



Parents Of Murdered Children, Inc.

For the family and friends of those who have died by violence

National Organization of Parents Of Murdered Children, Inc.

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Notes from Sylvia

In keeping with our Mission Statement and Purpose (outlined on the last page of this newsletter), our Metro Detroit Chapter commemorated the first formal **National Day of Remembrance** at Burgh Memorial Park in Southfield, September 25, 2007. In spite of the low turnout and threatening weather, the event was beautiful and very moving.

Sadly, Southfield Mayor Brenda Lawrence was recovering from surgery and was unable to attend. However, her Executive Assistant Marty Williams read the Day of Remembrance proclamation submitted by Mayor Lawrence and Governor Jennifer Granholm. Tasha Moses-Chappel and her beautiful daughters, Cierra (15) and Renee (10) performed a soul searching mime rendition. Levada Austin-Giesly and Duane Lemoreaux provided sincere words of encouragement. Linda Born and Dunia Alherr took some lovely pictures, some of which are on Page 7.

Now that September 25th is recognized as the National Day of Remembrance, please plan accordingly and look for information in upcoming issues about planned events

I hope to see you all at least once more before the end of the year, but if I don't please have a peaceful and blessed holiday season.

Sylvia Banks

Detroit POMC Chapter Leader

The Newsletter needs YOU!

We are always looking for articles for the newsletter. If you have something you'd like to submit for the first quarter newsletter, please get it to us by January 31, 2008. Send your items to POMC Metro Detroit Chapter, PO Box 34, Royal Oak, MI 48068-0034, or e-mail to ptucker855@aol.com

Please note that we cannot reprint any articles from other publications unless you have written permission from the author. This is per the guidelines from the National office. But we would really prefer original material from our own members anyway, so please share your thoughts, poems and experiences with us.

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(248) 360-9692

www.pomc.com/metrodetroit

Upcoming meeting:
November 8, 2007

Meeting Times (PM)

*6-6:30 Check in

*6:30-8:30 Support Meeting

Meeting Location

St. David's Episcopal Church,
16200 W. 12 Mile, Southfield
(between Southfield and
Greenfield)

Next meeting:

December 13, 2007

Officers & Board of Directors

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*POMC Metro Detroit Chapter
Loved Ones October Death Anniversaries*



Brittney Marie Billette

3/10/1992 -- 10/17/1993

Charles Hinton

2/19/1956 -- 10/6/1990

Timothy L. Scholfield

9/17/1957 -- 10/19/1978

Deborah Lynn Brewer

9/23/1967 -- 10/25/1990

Daniel Lamar Jones

1/6/1970 -- 10/19/1997

Joseph Silver

8/23/1935 -- 10/26/2000

Leah Ann DeLeon

6/20/1990 -- 10/2/1991

Gregory Karawan

7/9/1954 -- 10/11/1995

Jeffery Tice

10/95

Ronald Frazier

9/26/1978 -- 10/29/1998

George Knight

5/12/1971 -- 10/1/1995

Joseph Walker

10/19/70 -- 10/2/1997

Michael K. Gearhart

10/5/1961 -- 10/24/1994

Sean M. Leak

2/9/1968 -- 10/3/1993

Kenneth Glen Wiczorek

1/31/1974 -- 10/9/1996

Katrina Michelle Givens

5/22/1972 -- 10/9/1995

Angela Miles

6/15/1977 -- 10/5/2003

Darryl Woodard, Jr.

10/2/1972 -- 10/22/1993

Ellen Beth Grossman

10/20/1993

Otis Payne, Jr.

7/4/1964 -- 10/6/1988

James Zuke

5/17/1951 -- 10/20/1989

Anthony Guy

2/6/1973 -- 10/16/1991

Robert Petrusch

9/19/1969 -- 10/14/1992



It is our hope that we may honor all homicide victims on their anniversary dates. We ask that you send in dates of birth and death if you do not see them in our monthly newsletter.

Occasionally we have errors in our names or dates. If you see an error, please contact Sylvia Banks at PO Box 34 Royal Oak, Michigan 48068-0034, sbanks@advomas.com, or 313-527-2729.

As survivors ourselves, we do not want to slight or offend anyone. Please help us to be accurate.



