

PARENTS OF MURDERED CHILDREN

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

February
2021

GREATER ORANGE COUNTY CHAPTER OF POMC

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February = Love

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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.

As we enter into a month where everyone seems to shift their focus to love. Let's join them: There are several ways to include your loved one this month.

1. Food:

- Make their favorite dish and share it with someone
- Make their favorite dessert and share it with someone
- Make their favorite breakfast and share it with someone
- If you can't share with someone close, send the recipe to someone. Make together on a Zoom call and enjoy.

2. Music:

- Sing their favorite song
- If you had a favorite song together sing that one
- Share their favorite song with a loved one

3. Light a Candle:

- As a family light a candle together

4. Stories

- Gather together as a family and share your favorite memories
- Share your favorite memory with friends

5. Places

- Go to place that makes you feel close to your loved one

These are just a few ways to include your loved one in this month of love.

February Birthdays

Remembered

Aramazd "Piqui" Andressian II

David Barrios

Chris Barta

Jeffrey Bellemare

Bryan E. Bensfield

Bradley Ralph Berger

Robert "Bobby" Austin Bukey

Art Casas

Aaron Chavez

Harry Christensen

Heidi S. Clausen

Oswald "Ozzy" Conde Jr.

Steven Coyne

Derek Lamont Crawford

Ralph William Currier

Esteban Delgado

Denise Duncan

Rodney Corwin Ferguson

Mark Richard Fernandez Jr.

Joseph Finzel

Dean J. Gamboa

Michael L. Gaybrant

James Michael Guajardo

Jason Alan Hall

Lois Hano

Dennis Vaughn Harris

Ann Marie Harrison

Brandon Ketsdever

Tarah Kyle

Ruben Latios

Frances Litovich

Judy Elizabeth Lloyd

Siria Medina

Michael S. Olvera Jr.

