		YEAR OF DEATH
1952	Sandra K. Albiani	Daughter of Leonard & Catherine Coppini	1997
1970	Tracy Marie Allen	Daughter of Caroline Allen	1995
1983	Arthur "Billy" Boucher	Son of Kimberly Gracier	2016
		Brother of Karissa Derhovanisian	
1983	Heather Broadus	Daughter of Nancy Smith	2010
		Sister of Justina Broadus	
1960	Faye Lavonne Butler	Sister of Dawn Bittler	1981
1980	Alicia M. Chagolla	Remembered by Tommy Hughes	1998
2001	Nina Chamorro	Niece of Eulalia Sanchez	2001
1927	Rose Marie Christian	Mother of Laura Criss	1963
1980	Pellus Colvin	Husband of Laura Smith-Colvin	2004
1973	Eric Lamont Coston	Son of Phyliss Coston	2004
1972	Sabrina Lynette Crisp	Daughter of Muriel Ann Crisp	2002
1983	Mitchell James Curran	Son of Julie Ann Curran	2001
1987	Ryan William Dasalla	Son of Steve & Maria Dasalla	2005
1988	Salvador De Avila, Jr.	Son of Salvador & Bertha De Avila	2007
1974	Michael Lee Decker-Keil	Son of Keith & Lydia Keil	2003
1977	Pete J. Delano	Fiancé of Valerie Brenner	2008
1984	Samuel R. Desrosiers	Son of Alana Y. Ramsteinfirst	2007
1971	April Michelle Doherty	Niece of Mari Reilly	1991
1963	Sharon Duncan	Daughter of Colleen Duncan	1983
1983	Richard Flores, Jr.	Son of Sylvia Flores	2000
1995	Ramon Franco IV	Son of Jennifer Gear	1996
1974	Terence Unity Frietas	Son of Julie Freitas	1999
1972	Christopher Bret Fuit	Grandson of Hazel & Vern Brown	1985
1971	Henry Garcia	Son of Dolores Garcia	1999
1975	Steven M. Garcia	Son of Rachel Torres	1996
1982	Jacob Govia	Son of Jeanne Govia	1995
1967	Michael Grimm	Son of Gail Rossen	2000
1975	Brandon Hanson	Son of Yolanda Alepe	2010
1952	John Earl Haymer	Son of Louise Nash	1999
1965	Corteny Hoag	Friend of Eddie D. Drafton	2006
1994	Kristopher Hubbard	Son of Kelly Hubbard	1997
1988	Heidi Hubrecht	Cousin of Melissa Hubrecht	2012
1971	Angelo "Eio" Huerta	Brother of Angel Huerta Jr.	2000
1978	Robert Jin	Son of S.C. Jin	1995
1958	Cheryl Lynn Joyner	Daughter & Step-Daughter of	2001
		Marvin & Sharon Joyner	

