



# **Greater Orange County Chapter of Parents Of Murdered Children**

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

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## **December**

As you enter the month of December which is known for the end of year and the coming of winter. Take a moment to remember a time you enjoyed with your loved one. Allow that moment to lead you in joy, peace and happiness this season. Do not rush into tomorrow or the new year. When you start to feel yourself slipping, remember the joy your loved one brought you and brings you as their spirit still lives.



## December Fun Facts

- December's Birthstones - Turquoise. Many people consider it a symbol of good fortune and success.
- December's Birth Flower - Narcissus and Holly
- Astrology Zodiac Signs of December - Sagittarius, and Capricorn
  - Sagittarius - November 23rd - December 21st
  - Capricorn - December 22nd – January 19th



If you'd like to share your favorite memory about your loved one in the monthly newsletter please email [gocpomc@yahoo.com](mailto:gocpomc@yahoo.com). All requests must be received by 6PM on the 25th of the month.

# ***Happy Heavenly Birthday***

**Jennifer Leanne Balber** 

**Traci "Rene" Conrad**

**Lisa Ann Tyson**

**Robbin Dana Brandley**

**Mickey Thompson**

**Michael Tapia** 

**Cheree Osmanhodzic**

**Troy Allen Gorena** 

**Daniel S. Hernandez**

**David Franklin Dyer**

**Marques Murray**

**Devin Luna** 

**Kylee Caitlin McGowen**

**Sammantha A. Salas**

**Lena Marie Forbes**

**Julio Moises Cardoza** 

**Kenneth N. Gullon**

**Tina Regina Williams**

**Rick Macias**

**Lisa Anne Frost**

**Jonathan Muse**

**Robin Hoynes**

**Jacob Eric Jackson**



**Travis Williams**

**Dominic T. Redd**

**Lori Hughes**

**Dax Xenos Gonzalez**

**Ronson Joseph Edgerly**

**Alan W. Doyle**

Your birthday is here,  
but it's sad to know  
that you are no longer  
here. I want to send  
you a gift, but I know I  
can't, so I will just  
make a wish upon a  
star that you carry my  
love wherever you are  
now.



... If there ever  
comes a day when  
we can't be together  
keep me in your heart.  
I'll stay there forever...  
- Winnie the Pooh -

