



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

# MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2023

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

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## **New Year, New Visions**

Last group meeting, votes were casted and your Orange County Chapter Board Members are as followed. Faye Jenkins as your new Secretary, John Maldonado is once again your Treasurer and, You're leaders are, Martha Dewar, your Co-Leader and Your Leader, Debra Hernandez.

I asked the Board if they had any New Year Resolutions for the Chapter. Debra responded, "I don't know if I have a resolution but, my vision is to see a change for us as, members. To be more supportive towards each other, I don't have all the answers because, I'm a survivor as well. I'm broken, but, not down. I fell at times that, I have let my son down by not doing more to get justice for him. I was reminded, the other day, that, what I'm doing for others is because of him. I hope that makes sense."

Your Co-Leader, Martha, is looking forward to brining new ideas on how to raise more money for the Chapter. She's been researching on, "Identifying Prospects" and "Targeting Investors". And Looking into Organizing Restaurant Fundraisers in the community. And also adding a "Donate Now" button on the website.

Looks like your leaders are ready for the year!

## CAL STATE FULLERTON SPEAKERS

Once again, Cal State Fullerton needs speakers for their Criminal Justice Department. Kim Muche, an Adjunct Lecturer, is looking for POMC Chapter Speakers for her class. Monday, April 3rd from 4pm to 5:15pm.

This is crucial for the future of POMC members. To be able to share your loss and stories in front of these future officers detectives, attorneys, judges and lawmakers, is a big influence in their careers. Sharing your experience will hopefully influence their decision making in whatever path they choose in the Criminal Justice system.

Please let Debra, your group leader, know if you're interested.

# DEBRA'S TWO CENTS!



## *Editor's Letter*



Happy Valentine's Day to you and your Angels!

Is it me or is anyone else just coming back up for air from the holidays?

I believe January had me in a daze from being busy at work. But, it's now February and love is in the hair....oops, I mean air. (a little hairstylist humor).

Congratulations Chapter and their elected!

Fun little fact about me: Once, I almost ran for City Council.

Have a blessed and wonderful month!



BE  
BRAVE



# ANGEL DEDICATIONS



**This page is usually dedicated to a couple of loved ones. We usually hand pick or ask for you to send in something about your loved ones that were lost the month of. We need stories for February and the following months. Who's ever messages we get first, are the 2 that get in the the page.**

**This is how it works. You can write up a 2 paragraph story of your loved one. It can be a favorite memory or moment they've had. Something of you and them.**

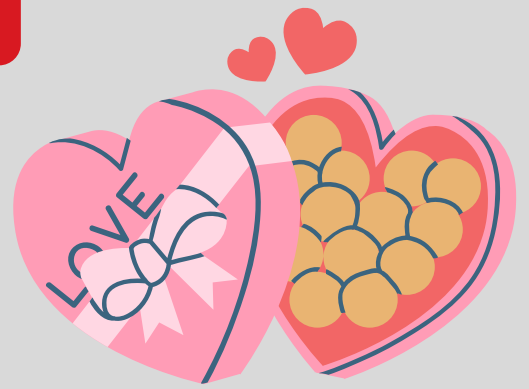
**Or it can be their favorite quote, poem, picture, book or movie they loved. Anything to honor and dedicate to them.**

**Send it your request before the month of to Debra or the newsletter editor Rick.**

# SAVE THE DATE

Next group meeting has a special guest. Senior Assistant District Attorney will attend our next meeting to discuss new laws.

Next meeting is Wednesday February 8th at 6:30pm



The Memorial Monument name inscription order form for April's Candlelight Vigil is due February 28th

The Vigil is confirmed to be on April 29th. More Details to come



# 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2023			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	SUPPORT GROUP 6:30pm	8	9	10
11	12	13	Happy Valentine's Day	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28		



*Forever Remembered*  
*Angelversaries*

*Always in Our Hearts*  
*Happy Heavenly Birthday*



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  
Mario R. Garcia  
Tracie (Rene) Conrad  
Steven Hall Merritt  
Alan David Teitelman



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  
Danny Renteria  
Kendra Tione Parker  
Shane Patterson  
William Pascoe

**Thank you for your dedications**  
**Anita Sanchez (Birthday Cards)**  
**Thank you**  
**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!**  
**Thank You**  
**Shirley Tapia for answering the hotlines and writing**  
**poems for the Angelversary letters!**

## Board Members:

Chapter Leader: Debra Dizon-Hernandez: Email- Debraus22@gmail.com

(In memory of Jonathan)

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

Secretary: Letty Gutierrez: Email- lettygutierrez2017@gmail.com (In memory of Bryan)

Treasurer: John Maldonado: Email- maldoman28@gmail.com (In Memory of Matthew)

Anita Lewis: Email- alewismary@yahoo.com (In memory of Mary & Lester)

Faye Jenkins gsmommy@yahoo.com (In memory of Quiana & Jan)

## Newsletter Editor:

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:

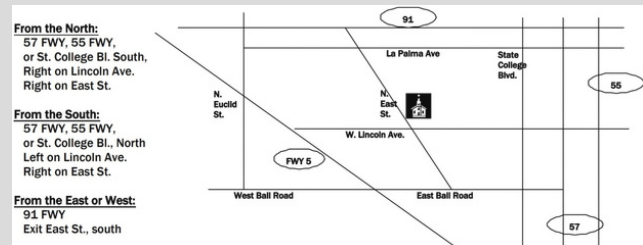
All are board members and bilingual. Mary Bennet 714-264-2690 Please send text first.

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

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. Select: Greater Orange County Parents of Murdered Children Remember a portion of your purchase is donated to our chapter.



Come join our Facebook  
Community!

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

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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