

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

# POMC

**SUPPORT  
NEWSLETTER**

**Front Range Chapter  
Parents of Murdered Children**

**Aug 2012—Sep 2012**

## LET'S COME OUT AND SUPPORT VOICES OF VICTIMS

On Monday, August 13 Hanson's Grill & Tavern will donate a percentage of its food revenue all day to support VOICES OF VICTIMS.

Did you know that Joe Cannata and his wife, Kaye, sold their business of 31 years to spend full time serving victims of violent crime in the difficult post sentencing time...thus VOICES OF VICTIMS was born. This non-profit organization provides financial support to victims of violent crime, after the sentencing, to enable them to attend parole hearings, half-way house hearings and appeals hearings.

Join us at Hanson's Grill & Tavern at 1301 S Pearl St. in Denver on August 13<sup>th</sup>. If you are unable to dine at Hanson's on that day, please consider sending a tax deductible donation to VOICES OF VICTIMS, 625 E Evans Ave, Denver, CO 80210.

## National Day of Remembrance for Murder Victims Set

This year we will celebrate our Nation's 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Day of Remembrance for Murder Victims. Our Front Range Chapter of POMC, along with COVA, Voices of Victims, Victim Assistance Unit of the Denver Police Dept and MADD will hold our commemorative ceremony on Tuesday, September 25, at 11:30 AM at the Plaza in front of the new Denver Crime Lab at 1371 Cherokee Street, in Denver. The media is expected to be in attendance.

As is our custom, families of murder victims are encouraged to bring a picture of their loved one to display. A representative from each family may present the name of their loved one, date of birth and date of death at the microphone.

We plan on having resource tables from a variety of organizations to assist with helpful information.



## POMC

**FRONT RANGE CHAPTER  
INFORMATION AND NUMBERS  
"We Are Here to Help"**

**Web Site**  
[www.coloradopomc.org](http://www.coloradopomc.org)

Leader .....**Joe Cannata**  
303-345-7301  
kaknota@aol.com

Secretary..... **Nancy Rasser**  
303-798-2841  
nancyrasser@comcast.net

Treasurer .....**Tom Rasser**  
303-798-2841  
tomrasser@comcast.net

Board Member.....**Berkie Harris**  
303-321-3107  
brharris9@comcast.net

Board Member .....**Phil Clark**  
303-932-6771  
coloradoclarks3@comcast.net

Board Member .....**Barb Kaptanian**  
303-792-5432  
bkaptanian@q.com

Outreach Chair ..... **June Menger**  
303-651-2326

Member .....**Everett & Linda  
Donelson**  
303-693-8887

Member ..... **Caryl & Charles  
Harvey**  
970-854-2665

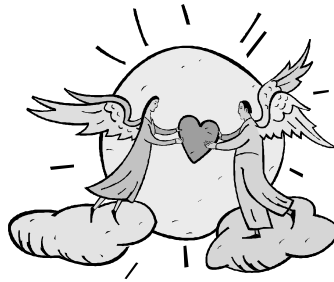
Member .....**Jean Heil**  
719-254-6162

**POMC NATIONAL OFFICE**  
100 East Eighth Street, Suite 202  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

**Email:** [natlpomc@pomc.org](mailto:natlpomc@pomc.org)  
**Website:** [www.pomc.org](http://www.pomc.org)

**Office:** (513) 721-5683  
**Fax:** (513) 345-4489  
**Toll Free:** (888) 818-POMC  
(7662)

## Love Gifts



**Our Chapter Thanks the  
following group of members  
who gave a donation in honor  
of their loved one.**

Phyllis & Ciro Pena,  
in memory of their son,  
**Ricky Bobian**

David Senseney,  
in memory of  
Phyllis Pena's son,  
**Ricky Bobian**

Berkie Harris & Charles Pejko,  
in memory of their son,  
**Jesse Pejko**

## New Members

Dovalina Gonzalez  
& Juan Perez

Alan Scott

## WHY WE ARE HERE

1. 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 grieving 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.

