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A non-profit, public benefits organization serving families and friends of homicide victims.



In Loving Memory of
ANNE ELEANOR POVERELLO
1931–2018

It is with tremendous sadness to report the loss of our dear friend and fellow advocate, Anne Poverello. Mere words are difficult to grasp in describing such a lovely, loving and beloved lady. After the tragic loss of her mother, Mary D'Augusta in 1984, she immediately began advocating for others trying to cope with losing a loved one to homicide. Knowing, firsthand, the sadness, anger and hopelessness, she made it her life mission to help others maneuver through their tragedy.

We will always remember Anne; her kind and beautiful face at each CAH meeting and her caring heart when calling to say "hi" or to check on our well-being. She ended each and every call with... "I am praying for you... I love you". Anne... please know, you will always be in our hearts, we are praying for you... and we love you. (Shellie Cervantes)

Anne was born on September 21, 1931 in San Francisco, the only child of Mary and Nathan D'Augusta. Anne attended Balboa High School and received a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Mills College, Oakland. She married Robert Anthony Poverello in 1955. Bob's military career involved relocation stateside and abroad.

In the early 1960's, she taught piano performance classes at Texas University and private piano lessons in Heidelberg, Germany, while raising and nurturing their growing family. Anne continued to raise four active children, hosting many officer's parties while residing on military bases.

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**CAH Annual
Meeting**
**Sunday, May 20,
2018**
10:00 a.m.
Loch Lomond Yacht Club
95 Loch Lomond Drive,
San Rafael, CA

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CITIZENS AGAINST HOMICIDE

Who We Are

The majority of the board members of Citizens Against Homicide have had a family member murdered. They are surviving the devastating loss of a loved one and still suffer the continued emotional trauma of coping with our criminal justice system. We have joined together to create a voice for the survivors and friends of murder victims.

CAH Objectives

- Assist families through the complicated criminal justice system.
- Provide trial and courtroom support to victims.
- Accompany victims to parole hearings in their endeavor to keep the convicted murderer in prison.
- Provide information on pending crime legislation.

Protecting Your Own Interests

You can't prepare for the event that makes you a victim. You can only react. You need to know how to deal with the subsequent trial, sentencing and unavoidable parole hearings. CAH helps you take action to protect your own interests.

If you have friends or family who may be in need of our assistance, please pass along the information regarding our organization.

Location for Meetings

We hold bi-monthly meetings on the second Sunday of the month at Loch Lomond Yacht Club - 95 Loch Lomond Drive, San Rafael, CA.

The meeting starts at 10:00 a.m. We encourage anyone interested to attend.

A Few Words From Jan

As I sit down to write "Words" for this Newsletter, the realization comes to me that it has been a long time since my last message. I guess the true reasons for the longer than typical delay is that life has happened and more specifically death. From April 2017 to December 2017, fifteen of my friends passed away, each one of them holding a special place in my life. I felt the number was more than typical and more than one should have to bear. At the end of 2017, I believed, hoped and prayed that 2018 would bring a year filled with more joyous events and especially less loss of friends. While January slipped away quietly, February arrived with a vengeance. The death of a longtime and very dear friend came to pass; we enjoyed a 60-year friendship; we went to high school together, had our children at the same time and raised them together; enjoyed the achievements of each other's children and shared long phone calls while cooking for holiday events. The news of her death actually brought me to a physical illness along with the

emotional strain. Just as I believed I was moving into a space of acceptance, another longtime friend passed away. She and I had met just weeks after the death of my daughter Roni. She was always with Jane and me through all our adventures at Citizens Against Homicide and had been on our board from the beginning. This was too overwhelming, or so I thought...

Then I heard some very powerful and important words. When the son of Billy Graham spoke of his dad's passing, his dad told him not to worry when he passed away, because he would always be with his family and friends, he was just changing his address. You have no idea the comfort those words brought to me. I gave those words much consideration and realized deep in my heart that I have always believed in those words. It was just that I had let the ways of 'today' take over too large a piece of me. Those words brought a calm and a peace to me and, as I move forward for

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For advice regarding your individual murder case, 1-209-728-2873
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Such sadness is being endured by so many and it all could have been avoided

Let me start by saying all of us at CAH are so very sad for the loss the families in Florida are going through; some for the loss of their children; their friends; their teachers. The loss will never leave them, as we all know, due to our own loss from murder. There is never closure, sometimes there is justice and sometimes we just have to decide to live and move forward learning from our experiences. That is why this is being written to offer our condolences for their loss and their forever sadness. However, I personally ask them and each of you reading this Newsletter to take the time to seek ways of change that can help this situation to never happen again.

