Cuomo Parole Board appointee married to convicted murderer
By: Kirstan Conley and Nolan Hicks and the New York Post
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A state Parole Board member appointed by Gov. Andrew Cuomo is married to a convicted killer whose three-decade prison stint included a daring escape and biting off part of an inmate’s nose, the Post has learned.

Tana Agostini, 51, fell in love with and married Thomas O’Sullivan, 57, while he was still behind bars and she worked as a staffer on the State Assembly’s Committee overseeing the prison system.

She lobbied the board’s chair, Bob Dennison, to write a letter backing her lover’s bid for freedom — and O’Sullivan was paroled in 2013.

Dennison admitted the union of an inmate and future parole board member was likely unprecedented — but said he met O’Sullivan in prison and, “(He) struck me a changed man.”

Agostini stayed involved in the prison system until Cuomo appointed her in 2017 to the Parole Board, which last month drew fire for voting to release notorious cop killer Herman Bell.

Agostini did not hear that case.

Cuomo’s office referred calls to the State Department of Corrections, which defended Agostini’s appointment to the Parole Board.

“He was sentenced to 25 years to life for the 1982 hired murder of a Queens drug dealer. He allegedly threatened an assistant district attorney during his 1984 sentencing.

“On the way out, O’Sullivan made his hand into the shape of a gun and moved it as if he were shooting me. He said, ‘see you around,’” the prosecutor, Peter Dunne, told The Post in 1987.

Normaul Busjit, a jewel thief and the dealer who hired O’Sullivan, was also sentenced to 25-to-life.

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While serving time upstate, records show O’Sullivan bit off part of another inmate’s nose during a fight. Officials ruled he “exceeded that which was necessary to protect himself.”

Since joining the Assembly’s staff as a maintenance worker, O’Sullivan has cut a quiet and compassionate figure.

The two, along with a third man, escaped from their Queens jail in March 1987 by crawling through 80 feet of duct and fashioning fire hoses and sheets into a rope to climb down the building’s façade from the sixth floor.

O’Sullivan remained on the lam for more than a month.

“He’s a soft-spoken, gentle, easygoing guy,” said Assemblyman Daniel O’Donnell, an Upper West Side Democrat, who led the corrections committee and visited prisons with then-staffer Agostini.

“I don’t know of a single person who doesn’t like him.” Agostini and O’Sullivan could not be reached for comment.

Republicans attacked the pick and said her marriage to a murderer was well-known at the state Capitol when Cuomo gave her the job.

“The wife of a convicted murderer who once broke out of prison is a State Parole Board commissioner. Herman Bell killed two police officers and will be walking the streets,” said Assemblyman Brian Kolb, of Geneva, the GOP minority leader. “We need a top-down review of the system because this isn’t merely irresponsible – it’s malpractice.”

PBA President Patrick J. Lynch called the news of Agostini’s relationship a “total ethical lapse of this parole board member.”

“We have seen interviews done between notorious and famous killers and parole board commissioners that read like a fan club conversations with these cold-blooded killers,” he said. “These are completely misguided, unreasonable people sitting in judgment on these parole boards. How else can you explain the horrendous decision to release one of the worst cop killers in our nation’s history onto our streets.”

In Loving Memory of Dennis Holland

Holland, Dennis: Aug. 16, 2018, age 53, of Orlando, FL, formerly of Locust Valley, NY. Son of the late Dennis Holland, retired Nassau County Police Detective Sergeant and the late Judy Holland. Brother of the late Kathleen Holland.

Left devastated and horrified by the murder of his sister Kathleen, Dennis became the Co-leader for the Long Island Chapter of Parents Of Murdered Children, helping others in his community who were experiencing similar loss to his. Dennis also helped with the POMC National Conference in 1994.

Later, Dennis became a victim’s advocate through Parents and Other Survivors of Murdered Victims Outreach, Long Island. In addition, Dennis planned and organized multiple annual vigils during National Crime Victim’s Week. His leadership became the guiding light to so many survivors. This work became his passion.

His unforgettable smile, witty humor, sharp mind, and gregarious nature will be greatly missed, we will forever love him, and remain proud of him. Dennis was a sensitive guy who could speak to and comfort anyone, and will be remembered for his selfless nature, compassion, generosity, and his unconditional love for his friends and family.