***Thank you to Anita Sanchez for always sending our Birthday Cards***



## ***Forever Remembered Angleversaries***

**Dean E. Burks**

**Esteban Delgado**

**Devin Luna**



**William Pascoe**

**Michele Renae Kriezel**

**Travis Williams**

**Denaya M. Shanks**

**Ty Arron Stout**

**Richard (Richie) Tapia II**



**John Gottlieb Ruby III**

**Michael E. Benge**

**Kelly Sue Bunting**

**Daniel J. Desrosiers**

**Steven Kiley Escalera**

**Mika C. Bissett**

**George Ralph Eden Jr.**

**Jean Richards**

**Angela "Angel" Zingarelli**

**Lori McInroy Curler**

**Jason Robinson**

**Dylan James Austin**

**Barry Clark Cope**

**Lisa Marie Weaver**

**Andy Bushard**

**Emilia Casas**

**Nicolas Casas**

**Jerome Ludt**

**Linda Kay Hesse**

**Paul A. Chiriboga**

**Christine Lauren Bennett**

**Joy Lynn Winchester**

**Judah Ann Seelke**



*When someone you love  
becomes a memory,  
the memory becomes a treasure.*

*"Tears fall for  
a reason and  
they are  
your  
Strength  
not  
Weakness"*



You left me beautiful  
**MEMORIES**

Your love is still my  
**GUIDE**

And though I cannot  
**SEE YOU**

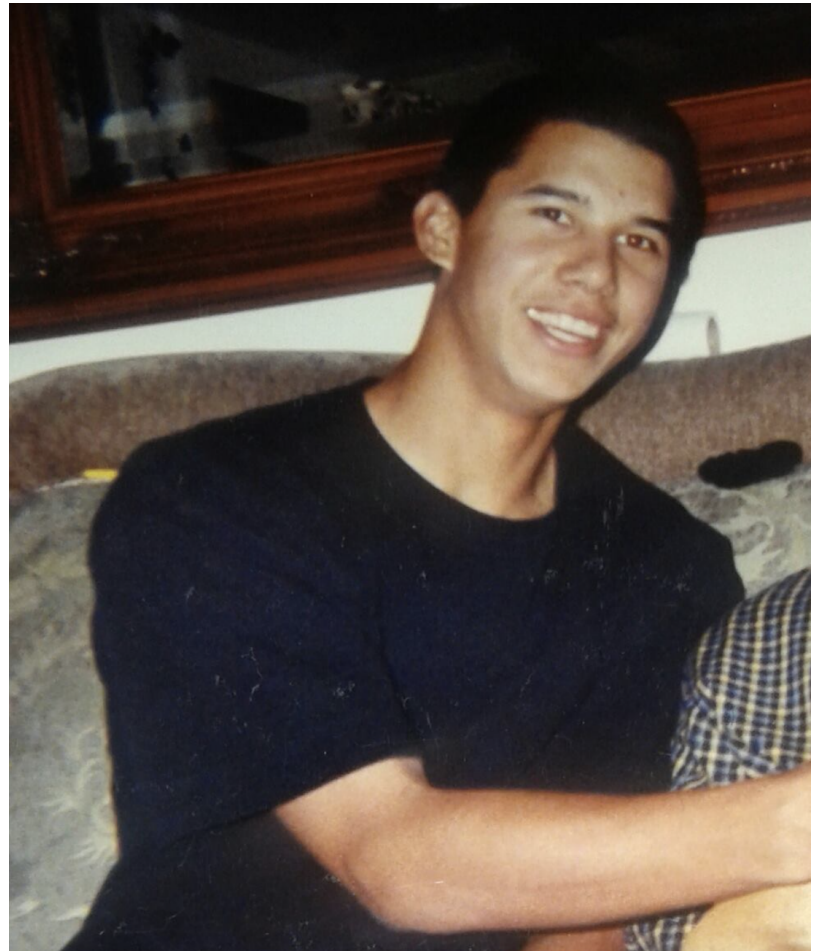
You are  
**ALWAYS AT MY SIDE**



***Thank you to Christine Persall for sending out our  
Angelversary Cards.***

***Thank you to Shirley Tapia for answering the hotline.***

# *Remembering Our Loved Ones*



He was always the favorite.. Mom will try and say otherwise, but if he was mine then I know he was hers. lol !! That smile is something I will always remember!!

If you would like to say something about your loved one in the newsletter please email [christinadizon1123@gmail.com](mailto:christinadizon1123@gmail.com). Please note all requests must be received by the 20th of the month to make the following newsletter. Ex: anything received by November 20th will go in December's newsletter.

## ***Announcements and Information***

### ***Annual POMC Potluck***

Save the date: December 16, 2023

### **RSVP by December 10th**

Donations for raffle items would be greatly appreciated.

### **Court Companions**

If you are willing and able to attend court with families who are still going through the legal process, please contact Debra Dizon-Hernandez at [gocpomc@yahoo.com](mailto:gocpomc@yahoo.com)

### ***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](mailto:gocpomc@yahoo.com)

### ***Need to Talk (It is important to reach out when you need to!)***

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.

### ***National Information***

***The Big Turn Off*** is scheduled for the second Wednesday in January which is January 10, 2023. This annual event is asking citizens to turn off their television for three hours during the prime-time segment of programming, to protest TV violence. The average child, watching the average amount of television, will witness 200,000 acts of violence by age 18. The goal of the Big Turn Off is to empower people to object to what they find offensive and send a message that promotes non-violent programming.

