

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

July 11, 2017.
Aug. 8, 2017.
Sept. 12, 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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DEADLINE FOR ITEMS FOR THE

AUG. N/L is

July 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.

JULY POMC MEETING

Our May meeting was very successful when we
used the "To Tell The Truth" questions. We will
continue with these.

AUGUST POMC MEETING

Our August meeting will be a time for us to share
pictures of our loved ones. Please bring a picture
and any other memento that you would like to
share.

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

2017 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Chapter Leader - Corinne Radke
Co-Leader - Harmon "Gil" Gilbow
Secretary/Treasurer - Clyde Lindsay
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 JULY

Anniversary of Death

Stephanie Schmidt July 1st
Beloved daughter of Gene & Peggy Schmidt
Sister of Jennifer Schmidt-Cosgrove

David Martinez July 1st
Beloved husband of Celia Martinez
Father of Joe & Adrain Martinez & Elaine Cantu

Emmanuel Delatorre July 2nd
Beloved son of Ana Martinez

Michelle Reed July 12th
Beloved mother of Myrahn Johnson
Sister of Shawna Davis & Vanessa Reed
Cousin of Angela Reed

Michael Garcia July 18th
Beloved son of Felix & Joyce Garcia

Linda C. Macy July 18th
Friend of Linda Stoner

Johnathan Alan Wilson July 19th
Beloved son of Gary & Virginia Wilson

Tony Galvan July 21st
Beloved son of Manuel & Sherry Galvan
Brother of Manuel Jr., Justin & Marcella Galvan
Grandson of Cheryl Armstrong

Michelle Rawls July 2nd
Beloved daughter of Ruthanne Christie
Beloved mother of her three children
Sister of James Rawls

Clint Jones July 27th
Beloved son of Carol Camp
Beloved son of Roger Jones

Michael Ochs July 27th
Beloved father of Charity Ochs

Franklin Harrod, Jr. July 29th
Beloved son of Franklin & Blanca Harrod, Sr.
Brother of Lisa Prince & Danny Harrod

Please note - These names & dates have been

changed to a different format.

PLEASE CONTACT Corinne at 316-722-2907

OR email me at whchpomc@sbcglobal.net

if there needs to be additions or corrections.

Birthdays Remembered

Stephanie Schmidt July 4th
Beloved daughter of Gene & Peggy Schmidt
Sister of Jennifer Schmidt-Cosgrove

Trevino Dixon July 9th
Beloved son of Yvonne Dixon

Connie Sue Richardson Vaughn July 10th
Beloved sister of Carol Welch
Niece of Capt. Sue Richardson & Wilma Pharr
Friend of Loy Ruff

B. J. Wellbrock July 10th
Beloved son of Vickie Tate
Brother of Jamie Wellbrock

Christopher F. Mills July 14th
Beloved son of Gary & Theresa Mills
Brother of Robert, David, Alan, John &
Lee Ann

Breanna Cadena July 15th
Beloved daughter of Tanya Cadena
Sister of Nikkie Shortt

Carol Joyce Elmarr-Murphy July 22nd
Beloved daughter & step-daughter of
Sandra & Lew Carpenter
Sister of Conraya Carpenter & Cahnya
Parker

Angie Arellano Ward July 22nd
Beloved daughter of Herbert & Mary Arellano
Mother of Mauricio & Demaris Neal
Sister of Gene, Lupe, Peter & Valdo Arellano
Sister & sister-in-law of Connie & Daniel
Zungia
Friend of Terri Gutierrez

Keith "Fritter" Peters, Jr. July 22nd
Beloved son of Keith & Edith Peters
Brother of LaSheilla Brown, Monique Peters,
Keisha Taylor, Raymond Pruitt, Keontae,
Myron, Dominique & Desmond Peters

Tony Galvan July 23rd
Beloved son of Manuel & Sherry Galvan

Brother of Manuel Jr., Justin & Marcella
Galvan

Grandson of Cheryl Armstrong

ANNOUNCEMENTS

June Bingo Volunteers

Lisa Dean in memory of *Christopher Spivey*, *Alicia Drydale,
Jessica King in memory of *Ava King*,
*John Phillips, Cessna
Corinne Radke in memory of *Tom Kelley*,
Marti Skelton in memory of *Chance Pratt*,
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.

There has been several markings put on the Monument. It is illegal to deface any Monument. It will cost us a lot of money to have this removed and we don't have funds to pay for it. RESPECT YOUR LOVED ONES - DON'T DEFACE ANY MONUMENT.

The Whos And Whats



by Margaret Brownley
Simi Valley, California

If you're a Winnie-the-Pooh fan you know that sometimes he sits around wondering who is what and what is who.

The whos and whats following the loss of a loved one sound something like this: Who am I? Who do I trust? What do I believe in? What is the meaning of life? As unsettling as these questions may be, they are a necessary part of forming a philosophy of life.

My personal philosophy is pretty basic: Our nine-year-old complains about some imagined injustice and I tell him, "life's not fair," or, "that's the way the cookie crumbles." A personal or career setback sends me scurrying around to make lemonade out of lemons.

The signs in my home speak to the who and what questions I've asked myself over time. One, a picture of Winston Churchill, reminds me to "Never give up." A sign over my sink reads: "Life takes a toll; bring change." This one is posted next to my computer: "A dead-end is a great

place to make a U-turn." On those days when I'm tempted to regret my past, there's this: "It's never too late for a happy childhood."

When I'm in a self-critical mood, the sign that reads, "Be patient. God's not finished with me yet" puts me in a more positive frame of mind.

During the darkest days of my grief, I found comfort in the scripture hanging on the bathroom mirror: "For God so loved the world..."

Words of wisdom, words to live by, words that speak to the whos and whats of my life.

In his book, *Happiness is a Serious Problem*, author and radio host, Dennis Prager writes: "Without a philosophy of life, we do not know how to react to what life deals us. Without being able to place events into perspective – which comes from having a philosophy of life – we are at the mercy of events. Our ship has no destination and no compass."

Even if we have a compass, sometimes it points in only one direction. Our philosophy is sound for the little annoyances of every day life but falls short when dealing with real

My philosophy
for the future will be to
enjoy each moment.

haiku, by Diantha Ain

tragedies. That's why it's necessary to go through the whos and whats, periodically, to keep your philosophical compass in good working order.

A philosophy of life doesn't insure smooth sailing ahead, but it does improve navigating skills. So decorate your home and office with those wise little sayings that keep you on track. Meanwhile, never give up; if life gives you lemons, make lemonade – and don't forget, a dead-end is a great place for a U-turn.



*There is Birth
And there is Death.
In between the two, is Time.
No one knows how much time.
The time between is a Gift.*



Hello Heaven

*By Karen Lopez
El Sobrante, California*

Dedicated to my son, Dale

*Hello Heaven,
It's just me down here,
Missing my loved one,
Shedding tear after tear.*

*Hello Heaven,
It's just me looking up
Thinking about my loved one,
Wishing we could have one more talk.*

*Hello Heaven,
It's just me at your door.
Wanting to be with my loved one,
To see him once more.*

*Hello Heaven,
It's just me once again.
Knowing I'm grieving
And really needing your hand.*

*Hello Heaven,
It's just me down here.
I still miss my loved one,
But I made it through that first year.*

Parents Of Murdered Children does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, and age in the delivery of services.

Justice will only be achieved when those who are not injured by crime feels as indignant as those who are.

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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.

Why We Are Here

- To support persons who survive the violent death of someone close as they seek to recover.
2. To 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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