[Additional reporting by Carl Campanile and Shawn Cohen]
Sister Rosemary Loomis, OP, celebrated the Golden Jubilee of her profession of vows as a Dominican Sister of Peace on Saturday, September 1, 2018. Approximately 150 family, friends, and members of the Dominican community gathered on a warm and sunny day to extend well wishes and thanks for a lifetime of doing the work that God called her to do.

For those of you who have had an opportunity to meet Sister Rosemary, it doesn’t take long to feel her warmth, understanding, and a sense of peace when discussing the difficult topics of being a survivor of a homicide victim. The old and outdated images of a harsh and stern faced nun are discarded about 5 minutes after being introduced to Sister Rosemary.

Her manner of being non-judgmental in all matters of faith, and her openness to discuss whatever is on one’s mind makes Sister Rosemary a true blessing to the Central Ohio Community, our POMC friends across the country, and the Central Ohio Chapter of POMC.

Sister Rosemary has been a fixture at many of the National Conferences and has been the celebrant of the non-denominational services on Sunday mornings for quite a few years. Sister Rosemary received the “Father Ken Czillinger Professional Award” at the 2015 Annual Conference held in Las Vegas, Nevada. Many of the conference attendees might even have fond memories of “Rosie” dancing with Elvis at the 2013 Annual Conference in Cincinnati, Ohio.

This year, Sister Rosemary became the author of a children’s book when her “Henry’s Hope” book was published during the summer. Based on her work in grief therapy, Sister Rosemary tells the story of Henry the seal, who finally is able to share his feelings about the murder of his father at the hands of seal hunters.

He opens up his heart and consequently can share his grief with his other seal friends. Henry’s Hope was available at the 2018 Conference, and many adults identified with the emotions expressed in the book and is just another example of Sister Rosemary’s gift of understanding the journey a survivor of a homicide victim walks.

Henry’s Hope is the first in a four book series, so look for future books to be made available by the author named Rosemary Loomis.

Best wishes to Sister Rosemary as she continues doing God’s work – she is a blessing to all who have the pleasure of speaking with her, and the Central Ohio Chapter is grateful for her continued support of survivors across the country and especially the Chapter. May her Adventure Continue!

Sister Rosemary with her brother, John and sister-in-law Joan.

Pictured: Sister Rosemary with fellow members of the Central Ohio Chapter of POMC.
A Message from the Board Room

With POMC National Board of Trustees President
Howard S. Klerk, Jr.

The 2018 POMC National Conference in Crystal City, Virginia (Washington DC area) is now history and received great reviews. As usual, the Conference Committee and volunteers did an outstanding job tending to the mountain of details that must be completed for a successful conference. The Conference had 252 attendees of which 82 were first timers.

The conference was attended by Anne Seymour, the U.S. National Advocate. While at the Conference Anne was a speaker, gave a workshop and did a video of some attendees speaking about various aspects of “the criminal justice system”. Another speaker at the conference was Darlene Hutchinson, the new head of OVC, (Office of Victims of Crime) I met Darlene for the first time at a DOJ (Department of Justice) seminar on crime held in Bethesda, Maryland in 2017 by special invitation from the U.S. Attorney General, Jeff Sessions. When we met, Darlene, was a nominee for the position.

The 2019 Conference will be held at the Denver Marriott Tech Center in Denver Colorado from August 8 through August 11, 2019. The National Board of Trustees meeting will be held August 8, 2019. The NBOT meetings are open and anyone may attend.

The National Board meeting was attended by Laura L. Rogers, the Director of the SMART Office of the Office of Victims of Crime. Laura spoke about various topics including the National Sex Offender Registry which contains 850,000 names. A question was raised regarding establishing a registry for released murderers.

A second speaker was Keith Perkins, the Executive Director of the Never Again Foundation which gives free legal advice to survivors to prevent murderers from profiting from committing their crime. Presently their services are only available in Arizona, but they have opened a branch office in Utah.

The National Board of Trustees currently has a few openings available. If you would like to apply for a National Board position, please contact Bev Warnock, our Executive Director, at our National Office. We are happy to announce that we currently have three candidates for the Board.