## POMC NEWSLETTER STAFF AND INFORMATION

This newsletter is published bi-monthly by volunteers prior to the regular POMC meeting. It is the official publication of the Front Range Chapter of POMC. Articles, poems, and letters from members are welcome. They may be edited for length and conciseness. Mail such items to the editors,

Cherri and Bill Lusk  
10063 Boca Circle Parker, CO 80134.  
Email is welcome at:  
[ca.lusk@comcast.net](mailto:ca.lusk@comcast.net)

## Contacts

**Memorials & Birthdays:**  
Cherri Lusk, 303 593-0784

**Roster & Mailing List:**  
Robert Curnow, 303 948-3494

**Healing & Bereavement  
Resources:**  
Barbara Kaptanian, 303-792-5432

**Trials and Hearings:**  
Tom Rasser, 303 798-2841



## Trials & Hearings

Competency evaluations for Chester Todd, confessed murderer of Sherri Majors, requested by both the prosecution and defense have been completed at Pueblo, and received by the court. However, at the last hearing, the defense requested yet another evaluation, a request that may or may not be approved by the court. The next hearing date has not yet been scheduled. Sherri Majors is the daughter of Linda and Everett Donelson.

The initial hearing for Eddie Holloway in the Sept., 2011 murder of Jason Gonzalez, 15 year old son of Dovalina Gonzalez and Juan Perez, was recently completed; and the next hearing is scheduled for Aug. 31 at the Arapahoe Justice Center.

### *HONEYBAKED GIFT CARDS FOR HOLIDAY GIVING*

As you all know our Front Range Chapter of Parents of Murdered Children depend solely on member donations. We have been searching for fundraising opportunities to help maintain our treasury. To this end our Board of Directors has decided to work with HoneyBaked and we will be taking orders for Gift Cards from HoneyBaked beginning in October and running through mid-November. Gift Cards come in any denomination starting at \$10.00 and can be used at any HoneyBaked store nationwide any time of the year.

In addition to the World's Best Ham, HoneyBaked offers other delicious entrees like Turkey, BBQ and Pot Roast, as well as side dishes and desserts. Plus your nearby HoneyBaked store has a great lunch menu and wonderful party platters. You can purchase Gift Cards as gifts or to use yourself. This alone can make gift giving easy. POMC will receive 20% of the proceeds. With your help this will be a painless way to earn money. For more information contact Nancy Rasser at 303-798-2841 or e-mail her at [nancyrasser@comcast.net](mailto:nancyrasser@comcast.net).

### *OCTOBER 1 IS DATE FOR NEXT VOICE FORUM*

The next quarterly forum of Victims Organized In Correctional Exchange (VOICE) with the Colorado Department of Corrections will be held at the District 3 Denver Police Station, 1625 S. University Blvd., Denver, CO on Monday October 1, from 6:00 – 8:30 PM. Ample street parking is available.

Topic for the evening is one that we all want and need to know more about.....Community Corrections. Our hope is to provide information regarding when and how offenders are placed in halfway houses – what programs are offered – how they are supervised and how comcor can be used as a transition from a prison facility back into the community – often a step before parole or discharge.

## Fallen

### *But NOT Forgotten*

Colorado, indeed our entire country, is once again in shock. One moment you're just going through the routine of another day, never in your wildest dreams expecting that in the next moment your life could be shattered. Oklahoma bombing, 9-11, Columbine, and now the Aurora theatre shootings (the largest mass shooting in America's history) to name a few tragedies. Shocking! Difficult to wrap your mind around such horrific evil.

We've been there, haven't we? Living our daily routine, and then one moment that call saying your child has been murdered. How to you wrap your mind and your heart around that one? Well, we know the feeling, the feeling of the families and friends of those killed and still in critical condition from this recent event. How did you react? Did it bring the memories back all too vividly of the horror of your sudden loss? Did deep sadness and compassion fill your heart? Did you want to reach out and hug every one of those families who lost someone in that theatre? Are you feeling the anguish of every person suffering in confused darkness and silence? I'm certain we all felt disbelief for sure and perhaps anger? I'll wager a myriad of emotions for those who lost a child by murder, emotions that bounced all over the place. Families lost fathers, mothers, children, siblings, friends, just suddenly gone! Who would guess it could all end in just a moment? Yet when death occurs on such a large scale as this, the entire country's' attention is focused on coming together as a community to make sense of the senseless.

