



Greater Orange County Chapter of Parents Of Murdered Children

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



We are already in the second month of the new year. February is often known as the month of love, a time when many people express care through cards, candy, flowers, shared meals, and special moments. For some, this season can be comforting; for others, it may be difficult, and that's okay.

If celebrating in traditional ways doesn't feel right, consider using this time to show yourself kindness and compassion. That might look like reading a book, preparing a favorite meal, lighting a candle to make your space feel cozy, or simply taking a quiet moment to breathe and rest your feet.

However you choose to move through this month, please remember to take time for yourself. You deserve care, grace, and moments of peace.

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February Dates to Remember

- 8th Super Bowl Sunday
- 11th GOCPOMC Meeting
- 14th Valentine's Day
- 16th President's Day
- 17th Mardi Gras
- 18th Ash Wednesday

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Happy Heavenly Birthday

Aaron Chavez

Chris Barta

Ralph William Currier

Andrew Pacheco

Harry Christenson

Kaitlyn Marie Russell

Mark Richard Fernandez Jr.

Judy Elizabeth Lloyd

Kenneth Scott Wrede

Denise Duncan

Dean J. Gamboa

Steven Anthony Ramirez

Jason Alan Hall

Quiana Pietrzak

Ruben Latios

Steven G. Valdivia

Michael S. Olvera Jr.

Oswald (Ozzy) Conde Jr.

Esteban Delgado

Joseph Finzel

Annette Stineman

Ivan Stineman

Bryan E. Bensfield

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Danny Renteria

Kendra Tione Parker

Shane Patterson

William Pascoe

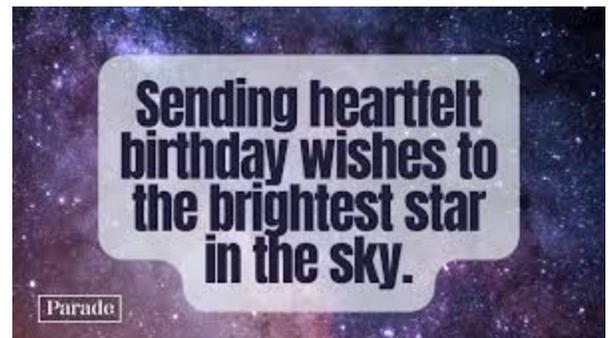
Freddie Charles Dizon

Baby Joey

Micheal Tovar

Matthew Hirsch

Piqui



On your birthday, I will visit you in my heart!!



We are always thankful and grateful for Christine Persall (sending out Angelversary cards), Shirley Tapia (answering the hotline) and Anita Sanchez (sending birthday cards). When you see them please thank them as well!

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Forever Remembered Angelversary

Ginie Ninette Samayoa

Franchot Mitchell

James (Jimmy) Plaza Jr.

Jayden

Amy Marie Hess

Lanette Alvarado

Ricky Dean Wood

Curtis Lee Christopher Watton

Yahrou L. Proctor

Elmer H. Benson

Gladys L. Benson

Raymond Apolinar

Dennis Wayne Spradlin

Troy Michael Nash

Leah Natalie Tadeo

Cesar Gutierrez

Cathy Torrez

Stacy Brooke Holsonback

Felice Decicco

Christian Silva

Robert Foster Runyen

Randy Lutz

Marques Murray

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Mario R. Garcia

Tracie (Rene) Conrad

Steven Hall Merritt

Alan David Teitelman

Micheal, Katie, Julia (Siblings)



**As long as you remember me I will
never be forgotten!!!**

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Remembering Our Loved Ones

Attending events in our local cities are powerful ways to remember our loved ones and support one another. Check your local city for events.

We did not choose to be members of this club; that choice was made for us. Even so, we welcome our new board members with open hearts.

On behalf of the Greater Orange County Parents Of Murdered Children, we are honored to welcome **Aurora Carlos** and **Raquel Conde** as our newest board members.

Your willingness to serve means more than words can express. Our organization is built on the belief that no parent should walk the journey of loss alone. Through compassion, education, advocacy, and support, we strive to remind families that they are not alone, while also creating awareness and meaningful change within our communities.

