



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

## **MONTHLY NEWSLETTER**

**JANUARY 2023**

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

### **A New Year**

We here, at Orange County Chapter, hope your holidays were safe and healthy. But, once again, another holiday with out or loved ones and now, another year with out them. And we can't forget that.

If you should ever need someone to talk to, remember, we do have a support group meeting once a month on the second Wednesday. These meetings allow you to express and speak out loud. And every once in a while we have guest speakers like, officers, attorneys or educators. These people need to hear you and your cases so that maybe they can make a difference.

There's also a few phone numbers you can call down below if you need to talk located at the end of this newsletter.

Anyone who needs our support, we're here, man or woman. Especially the men. it seems we're lacking men in the group. Whether it's pride or something else. Support is here for you.



## **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.

# VOTE!!!!

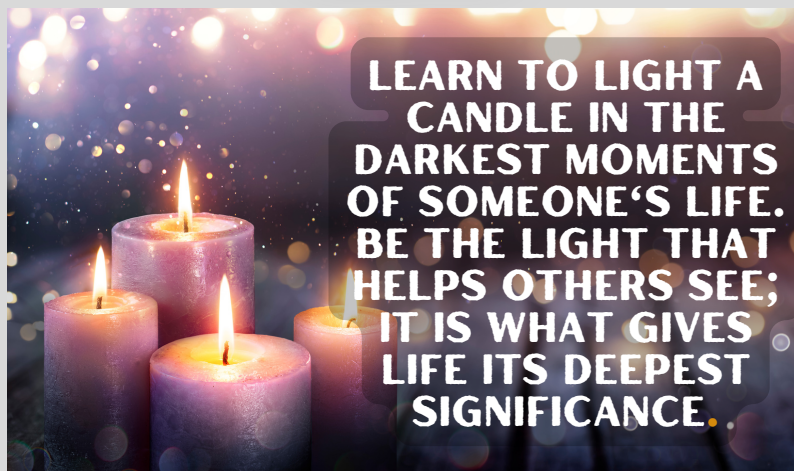
**Next Support group meeting, Wednesday January 11th at 6:30pm  
Vote in your board members for Orange County Chapter.  
There's an option to join the board.**

- 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.**

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

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DEBRA'S TWO  
CENTS!



## *Editor's Letter*

Happy New Year Orange County Chapter! I wish this year is a healthy one for you all. This year in my letters, I'll continue to share and express my learnings from you along with pieces of my life and life experiences. On that note.....

I'm 50 years old. I've got a 27 year old son, a 35 year old daughter and two grand daughters a 2 year old and a 12 year old. I'm a hair artist of 30 some years and I love Video games!!

My loved one lost is my nephew, Matthew Maldonado.

Our family has lost many and we've been through so many deaths and funerals. But, the day Matthew was killed was the day that would change everything. I'm happy my brother has found this group. And honored to be a part of it with him and with you all.



## ● ● ● ● ● DECEMBER'S 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

## **\*\*CONFERENCE SCHOLARSHIP RAFFLE\*\***

**For \$5.00 you can take a chance on receiving a  
Conference Scholarship**

**valued at \$1000 towards travel, hotel and/or  
registration for the**

**2023 Atlanta, GA or 2024 Las Vegas, NV  
Conference.**


**Contact National POMC office at (513)721-5683**

**or**

**e-mail [natlpomc@pomc.org](mailto:natlpomc@pomc.org) to purchase tickets.**

**The raffle ends 12/31/2022.**

# JANUARY 2023

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*Forever Remembered  
Angelversaries*



*Always in Our Hearts  
Happy Heavenly Birthday*

Debra Ann Harvey  
Rick Macias  
Robert Allen Sickles  
Michael R. Grossi  
Andre Laurent  
Michael Brian Ornelas  
Ched Neuhaus  
Harry Christensen  
James Donald Hartzell Jr.  
David Sanchez  
Julian S. Del Campo  
Manuel Gonzales  
Patrice M. Liebelt  
David Robinson  
Michael Ray Avila  
Stewart Ayon  
Robbin Dana Brandley  
Janessa Joclyn Smith  
Earnest Pickett Jr.  
Jayden Turner  
Richard A. Valdez Jr.  
Sammantha A. Salas  
Andrea Nelson  
Denise Duncan  
Aubrey Duncan  
Alex Leo Reyes  
Joe Jessie  
Sarah Furey  
Jamie Hartzell

Denise Meresa Ortega  
Jonathon Arreola  
Bridget Ballas  
Marcos Ian De La Cruz-Cody  
Jerome Ludt  
Kelly Sue Bunting  
Andy Bushard  
Andrea Nelson  
Sarah J. Rodriguez  
Brice Carey Dickenson  
Denise Marie Duerr  
Robert Anthony Fierro  
Debra Ann Harvey  
Christina Margueretta McNeil  
Michelle Nicole Miller  
John Gottlieb Ruby III  
Autumn Carol Wallace  
Yahrou L. Proctor  
Anthony Alvarado (Tony) Rios  
Katya W.J. Sneeringer  
Michael E. Benge  
Karen Spille  
Danielle Faith Voisine  
Stacey Bryant  
Bernard G. (BJ) Lopez Jr.  
Brian Luengas

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:

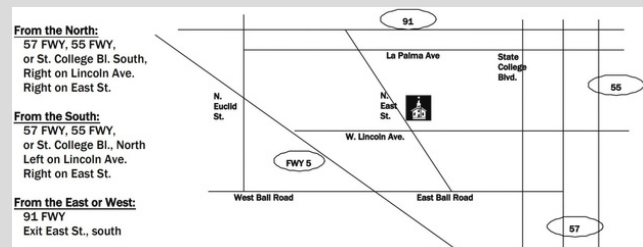
All are board members and bilingual. Mary Bennet 714-264-2690 Please send text first.

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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