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EAR OF	Loved One and those missing them		YEAR OF DEATH
1978	Hollie Karr	Granddaughter of Dotty Karr	1993
1966	Angela M. King	Daughter of Sophia King	2000
1980	Philip Lawrence	Son of Anita Lawrence	1997
1942	Douglas M. Lightfoot	Husband of Diane Harrison	1984
1969	Melvin Liufau	Best friend of Lory Villavicencio	2005
1970	Blake Donald Lundquist	Son of Skipi Lundquist Smoot, Ph. D.	1994
1965	Lisa Marie Madrid	Daughter of Mary Garlinger	2017
1958	Richard F. Madrid	Brother of Bella Madrid Cedillo	2006
1995	Joshua Troy Massengill	Son of Jenise Massengill	1997
1956	Michael E. Meteer	Son of Olga M. Meteer	1985
1969	Franchot Mitchell	Son of Mary Mitchell	1994
1981	Manuel Joseph Moreno	Son of Charlie & Evelyn Moreno	2007
		Brother of Matthew Moreno	
1967	Lynel Murray	Friend of Sheri Pearson	1986
1974	Troy Michael Nash	Son of Victoria & Neil Nash	1998
1968	Officer Mike Osornio	Fiance of Chartina Skipper	1994
1941	Jan Overton	Mother of Eric Overton	1988
1966	Earnest Pickett, Jr.	Son of Lee Bertha Pickett-Allen	1984
1992	Andrew Powell	Son of Mydes Powell	2013
1974	Lisa Lee Pruett	Daughter of Lynette & Gary Pruett	1990
1950	Eva Diaz Rondon	Sister of Dan & Diann Bauer	1991
		Remembered by Juanita Diaz	
1979	Victor P. Rosa III	Son of Pearl Rosa	1997
1965	Marcia Schafer	Daughter of Richard & Geneva Schafer	1986
1965	Tracy Lee Stratton	Daughter of Tracy Gloria J. Stratton	1981
1965	Kenneth Lanell Turner	Brother of Dwayne Beverly	1999
1965	Nikki Ann Tweedt	Daughter of Carol & Wayne Tweedt	1991
1990	Alex Weber	Son of Dianne Weber	2003
		Son of Jean-Marc Weber	
1961	Wendy Weiker-Gordon	Daughter of Marilyn & Josh Weiker	1992
1974	Ivan Williams	Son of Marlene Awan	2004
		Son of Joe Awan	
		Brother of Sarina Awan-Gallon	
		Brother of Sameena Lopez	
1980	Neal Williams	Son of Jan Williams	2007
1992	Narissa K. Williams	Niece of Sara Grangroth	2007
1992	Nikita D. Williams	Niece of Sara Grangroth	2007
1966	Scott H. Wilson	Brother of Kirk Wilson	1996



### Forever Remembered

### **MAY ANNIVERSARIES**

YEAR OF BIRTH	Loved One and those missing them		YEAR OF DEATH
1965	Ron Acker	Son of Ursula G. Spey-Acker	1995
1978	Kristopher P. Alofaituli	Son of Mark & Ann Eckels	2016
1989	Jeffrey Alvarado	Son of Guadalupe Alvarado	2008
1971	Steven F. Ambriz	Brother of Angela Ambriz	2006
1958	Denise Leanne Barker	Daughter of Bobbie Barker	1987
1999	Andrew Burk	Son of Staci Griffin-Burk	2000
1984	Guillermo Carbajal	Son of Lidia Diaz	2001
1959	Melissa Carlson	Mother of Cassandra Call	2009
2001	Nina Chamorro	Niece of Eulalia Sanchez	2001
1981	Carl Dan Claes	Son of Danella George	1995
1979	Marcos Ian De La Cruz-Cody	Son of Carol Barcelata	1996
	,	Brother of Heather & Emmanuel Ortega	
1985	Maxim Dudinov	Son of Maya Dudinova	2004
		Stepson of James Edwards	
1977	Brett Engermann	Son of Fara Engermann	1998
1992	Anyssia K. Escamilla	Daughter of Priscilla Escamilla	2010
1986	Mark Richard Fernandez, Jr.	Son of Leticia Fernandez	2004
1964	Joseph Finzel	Husband of Lynn Finzel	1993
1964	Christie Fleming	Sister of Rhonda Davis	1989
1981	Mark Abdul Franklin	Son of Selene Franklin	2002
1970	Justin King French	Son of Luci Medler	1992
1972	Christopher Bret Fuit	Grandson of Hazel & Vern Brown	1985
1957	Stephanie Lynn Glover	Daughter of Frank W. Champlin	1984
1983	James Michael Guajardo	Son of Armida Guajardo	2006
1974	Christopher Hamilton	Son of June Montero	2008.
1975	Brandon Hanson	Son of Yolanda Alepe	2010
1974	Harold	Brother of Bridgette Powers	2002
1994	Kristopher Hubbard	Son of Kelly Hubbard	1997
1995	Robert Jin	Son of S.C. Jin	1995
1988	Antwann Donte Jones	Son of Mary Jones	2014
1958	Cheryl Lynn Joyner	Daughter & Stepdaughter of	
		Marvin & Sharon Joyner	2001
1965	Bridgett L. Lamon	Daughter of Kaye Vecente	1985
1988	Carlesha Unique Renae Lewis	Daughter of Dawne Ford	2003
1972	Jessica Heather Martin	Daughter of Nancy Martin	2002
1962	Richard D. McGann	Son of Evelyn McGann	1984
1956	Ross Arnopp Munday	Son of Iris Arnopp Munday	2001
		Brother of Ms. Duane	
1949	Ken Paquette	Brother of Cathy Aronson	1993
1959	Susanmarie "Bunny" Pascale	Daughter of Jean Pascale	1985