We thank you for your commitment, your voices, and your hearts. Together, we look forward to making change—no matter how big or how small—because every step forward matters when it helps make a difference in someone's life.

We are grateful to have you join us in this mission and look forward to working alongside you as we continue to support, educate, and advocate for families impacted by violent loss—something we know all too well.

With Gratitude,

GOCPOMC

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Please join us for a Candlelight Vigil honoring the lives of victims of homicide. The gathering welcomes both new and returning families as we come together in remembrance of our loved ones, share their light, and support one another through compassion and community.

GREATER CHAPTER OF ORANGE COUNTY

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PARENTS OF MURDERED CHILDREN



CANDLELIGHT VIGIL

SAVE THE DATE

APRIL 25, 2026



Memory Gardens Memorial Park

455 W. Central Ave. Brea, CA 928

Monument form below

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PARENTS OF MURDERED CHILDREN – GREATER ORANGE COUNTY CHAPTER
MEMORIAL MONUMENT NAME INSCRIPTION ORDER FORM

To have the name of your loved one, whose life was lost to violent crime, added to the Memorial Monument, complete this form entirely and mail it to our P.O. Box. Once a year, we host a Candlelight Vigil and Names Dedication Ceremony during "Victims' Rights Week", usually in the month of April. At that time, names are dedicated and inscribed on a black granite marker. Please **print** all information:

YOUR NAME _____ HOME PHONE (____) _____
ADDRESS _____ CELL PHONE (____) _____
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____ - _____
EMAIL _____
LOVED ONE'S NAME _____ RELATIONSHIP _____ AGE _____
LOVED ONE'S DATE OF BIRTH (MMDDYY) _____ DATE OF DEATH (MMDDYY) _____

1. Review the sample below. Fill in the box with your loved one's Year of Birth, Name, and Year of Death.
2. **Make checks payable to GOCPOMC.** We ask for a donation of \$60.00 per name. If you have any questions, please call (714) 999-7132.
3. Mail check and completed form to: **GOCPOMC**
14131 Woodlawn Ave.
Tustin, CA 92780
4. The monument is located at *Memory Garden Memorial Park, 455 W. Central Ave., Brea, California*. You will receive an invitation for the planned ceremonies.
5. Any names received after February 28th will be inscribed for dedication in the following year.

<u>NOTE:</u> - MAXIMUM OF 20 LETTERS (INCLUDING SPACES) - NO PUNCTUATION - NO QUOTATION MARKS - NO HYPHENS	<u>SAMPLE:</u> 1964 Jessica D Lange 1991 1968 Mathew E Arnold 1990 1979 T Jeffrey Thompkin 1994 1977 Salvador M Del Garza 1991
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PRINT YOUR LOVED ONE'S YEAR OF BIRTH, NAME AS YOU WANT IT TO APPEAR, AND YEAR OF DEATH:

_____	_____	_____
YEAR OF BIRTH	NAME (20 LETTERS MAX, INCLUDING SPACES)	YEAR OF DEATH

*If any part of the name is hard to pronounce, please write it as it sounds. It is very important to us that we say your loved one's name correctly at the dedication ceremony. _____

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

FOR COMMITTEE USE ONLY

Check # _____ Acct # _____ Date Received / Payment #1 ____/____/____
Bank Name _____ Routing# _____ Payment #2 ____/____/____
Acknowledgement letter sent _____ Payment #3 ____/____/____
Inscription # _____ Approved by _____

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Parents Of Murdered Children Mass Murder Community Outreach ResponseTeam (CORT)- is still looking for anyone that is interested in attending a virtual training. We need at least 10 more interested persons before we can schedule the training.

April Board meeting- the National Board will make selections for the awards for the National Conference in July. If you have any nominations, please send them in to Bev bwarnock@pomc.org or Sherry at snolan@pomc.org . The award list is attached to see the different award descriptions and requirements.

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Announcements and Information

Email List (Removal)

If you would like to be removed from our email list please send an email to christinadizon1123@gmail.com

Elections:

Elections were completed and we have new board members. Please see "Remembering Our Loved Ones" if you missed it.

