

# PARENTS OF MURDERED CHILDREN

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

2022

## GREATER ORANGE COUNTY CHAPTER OF POMC

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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.

## February=Love

February is a month where people prepare to show one another love.

Children become their parent's Valentine and parents become their children's Valentine. Love is shown all year long, but take this moment to remember all the love, cards and candy received by your loved one.

Allow the moment to make you smile and feel all the love that was meant for you.

### ***This month we have a speaker please review her Bio below:***

Thea Eskey is an established writer with 11 years of experience. Thea is currently working as an investigative journalist, focusing on issues of public health and government corruption. Thea's current area of focus is the Los Angeles child abuse crisis and its broader implications.

Throughout her reporting, Thea has sought to understand child abuse from historical, anthropological and sociological perspectives. This vantage point enables a more comprehensive examination, which broaches many significant topics, including deregulation, social capital, criminal justice reform, government corruption, the poverty-industrial complex and institutionalization. Recently, in response to a growing need to investigate cold cases in Los Angeles County, Thea has also begun to work with the LA chapter of Parents of Murdered Children to see if she can put a fresh pair of eyes on these cases in hopes of uncovering new information that will bring much-needed closure and answers.

Thea is very much looking forward to utilizing her talents to create safer and more just communities, ones which tirelessly advocate on behalf of those most in need.

Contact Information

Email: [teskey1@ithaca.edu](mailto:teskey1@ithaca.edu)

# *Always in Our Hearts Happy Heavenly Birthday!*



Aaron Chavez  
Chris Barta  
Andrew Pacheco  
Ralph William Currier  
Harry Christensen  
Mark Richard Fernandez Jr.  
Kaitlyn Marie Russell  
Judy Elizabeth Lloyd  
Denise Duncan  
Kenneth Scott Wrede  
Dean J. Gamboa  
Steven Anthony Ramirez  
Jason Alan Hall  
Quiana Pietrzak  
Steven G. Valdivia  
Ruben Latios  
Michael S. Olvera Jr.  
Oswald "Ozzy" Conde Jr.  
Esteban Delgado  
Joseph Finzel  
Annette Stineman  
Ivan Stineman  
Danny Renteria  
Bryan E. Bensfield  
Kendra Tione Parker  
Shane Patterson  
William Pascoe

Happy  
Birthday  
in Heaven.



Happy Birthday  
In Heaven  
Together in the same old way  
Would be my dearest wish today.

# *Forever Remembered Angelversaries*



*Franchot Mitchell  
Ginie Ninette Samayoa  
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  
Cathy Torrez  
Cesar Gutierrez  
Stacy Brooke Holsonback  
Christian Silva  
Felice Decicco  
Robert Foster Runyen  
Randy Lutz  
Marques Murray  
Mario R. Garcia  
Traci "Rene" Conrad  
Steven Hall Merritt  
Alan David Teitelman*



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 your loved one's name or photo please contact us @ (714)402-3171 email [gocpomc@yahoo.com](mailto:gocpomc@yahoo.com). Please help us be accurate on these lists.

# ***February Announcements and Information***

## **In Person Support Meetings**

Because some of our Chapters are starting in-person support group meetings and want to enforce proof of vaccination to attend we checked with National POMC's attorney. This is her response; "Although the issue of medical and religious exemptions is evolving, at this point I think the support groups can enforce vaccine mandates for in-person meetings." This is assuming there are no applicable state laws outlawing vaccine mandates (like Florida). Check with your Chapter to see if virtual support will also be offered.

## **Upcoming Guest**

March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Marc Caress Deputy District Attorney will be present at our meeting to discuss their role in the parole hearings. At the end of the presentation he will do a Q&A.

## **Board Members:**

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

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

Secretary: Letty Gutierrez Email: [lettygutierrez2017@gmail.com](mailto:lettygutierrez2017@gmail.com)

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

In Memory of Matthew

Anita Lewis Email: [alewismary@yahoo.com](mailto:alewismary@yahoo.com) In memory of Mary and Lester

## **MONTHLY SUPPORT MEETINGS:**

Wednesday February 9, 2022 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: Anaheim, CA 92805

## **Candlelight Vigil**

April 30, 2022 we will be hosting the Candlelight Vigil. We are not yet sure what the CDC guidelines for COVID will be, but we will follow them. More information will follow.

## **National Crime Victim's' Rights Week**



## Need to Talk:

The listed members are bilingual and able to listen. 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

POMC Donations: When seeking a place to donate monetarily this year please consider a donation to Greater Orange County POMC. Help support GOCPOMC with your Amazon purchases: Amazon Supports GOCPOMC Go to: [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com). Select: Greater Orange County Parents of Murdered Children Remember a portion of your purchase is donated to our chapter.

## National Day of Remembrance

If your loved one's name was not on the National Day of Remembrance list that was on the website [www.pomc.org](http://www.pomc.org), please send an email to [rpati@pomc.com](mailto:rpati@pomc.com) for Ratana to get their name on for next year. POMC only puts names on at the request of the family. We do not add names without the family's permission.

## 2022 POMC National Conference

### Parents of Murdered Children National 36<sup>th</sup> Conference!!

This conference will be held in St. Louis Missouri July-21-24, 2022 at the Sheraton Westport Lakeside Chalet.

The room price is \$115.00 plus tax. There is a free shuttle from the airport to the hotel. When booking your flight, you fly into the St. Louis Airport (STL). POMC is still looking for anyone who would be interested in working the Hospitality Room at the conference, anyone who likes to sing, and for someone willing to video the conference at a more cost effective cost. If you know anyone or are capable of providing these services please contact Bev @ [bwarnock@pomc.org](mailto:bwarnock@pomc.org).





If you are able please join Imelda and David Silva in celebrating her son's second angelversay.

No , it's ok! Join us at 1 pm for BBQ and Vigil. Hope to see you there.  
Thank you! Counting down the days of love and Honoring my son and all victims and co-victims of violence.

## **2nd Anniversary**

A Celebration In Memory Of **CHRISTIAN SILVA**

**4/8/91 - 2/22/20**



## **BIKE RUN and VIGIL**

**Saturday, February 19th 2022**

**9:30am Meetup. Ride leaves at 10:30am:**

**IRON ELECTRIC TATTOO**

**331 S Harbor Blvd, La Habra, CA 90631**

**1pm Vigil at:**

**IRON ELECTRIC  
TATTOO**

Please join us for drinks and  
snacks and in commemorating  
Christian's life



**\$30 donation for bike run includes T-shirt.  
Proceeds benefit the non- profit ChristianAngel.Org**

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**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 28<sup>th</sup> will be inscribed for dedication in the following year.

**NOTE:**

- MAXIMUM OF 20 LETTERS (INCLUDING SPACES)
- NO PUNCTUATION
- NO QUOTATION MARKS
- NO HYPHENS

**SAMPLE:**

1964	Jessica D Lange	1991
1968	Mathew E Arnold	1990
1979	T Jeffrey Thompkin	1994
1977	Salvador M Del Garza	1991

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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