Let's review:

February brought a Florida school shooting by a current/former student. This murderer took the lives of 17 students and teachers. We need to ask "How did this happen?"

- We had a student that was bullied and teased by his fellow students—How did this affect him? How could the students have understood what they were doing? What did the school do to help him? What did his mother do to help him?
- We had a student that lost his father at a very early age—How did this affect him? Was he given grief counseling? Was there another strong "father" figure in his life?
- We are frequently told—"If you see something 'say' something"—There were at least 2 people on 2 separate occasions that did in fact do that;

these people saw this student as troubled and a problem—thus—they contacted the FBI—the FBI did NOT do a thing. Why did the FBI not do their job? They are well paid and have great resources. Someone needs to be fired—WITHOUT pension!!

- There were numerous occasions where the police were called to the home of this murderer; yet the proper reports were never filed to allow someone doing a background check to know all that should have been known about this troubled young man.
- An armed security officer hears the shooting, but does nothing and waits outside for assistance to come; when assistance arrives they "hold the perimeter"—STUPID!! The shooter is inside the building with all the targets. A full investigation of the sheriff's department needs to happen—heads need to roll—people need to be fired—WITHOUT pension!!

This shooting was preventable on so many different levels; any one of the above items, if addressed properly, could have prevented this loss of 17 lives; but there are few that want to see the true picture. They want to look for a hidden boogeyman. There is not a boogeyman just a lot of people that did not want to do their jobs; everyone needs to be accountable. The young murderer also needs to be accountable and it is hoped that he will spend the rest of his life behind bars.

Quote of the Month



"We must reject the idea that every time a law is broken, society is guilty rather than the law breaker. It is time to restore the American precept that each individual is accountable for his actions."

—Ronald Reagan

Words From Jan—cont. from page 2

the challenges of 2018, I now know there are many with a 'new address' that surround me. I know I can and will call upon and reach out to them. I believe with all their help and the help of all of you reading this newsletter, there is much all of us here at CAH will be able to accomplish in 2018.

I hope these words and thoughts can also bring a similar peace to you.

—Jan

Parole & Clem

These parole hearings are imminent. Send

(DATE)

Board of Parole Hearing
P.O. Box 4036
Sacramento, CA 95812-4036
ATTN: Pre-Hearing Correspondence

RE: Buddy Velarde—CDC# F-54548
Valley State Prison—Chowchilla
Parole Hearing Date: April 5, 2018

Dear Chairman
and Parole Board Member:

Please DO NOT grant a parole date to convicted murderer Buddy Velarde, CDC# F-54548.

On January 16, 2005, Raul J. Payan (Ralphee), age 29, was brutally beaten to death during an evening out with his girlfriend. While dancing and socializing with family, they were approach by three (3) men; her ex-husband, Arthur Rios, Jr. (who had a documented history of spousal abuse), Buddy Velarde and Paul Velarde. They began making menacing, rude and threatening remarks to Raul and his girlfriend. Observing the verbal commotion was a bouncer, who quickly dispersed the group, sending the aggressors out one door and Raul's party the opposite exit. As they walked around the corner toward their cars, they were attacked by Arthur Rios, Buddy Velarde, Paul Velarde and girlfriends... punching Raul's girlfriend in the face, knocking her to the ground. Raul came to her aid, helped her up and then instructed her to run to the car and call 911.

Raul was brutally beaten (with a bat to the head and shoulders to take him down) and then was continuously beaten, kicked and stomped beyond unconsciousness until they killed him.

All three were found guilty of 2nd Degree Murder—15 Years to Life.

Buddy Velarde made a personal choice to accompany Arthur Rios and Paul Velarde to the bar the night of January 16, 2005. After receiving a call from a tipster that Rios' ex-wife and Raul were at the bar, all three men (and girlfriends) arrived looking for trouble. Because of Buddy Velarde's complete disregard for human life and his unconscionable act of brutality, justice demands this convicted murderer be denied parole. Raul (Ralphee) Payan does not get a second chance to live; he is gone forever. Therefore, Buddy Velarde does not deserve a second chance or the privilege of freedom.

Please help Raul Payan's family and friends from being victimized again by keeping his murderer behind bars where he belongs. Deny parole to convicted murderer, Buddy Velarde for the maximum time allowed by State of California law.

Your consideration is sincerely appreciated.