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

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

Newsletter

If you would like to add something to the newsletter please email your request to christinadizon1123@gmail.com

Training-

If you are interested in taking the Effective Leadership Training in January and February please send Sherry snolan@pomc.org an email to let her know. **There is an ongoing list at this time and newer Chapters and current Chapters in need of certified members to be in compliance will be considered first.

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Case Solving Possibility-

Parents Of Murdered Children was asked to send this out to our members but does not assume any responsibility or liability. See below:

My best friend was murdered when I was 6. It is the unsolved Robison murders. I have a passion for solving cold cases, and have teamed up with a top genetic genealogist:

Colleen Fitzpatrick. We are looking for unsolved cold cases that have DNA evidence.

Two new techniques allow us to revisit unsolved crimes: hairs without roots and minimal amounts of DNA using the M-Vac device. Do you have any families we can work with to help solve their murders?

Claudia Freedman If any family falls into this category let me know

bwarnock@pomc.org .

Scholarship

From one of our survivors:

My dad, Dr. James H. Lewis, was a well -known African American doctor/surgeon in Harrisburg, Illinois, who attended college in Wheaton Illinois. The school, founded by abolitionists, was very supportive of him in the early 1900s. The school is offering a scholarship for a four- year free ride scholarship for the economically disadvantaged who are concerned about underserved communities and who hold Christian belief to serve. Could you please let members know about this scholarship as I am sure there are those who have members who might be interested in this. My dad started a scholarship there with Wheaton adding \$5,000,000. You can read about my dad by google . An historical marker was placed in front of the hospital he built. Incidentally he was a victim of a robbery eons ago. Sincerely, Jeanne Mays, mother of Ruby Y. Mays, murder victim.

If you are interested please email bwarnock@pomc.org and your email will be forwarded to her email.

40th POMC National Conference

The 2026 POMC National Conference will be held in Columbus, Ohio. July 23-26 at Columbus Airport Marriott

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Book Your Hotel Room at the official conference hotel, Columbus Airport Marriott.

Attendees Group Code: PMC Group Rate: \$123 + Tax

Reservations Deadline Date: Monday, June 22, 2026

Workshop Presentation

If you are wanting to do a workshop for the 2026 Conference, please get your presenter form in to Sherry at snolan@pomc.org . They are due by March 1 st , 2026

Podcast

[Chapter 9 The New Chapter](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iCkA99QwRZc>



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Support Greater Orange County

Ways to support your local POMC

-Time



-Monetary Donations



-Join the Board (Raise your voice with ours so our message is heard!!)



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-Donations of items for events

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

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Directory

Board Members

Chapter Leader:

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

Co Leader:

Martha Dewar: marthad@roadrunner.com (In memory of Sarah) (Spanish Speaking Contact)

Secretary:

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

Treasurer:

Lola Miller: Email: lolamiller2@yahoo.com, (In memory of Michelle)

Board Member

Aurora Carlos: Email: milbesos14@gmail.com (In memory of Jose Benjamin Salvidres)
(Spanish Speaking Contact)

Raquel Conde : Email: ROQSEA@GMAIL.COM (In memory of Sharleyne Conde)

Greater Orange County POMC:

714-999-7132

gocpomc@yahoo.com

www.gocpomc.com

Homicide Victim Services Supervisor:

Melissa Melgar- mmelgar@waymakersoc.org

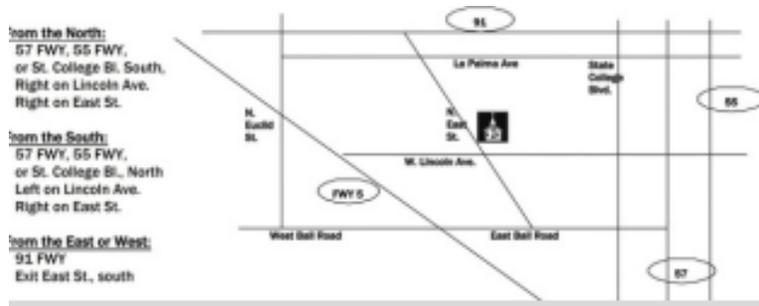
POMC National Headquarters: 888-818-POMC

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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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