



PARENTS OF MURDERED CHILDREN

Wichita, KS Chapter

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

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

APRIL

April 11, 2017.

May 9, 2017.

June 13, 2017.

Second Tuesday of the month

MEETINGS HELD MONTHLY

Every 2nd Tuesday

7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Meeting Location

Woodland United Methodist Church

1100 W. 15th St. N.

Wichita, KS 67203

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**PLEASE NOTE-THE CONTACT NUMBER
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DEADLINE FOR ITEMS FOR THE

MAY N/L is

April 23, 2017.

We invite all members to share
their thoughts, ideas and writings.

If there is something you'd like
to share please submit to the office.

APRIL POMC MEETING

For our April POMC meeting our topic will be
Kansas Crime Victims' Rights. We all know we
don't get as many as the defendant. Our
Organization has been working to make changes
at the National level.

MAY POMC MEETING

This meeting will be for open discussion. Got any
ideas what the topic can be. Let us know.

**Support group meeting parking on the North
side of the Church, enter through North door.**

2017 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Chapter Leader - Lisa Dean

Co-Leader - Harmon "Gil" Gilbow

Secretary/Treasurer - Clyde Lindsey

Office Assistant - Patricia Voyles

IMPORTANT:If your case has been solved, and the defendant is in prison, BE SURE TO KEEP THE DEPT. OF
CORRECTIONS INFORMED OF YOUR CURRENT NAME, ADDRESS & PHONE NUMBER so that when a
Parole Hearing or other information comes up, you can be notified!!!

SPECIAL DAYS IN APRIL

Anniversary of Death

Breanna Marie Fletcher April 4th
Beloved daughter of Amy Horner
Neice of Linda Pack

Adrian Manns April 7th
Beloved son of Rochelle Manns
Step-son of Willie Bell
Cousin of Kathy Polk & Beverly White

Wendell Smith III April 12th
Beloved son of Wendell & Rosa Smith
Brother of Dawn Daniels

Lowell White April 15th
Beloved son of Marshall & Vaunda White

Michael W. Mills April 17th
Beloved son of Mary Lee Mills
Beloved son of Fred Mills
Father of Autumn Mills Dunn
Brother of Alan, David, John, LeeAnn & Robert Mills

Carl Dean Theriot, Jr. April 20th
Beloved son of Catalene Theriot

Kassica Ashley Mary Harp April 21st
Beloved daughter of Barbara Kramer
Beloved daughter of Shawn Harp

Sheila Moore April 22nd
Beloved daughter of Barbara Heusner
Beloved daughter of Leon Moore
Sister of Teresa Brown & Kathy Weidler

Jose Felix-Martinez April 24th
Beloved son of Gloria Delagado
Beloved son of Eloy Rois
Brother of Carlos, Alex & Mireya Felix
Brother of Rosa Rios
Brother of Lydia Gregg

Birthdays Remembered

Tresia Jester April 4th
Beloved sister & sister-in-law of Gail & Robert Jones
Beloved sister & sister-in-law of Terry & Larry Massey

Brandon Miller April 8th
Beloved son of Mary Miller

Steven J. Sandoval April 9th
Beloved son of Thomas & Elizabeth Sandoval
Nephew of Gloria Bruce

David Martinez April 13th
Beloved husband of Celia Martinez
Father of Joe & Adrian Martinez & Elaine Cantu

Carol Ann Mould April 19th
Beloved daughter of Joanne Stackley

Tom Eugene Kelley April 23rd
Beloved son of Corinne Radke
Brother of Susan Leiker

Nicole Marie Williamson April 24th
Beloved daughter of Gary & Carmen Williamson

Seanan Picard April 25th
Beloved son of Judy Picard

Emma Jean Krueger April 25th
Great Granddaughter of Ralph & Marianne Krueger
Granddaughter of Candy Krueger
Niece of Meghan Lloyd, Tiffany Bean, Shawn Smith
Cousin of Jacob, Lexi, Sadie, Evan & Tanner

Kurt Finuf April 26th
Beloved son of Randy & April Finuf
Brother of Tara L. Finuf
Grandson of Melvine & Gloria Finuf

