

GREATER ORANGE COUNTY CHAPTER OF PARENTS OF MURDERED CHILDREN

# MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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

### NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

DON'T FORGET! Remember, this month ,September 25th at 1pm is our Annual Picnic at Clark Regional Park for National Day of Remembrance! This will be a Potluck! We're asking everyone to Donate their favorite side dish, and beverages. And, Please, fill free to bring and share you loved ones favorite Dessert dish.

The board members will provide Chicken and sandwiches and Water



Fill free to bring your loved one's pictures. There will also be raffles and 50/50 tickets! There will also be games! \$5 Parking Parking across the street is another option and it is free.



## EDITOR'S LETTER

## DEBRA'S TWO CENTS

Be Someone's Strength. Be Someone's Inspiration. Be Someone's Reason To Never give up!



I hope you're all staying cool for and hydrated. And hopefully the you're all enjoying the new more newsletter format? Of Last months edition I added Now What I'm now calling, e-"Angel Dedications". This newest for addition to the newsletter, a, how selected parent or parents, can either, tell a favorite memorable story about your loved one, a quote of theirs, have a favorite poem of theirs or yours dedicated to them. or anything that represents them. Please keep your stories to at least a paragraph or two. This column will be dedicated to

This column will be dedicated to two loved ones lost on that month.

Two Angel's have already been chosen for October's Dedication page, How they're chosen is, made by the Board members of your Chapter. On a different note. I'd like to thank Nancy Aguilar for sending me an e-mail with open arms! I'm here for support and to donate my time to help in any way I can.

> Enjoy your September! Rick Maldonado



## THE OFFICERS AND THE PARENTS



Last October's Chapter meeting involved two special guests. Frankie Guzman, a member of the Airforce, and Captain Manny Azarte, of the Tustin police Department. In all honesty, they were there to experience what the parents are all, still, going through. Frankie and Captain Azarte did answer questions about cases, concerns or anything else the group asked about relating to the parents lost loved ones. Ironically, it seems the officers and the parents learned a lot from each other that night.

This September's meeting will have an officer from Santa Ana Police department. If you'd like to come by it's, Wednesday September 14th at 6:30pm. Here's more info on last month's guests.

Frankie De Guzmar

She's a Member of the Air Force For 25 years and is Currently serving with the 146 Combat Readiness Unit out of Channel Islands in Oxnard. She is involved with several Veteran Non-profit organizations like, Patriots and Paws, VetHunters, Not on my Watch, B.R.A.I.N, American Legion, Disable Veterans of America and Gary Sinise Honoring American Defenders.

She is very involved in her church and even went to help build and house in Mexico where, she rescued a little dog that she calls, "Buster". Frankie trains women in self defense courses and runs a program training and teaching individuals for a career in Security.

Her dedication to serving others to include Parents of Murdered Children, Frankie is also returning to school, where she can obtain her Paralegal Certificate.

Lastly, Frankie enjoys biking, kayaking, running, working out and swimming.

#### Captain Manny Azarte

He graduated from the Palomar College Police Academy upon receiving an honorable discharged from the United States Marine Corps. Captain Arzate has worked a variety of different assignments throughout his career.

After working as a Patrol Officer for a few years, was selected for a detective assignment in the Gang Unit. In this assignment, he investigated a number of high profile cases and was recognized as member of the Orange County Gang Investigators' Association, "Team of the Year."

After his assignment in the Gang Unit, Arzate worked a number of other specialty positions within the Department, which include an assignment as a Field Training Officer, Personnel and Training Officer and obtained Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) certification. In 2014, he promoted to the rank of sergeant and ultimately supervised the Special Enforcement Detail. In 2017, he was again promoted to the rank of Lieutenant and was assigned as the North Area Commander. In this position, Arzate was responsible for managing all policing activities in Tustin north of the I-5 freeway. He also managed the: Arrest and **Control Program, Field Training Program and Traffic Unit Tustin Police Department Honor Guard** During his tenure at the Tustin Police Department, Arzate focused on personal development and obtained a Master's Degree in Business Management from the University of Redlands.

### SEPTEMBER'S ANGEL DEDICATIONS



## **A POEM FOR JUSTIN**

Veronica Gomez dedicates this poem to her son, Justin, who's life was taken from us 5 years ago this month.

## JULIA

On September 17th, 2020 Julia Dianna Borboa was murdered and was shot in the head.

Julia, your mother wants everyone to know that you were a very beautiful, fun and loving being to her and to everyone else who knew you. And your mother is still here with us until God takes her to be with you once more.