If you are interested in attending a Grief Retreat Weekend, we are planning one in April and another in November of 2019. We held one in May 2018 which was very well received. Please contact our National Office for full details.

Looking back, 2018 was a good year for POMC with many accomplishments and successful programs. Can 2019 be even better? We are working hard to make it happen.

Best wishes to everyone!!!
A Message from the Executive Director

With Bev Warnock

With Bev Warnock

A lot has been happening in the National Office over the last few weeks. I have just finished tying up loose ends from the 2018 Conference in Arlington, Virginia which was a wonderful and successful Conference. We had the same attendance as our 2017 Conference with about 250 total attendees... 80 of those were new attendees. A good portion of the new attendees were victim advocates. This is a great thing as advocates want to attend and learn from survivors, the workshops available and speakers at the Conference. For the new survivors, some of whom are just starting in their grief, my heart breaks for you. I am so sorry for all the attendees that have to go through the journey of grief now and for years to come.

We had some amazing keynote speakers from the D.C. area as well! Speakers included Darlene Hutchinson from the Department of Justice, John Gillis who was formerly with the Department of Justice, Dan Eddy from Crime Victim Compensation, Anne Seymour who is a National Crime Victim Advocate from D.C., and Sherry Kiyler who is a retired police chief from Phoenix, Arizona. Sherry always makes us laugh and she gave us a message of “Why Can’t You.” Anne Seymour was also filming victims in a project that she was doing called “Fairness, Dignity and Respect.” The Friday night memorial ceremony ended with volunteers passing out keychains with attendees loved ones photos inside of them. The keychains were graciously donated by the Greater Orange County Chapter. A member of the Greater Orange County Chapter put a lot of hard work into completing the keychains in memory of her daughter. We have already started working on the 2019 National Conference in Denver, Colorado and we hope to see many of you there.

The Effective Leadership Training was held prior to the Conference from Sunday, July 29 to Tuesday, July 31. There were 13 attendees from all over the United States. Those who attended ELT are already part of a Chapter or are wanting to start a Chapter in their area. This training is such an important part of the process of opening and maintaining a Chapter as each Chapter has to have certified representatives for their Chapter Board. Thank you to all who attended and for their patience and input into the training. The 2018 ELT was the last time that training will be held before the Conference. It is very intense trying to manage both ELT ending and going right into setting up for the Conference. We have not decided how the training will be handled in the future, but will hopefully have a plan set soon.

The National Day of Remembrance is recognized every year on September 25th. Chapters and other organizations held memorial ceremonies, candlelight vigils, balloon releases and other remembrance ceremonies. The events were listed on our website www.pomc.org. Parents Of Murdered Children worked extremely hard to make September 25th a National Day for Murder Victims so we are glad that it is remembered all over the United States.

Sadly, as I write this, a mass shooting is taking place less than a mile from the POMC National Office at the Fifth Third Center located on our Fountain Square. The shooting began at 9:11 A.M. on Thursday, September 6th. The Fifth Third Center is a 30 floor building, home to many different businesses. The shooting occurred at a time when so many people were trying to get to work. The gunman killed 3 innocent victims and left 2 others in critical condition. Thankfully police arrived quickly and shot the armed shooter resulting in less lives lost/harmed. After the scene was secured, Cincinnati officials arrived to the scene and began interviews. One thing said that really struck me was that there is so much disbelief that this could happen in Cincinnati. It was said that “shootings like this happen on T.V. and around the United States but never here locally.” Why couldn’t this happen in Cincinnati? Violence is happening everywhere and it isn’t stopping. How many mass shootings have we had this year alone? Mayor John Cranley said in his interview the following: “We have to do something about the shootings. No other developed country deals with the levels of gun violence that the U.S. does. Random mass shootings, which plague our nation, are not normal and we as a country can’t allow them to be normalized.”

The National Staff continues to work hard helping victims in any way possible but sometimes it is slightly discouraging considering we can’t always help how it’s needed. We may not have answers to certain questions they ask, we may not have someone in their area to refer them to, and the feeling of not being helpful is very hard for us. It is our goal and mission to help anyone that needs it and we constantly strive to reach that goal.