Please note - These names and dates have been changed to a different format.
PLEASE CONTACT Corinne at 722-2907 if there needs to be additions or corrections.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Love Donations

Daniel Rameriz in memory of Angela Duran and Ramon Ortiz

March Bingo Volunteers

Lisa Dean in memory of *Christopher Spivey*,
Deana King & Jessica Hacker in memory of *Ava King*,
*Kim Kane, *John Phillips from Cessna,
Corinne Radke in memory of *Tom Kelley*,
Marti Skelton in memory of *Chance Pratt*,
Henry "Chip" & Pat Voyles & in memory of *Julie Voyles*

**De-notes non-survivor*

BINGO every Thursday & Saturday night with Minis starting at 6:00 PM

Located at B & B Bingo, 1040 W. Pawnee, Wichita, KS
(Behind Meineke Car Care)

PLEASE NOTE -

We are asking for more volunteers to come forward. As you can see from the list of Bingo volunteers, we have a number of non-survivors helping us. We need more help! PLEASE come forward and help so that we can continue to help others!!

Picture Wall

It's never too late to send in a wallet size photograph of your loved one to be placed on the wall that will be taken to Memorial Services for viewing. There is no cost to post your loved one's picture and there are plenty of spaces available.

POMC MONUMENT

located at 10th & Bitting in North Riverside Park

We will need 8-10 names before we can add names to the Monument next time.

We have three names right now and will need at least five more to add names. If you need to set up a payment plan to add a name please call Corinne and I will take care of that. If we get those we will be adding them in September. THE CUT OFF DATE IS AUGUST 31, 2017.

NOTICE: The victim MUST have a "Kansas Connection".

If your loved one was killed in another state and you live in Kansas, that is considered a "Kansas Connection".

Our Monument was unveiled and dedicated on April 23, 1995.

It was re-dedicated September 25, 2005 after the move to the present location.

NOTE: We will be having our Annual National Day of Remembrance Memorial Service on September 24, 2017. We will be sending out more information around that time.

April - 2017

Hi Everyone,

Sorry we had to cancel our Crime Victims' Right Week program last weekend. The weather was so cold and wet we had puddles everywhere at the monument site and it was very muddy as well. We will NOT be re-scheduling the program. You can learn more about the Office for Victims of Crime at www.ovc.gov. Support Group meeting is on **Tuesday, April 11th. Topic will be Kansas Crime Victims' Rights.** Come spend the evening with others who understand your loss.

2017 National POMC Conference is scheduled for August 3-6, 2017 in Irvine, California. You can find more information about the conference including hotel information and a downloadable conference brochure at the National POMC website – www.pomc.org Registration deadline is July 1st.

MERCHANDISE – We have several items for sale as fundraisers for our chapter. Things like shirts, candles, cutlery, etc. Please call Corinne @ 722-2907 to find out what is available and prices.

FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES – The following are some of our ongoing fundraisers. If you have ideas of others, please let us know. We are always looking for innovative ideas to raise funds for the chapter.

– **Amazon** Shop through **Smile.Amazon.Com**. Pick “Parents Of Murdered Children Wichita, KS Chapter” and Amazon will donate a portion of their proceeds. It's that simple, and **doesn't add any additional to your purchase!!!!**

– **Dillon's Community Rewards**. If you shop at Dillon's and use their Rewards card, go online and link your card to the Chapter via their Community Rewards program, then shop as your normally do. They have instructions online, or contact me if you need help - www.dillons.com/communityrewards Look for Parents of Murdered Children – Wichita #39037. **NOTE: We no longer have to re-link our cards each year!**

– **Bingo & B&B Bingo**. We host Bingo sessions every Thursday and Saturday evening at B&B Bingo – Pawnee & Seneca (1040 W. Pawnee). Come & support **YOUR** Chapter by working or playing. **This fundraiser is what really keeps our chapter operating.** Please call Corinne (722-2907) to schedule a week you can work for training and to get on the schedule for future sessions. Volunteers need to be 18 years old. This is an excellent opportunity for those who need community service on their college applications!!! Sessions run only **4 hours per night** on Thursdays and Saturdays, and **we feed you** too!! **Please help us continue to help others. We now have a Facebook page for the Bingo hall as well: Find us here: <https://www.facebook.com/BandBBingo/>**

CHAPTER WEBSITE –http://www.pomc.com/chapters/wichita_kansas.htm We post newsletters here, contact information, and other pertinent info. Find us on Facebook as: **Parents Of Murdered Children, Inc - Wichita, KS Chapter.** **Feel free to submit items you want to share (pictures of loved ones, chapter events, etc.)** and also you can contact the Chapter through the FB page as well. <https://www.facebook.com/POMCWichita/> I'm looking for someone to assist with our Facebook pages. Please contact me if you are interested.