POMC Metro Detroit Chapter
Loved Ones November Death Anniversaries



Keith Ciszewski
7/10/1954 -- 11/14/1991

Darrell Izzard
9/13/1939 -- 11/14/1996

John Purdue
4/20/1969 -- 11/18/2000

Lisa Marie Clinton
5/16/1969 -- 11/16/1991

Richard James
4/12/1966 -- 11/25/1989

Robert Richards
8/6/1974 -- 11/22/2002

Philip DeMilner
3/24/1950 -- 11/29/1995

Corrine Helen Levitsky
1/2/1958 -- 11/21/1995

Torrez Robinson
4/71 -- 11/6/1991

Raime Denson
12/15/1978 -- 11/22/2002

Venoy Lyons
2/18/1974 -- 11/10/1995

William Schlick
10/25/1963 -- 11/05/1993

Darren Ford
11/16/1963 -- 11/7/1999

Billy Mancine
8/27/1962 -- 11/20/1993

Adrian Thomas
9/21/1976 -- 11/14/1999

Tonya Harris
12/12/1966 -- 11/16/1993

Mikel Mathis
10/17/1974 -- 11/21/1998

Mark Wallace
11/22/1964 -- 11/27/1993

Amanda Hodges
11/30/1999

Arrick Owens
6/6/1984 -- 11/10/2002

Fredddie Weaver
10/23/1967 -- 11/8/1987

Robin Howard
5/22/1971 -- 11/5/2001

William Scott Pickett
2/23/1970 -- 11/11/1989

William Frank Wright
10/27/1971 -- 11/1/2000

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Loved Ones December Death Anniversaries



William D. Austin
 6/19/1964 -- 12/5/1987

Marvín Guíre
 8/22/1961 -- 12/4/1993

James Peterson
 3/3/1974 -- 12/12/1991

Officer Shawn Bandy
 Unknown -- 12/12/1998

Jerald Ray Hall
 8/28/1968 -- 12/7/1990

Janet Reynolds
 2/8/1954 -- 12/4/1981

James Bovair
 2/12/1943 -- 12/19/1995

Trevor Harris
 1/6/1970 -- 12/17/1996

Steven A. Rosati
 1/21/1972 -- 12/21/1993

Jeffery Burda
 9/1/1970 -- 12/23/1999

Tibor J. Kiss
 4/21/1966 -- 12/29/1993

Rahaab Sombai
 11/29/1974 -- 12/5/1995

Kenyatta Chapman
 2/15/1977 -- 12/18/1995

Jason LaCroix
 7/25/1962 -- 12/13/1989

Joseph Paul Sugamosto
 8/7/1979 -- 12/11/1995

Jason Davis
 6/23/1976 -- 12/6/1999

Paul LaMothe
 7/1/1970 -- 12/11/1992

Rusty Timmons
 1/15/1972 -- 12/8/1993

Carl Dorrís
 8/9/1969 -- 12/21/1996

Timothy James Lyon
 3/6/1976 -- 12/23/1995

Nan Toder
 4/28/1963 -- 12/12/1996

Terry Drysdale
 6/29/1957 -- 12/31/1982

Richard Maglich
 5/15/1968 -- 12/5/1993

James Turner, Jr.
 6/1/1970 -- 12/11/1991

Rochelle Ebrahmi
 4/20/1977 -- 12/10/1993

Richard J. Mailloux, Jr.
 12/24/1970 -- 12/11/1992

Dorothy Venn
 3/31/1916 -- 12/10/1998

Bernice Gray
 5/25/1968 -- 12/26/1991

Thomas McRae
 12/13/1932 -- 12/28/1994



Natalie Grillo
 5/29/1978 -- 12/30/1998

Oscar Perez
 12/17/1958 -- 12/11/1999

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Getting to Know our Loved Ones

by Chris Crandle



Renee Pagel, the 41-year-old mother of three young children, was brutally stabbed to death in her own bed on August 5, 2006.

She was home recuperating from donating a kidney to the father of one of her students. She was a nurse who had finished her first year of health education teaching at Kent Career Technical Center, where she began working so that she could spend more time with her children.

Renee lit up a room with her quick wit and contagious smile and laughter. She had a passion for Third World medical missions, and was always helping others,

as is documented by so many on the website that has been established in her honor, www.whokilledrenee.com. She touched so many lives around the world before her life was so brutally cut short.

There has not yet been an arrest in Renee's case. However, one person is still listed as a "person of interest" in the case.

A plaque above Renee's kitchen sink contained a Bible verse from Romans 12:12: "Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, and faithful in prayer." Friends and family would covet prayers for her children and for the killer himself, in the hope that he will confess and repent.

ONE MINUTE EACH NIGHT

During World War II, there was an advisor to Prime Minister Churchill who organized a group of people who dropped what they were doing every night at a prescribed hour for one minute to collectively pray for the safety of England, its people, and peace. This had an amazing effect as bombing stopped.