Andrew Pacheco

Kendra Tione Parker

William Pascoe



February Birthdays

Remembered

Shane Patterson

Quiana Pietrzak

Ignacio Pillado

James Vernon Potter

Steven Anthony Ramirez

Danny Renteria

Michael Riley

Kaitlyn Marie Russell

Katherine (Katy) Skinner

Adam Smith

Annette Stineman

Ivan Stineman

Joey Renae Valdivia

Steven G. Valdivia

Ronald W. Weiss

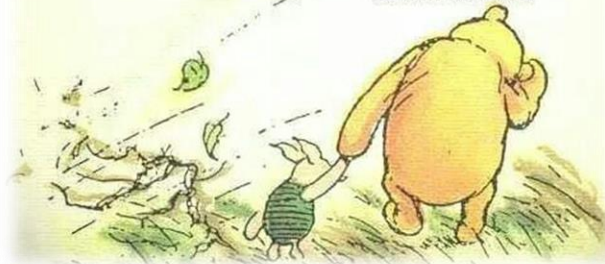
Stephen L. Woods

Kenneth Scott Wrede



“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



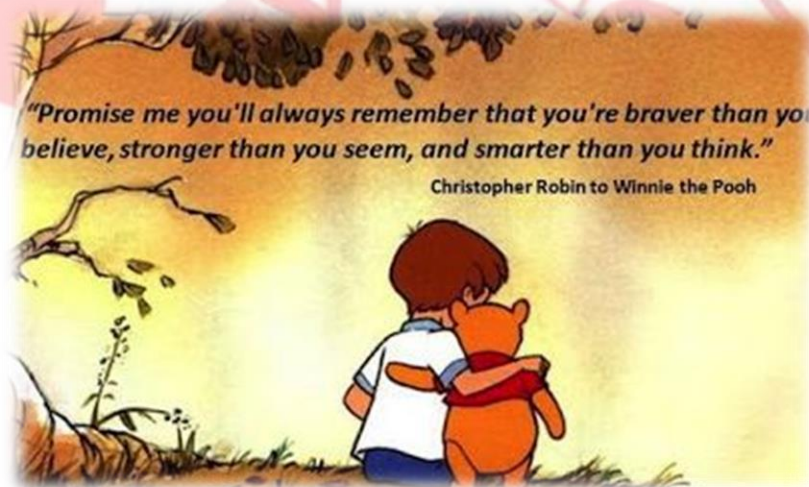
February Angelversaries

Nathanal Allen
Lanette Alvarado
Eric James Andrews
Raymond Apolinar
Rosemary Banuelos
Elmer H. Benson
Gladys L. Benson
Rebecca Ann Binkowski
Bethany Alexandra Bower
David Michael Buerer
Gechee Ginny Chang
Traci "Rene" Conrad
Donald Frank Cook
Felice Decicco
Michael Lee Decker-Keil
Steven M. Garcia
Jason Bartholomew Garcia
Mario R. Garcia
Jonathan Paul Giurbino
Jessica Gonzales
Cesar Gutierrez
Amy Marie Hess
Stacy Brooke Holsonback
Donna Sue Jones (Reeves)
Dr. John T. Langlos
Frances Litovich
James Robert Loy III
Michael Lucchesi
Randy Lutz
Elizabeth Mariani
Macaila Marshall
Alex Marshall
Siria Medina
Steven Hall Merritt
Franchot Mitchell
Marques Murray
Troy Michael Nash
James (Jimmy) Plaza Jr.
Yahrou L. Proctor
Jason Michael Rhodes

February Angelversaries



Julia Riley
Kate Riley
Michel Riley
Paul B. Rivas
Robert Foster Runyen
Ginie Ninette Samayoa
Christopher J. Sanders
Dennis Wayne Spradlin
Timothy M. Still
Sunny Adrienne Sudweeks
Leah Natalie Tadeo
Alan David Teitelman
Crystal Theobald
Cathy Torrez
Marc Anthony Urrutia
Courtney Von Haden
Curtis Lee Christopher Watton
Allen Anthony White
Buddy Williams
Ricky Dean Wood
Jonathan



Every effort is made to honor all our loved ones on Special dates. They are listed alphabetically and dates are not included in order to protect personal privacy.
If you do not see them in this newsletter, or there is a correction needed, please contact us. (714)402-3171
email gocpomc@yahoo.com.
Please help us be accurate on these lists.

February Announcements and Information

MONTHLY SUPPORT MEETINGS: Wednesday January 13, 2019 at 6:30pm
Wednesday February 10, 2019 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.
LOCATION: ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH (no affiliation) 222 N. East Street Anaheim, CA 92805

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Amazon Supports GOCPOMC Go
to: smile.amazon.com. Select: Greater Orange County
Parents of Murdered Children

Remember a portion of your purchase is donated to
our chapter.

As of November 2020 we have raised \$285.97

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Social Justice Sewing Academy

The Social Justice Sewing Academy (SJSA), a non-profit organization based in Northern California, is a volunteer-lead organization that aims to use art as a form of activism. In this, our most recent project is the Quilts of Remembrance project where volunteers create free, custom quilts for families that have lost loved ones to violence.

We create the quilts as a means of sending our condolences and providing a source of comfort to the families. For families that are interested in a quilt, they would have a brief conversation with Lauren Black, the Executive Director of the organization to discuss their loved one's hobbies/interests/favorite colors and any symbols that may represent their loved one that the family would like to have included.

If families are willing and comfortable, we typically ask families to send at least one item of clothing to be included in the quilt (shirts, jeans, jerseys, hoodies, etc.) and/or photos of their loved one by themselves or with members of the family.

Once the photos and/or clothing are received, a volunteer in our organization is assigned the quilt and it takes about 2-3 months to be shipped back to the family. Families that are interested can email me directly.

Lauren Black, *Executive Director*, (310) 710-6460, **Social Justice Sewing Academy**

<http://www.sjsacademy.com/>

SAVE THESE DATES

The United States Department of Justice, Office for Victims of Crime have designated Crime Victim's Rights Week to be in April. Justice for Homicide Victims 37th Memorial in April. Candlelight Vigil and Names Dedication Ceremony Memory in April. AUGUST 2021 35th ANNUAL POMC CONFERENCE The 35th National Conference for Parents Of Murdered Children will be held in Scottsdale, Arizona on July 15-18, 2021. The hotel rate will be \$119.00 per night plus tax. The hotel is a two story hotel with no elevator so if you have issues with steps please request a 1 st floor room. The theme this year is "As the Sun Shines in the Desert You Shine In My Heart." There is complimentary parking at the hotel.