I'd like to share a piece that was written after the 9-11 tragedy that not only applies to recent events, but also applies to the loss of our children. Just because our loss was not involved in a grand scale event doesn't make our loss any easier.

Hopefully it creates a sharper awareness for the need of compassion and the need to reach out to others who suffer unimaginable loss. This article is taken from (*remembrance*) *fallen but not forgotten*, [www.911Recovery.com](http://www.911Recovery.com)

#### *hate cannot win*

"Gazing upward, we saw plumes of fire and smoke staining the morning sky. Gazing upward again minutes later, another fireball in another tower. Then, before our disbelieving eyes, both mighty towers crashed to the earth, surrounding the city with acrid smoke and concrete dust and the sad silence of uncounted lives suddenly snuffed out. Gazing upward, our hearts were broken.

"Hate won the day. But it cannot win the war.

... "Hate cannot win against a city and a nation of people devoting their time and treasure, risking their safety, and donating their very blood to help the fallen and their families.

"Hate cannot win against a people discovering again what we have always known: the meaning of community, the bond of patriotism, the value of helping others.

“Hate cannot win against a society that stands tall when kneeling on bended knee.

“Hate cannot win against hope.

“Like the dust around us, so much is still unsettled. For awhile, the questions shouted from our souls may drown out the whispered answers that time and wisdom wait to tell. Yet, though our souls ache, there is hope. In our darkest hour, there is hope: carrying us, counting every tear, knowing us and aching to be known. For in all that mankind has ever chosen to worship, the God of the Bible stands alone as the only God who ever lost His own child.

“Gazing upward, our hearts were broken. Yet gazing upward, we can find our hope.”

[www.922recovery.com](http://www.922recovery.com)

We celebrate our children and we celebrate the lives of those lost in terrible acts of evil. There is always paralyzing numbness of days, weeks and months that follow. As Darrell Scott stated after the death of his daughter, Rachel, a Columbine student, he ...“knows the gut-wrenching pain that cannot find an adequate outlet even though your body grows sore from the fathomless, heaving sobs that never seem to end.” But he also knows ... “the joy of celebrating a life that had purpose and meaning.” ... “the miracle of slowly watching good and wonderful things emerge from the very pits of horror and despair. The transforming power of a loving God who can create the universe out of nothing, and can take the worst of tragedies and bring purpose, life and meaning from it.”

With the loss of your child and the losses we see from these tragedies, we have the opportunity to make a choice to be bitter or better. Scott says, ...“those choices include honoring our departed loved ones and their memories. You are now a continuation of the lives of those you have lost. Make them proud.”

God grieved over the hideous sin perpetrated on your child and on those of many innocent people. Evil choices frequently affect innocent lives. But remember, hate cannot win. Hate may have won the day but it cannot win the war. Love conquers. The human spirit in Love always wins. Love and Hope reign supreme. God Bless America

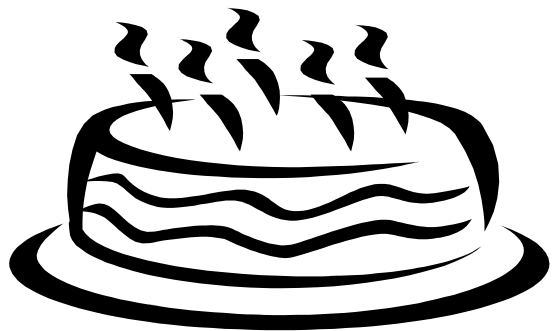
Barb Kaptanian

### *HEAVEN BOUND MEMORIES*

**Looking for a unique piece of jewelry??? A memorial to your loved one?? One of our POMC members has created a memorial necklace which includes a picture of your loved one along with selected beads, spacers and/or charms. You may contact Caryl Meitler at 303-775-5357 for a brochure and price info. Her e-mail address is [carylhrly@msn.com](mailto:carylhrly@msn.com).**