## ***Voting***

It's getting to the end of the year and it's almost time for nominations and elections of Board of Directors and we know that some Chapters have problems with this so we are putting the guidelines in to keep your Chapter in compliance. These guidelines are from your Articles of Associations so you can also refer to that. Feel free to call National with other questions.

- **Qualifications for Voting Membership** of a Chapter shall consist of all persons who are survivors of a victim of murder or homicide who sign up to become Voting Members of the Chapter and attend at least one (1) Voting Member meeting per year.
- **The Annual Voting Member Meeting** shall occur in January of each year at a date, time and place to be determined by the Board of Directors. The written notice setting forth the date, time, and place of the meeting shall be personally delivered, mailed or transmitted by Authorized Communications Equipment at least twenty (20) days before the date of each Annual Voting Member Meeting to each Voting Member at the Voting Member's address as it appears in the Voting Membership Book.
- **Nominating Committee.** At the organization Voting Member meeting and at each Annual Voting Member Meeting thereafter (or special meeting called for that purpose), a Nominating committee shall be selected. The Nominating committee shall prepare a slate of candidates for election to the Board of Directors at the following annual Voting Member Meeting, and shall present this slate to the Voting Membership at such Annual Voting Member Meeting. The term of office of each Nominating Committee shall expire upon its completion of this function.
- **Election.** The initial Directors shall consist of those persons who sign the original Articles of Association. Thereafter, at the first Annual Voting Member Meeting following the organizational Voting Member Meeting, the Nominating Committee shall present the approved slate of nominees for the Board of Directors. Additional nominations may thereafter be made from the floor by any Voting Member present at the Annual Voting Member Meeting. Directors shall be elected by the affirmative vote of a majority of those Voting Members present in person or by proxy at the Annual Voting Member Meeting at which a quorum exists. Any Voting Member who is not physically present may attend the meeting and may vote by the use of Authorized Communications Equipment. No campaigning whatsoever for the election of Directors shall be permitted.
- **Election of Officers.** The Officers of this Chapter shall be elected by the Board of Directors and shall be one (1) or more Chapter Leader(s), one (1) Secretary and one (1) Treasurer. Any other officers may be elected by the Board of Directors with the prior approval of the Corporation's Board of Trustees. All officers shall be elected for a term of one (1) year. The Chapter Leader(s) shall be a survivor(s) of a victim of murder or homicide. Any person may hold more than one (1) office, except the Chapter Leader/Co-Leader may not hold the position of Secretary and/or Treasurer. The election of officers shall take place at the first meeting of the Board of Directors following the election of the Board of Directors.



- Remember that you can only vote in board members to your Chapter in January at the yearly elections. The only time that is different is if a board member resigns thru the year and you have to fill their spot.
- Survivors attending a support group meeting/event should not be permitted to enter with any type of weapon. The building/venue may have posted “no weapons permitted.” (guns, etc) but even if they don’t the POMC support group/event should not let anyone in with any kind of weapon. Your Chapter may want to add this information to their Chapter Guidelines.

## ***Support Greater Orange County***

Ways to support your local POMC

**-Time**



**-Monetary Donations**



**-Join the Board**

**-Donations of items for events**

- Water
- Food
- Gift items
- Tissues
- Decorations for events

PARENTS OF MURDERED CHILDREN – VALLEY OF THE SUN CHAPTER

**MEMBERSHIP / MAILING LIST FORM**

Please fill out this form as completely as you feel comfortable. The accuracy of your information is very important to us, so please print as clearly as possible. For questions, call 602-254-8818 or email [pomcvos@gmail.com](mailto:pomcvos@gmail.com)

**All information is kept confidential.**

YOUR NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
 ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
 CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
 CELL PH \_\_\_\_\_ HOME PH \_\_\_\_\_ WORK PH \_\_\_\_\_  
 EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

(Please print clearly)