If anyone would like to donate a teddy bear or silent auction item, please send to the following address:

2021 POMC National Conference
7507 E Taylor Road
Scottsdale, AZ 85257



Candlelight Vigil and Names Dedication (April 2021)

In 1988, members of the Orange County Chapter of Parents Of Murdered Children (POMC) set out to create a special place to honor and remember our Loved Ones lost to violent crimes. After extraordinary efforts by dedicated members, and assistance from Mothers Against Drunk Drivers (MADD), it took four years to create the permanent monument to our loved ones. This monument is the first of its kind to be built on the west coast. In 1992, the permanent monument was unveiled and dedicated. Money for the monument was raised through grass roots efforts: candy sales, car shows, bake sales, garage sales, and private donations. No professional fundraiser solicited a dime for this memorial; it was a work of LOVE by families wanting to heal. In 2005, the care of the monument was given to the new Greater Orange County Chapter of POMC. The five foot tall by three foot wide white marble monument bears the inscription:

Dedicated to Those Who Lost Their Lives In Violent Crimes

Above the inscription is a recessed oval panel with a carved pink marble "eternal" flame. A partially opened rosebud is carved into the area below. On the ground level, adjacent to either side of the monument, are black granite markers bearing the names of the victims - our Loved Ones - our daughters and sons, sisters and brothers, mothers and fathers, nieces and nephews, family and friends. Two white marble benches, roses, shrubs and flowerbeds ensure a peaceful place to sit, relax and fondly remember. Please see the Names Dedication Form that follows. It must be submitted before February 28, 2019 for this year's ceremony. We look forward to sharing this event with you; our loved ones will never be forgotten.



Our monthly support meeting is held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6:30PM

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

From the North:

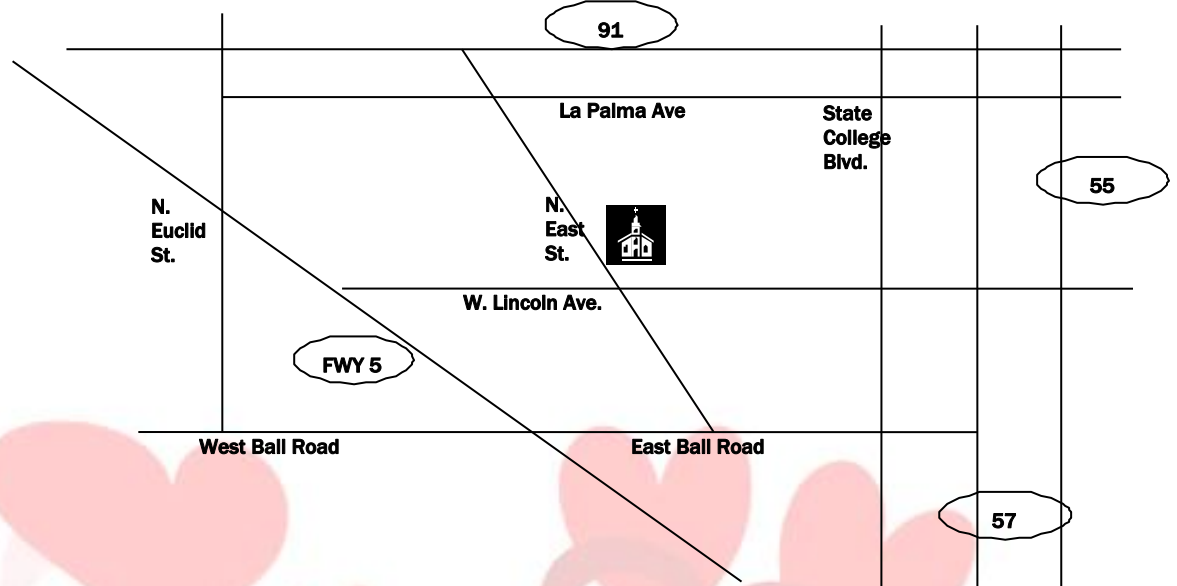
57 FWY, 55 FWY,
or St. College Bl. South,
Right on Lincoln Ave.
Right on East St.

From the South:

57 FWY, 55 FWY,
or St. College Bl., North
Left on Lincoln Ave.
Right on East St.

From the East or West:

91 FWY
Exit East St., south



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