



**GREATER ORANGE COUNTY
CHAPTER OF
PARENTS OF
MURDERED CHILDREN**

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2022

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

NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE 2022

September 25th was National Day of Remembrance for the O.C Chapter. And what a beautiful Saturday and event it was. There was plenty to do to keep you occupied from, playing a game of Cornhole, decorating rocks with your loved one's name to, stuffing your face with Fried Chicken or a sandwich, not to mention the many varieties of sides. Plus, the Sweets! OH MERCY, how yummy the sweets were. And plenty of!



Many gift baskets were available to raffle off and tickets were being sold through out the day. Congrats to all the winners! All the proceeds go to The Chapter and towards creating more events for the future. What a celebratory way to remember our loved ones. Beautiful table centerpieces and an overflowing dedication table with our loved ones pictures.

Included were pictures of loved ones all around the picnic area.

There was a special appreciation award presented to the Chapter leader, Debra Hernandez. It was given to her by her board members. After receiving her award, Debra made a beautiful heart felt speech.

Toward the end of the event, families got up to speak their loved one's names and a few words.

National Day of Remembrance is truly a day that binds us together and reminds us that we're not alone and that, being together makes us stronger in keeping our loved one's memories alive by not forgetting them and dedicating not just this day but everyday to them.



● ● ● September Meeting's Guest ● ● ●

Last month's meeting, September 14th, featured another guest speaker. This time, "Deputy Chief of Police", Sergio Enriquez. He's been a public servant for 30 years and currently serves the community of Santa Ana. Over the course of his career, Deputy Chief Enriquez has spent the majority of his career in the frontline policing. he has served as a patrol officer, motor officer, SWAT member, field training office, corporal, background investigator and recruiter. In this September's meeting, Deputy Chief Enriquez made the group aware that he would sit and observe. He was very quiet, polite, respectful and a good listener. But, did you think they would let him off that easy? After the introduction of some new attendees and a few shared thoughts, The Chapter leader decided it was time for Enriquez to share and answer any questions asked. There were plenty. He did explain how his department and the DA's bump heads at times. It's frustrating to him and his team. And

how sometimes it effects them getting things done. He did ask the group a question. He asked, "What is it you expect from your Law Enforcement?" The Answers.. Process before speaking, Compassion, Empathy and Communication. He was very careful with his words. And did mention, while driving to the meeting, he was in complete silence. I assumed, he just expected to observe. I don't think so Chief!



Advocate, Tam Nguyen was present. His tip for last month was to watch an episode title, Faith and Doubt at Ground Zero, in a series called, Frontline He also brought up Prop 57 and alerted that, Youthful Offenders may get a chance to get their sentence reduced. If their case is re-looked my a judge. They can still be recognized as guilty. But it's all depending on their behavior status. This meeting, I, your newsletter editor, attended was definitely an eye opener.

Be sure to come by to this month's group meeting on Wednesday Oct.12th at 6:30pm. Our next guest speaker will be, Kristen Muche from Cal State Fullerton. She's an Adjunct Lecturer in their criminal justice department.



DEBRA'S
TWO
CENTS!



Last month's meeting and National Day of Remembrance have had more of an impact on me than any of the other events I've attended for this Chapter. Your stories, your hurt, your anger, love and passion have opened my eyes. Now, I'm not going to say that, I'm one of you now or, I finally understand, No, How can I? But, I want you all to know that, I see you and hear you. I've got to say, you can all be a little intimidating at first. Why? I don't know what to say? How to say anything in your presence. But, I'm coming around more. and learning more. And with a slap upside the head from my brother or a "huh uum" from Debra, they help keep me mindful. And, no, my brother doesn't really smack me upside the head.

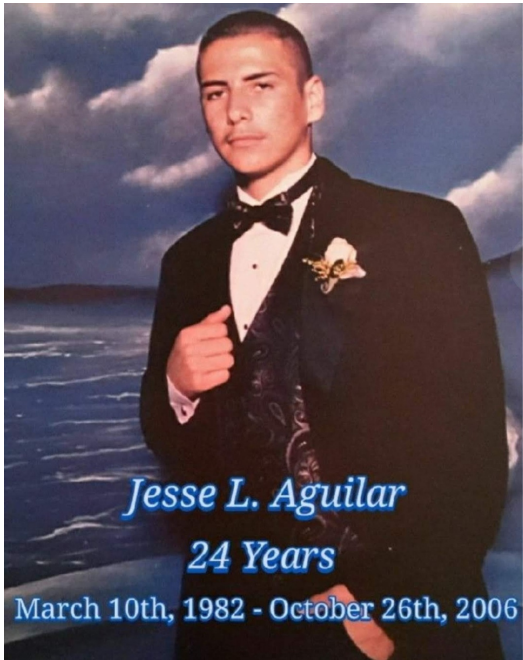


Editor's Letter

I enjoy dedicating my time to help out. And I'm honored. I'm shy at times or not sure how to approach. Sometimes I surprise myself. But, don't hesitate to approach me as I will try to do the same. If, I have met you at least five times, I should know your name by now. If now, shame on me. I do have a hard time remembering names. But, I do remember faces. I hope you're all liking the Newsletter. If there is anything you want to see, let me or the Board members know and they'll take it into consideration. Have a great month and don't eat too much Halloween Candy YUM!
Rick Maldonado



OCTOBER'S ANGEL DEDICATIONS



Forever 24 and always in our hearts.
Taken away from us 16 years ago this month.