(NAME/SIGNATURE)

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(DATE)

Board of Parole Hearing
P.O. Box 4036
Sacramento, CA 95812-4036
ATTN: Pre-Hearing Correspondence

RE: Paul Velarde—CDC# F-54521
Correctional Training Facility—Soledad
Parole Hearing Date: June 6, 2018

Dear Chairman
and Parole Board Member:

Please DO NOT grant a parole date to convicted murderer, Paul Velarde CDC# F-54521.

On January 16, 2005, Raul J. Payan (Ralphee), age 29, was brutally beaten to death during an evening out with his girlfriend. While dancing and socializing with family, they were approach by three (3) men; her ex-husband, Arthur Rios, Jr. (who had a documented history of spousal abuse), Buddy Velarde and Paul Velarde. They began making menacing, rude and threatening remarks to Raul and his girlfriend. Observing the verbal commotion was a bouncer, who quickly dispersed the group, sending the aggressors out one door and Raul's party the opposite exit. As they walked around the corner toward their cars, they were attacked by Arthur Rios, Buddy Velarde,



Emergency Hearings

Letters in support of these families today.

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Please help Raul Payan's family and friends from being victimized again by keeping his murderer behind bars where he belongs. Deny parole to convicted murderer, Paul Velarde for the maximum time allowed by State of California law.

Your consideration is sincerely appreciated.

(NAME/YOUR SIGNATURE)

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Board of Parole Hearing
P.O. Box 4036
Sacramento, CA 95812-4036
ATTN: Pre-Hearing Correspondence

RE: Arthur Rios, Jr.—CDC# F-54577
Correctional Training Facility—Soledad
Parole Hearing Date: June 6, 2018

Dear Chairman
and Parole Board Member:

Please DO NOT grant a parole date to convicted murderer, Arthur Rios CDC# F-54577.

On January 16, 2005, Raul J. Payan (Ralphee), age 29, was brutally beaten to death during an evening out with his girlfriend. While dancing and socializing with family, they were approached by three (3) men; her ex-husband, Arthur Rios, Jr. (who had a documented history of spousal abuse), Buddy Velarde and Paul Velarde. They began making menacing, rude and threatening remarks to Raul and his girlfriend. Observing the verbal commotion was a bouncer, who quickly dispersed the group, sending the aggressors out one door and Raul's party the opposite exit. As they walked around the corner toward their cars, they were attacked by Arthur Rios, Buddy Velarde, Paul Velarde and girlfriends... punching Raul's girlfriend in the face, knocking her to the ground. Raul came to her aid, helped her up and then instructed her to run to the car and call 911.

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Arthur Rios made a personal choice to accompany his friends, Buddy Velarde and Paul Velarde to the bar the night of January 16, 2005. After receiving a call from a tipster that Rios' ex-wife and Raul were at the bar, all three men (and girlfriends) arrived looking for trouble. Because of Arthur Rios' complete disregard for human life, his delusional sense of entitlement over his ex-wife and his unconscionable act of brutality, justice demands this convicted murderer be denied parole. Raul (Ralphee) Payan does not get a second chance to live; he is gone forever. Therefore, Arthur Rios does not deserve a second chance or the privilege of freedom.

Please help Raul Payan's family and friends from being victimized again by keeping his murderer behind bars where he belongs. Deny parole to convicted murderer, Arthur Rios, Jr. for the maximum time allowed by State of California law.

Your consideration is sincerely appreciated.

(NAME/SIGNATURE)

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The UPS Store

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For more information on sponsorships

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E-Mail: vctmsmurdr@aol.com

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Although I am unable to play golf this day, I would like to help make a difference by my enclosed donation of

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CITIZENS AGAINST HOMICIDE

25 YEARS

Citizens Against Homicide is a nonprofit public benefit organization started by local victims, and other interested parties, to serve the families of homicide victims.

Because the law enforcement community has become increasingly aware of the rights of victims within the criminal justice system, it is critical for victims, law enforcement, and the public to work together.

All proceeds from this golf tournament will be used to sustain activities which help victims cope with the criminal justice system and raise public awareness of victims rights.

Such activities include attending trial and courtroom hearings, monitoring paroles, supporting law enforcement, serving on judicial and legislative watchdog committees, educating the populace concerning the rights of families of homicide victims, and helping families obtain information leading to the resolution of unsolved murders.