Lisa Dean
Wichita, KS Chapter Leader

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*“The dead cannot cry out for justice. It is the duty of the living to do so for them.” - Lois McMaster Bujold*



# Inspiration



by Margaret Brownley  
Simi Valley, California

## Spring Fever

We all know what the winter of grief is like: the cold, dark weeks and even months that follow the loss of a loved one. The icicles that touch the heart and soul. But did you know that grief also takes us through spring?

Spring fever hits sooner or later, and we begin to feel restless and impatient. If we have done the work of grief, sooner or later we will want to break out of our cocoon and move on with life. This is normal, desirable and what nature intended. But how do we start putting together a shattered life? How do we even know where to start?

Start small. Start by taking an inventory of neglect. What have you neglected to do in recent months? What have you ignored? If you're like most people, health will be high on your list. During depression and grief, we can pack on twenty pounds of weight before we even realize it. Researchers tell us that losing as little as five pounds can make all the difference in the world. Lose five pounds – just five pounds – and you'll be amazed at how your energy level

Like a rambling rose,  
I'm inching my way toward  
my place in the sun.

*haiku by Diantha Ain*

increases and your aches and pains melt away. If you're overdue for a physical or dental checkup, make an appointment.

Grief can be tough on finances. Sometimes we overspend in an effort to feel better. Start small. Make a budget, and start getting your finances under control by paying off one credit card or one outstanding bill.

Grief can be tough on relationships. We can be so involved in our pain that we neglect friends and family. Start small. Invite one friend or family member to do something special with you.

Grief can be tough on the environment. Three years after my son's death, I realized that we had neglected the house. We had no heart for general maintenance or remodeling. Start small. Fix one leak or crack. Plan to paint or wallpaper one wall or room. Plant a single tree or weed one little corner of the yard.

Grief can be tough on appearance. We often neglect our wardrobes, even our hair. Treat yourself to a new outfit or hairdo.

Open up the windows of your soul and let the sunshine in.

## Can't Stop Crying

We cry at weddings or when a child is born. Some movies make us cry; certain songs make us teary-eyed. We cry when we're happy or when we're sad. We cry when we lose someone we love.

"If the eyes had no tears," according to a Native American proverb, "the soul would have no rainbows."

Tears of sadness differ chemically from tears of joy because they stem from different emotions. On the practical side, tears cleanse the body and clean the eyes; on a more spiritual side, they release overwrought emotions and refresh the soul.

It's been said that women cry five times more than men, and for this reason some people think crying is a sign of weakness. Not so, according to Washington Irving who wrote, "There is a sacredness in tears. They are not the mark of weakness, but of power. They speak more eloquently than ten thousand tongues. They are the messengers of overwhelming grief, of deep contrition, and of unspeakable love."

If you cry a lot, chances are you're not expressing feelings verbally. Tears are a great emotional release, but healing comes through talking, not crying. If you hardly cry at all, a good cry will provide an emotional release and make you feel less stressed. Rent a sad movie to get you started.

We all react to a loss in different ways. Not everyone cries; some people grieve deeply without shedding a single tear. Others cry sporadically, or non-stop for days or weeks on end.

There's nothing wrong with any of these approaches; some souls simply need more rainbows than others.



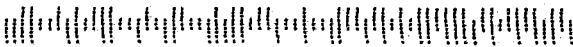
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*Can I see another's woe, and not be in sorrow too? Can I see another's grief, and not seek for kind relief? William Blake*

**POMC Parents Of murdered Children, Inc. For the families and friends of those who have died by violence, is a self-help support organization made up of persons whose loved ones have been murdered.**

### **y We Are Here**

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



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