The holidays are approaching soon and we understand that it is not a good time for many survivors. We have information here in the office about how to deal with emotions around the holidays and how to try to get through them in the best way. Please, do not hesitate to reach out to us at the National office. Take care of yourselves!
National Day of Remembrance… for Murder Victims “Remember the past, Treasure the present, Embrace the future”

On September 25, 2018, The National Organization of Parents Of Murdered Children, Inc. and countless other crime victims and survivors gathered in cities and towns across the United States for the National Day of Remembrance to pay tribute and honor our nation's murder victims and their surviving family members.

The National Day of Remembrance for Murder Victims not only recognizes murder victims but also honors those organizations throughout the United States that provide services such as support, advocacy and counsel to loved ones of murder victims.

POMC Chapters and other organizations held events around the nation to commemorate the Day of Remembrance for Murder Victims.

2018 Effective Leadership Training

The 2018 Effective Leadership Training (ELT) was held prior to the 2018 National Conference in Arlington, Virginia. We were happy to have had 13 attendees at the Effective Leadership Training from all across the country, including attendees from Arkansas, California, Florida, Illinois, Maryland, New York, Ohio and South Carolina.

Thank you to all attendees for taking the time to take part in the 2018 Effective Leadership Training. We understand this is an emotional and sometimes tiring training and appreciate your patience, understanding and dedication to completing the training.
The 2018 POMC National Conference was a great success. We started the week with Effective Leadership Training and the weekend brought the Conference. Crystal City was a wonderful location, situated across the border from Washington D.C., giving many the opportunity to visit U.S. monuments and memorials in their free time.

Friday started with the Opening Ceremony and was followed by workshops from late morning to early evening, wrapping up the night with a wonderful dinner and Memorial Ceremony. On Saturday, we continued with various workshops and closed the evening with the Awards Banquet (recipients on pages 8 - 9) as well as our annual dance; everyone had a great time! Attendees packed their belongings and had a chance to attended Brunch and say their goodbyes to both new and old friends before meeting again at next year’s Conference!

We hope all attendees had a beneficial experience at the 2018 Conference and for those of you who could not attend our 2018 Conference in Virginia; we hope to see you in Denver, Colorado for the 2019 Conference.

California Correctional Peace Officers’ Association

CCPOA staff members once again showed their support of POMC’s vision and mission with a generous $10,000 donation. Members of their staff have led workshops and have opened many doors into law enforcement circles. Victim survivors have gained much through their many efforts.

SAVE THE DATE

The POMC National Conference Committee members are excited to invite you to join us for the 2019 National POMC Conference in Denver, Colorado!

What: 33rd Annual POMC National Conference

Where: Denver Marriott Tech Center
4900 S. Syracuse Street
Denver, Colorado 80237-2725

When: August 8-11, 2019

For more information, contact Bev Warnock at bwarnock@pomc.org or by phone at (513) 721-5683 or 888-818-7662.
2018 Award Winners

Awards presented by National POMC Executive Director, Bev Warnock and National POMC Board of Trustees President, Howard Klerk.

Lisa Hullinger Memorial Award
This award is presented to an outstanding individual(s) who has shown exemplary contributions to all survivors of homicide victims, acts of compassion that have contributed to the recovery of survivors, and dedication in supporting full rights for victims/survivors.

Roy & Faye Jenkins & Glen Williams!

Empty Shoe Award
This award is presented to an outstanding individual in recognition of their contributions to the memory of those who have died by violence. It is only given to someone who has done something very special or is very dedicated to POMC. They bring about a positive awareness of the special work that they do for POMC members and its Chapters.

Don Miller!

Courage Award
This award is given to an extraordinary individual who has shown outstanding courage on behalf of victims/survivors. The award is in recognition of an individual who shows courage, spirit, and determination to persevere against all odds and to see that justice is served.

Steve Roberts!
Dorothy Lobes Memorial Award
The Dorothy Lobes Award is presented to a POMC Chapter for their outstanding achievements in the area of public awareness, superior programs of assistance to survivors, success in Chapter fundraising and their unfailing support of National POMC and compliance with its bylaws.