CAH Helps Balance The Scales

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—25th Annual— Charity Golf Classic *Best Foursome Theme Costume*



Come join the CAH Family for this extra special 25th Anniversary Celebration. Enjoy a day and evening with friends and family looking back on the remarkable run we've enjoyed. And there will be some shenanigans too!! Play your round in your very best costume—you decide the theme, have fun and don't take yourself too seriously! Many prizes for those who dare to be different!

August 3, 2018

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Hosted at:

ROOSTER RUN GOLF CLUB
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25 YEARS

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230I East Washington Street
Petaluma, California

Course Rules

Collared Shirt Soft Spikes Only

Prizes

- Best Foursome Theme Costume
 - Hole-in-One
- Closest to the Pin
 - Long Drive
- 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place
 - A & B Flights

Raffle, Silent & Live Auction

If your company is interested in donating items for the tournament goodie bags, raffle or silent auction, it would be of a great benefit to Citizens Against Homicide and to the success of the event. Please contact Jan Miller if you are interested in donating.

Tournament Information

Date: Friday, August 3, 2018 Rain or Shine!
Location: Rooster Run Golf Club
Format: Scramble
Maximum # of Players: 124
Player Fees: \$150
Entry Fee Includes: Green fees, golf cart, driving range and dinner.

Tournament Schedule

Registration: 10:30 Putting Contest: 11:00
Lunch: Noon
Shotgun Starts 1:00
Dinner: 6:15 (Awards, Raffle and Auction)

Registration

To register for play or to become a sponsor, please complete the attached form and mail it along with a check payable to:

Citizens Against Homicide
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369-B Third Street
Box 303
San Rafael, CA 94901

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For additional information, please contact:

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Sponsorship/Player Form

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 \$ 4,000 \$ 2,000 \$ 1,000 \$ 500
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 Memorial: _____
 Golf Tournament Registration: \$ 150
 Dinner Only: \$50 Number of dinners: _____

Please make checks payable to:
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Parole & Clemency Hearings

These parole hearings are imminent. Send letters in support of these families today.

Letter to Governor Brown requesting reversal of parole suitability recommendation. Please help support Pamela McMaband's family by sending letters to the Governor today. Thank you for your support!

February 10, 2018

Governor Jerry Brown
State Capitol Building
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Parole Suitability Hearing—
December 27, 2017
Michael Anthony Tscharar—
CDC# D-34046

Dear Governor Brown:

This letter is written to respectfully request that you exercise your empowerment to reverse the December 27, 2017 Parole Board's decision of parole suitability for **Michael Anthony Tscharar—CDC# D-34046**.

This convicted murderer has proven to be a hard-core criminal, who should spend the rest of his life in prison. On December 27, 1985 Michael Tscharar entered his step-sister's (Pamela Kay McMaband, age 18) bedroom and brutally beat her to death. He had enlisted the aid of a friend Robert Sanders and together had planned this murder only a few short hours earlier that evening.

Mike Tscharar first sexually assaulted Pamela and then savagely beat her to death by repeatedly striking her in the head with a hammer (*a minimum of 48 times*). He then used a 12" screwdriver, which Robert Sanders had retrieved

for him from the garage of the family's home and proceeded to nail it through the victim's ear to ensure her death. The homicide reports read that her vocal cords were so mangled that it appeared they had been stomped on. After the murder, both Mike Tscharar and Robert Sanders removed Pamela's lifeless body from the home using Robert Sanders' automobile.

Tscharar and Sanders discarded Pamela's body over a twelve-foot fence and into a riverbed. They dragged her several feet through a field and then attempted to cover her up with debris before leaving her. The next several hours and into the early morning of the next day, both Mike Tscharar and Robert Sanders worked as a team to cover up the evidence, hiding the murder weapons and laundering blood soiled bedding and clothing.

The brutality and conscious effort to hide the crime definitely warranted a Murder I conviction. A negotiated Murder II conviction was obtained only because District Attorney, Jim Fagin explained to the victim's family that Michael Anthony Tscharar stood a better than 50% chance of walking free if they were to pursue a Murder I conviction, and that it would be taxing both emotionally and financially with a time variable of up to 13 years for the trial process.

Unfortunately, the judicial system failed Pamela McMaband and her family. District Attorney, Jim Fagin confessed there were crucial errors made by the investigation team which

forced the family's predicament of having to settle for lesser convictions and that it would be necessary to plea bargain with Robert Sanders to ensure even a Murder II conviction for Michael Anthony Tscharar. Robert Sanders walked away a free man for his role in this heinous murder. Michael Tscharar received a mere 15-Years to Life.