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YEAR OF BIRTH	Loved One	YEAR OF DEATH	
1939	Johanna T. Piccirelli	Daughter of Man E Marina	1996
1984	James Vernon Potter	Daughter of Mae F. Marisa	2004
1989		Son of Antoinette Yneges	
	Dominic T. Redd	Son of Lisa Allen	2005
1987	Manuel Michael Rodriguez, Jr.	Son of Rosalinda M. Moreno	2006
1996	Jose J. Sanchez	Son of Norma Sanchez	2000
1962	Kevin Shook	Son of Donna Shook	1991
1999	Bryan Anthony Steubing	Son of Letty Gutierrez	2018
1970	Shannon Dale Stevens	Son of Joyce M. Stevens	1993
1971	Michael Tapia	Son of Richard & Shirley Tapia	2001
1988	Antonio Torres	Son of Caroline Torres	2008
		Grandson of Dick Torres	
~	Everett Thomas Tull	Remembered by Judith M. Tull	1983
~	Mary Elizabeth Tull	Remembered by Judith M. Tull	1983
1951	Steven Lance Tull	Remembered by Judith M. Tull	1983
1975	Armando Eduardo Villagomez	Son & Stepson of Jose & Mary Villagomez	1997
1963	Chuck Weeks	Son of Sue Ellen & Michael Volpe	2001
1971	Kevin Mitchel Wheel	Son of Teresa Wheel	1991
1995	Brandon Cody Wiener	Son of Pamela Weinstein	1999
1967	David William Witmer	Son of Diane Witmer	2013
1974	Harold	Brother of Bridgette Powers	2002

Every effort is made to honor all our loved ones on their anniversary and birth dates. If you do not see them in this newsletter, please contact us (714)402-3171 email <a href="mailto:gocpomc@yahoo.com">gocpomc@yahoo.com</a>. Please help us be accurate on these lists.

When time passes after the murder of our loved one and it seems like people have forgotten them, it is the anniversary and birthday letters that are personally signed, addressed and sent out monthly, that let us know that our loved ones will never be forgotten as long as FOMC is here.

Thank you to Anita Sanchez (son Steve) & currently, Marie Belmontez (nephew Stephen)

# LIFE DOESN'T COME WITH A MANUAL, IT COMES WITH A MOTHER



MOTHER LOVE IS THE FUEL THAT ENABLES A NORMAL HUMAN BEING TO DO THE IMPOSSIBLE.

Marion C. Garretty

Honoring you On Mother's Day

Acknowledging your love for your child in heaven, and the courage it takes to get through each day.

Once upon a memory,

Someone wiped away a tear,

Held me close and loved me,

Thank you Mother Dear

Harriet Reecker Stawe

### **Our Chapter Monthly Support Meeting**

"Honoring Our Past, Creating Hope for the Future"

Wednesday, May 8, 2019 7:30pm

Wednesday, June 12, 2019 7:30pm

Zion Lutheran Church 222 N. East Street Anaheim, CA 92805

\*\*\*\* We are always looking for Guest Speakers. If you have suggestions or particular interests that you would like to see and hear presented, please contact any board member at our Message Phone: (714) 999-7132 or email: <a href="mailto:gocpomc@yahoo.com">gocpomc@yahoo.com</a>

POMC provides the on-going emotional support needed to help families and friends of those who have died by violence 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: Please see map and directions on last page.