Chicago Area Chapter!
(Represented by Chapter Leader’s Melvin & Pat Nichols and fellow Chapter members)

Extra Mile Award
This award is given to an exceptional individuals for their dedication and outstanding compassion in support of National POMC’S mission to help all survivors. Thank you for going the extra mile.

Dave & Linda Rein!

John W. Gillis Leadership Award
This award is given to a professional who fights for the rights and dignity of crime victims and survivors of homicide victims.

Sherry Kiyler!
Maintaining the Beauty of the MURDER WALL...Honoring Their Memories

Time and much travel have put stress on the many panels of the Murder Wall...Honoring Their Memories, and scratches, nicks, and dents need to be repaired. Many of the cases that are used to transport the Wall have split or broken, handles have fallen off, and the protective material inside each case needs to be replaced.

Currently, the Wall is made up of 33 panels, displaying over 4,000 victims’ names, dates of birth and dates of death.

In order to maintain the beauty of the Wall, POMC continues to seek donations to help make some of the repairs. To help, please use the form below.

Donations made in memory/honor of, will be in the next issue of Survivors.

WALL BOOKLETS HONOR THEIR MEMORIES

POMC’s Murder Wall...Honoring their Memories is a beautiful memorial to the more than 4,000 murder victims whose names appear on the Wall. Behind each name there is a face and a story of a person whose life was taken prematurely. It is time to tell those stories.

Memorial booklets, which travel with the Wall, are compiled as an ongoing project of National POMC. Cost is $20.00 to include one page, front and back without a photo, or $30.00 if you wish to have a photo included. The photos are non-returnable and must be no larger than 2 1/2 by 3 1/2 inches.

Forms are available on the POMC Web Site at: www.pomc.org or by calling National at (888) 818-POMC.

Thank you for your Donations to Maintain the Beauty of the Murder Wall... Honoring Their Memories:

- Susie & Rodney Chrisman
  in memory of Jarrod Chrisman
- Dorothy & Albert Chubb
  in memory of Dwayne Chubb
- Denise Coleman
  in memory of Timothy Staunton
- Terry & Lee Freeman
  in memory of Peter Dodd Nichols
- Howard & Ann Klerk
  in memory of Lisa Marie Weaver
- LC & Sherry Nolan
  in memory of Shannon Marie & Alexandra Jordan Nolan-Broe
- Joan Roback
  in memory of Jim Roback

POMC-Wall Repair
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In memory/honor of:__________________________

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Return to:
Parents Of Murdered Children, Inc.
635 W. 7th Street, Suite 104
Cincinnati, Ohio 45203
The names that appear in this issue of Survivors are those that have been submitted to the National Organization of POMC, Inc., with full or partial payment before September 1, 2018. Names after this date will appear in the next issue.

The Wall consists of solid walnut panels with each holding 120 brass plates inscribed with the name of the victim, along with the date of birth and the date of death. A donation of $75 is required before a name will be inscribed on a plate and permanently mounted on a panel. (See order form inside this edition.) Not only is this donation a tribute to the memory of your loved one, but it is a tribute that will guarantee that the memory of those we miss so deeply will survive forever. The Wall is a powerful statement of the violence in our society and of the numbers of loved ones senselessly killed by others. Not only does it give comfort, but also hope, because every name on it cries out silently for awareness, prevention and justice.

**MURDER WALL...Honoring Their Memories**

Michael Todd Hamilton  
5/05/1980 - 7/10/2011

Jim Bowerman  
1/11/81 - 4/11/08

Susan Marie Green  
11/26/55 - 7/30/77

Jaycee Webster  
9/12/92 - 7/19/17

Kyle Niger Sweeting  
11/9/73 - 3/15/97

Christina Kur  
9/23/91 - 11/14/16

Diamond Lewis  
5/07/93—4/21/16

**Murder Wall...Honoring Their Memories Order Form**

Anyone interested in having their loved one’s name inscribed and permanently mounted on the Wall should fill out the order form below. Make checks payable to “POMC Wall,” or for your convenience, Discover, Visa, MasterCard, and American Express are accepted.