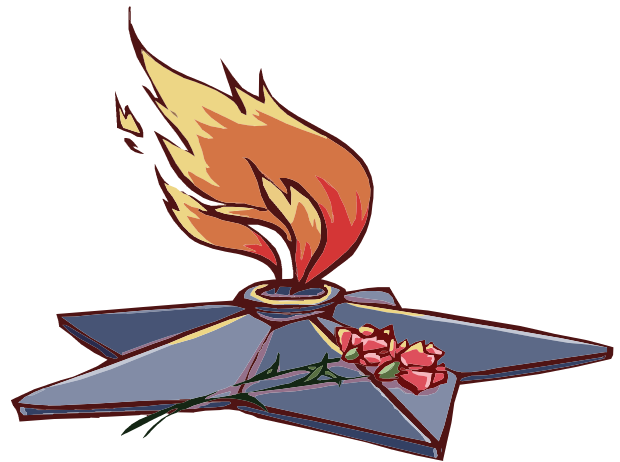
# Birthdays Remembered

- David Blea**, August 1, 1967  
**Tiff Vainey 5th**, August 1, 1984  
**Bill Leis**, August 3, 1948  
**Eddie Wayne Hairston**, August 3, 1961  
**Brandon Hurtado**, August 3, 1978  
**Cody Martell**, August 4, 1966  
**Kevin**, August 6, 1971  
**Blaine Eric Noble**, August 6, 1974  
**H Gregory Jukiewicz**, August 6, 1975  
**Jesse Maldonado**, August 12, 1977  
**Jesse Maldonado**, August 12, 1977  
**Earl Mitchell**, August 13, 1907  
**Phillip Dearing**, August 13, 1980  
**Carmina "Nina" Anderson**, August 14, 1930  
**Lysa Beth Moser**, August 14, 1962  
**James Mendoza**, August 14, 1989  
**Cindy Jolene Tiemann**, August 15, 1959  
**Michelle Leigh Cospers**, August 15, 1973  
**Larry Heil**, August 16, 1962  
**Leon Nuanes**, August 17, 1975  
**Matthew Foley**, August 19, 1980  
**Christy Marie Brown**, August 20, 1975  
**Gertrude Brown/Nussel**, August 22, 1906  
**Joni Edwards**, August 23, 1962  
**Josh Harman**, August 23, 1984  
**Justin Andrew Archuleta**, August 26, 1975  
**Steven Robert Curnow**, August 28, 1984  
**Heather Victoria Reyes**, August 29, 1975  
**Rebecca Lynn Ochs**, August 30, 1971  
**Geney Crutchley**, September 1, 1950  
**John Tomlin**, September 1, 1982  
**Joel England**, September 4, 1972  
**Mark Smith**, September 4, 1973  
**John Flores**, September 5, 1969  
**Michael O'Fallon**, September 8, 1962  
**Rob Stewart**, September 9, 1956  
**Michael Allendorf**, September 9, 1963  
**Paul Christopher Bueno**, September 9, 1965  
**Jordan Shuford**, September 9, 1980  
**Beth Gallegos**, September 10, 1996  
**Angel Delgado**, September 12, 1980  
**James Darrell Steele, Jr.**, September 13, 1969  
**Carolyn Walker**, September 14, 1966  
**Ibrahim Bradley**, September 14, 1975  
**Michael Tarasiuk**, September 16, 1962  
**Guy Oliver Morton**, September 19, 1956  
**Tami Krizman**, September 19, 1957  
**Tyrone Anthony Bennett**, September 19, 1970  
**Roderick Paulsen**, September 22, 1971  
**Jerry Baca**, September 26, 1968  
**Kip Merry**, September 26, 1973  
**Andre` Price Jr**, September 28, 1973  
**Jesus Diaz**, September 28, 1978  
**Jeffrey B. Packard**, September 29, 1955