# Save the Date August 8-11, 2019 33rd Annual POMC Conference

"Together We Climb the Mountain to the Peak of Hope"



POMC National Executive Director & Conference Co-Chair: Bev Warnock (513) 721-5683 <a href="mailto:bwarnock@pomc.org">bwarnock@pomc.org</a>

Conference Co-Chair: Connie Sheely (507) 358-4017 cjholbrook82@hotmail.com

For more information, go to www.pomc.org

### Place: Denver Marriott Tech Center 4900 S. Syracuse Street Denver, CO 80237-2725

Room rates are \$114.00 plus tax per night

## Hotel Reservation: (303) 779-1100

\*\*\* At our National Conference, people often donate what we call "table gifts" for each attendee. Table gifts are any little memento that could be something your loved one liked (a candy for example) or something that reminds you of your loved one.

It can be handmade or store bought and we usually ask people to provide about 250 of them. These have become a sweet gesture that people look forward to at each meal. This is also a loving way that you might want to use to share (in remembrance of) your loved one with the conference attendees.

Please contact Faye Jenkins or Marie Belmontez at <a href="mailto:pomcconference@gmail.com">pomcconference@gmail.com</a> for more information, ideas or donations.

### Parents Of Murdered Children, Inc.

For the families and friends of those who have died by violence.

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August 8-11, 2019

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Hosted by the POMC National Conference Committee

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### Important Dates:

Conference Registration Deadline: July 15, 2019 Memorial

Book Deadline: June 17, 2019 Photos for Video: July 31, 2019

Hotel Reservation Deadline: July 19, 2019

## Thank you for joining us at the Orange County Chapter 2019 Candlelight Vigil

A thoughtful, loving and amazing event like this year's Candlelight Vigil and Names Dedication Ceremony does not just happen. Hours of planning, coordination and resourcefulness are given in order to ensure the perfect outcome. Our members, our friends in the community and the following businesses helped with this remembrance ceremony by giving of their time, talents and donations to make this possible.

### Special Thanks to ...

An'Nisa Mansour Brea Police Department Chaplain Brad Stetson Create-A-Party

Jerry & Jennifer Lundy Jen Faith Brown M's Flowers Pip Printing, Santa Fe Springs Thrivent Action Team

Waymakers - Homicide Victim Services

Melissa Melgar Esmeralda Gomez Leticia Cervantes Patricia Orozco-Boyce

Bianca Garcia

Veronica Herrera & Cal State Fullerton Students

Set Up crew: Take down crew: Araceli Arroyo Amanda Packard Stephanie Rodriguez Karen Benavidez Sarah Sons Sanchez Katie Stagnoli Merari Martinez Martha Trujillo Ginny Oshiro Clarissa Punla Aylin Gomez Gabriel Lopez **Brian Dang** Michelle Luna Vanessa Francis James Ngo

Norwalk American Legion Post 359

Lori Altman Cindy Duran Desiree Alvarado

Memory Garden Memorial Park
Eric Sword & Staff

Last, but certainly, not least...! Lena Gonzalez, our MC (Hostess with the "Mostest")

THANK YOU

### Our Members and Friends are Donating in Loving Memory Of...

All Our Loved Ones Mary Lewis

Jesse Aguilar Matthew Maldonado

Lanette Alvarado Sgt. Jan & Quiana Pietrzak Arthur "Billy" Boucher Sarah J Rodriguez

Jonathan Dizon Saran J Rodrigue:

David G. Foster Richie II & Michael Tapia

Angela Hill Cathy Torrez

Lester Lewis Savannah Jeanne Walker

We are grateful to have had many special participants this year and we send our heartfelt appreciation to each for helping make it a special evening.