### Forever Remembered Angelversaries

Dean J. Gamboa Vincent G. Bejar Nathan Moreau **Danielle Faith Voisine** Robert (Bob) Fiebrantz Shaun Gustavo Gomez Shane Patterson Jeremy Kenneth Wilder Wendy Weiker-Gordon Lisa Anne Frost Richard Jurado Jr. Ronald R. Robertson Judy Elizabeth Lloyd **James** Cordero **Johnny Blunt** Julia Barboa **Bob** Nava **Gabriela** Lopez Armando Hernandez Arthur "Billy" Boucher Chris Barta **Blake Donald Lundquist** Louis Justin Diaz

### Always in Our Hearts Happy Heavenly Birthday

**Richard D. McGann Robbie Martin Stewart Ayon** Johnny F. Gollette **Robert Richard Padilla Bret Walker Fuit** Mika C. Bissett Jazmin A. Toledo Michael Palencia **Fred James Leglar David William Witmer** James (Jimmy) Plaza Jr. Janessa Joclyn Smith Carlesha Unique Renae Lewis **Kimberly Gonsalez** Aldo Noe Cabanillas **Audrey Smith Stoeckle Timothy Michael Lynch Robert P. Smith** Nathan Moreau Jockla Faye Whitmore **Jerald Eugene Svec** Andrew David Bagby **Rebecca Jan Wilenius** Ian Williams Vincent G. Bejar **Gladys L. Benson** 



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2022 | 12 Noon - 6:00 PM TENTATIVE LOCATION: BLUE LOT & BUSH ST. \*More details to follow

#### **Community Resource & Fundraising Event**

FREE RESOURCES-VENDORS-CAR SHOW-RAFFLES-GAMES-PRIZES-ENTERTAINMENT

Please join us as we host our very first fundraising and outreach event to connect with our community for a day full of family fun. Where we will continue to share Victoria's tragic story and seek the public's assistance while also providing some great community resources .

#### **DONOR & SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

#### PLATINUM - \$2,000+

Formal Recognition at Event | Logo on Event Flyer, Website/Social Media & Event Booth & Banner

#### GOLD - \$1,500

- **Recognition at Event**
- ٠ Logo on Event Flyer
- Logo on Website & Social Media & Event Banner
- SILVER \$1,000 Logo on Event Flyer Logo on Website &
  - Social Media & in Event Booth
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BRONZE - \$500

#### SPONSORSHIP ITEMS INCLUDE:

Justice for Victoria Items (Sanitizers, Bracelets, Tote Bags, etc.) | Gift Baskets | Gift Cards (\$15+)| Raffle Items (Skateboards, Bikes, Skates, etc.) | Waters | Snacks

Trade-show Items, Waters, Snacks, etc. For 200 Guests | Sponsorships also fall under the categories listed above

All donors will be our special guests in the VIP tent where refreshments and snacks will be served.

#### For More Information Contact:

### Eva Barrios | 714-795-9396

#### Justiceforvictoriabarrios@gmail.com Visit: www.Justiceforvictoriabarrios.com

for more information on Victoria's story & our ongoing efforts for justice.

\*Event details subject to change. Updates will be provided as necessary.

\*\*All proceeds benefit the Justice for Victoria Barrios Campaign (i.e. Reward, PSA, Event Items, etc.). Donations made through our Crime Survivor's, Inc. Partnership Account will be provided a 501(c)(3) non-profit receipt.

### Cody's 2nd annual **Baseball game** and potluck!

\$5 day of baseball team sign up's



glove



Adventure Park Whittier **Saturday** October 22,2022 11:30

Game starts at 1:30

All Proceeds go to Cody's All-Stars



For a donation!

50/50 raffle







# **VICTIMS OF CRIMES**

Kristen Muche, MSW LCSW CCTP, and Adjunct Lecturer in the Division of Politics, Administration, and Justice at Cal State Fullerton, Is looking for guest speakers for her, "Victims of Crimes" class.

Paul Paulsen is one volunteer already lined up and Kristen is looking for one or two more volunteers who have the desire to speak in her class. Last year her students gained so much valuable insight and wisdom from the Orange County Chapter. If you arte interested the date is Thursday October 20th, from 2:40 to 3:45. Contact Debra for more info.

MONTH YEAR	September 2023					
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 Meeting 6:30pm Santa Ana Police Officer guest	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
<b>25</b> National Day Of Remembrance Annual Picnic Even	26	27	28	29	30	

#### **Board Members**:

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(In memory of Jonathan)

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#### **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



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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