Send to: Parents Of Murdered Children, 635 W. 7th Street, Suite 104, Cincinnati, Ohio 45203

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Parole Block™ is a program of the National Organization of Parents Of Murdered Children, Inc.

Parole Block Program

With Bev Warnock

1669 Convicted murderers have been denied parole through POMC’s Parole Block Program!

Support for the Parole Block Program

In Memory of:
- Jarrod Chrisman from Susie & Rodney Chrisman
- Dwayne Chubb from Albert & Dorothy Chubb
  - Amanda Howell from Jason Howell
- Shannon Marie & Alexandra Jordan Nolan-Broe from LC & Sherry Nolan
  - Timothy Staunton from Denise Coleman
- Linda Jill Velzey from Howard & Carol Velzey
- Lisa Marie Weaver from Howard & Ann Klerk

Denied Petitions:
Jon Adams  
John Lebrum  
Jeffrey Mann  
Matthew Martinez  
Jose Navarro  
Manuel Pacheco  
Gregory Prysock

Died in Prison:
- Ricky Knapp  
- Jerry Don Minton

Released from Prison:
- William Scythes

Houston Heights Texas Chapter
Denied:
- Nicholas Alaniz

Letters from The Parole Block Program

Thursday, June 28, 2018

Thank you for your support during the time of the parole hearing. Your letters were instrumental in my brother’s murderer not getting released.

LaShondra Provitt
# PAROLE HEARINGS TO BE HELD

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<td><strong>On a Friday evening in June of 1984,</strong> Warren Bass picked up 19 year old Heidi Goldberg at the University of New York on his white motorbike. Heidi was by herself on the campus after her friends left her and she did not know Bass. The next day Heidi’s nearly nude and severely battered body was discovered by two horseback riders just off a campus bridle path. Her hands were tied behind her back with silver duct tape and a white mesh-like ligature was tied around her neck. There were bite marks on her breast and presence of sperm in her rectum, vagina and on her face. Bass was convicted of second degree murder, rape in the first degree, and sodomy in the first degree and was sentenced to 37 ½ years to life. He will have only served 34 years when he is considered for parole.</td>
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Contact Person/Chapter Leaders/State Coordinator Corner

With Sherry Nolan

We want to take this opportunity to thank the following volunteers for the valuable services that they provide to other survivors on behalf of POMC, Inc. If you would like more information about our volunteer opportunities, please contact Sherry Nolan, National Volunteer Coordinator, at: 888-818-7662 OR snolan@pomc.org

There are hundreds of survivors across the U.S. who volunteer for the National Organization of POMC as Chapter Leaders, Co-Leaders, Contact Persons and State Coordinators. If you are at a point in your life where you are ready to reach out to others who have suffered the loss of a loved one due to violence, please contact me.

The following states need someone to offer support services through phone, email, support group meetings, & court accompaniment, etc.:

- Alabama
- District of Columbia
- Delaware
- Hawaii
- Mississippi
- Montana
- Nebraska
- New Jersey
- North Dakota
- Oklahoma
- Rhode Island
- Tennessee
- Utah
- Vermont
- Wyoming

Thank you to the following Chapters for dedication, compassion, and selflessness shown through their continued efforts to provide on-going emotional support to others through phone calls, email, support group meetings, court accompaniment, local events bringing about awareness, education, and advocacy to victims of crime, and remembrance programs for the surviving family members who's loved ones lives were taken from them.

IN THIS 2018 ANNIVERSARY, POMC ACKNOWLEDGES THOSE CHAPTERS WITH ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION THAT WERE SIGNED BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 1ST AND DECEMBER 31ST OF THE YEAR THEY BECAME A PROBATIONARY CHAPTER

- South Carolina Chapter/SC - 17 Years
- Greater San Bernardino/Riverside Area Chapter/CA - 1 Year
- San Diego Chapter/CA - 12 Years
- Wichita Chapter/KS - 30 Years
- Contra Costa County Chapter/CA - 31 Years
- Minnesota Hope Chapter/MN - 33 Years
- North Bronx/Westchester Chapter/NY - 24 Years
- Albany New York (Capital District) Chapter/NY - 36 Years
- Peninsula/South Bay Chapter/CA - 37 Years
- Houston Chapter/ TX - 37 Years
- Central Arkansas Chapter/AR - 28 Years
- Tri County Chapter/FL - 5 Years
- Mercer County/PA (Merged With Trumbull) - 22