Opening the program, we were honored with **American Legion Norwalk Post 359** as Color Guard. We want to thank them also, for allowing us to have one of our members, Richard Tapia (sons Richie and Michael), walk beside them with our POMC flag. Post 359 presented a moving and interesting Flag-Folding reading and demonstration. (*May is National Military Appreciation Month. Remember our heroes, our veterans and those currently serving. Memorial Day, May* 27<sup>th</sup>)

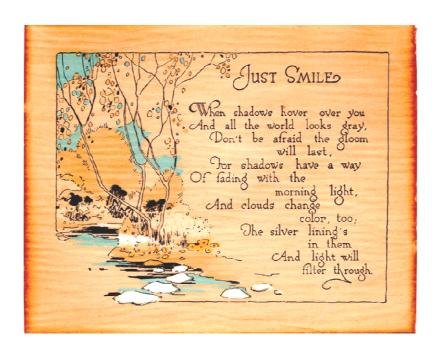
We greatly enjoyed **David Franklin** with a bag pipe presentation, vocalist **Jen Faith Brown**, the very personally meaningful and much loved **Dove Release** and we always smile at the sight of sweet **Raisin Bagel**, K-9 comfort therapy dog brought to us by **Chaplain Ralph Buchhorn**.

Guest Speaker **Veronica Herrera** CSU Fullerton also brought 16 of her **students** (Criminal Justice Dept.) who volunteered to help with set-up and take down. Not only are these young men & women honor students but they were pleasant, courteous, respectful and really good workers. We appreciate their assistance and wish them well in their futures. We hope too, that in sharing this evening with us, they might take away a valuable understanding of what surviving the loss of a loved one who died by violence is, and a certain special compassion for those left behind.

Our thanks and appreciation, of course, goes to **Orange County District Attorney, Todd Spitzer** and to **Veronica Herrera, Ph.D.** Cal State University, Fullerton for speaking to us. We are grateful to our own member **Shirley Tapia** (sons Richie II and Michael) who writes so beautifully and shared her personal thoughts and feelings with us and to our member **Karissa Derhovanisian** (brother "Billy") for speaking of her deep loss.

We thank **Chaplain Brad Stetson** for providing us the Invocation, the Closing Thoughts and for his caring friendship and support of our Chapter. Thank you to our Chapter Leader **Debra Dizon Hernandez** (son Jonathan), **Glen Williams** (niece Quiana) and **Faye and Roy Jenkins** (daughter Quiana & son-in-law Jan) for your participation in the program.

**"Thank You!"** to the entire Board of the Greater Orange County Chapter for all you do, all the time, for all of us.



### In case you are wondering....

### **OUR GOC-POMC CHAPTER HAS MONTHLY EXPENSES**

OUR CHAPTER doesn't have a PAID STAFF

We do NOT get Grant money nor do we receive any money from any outside entity.

<u>Perhaps you might be able to "sponsor" one of our expenses but never thought of it.</u>
It's easy, just go to our Chapter Website: www.gocpomc.com - click on the "Donate" Button.

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or PayPal for Recurring Donation.

Even \$5.00, \$10.00 or \$20.00 per month would be a huge help!

## 100% OF YOUR DONATION GOES TOWARDS KEEPING OUR CHAPTER RUNNING!

### Here are just a few of our expenses:

- ~ **STORAGE UNIT \$193.90 per month** (Holds all items for our Vigil, our monthly meeting, and all other events)
- ~ WEBSITE \$20.99 per month
- PHONE LINE \$200.00 per year
   (Our hotline that new members call to get help and information about our chapter)
- PRINTING, POSTAGE, NOTECARDS, ETC \$Varies
   (Vigil invitations, newsletters, notices, programs, etc)

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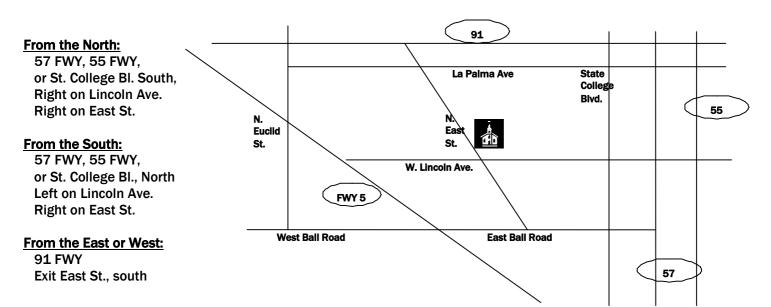
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