February Update (2020)
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BE SURE TO SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH ALL MEMBERS!

- **Save the Date:** It’s not too early to contact the National Office to attend the Grief Retreat Weekend in Cincinnati, Ohio. The form to fill out is on the website www.pomc.org you can download, fill it out and send it in. The dates are April 17-19, 2020. Scholarships are available for the retreat and all meals are included from Friday night dinner to Sunday lunch. The meals are home cooked by Sherry.

- National Crime Victims’ Rights Week is April 19-25, 2020, and the theme for this year is **Seek Justice - Ensure Victim’s Rights – Inspire Hope**. This information is for anyone who would like to plan a ceremony.

- **Save the Date:** The 2020 Annual Conference is July 23-26, 2020, in Atlanta, Georgia at the Atlanta Hilton Airport. More will follow on the POMC website in the coming months. The room rate is $119.00 plus tax for the Conference weekend. The Conference registration is on the POMC website www.pomc.org.

- **2020 Conference Workshop Presenters** If you are interested in presenting a workshop at the 2020 Conference in Atlanta please contact National. Information was sent out by Sherry via email and several emails came back for some that have been doing workshops for years. If you have not received the workshop information please contact her asap at snolan@pomc.org. Workshops spaces are limited and could be filled before the April 1st deadline.

- The Annual Reports are due March 1st, 2020, if you can’t open or have questions call us now so we can help you. Make sure if your copy of the Annual Report does not print out on 8 ½ x 11 so that it is legible, please notify National so that we can mail you a hard copy to fill out. These are official IRS documents that the information is reported to the government, so we must be able to read them.
  - Please type or print legibly.
  - The financial section of the Annual Report and the check must be signed by the Chapter’s Treasurer and one other non-family Chapter Officer (Leader, Co-Leader, Secretary).
  - There cannot be only one signature on a Chapter Check. The signers on the check must be listed as a co-signer on the Chapter checking account and must be Treasurer and a current Board of Director member.
  - If checks do not come following these guidelines, the Annual Report will be held.
- Please watch for your yearly Contact Person Update form which will be mailed/emailed around the first of January. These are due on March 1, 2020. If you do not receive your mailing please contact us no later than February 1, 2020.

- Because of another domestic violence situation that occurred National Staff and the National Board of Trustees are asking that when you put someone’s name in your Chapter newsletter that you get their permission first. If they are trying to keep there whereabouts secret so they can stay safe, this could be a problem for them, if their name is in the newsletter. **Also remember to only give month and year of dates of death and no birthdates.** There is so much identity theft that it is important that you follow this recommendation and **please** get permission from the family before you put their name in your Chapter newsletter.

- Amazon supports POMC! Please visit the National website at [www.pomc.org](http://www.pomc.org) and look for the Amazon link. By accessing Amazon through the POMC website, POMC will receive a percentage of all purchases (4-13%, depending on the item). This does not increase the cost of your purchase. This is a great opportunity to purchase items and also contribute to POMC while doing so! Please share this wonderful opportunity with your Chapters, Families and Friends! We appreciate everything you do to support POMC! If you should have questions regarding the Amazon link, please don’t hesitate to contact us.
  - Please remember, if you have a car, RV or boat or any other kind of vehicle you do not need anymore, call Action Donation Services. They will pick the vehicle up and donate the money to POMC. We have received a check from their organization for the donation of an old car. If you are interested, please call 866-244-8464 for more details.

- There will be no directory changes this month. We will be sending out a new directory after we get all the changes from the annual report and Contact Persons.

- There is one petition this month. Please get signatures and send them to the Parole Board on each petition.