There is now a group of people organizing the same thing here in America. If you would like to participate, it's very simple. Each evening at 9:00 PM Eastern Time, stop whatever you are doing and pray for one minute for the safety of the United States, our troops, our citizens, and for peace in the world.

If you know anyone who would like to participate, please pass the word along. Someone said if people really understood the full extent of the power we have available through prayer, we would be speechless. Our prayers are the most powerful asset we have, and God is our greatest ally!

Mark your Calendars - Important Upcoming Events!

We'll be having our annual **Christmas Holiday Pot Luck Dinner** on December 13, 2007. We always have such a nice time at this event, and hope you'll be able to be a part of it this year. Don't forget to bring either a side dish, salad, or dessert to pass, along with a wrapped gift (up to \$10) for our gift exchange. If you have any questions please call the Hot Line (248-360-9692), Sylvia Banks (313-213-3962), or Joe Grazioli (248-217-7725.). It may seem like a long way off but it will be here before you know it - we hope to see you there!

We will be having a guest speaker at the November 8 meeting. **Commander James Tolbert**, City of Detroit Police Department, Major Crimes Commanding Officer will have a lot of interesting information relevant to investigating homicide cases

Don't forget that we will be electing four seats for the **Board of Directors** at the January 10, 2008 meeting. If you would like to nominate someone the Board, please fill out the nominating form on Page 6 and get it to us by December 31, 2007. All Board terms are for one year from the date of election.

September 25, 2007 National Day of Remembrance

Linda Born took these pictures, and wrote to Sylvia Banks that she thought the National Day of Remembrance gathering was very moving. Writes Linda, "I appreciate all you did to provide us this information and set up the meeting...God's blessing to you and yours, **Linda.**"



Ringin' the bell on behalf of our loved ones.



Marty Williams, Executive Assistant for Mayor Brenda Lawrence addresses the gathering.



Family and friends gather prior to the event.

Love Gifts and Remembrances

We wish to express our heartfelt appreciation and thanks to the following people who have made Love Gifts in the loving memory of:

Mimi Mrakitsch Beal (4/22/64-8/27/94)

from her loving mother Pamela Mrakitsch
on the September 25, 2007 Day of Remembrance

Steven Rosati (1/21/72-12/12/93)

From his loving parents Tony and Carol Rosati
on the September 25, 2007 Day of Remembrance
to help defray the costs associated with generating our newsletter

Joseph Sugamosto (8/7/79-12/11/95)

From his loving parents Sharon and Bob Sugamosto

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Board of Directors Election Nomination Form

There will be an election of officers on January 10, 2008, for the Board of Directors of this Chapter. The new Board will take office immediately following elections. The outgoing Board will be required to turn over all information to the new Board. One year terms for four Board members will conclude at this time.

If you would like to become a Board member or would like to nominate someone, it must be done on this form. All names need to be in writing, signed by the person submitting the form, and either mailed to: POMC Metro Detroit Chapter P.O. Box 34 Royal Oak, MI 48068-0034 no later than January 03, 2008.

I would like to run for the Board _____

Please print your name _____

I would like to nominate _____

I would like to nominate _____

I would like to nominate _____

Your Signature _____

Please send nomination form before January 03, 2008 to:

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POMC Meetings for 2008

POMC Meetings are always held the 2nd Thursday of every month. For 2008, the meeting dates will be:

January 10

February 14

March 13

April 10

May 8

June 12

July 10

August 14

September 11

October 9

November 13

December 11

Since the newsletter is now published quarterly, please make a note of these upcoming meeting times!



“The friend who can be silent with us in a moment of despair or confusion, who can stay with us in an hour of grief and bereavement, who can tolerate not knowingnot healing, not curing...that is a friend who cares.”

Henri Nouwen

WHY WE ARE HERE: POMC MISSION STATEMENT

- ☞ To support persons who survive the violent death of someone close as they seek to recover.
- ☞ To provide contact with similarly bereaved persons and establish self-help groups that meet regularly.
- ☞ To provide information about the grieving process and the criminal justice system as they pertain to survivors of a homicide victim.
- ☞ To communicate with professionals in the helping fields about the problems faced by those surviving a homicide victim.
- ☞ To increase society's awareness of these problems.

Parents Of Murdered Children, Inc. (POMC) is a self-help organization that is dedicated to the aftermath of murder. The success of its mission depends upon the participation of the families and friends of those lost to murder.

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