# In Memoriam

- Sid Wells**, August 1, 1983  
**Colin Ehlers**, August 1, 1998  
**Robert James Schoen**, August 4  
**Damon J. Murphy**, August 6, 1991  
**Joel England**, August 8, 1998  
**Rickey Ritter**, August 11, 2006  
**Robert A. Vinci**, August 14, 1990  
**Mary Anne Southwick**, August 14, 1993  
**James Darrell Steele Jr** August 14, 1995  
**Rodney Lee**, August 14, 1999  
**Ray (Paisano) Linebarger**, August 16, 1993  
**Micheala Carol Hanson**, August 18, 1988  
**Charley Richards**, August 21, 1992  
**Michelle Leigh Cosper**, August 23, 1988  
**Tami Krizman**, August 24, 1995  
**Matthew Worden**, August 24, 1995  
**Paul Anthony Ciaramitar**, August 25, 1988  
**Tammy Lamberty**, August 26, 1994  
**Mary Buso**, August 27, 1993  
**Marcos Torres**, August 27, 2005  
**Michael Ned**, August 28, 1992  
**Ricky Bobian**, August 30 2009  
**James Mendoza**, August 30, 2009  
**Cissy Foster**, September 1, 1993  
**Sindy Wong**, September 3, 1997  
**Alexi Kaptanian**, September 4, 1994  
**Jordan Hood**, September 4, 2008  
**Dale Morris**, September 5, 1985  
**Tami Medina**, September 8, 1994  
**Michael Nigg**, September 8, 1995  
**Sarah Robinson**, September 8,  
**Nicole Holm**, September 9, 1998  
**Heather Harper**, September 10, 1991  
**Nathan Bailey**, September 10, 1998  
**Paul A. Stone**, September 10, 1998  
**Katie Bailey**, September 10, 1998  
**Michael Tarasiuk**, September 11, 1980  
**Gary Carlson**, September 13, 1994  
**Daniel Walsh**, September 15, 1996  
**Neal Eldrenkamp**, September 18, 1997  
**Stephanie Bechtold**, September 20, 1991  
**Leah Mandell**, September 21, 1989  
**Paula Ross Stiner**, September 21, 1994  
**Randy Fleming**, September 23, 1983  
**Chad Harvey**, September 23, 1998  
**Mark Anthony David Johnsen**, September 25, 2005  
**Michael E. Duran Jr**, September 28, 1983  
**Troy Baker**, September 28, 2000  
**Angela Harold**, September, 1994



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

August 13 - Fundraiser at Hanson's Grill & Tavern  
(see pg 1 for details)

**John**

August 18 - Regular Meeting at 7:30 PM

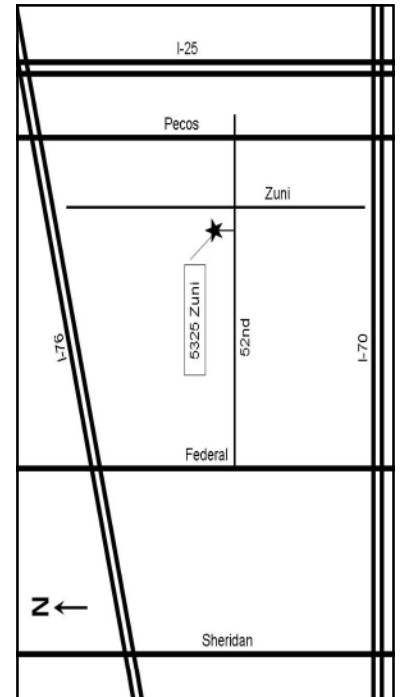
September 15-Board Meeting at 6:00 PM  
Regular Meeting at 7:30 PM

September 25- National Day of Remembrance  
for Murder Victims (see pg 1 for details)

October 1 - Quarterly VOICE Forum

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

POMC  
P. O. BOX 375  
LITTLETON, CO  
80160-0375



We meet in the  
cafe of the  
**Qwest Building**  
at 5325 Zuni in Denver on  
the **3rd Saturday**