CP/SC/CL UPDATES

If you have a message of interest, a great fundraising idea, upcoming Chapter events, special awards or recognitions received or ideas that you would like to share with our “POMC family”, please mail them to my attention: Sherry Nolan at National POMC or email them to snolan@pomc.org. The deadline for receipt of the next newsletter articles is February 1, 2019. Please note: due to deadlines or overflow of articles, etc., we may not be able to include all of those received in the next SNL, but may keep them for future newsletters. Thanks for all that you do on behalf of others through POMC.
Volunteers are essential in fulfilling our mission!

Nothing teaches hope, kindness, courage, and compassion like helping others.

Volunteers do not necessarily have the time...they just have the heart.

We would also like to extend our thanks to the many Contact Persons and State Coordinators throughout the U.S. who also offer invaluable services to those survivors in their state who reach out to them for additional support, especially when there is not a POMC Chapter nearby. These volunteers are willing to spend time talking, and especially listening, to others about their loss. Let us recognize some of our Contact Persons who have offered continuous supportive services to others for more than 30 years.

We Honor...

Zoe Ann Cooley - Contact Person since 1981, ID
In Loving Memory of Her Daughter

Paul & Carol Hoppe - Contact Persons Since 1984, IN
In Loving Memory of Their Daughter

Jack Mendelson - Contact Person Since 1989, FL
In Loving Memory of His Son

James Sedgwick - Contact Person since 1989, OH
In Loving Memory of His Daughter

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V olunteers are not paid...not because they are worthless but because they are priceless!
Thank You

Thanks to all those who have chosen POMC as their charity of choice. Your donation has helped thousands of surviving family members; stopped the early release of 1,669 convicted murderers; assisted in POMC’s Second Opinion Services; provided the National newsletter, Survivors, to those who cannot afford it and so much more. POMC’s outreach would not be able to exist without your continued support.

In Loving Memory of

Matthew Charles Blek
from Charles & Mary Blek

Paul Dillon “Nemo” Bryant
from DJ Banks

Jarrod Chrisman
from Rodney & Susie Chrisman

Dwayne Chubb from
Albert & Dorothy Chubb, Kenneth & Estella Stuart

Krystal Rose Cook
from Lesia Kennedy & Family

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from Yolanda Roeber

Dillon DeCoster
from Claire DeCoster

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from Richard Foster

Dr. Robert Whiting Freeman
from Denise Dunn

John A “Jack” Galloway
from Illinois Cement Company

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from Ronald & Sandra Geuder

Patricia Gicking
from Lauren Cochran, Leanne Feldman and Stacey

Michael Grasa
from Michael & Lazella Grasa

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from Bruce & Andrea Griffin

Amanda Howell
from Jason & Jonell Howell

Kimberly LaShara Jacobs
from Linda Jacobs

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from John Captain

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from Jean Lewis

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from Lorenzo & Nancy Lindsey

Ruby Mays
from Jeanne Mays

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from Denise Johnson

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from Richard & Claudie Neal

Sandra Nealon
from Dale & Janet Olson

In Loving Memory of

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from Terry and Lee Nichols-Freeman

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from Leonard & Yvonne Noiles

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Bradley Norwood
from Gloria Norwood & Mike & Lazella Grasa

Dr. Laila Osungle MD
from Leonarda Vicky Geiger

David Pottinger
from Carolee Brooks

Juwan Provitt
from LaShondra Provitt

Darren E. Russell
from Maxine Russell

Salvatore Sculliurro
from Debbie Agresto

Benjamin David Sloan
from Jimmy Sloan
SURVIVORS

**In Memory of Tresia Jester**

Tresia Jester was murdered on March 21st, 1992. Tresia was found shot in her BMW, in an Exxon gas station parking lot, in Pine Bluff, Arkansas. Three gang members approached her car. One of them brandished a sawed-off, 12-gauge shotgun. He then shot her through the drivers window of her car, before she could drive away to safety. Her husband, only blocks away, drove her to the hospital. It was after midnight when she was pronounced DOA in the J.R.M.C. emergency room. The ripple effects experienced by homicide survivors, after losing a loved one by murder, are earth-shattering. The relentless level of grief we share, the fears we face, along with the anger we are forced to address, give us strength and comfort. Tresia is with us in spirit. She will never be forgotten. We will always love her and stand together to be her voice.