We miss you and will always love you.
Mom and Dad

Frank and Nancy Aguilar



Our Dearest Quiana & Janek

As Long As We Live
You Will Live
As Long As We Live
You Both Will Be Remembered
As Long As We Live
You Will Be Loved

Love Your Parents
Roy & Faye Jenkins,
Henryka & Milan Varga,
Family and Friends

NATIONAL DAY of REMEMBRANCE for MURDER VICTIMS

Memorial & Dove Release

hosted by

Los Angeles Chapter of Parents of Murdered Children, Inc.

Saturday October 22, 2022
12:00 PM

Mission Ebenezer Church
415 N. Torrance Blvd. Carson CA 90745

RSVP by October 15, 2022 to lachapterofpomc@gmail.com or (310) 567-3540



SAVE
THE
DATE

**SATURDAY NOVEMBER 19TH
2022,
HAS BEEN DECIDED FOR
OUR CHRISTMAS
POTLUCK!! SAVE THE DATE
AND STAY TUNED FOR MORE
INFO!**



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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9	10	11	Support Grp Meeting 6:30pm	12	13	14
16	17	18	19	20	21	15 LA Chapter National Day of Remembrance
23	24	25	26	27	28	22
30	HALLOWEEN OCTOBER 31					29

Forever Remembered Angelversaries

Ivan Williams
Bret Walker Fuit
Timothy (Tim) McCarthy
Michael Palencia
Jimmy Wayne Atwell
Oswald "Ozzy" Conde Jr.
Miguel Angel Gonzalez
Angela M. King
Rose Marie Christian
Brittany Lynn Rethorn-Riggs
Marc Terrence McCrary
Paul Anthony LoCicero
Quiana Pietrzak
Sgt. Jan Pietrzak
Janis Ann Yamamoto
Karen Spille
Danielle L. Monroe
Brice Carey Dickenson
Robert Anthony Fierro
Steve Sanchez
Terri Lee Beare
Frederick Sledge
Eric "Hoss" Means Jr.
Jesse Lyal Aguilar
Abel Aldaco Gonzales
Anthony Alvarado (Tony) Rios
Cody Stewart
Robin Hoynes
Andrea Gonzalez

Always in Our Hearts Happy Heavenly Birthday

Stacy Brooke Holsonback
Linda Young Park
Louis Justin Diaz
Trudy Thompson
Julian S. Del Campo
Joshua Dean Olson
Justin King French
Cody Stewart
Paul A. Chiriboga
Cesar G. Rodriquez
Baby Jo Jade
Marc Terrence McCray
Angela "Angel" Zingarelli
Andrew Vicente
Tyce William Riddle
Debbie Paulsen
Ronald R. Robertson
Alfredo Pintor
Eric "Hoss" Means Jr.
Judah Ann Seelke
Jim Ramos
Arthur R. Martinez III
Joy Lynn Winchester
Bob Nava
Denise Leanne Barker
Shannon Dale Stevens
David B. Douglas
Armando Hernandez
Michele Renae Kriezel
Ross Arnopp Munday
Patricia Dunthorne
Ginie Ninette Samayoa
Yolanda Meraz
Jared Smith
Manuel Michael Rodriguez Jr.
Karl Jeffery Bouvier

Thank you for your dedications
Anita Sanchez (Birthday Cards)
&

Christine Persall (Angelversary cards)

For sending out the Birthday and Angelversary
Cards. Receiving these is sometimes the only reminder
that our loved ones are NOT FORGOTTEN!

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(In memory of Jonathan)

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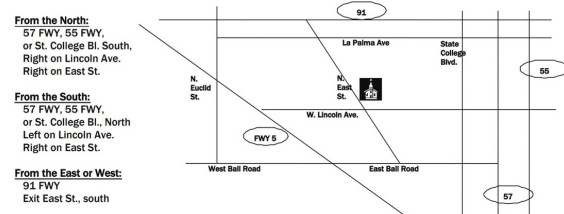
Rick Maldonado - rickem1972@gmail.com (In Memory of Matthew Maldonado)

MONTHLY SUPPORT MEETINGS:

Every 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6:30pm. Please come join us. This step in your journey will be one of the toughest. We are here to support you as you go - because we understand.

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. Call for Location 714-999-7123

Email: gocpomc@yahoo.com



Need to Talk:

All are board members and bilingual. Mary Bennet 714-264-2690 Please send text first.

Martha Dewar 714- 306-9166 Letty Gutierrez 714-601-9699

Please be mindful of times as these lines go directly to the members above.

Support Greater Orange County

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

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