1. LOVED ONE'S NAME _____	RELATIONSHIP _____	AGE _____
LOVED ONE'S DATE OF BIRTH _____ DATE LOVED ONE WAS MURDERED _____		
2. LOVED ONE'S NAME _____	RELATIONSHIP _____	AGE _____
LOVED ONE'S DATE OF BIRTH _____ DATE LOVED ONE WAS MURDERED _____		
3. LOVED ONE'S NAME _____	RELATIONSHIP _____	AGE _____
LOVED ONE'S DATE OF BIRTH _____ DATE LOVED ONE WAS MURDERED _____		
4. LOVED ONE'S NAME _____	RELATIONSHIP _____	AGE _____
LOVED ONE'S DATE OF BIRTH _____ DATE LOVED ONE WAS MURDERED _____		
5. LOVED ONE'S NAME _____	RELATIONSHIP _____	AGE _____
LOVED ONE'S DATE OF BIRTH _____ DATE LOVED ONE WAS MURDERED _____		

☐ I would like to receive my newsletter by email.  
☐ I want to have my loved one remembered on their birthday and anniversary dates.  
☐ I grant permission for my name and information to be provided to the POMC National Office.  
☐ I no longer wish to be on the mailing list. (Comments) \_\_\_\_\_

CITY & STATE OF MURDER \_\_\_\_\_ SOLVED or UNSOLVED \_\_\_\_\_

IF SOLVED, WHAT WAS THE SENTENCE? \_\_\_\_\_

HOW DID IT HAPPEN? \_\_\_\_\_

WHAT SPECIAL MEMORIES DO YOU HAVE OF YOUR LOVED ONE? \_\_\_\_\_

\*I give my permission to print my "Special Memories" in the newsletter YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

Optional: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Enclosed is a donation to help with general chapter expenses.

Please make checks payable to:  
 and mail to:

**PARENTS OF  
 MURDERED CHILDREN**

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

***If interested in joining the board please reach out to Debra Dizon-Hernandez 😊***

# ***Directory***

## **Board Members**

### **Chapter Leader:**

Debra Dizon-Hernandez: email: [Debraus22@gmail.com](mailto:Debraus22@gmail.com) (In memory of Jonathan Dizon)

### **Co Leader:**

Martha Dewar: [marthad@roadrunner.com](mailto:marthad@roadrunner.com) (In memory of Sarah)

### **Secretary:**

Faye Jenkins: Email: [gsmommy@yahoo.com](mailto:gsmommy@yahoo.com) (In memory of Quiana and Jan)

### **Treasurer:**

John Maldonado: Email: [maldoman28@gmail.com](mailto:maldoman28@gmail.com), (In memory of Matthew Maldonado)

### **Board Member**

Lauren Stewart: (In memory of Cody)

### **Greater Orange County POMC:**

714-999-7132

[gocpomc@yahoo.com](mailto:gocpomc@yahoo.com)

[www.gocpomc.com](http://www.gocpomc.com)

### **Homicide Victim Services Supervisor:**

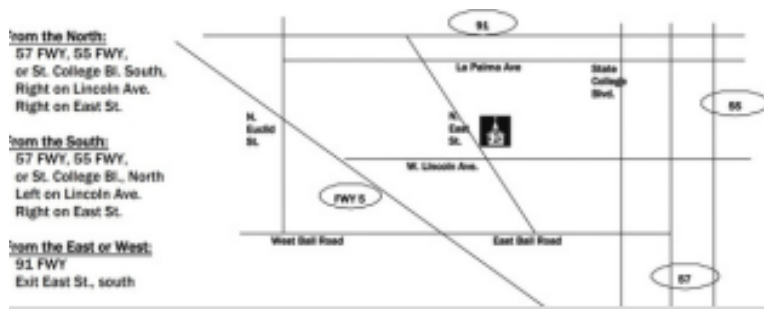
Melissa Melgar- [mmelgar@waymakersoc.org](mailto:mmelgar@waymakersoc.org)

### **POMC National Headquarters: 888-818-POMC**

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## Come join our Facebook Community!

POMC-Greater Orange County  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/gocpomc>

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.

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