P.O.M.C. chapter meetings are held nationwide in many cities and states. Survivors are given the opportunity to share the loss of their loved one by murder, support each other in writing petitions to the Post Prison Transfer Board, as well as how to register, then receive notification from the V.I.N.E. program. We continue to share Tresia's story, our journey coping with devastation of homicide, the never-ending toll that Tresia's loss has in our lives, as well as ruthless injustices unleashed by those placed in control of the court system. We have shared the irreparable harm and anger associated with grief, including the countless unanswered questions that we never received answers to. While speaking with other survivors, it reopens the aching wounds in our hearts, but also releases confined pain, which allows healing. Together unified, as voices for victims, is the only way to make a difference, nationally and globally.

**Murdered Without Cause**, was written by Tresia's niece, Genie Massey. Her non-fiction book shares hope and encouragement to survivors of victims, who have lost a loved one by murder. It is now available for purchase on Amazon, Ingram, Barnes and Noble, and Books-A-Million. In this book, Genie expresses in detail, the stages of shock, grief and anger, how homicide continues to impact her life and the lives of her family, as well as how to rediscover faith in God, to claim a new purpose in life.

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***As the National Organization of Parents Of Murdered Children, we are not involved in any way with the sales, promotion or distribution of this book or any book other than those listed in our National POMC Catalog.***

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**Donations**

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  *from Denise Coleman*

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**ATTENTION:**

**NEW ONLINE SUPPORT GROUP THROUGH FACEBOOK.**

Are you on Facebook? If so make sure to join our Facebook support group which is being used as a topic forum to talk among one another, share stories of your loved one and lean on one another for support. You can join the group at [www.facebook.com/groups/POMCOOFFICIAL](http://www.facebook.com/groups/POMCOOFFICIAL)

Please note, this is the **ONLY** official online POMC support group. If you belong to other groups claiming to be POMC please be aware that they are not affiliated with or representatives of POMC.

We still have our National page on Facebook as well which is used for updates within the organization and National Office as well as other important information. Again, this is the **ONLY** official page for POMC (besides Chapter pages) so please be aware if you are linked with other pages claiming to be a POMC Facebook account. You can access our National

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Has something changed? Please, let POMC know if your name, address, email or phone number have changed. Call us toll free at (888) 818-7662 or email us at natlpomc@pomc.org

**POMC Catalog Available**

POMC’s “Journey Through Grief” catalog is available by contacting POMC at: (888) 818-POMC. The catalog can also be downloaded from our website at [www.pomc.org](http://www.pomc.org). The catalog provides color photos and a listing for all POMC items: books, bumper stickers, brochures, clothing, magnets, music, etc.

Information on items for POMC’s National Day of Remembrance for Murder Victims, special gifts, memorials, and tributes are also included in the catalog.

Contact POMC today for your free copy.

**Our future depends on you!**

Please remember the National Organization of Parents Of Murdered Children in your will and estate planning.

Thank you for keeping us in mind.

**Dedication Page Information**

Dedication Pages are included in each publication of the Survivors Newsletters. Not only is this a way to memorialize our loved ones, it also helps to defray the cost of publishing the newsletter. We offer this opportunity to pay tribute with poems, photos (black and white only), letters/loving thoughts or special requests.

The prices for dedication pages are as follows: $35.00 for a quarter page, $65.00 for a half page or $125.00 for a full page.

Send item and appropriate donation to “Dedication Page,” POMC, 635 W. 7th Street, Suite 104, Cincinnati, OH 45203. Please include your name and daytime phone number in case we have to contact you for clarification.

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Honor of:___________________________________

All those donating an extra gift ‘in loving memory of’, or ‘in honor of’ will be listed in the next issue of the Survivors newsletter. To have POMC send a letter acknowledging your gift to the family, please provide family’s name, address, city, state, and zip code.

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