Governor Brown, as a result of Tscharar's documented history of dysfunction and brutality (breaking and entering, vandalism, mutilation of animals for fun, perverted sex acts, gang-related activity and numerous theft, vandalism and auto theft charges), this murderer is not a candidate for rehabilitation and must remain in prison where he belongs. There are far too many convicted murderers being released to our communities only to, once again, prey on the innocent.

Michael Anthony Tscharar planned and carried out the execution of an innocent young woman, Pamela Kay McMaband. This horrendous act of brutality cannot be ignored. I am, therefore, formally expressing serious opposition to any future release. In order to protect society from the impact/threat of this inmate's release to parole, please reverse the Board of Parole Hearings suitability for parole decision.

Sincerely,
Shellie Cervantes
Victim Advocate/Consultant
Citizens Against Homicide

Parole & Clemency Hearings

These parole hearings are imminent.
Send letters in support of these families today.

(Date)

Board of Parole Hearings
P.O. Box 4036
Sacramento, CA 95812
ATTN: Pre-Hearing Correspondence

RE: Gregory Coates—CDC# B-68775
San Quentin State Prison
Parole Hearing Date: May 2, 2018

Dear Chairman
and Parole Board Member:

Please DO NOT grant a parole date to convicted 2-time murderer, Gregory Coates. In 1975, Gregory Coates brutally attacked and murdered Jean Stephens, a young wife and mother of three (3) children (ages 10 through 17), in her Mira Loma, California home. Coates was 17 years old at the time and was an acquaintance of Jean's 2 teenage boys. They had befriended him, because he seemed a little "odd". One morning after the family had left, Coates broke into the Stephens' home and, when Jean returned home unexpectedly, he hit her from behind with a barbell, crushing her skull. Coates then raped Jean and shot her in the head with a pistol he found in the house. Following the murder, Coates gathered Jean's wallet and stockings and set them afire in the kitchen trash. He then left the residence. Later that day, Jean's 10-year-old daughter returned home from school and immediately noticed the odor of something smoldering. After finding what was left of her mother's belongings, she began looking further in the house and discovered her mother's battered body on the floor of her brothers' bedroom.

Initially, the investigation did not lead to Coates. In fact, Gregory Coates (the good friend and classmate of Jean's son, Charles Stephens), stayed at the Stephens' home, consoling his grieving friend. He then attended Jean Stephens' funeral the next day.

Six months later, Gregory Coates (now age 18), murdered his own stepmother in similar fashion. While mowing the lawn at her home, Coates went into the house, where he attacked his stepmother; bludgeoned her to death, raped her, poured gasoline on her body and then set her lifeless body afire on her own bed. Coates was arrested later that day and was soon connected with the Stephens murder. He plead guilty to both murders and received two 15-Year to Life sentences.

On May 2, 2018, Jean Stephens' family, once again, must relive the horrendous events that led to her brutal death. Because of his complete disregard for human life and lack of remorse, justice demands this convicted murderer be denied parole. Gregory Coates made a personal choice to execute two innocent women and must continue to accept the consequences of his actions. He must remain in prison, so that he can never again harm another innocent human being. Please deny parole to convicted murderer Gregory Coates for the maximum time allowed by California law.

Thank you for your consideration.

(YOUR NAME/SIGNATURE)

For your confidentiality, do NOT put your return address on the letter; only on the outer mailing envelope.

Anne Poverello—cont. from page 1

In 1979, she started Keyboard Educators to spread the joy of piano to school students. She continued to teach private piano lessons until 2016, giving all her students the gift of music in their lives. She has been President of the Music Teachers of California and President of National Music Teachers Association, Bay Area District.

After losing her mother to a homicide in 1984, Anne has been an outspoken advocate for homicide victims for the past 30 years. She became President of Justice for Murder Victims and a Board Member of Citizens Against Homicide. Additionally, she served as President of the Catholic Professional Womens Group.

Anne is survived by her four children: Roanne, Joy, Rosalyn and Robert, Jr., seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Parole Hearing Updates

Phillip C. Watts

Parole Hearing Date:
December 12, 2017

Parole denied. Will not be eligible for another parole hearing until 2024

"Thank you for all your hard work and support"—(Cynthia Craddock Biletnikoff)

Mark Lugo

Parole Hearing Date: March 8, 2018

Parole denied

"Thank you again for all you do"
—(Kristin Lopez)



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Annual CAH Meeting Special Guests Announcement

Eryn Cervantes, CAH Consultant

By the very design of our organization, Citizens Against Homicide recognizes our role in the lives of victims comes after the fact; after the horrific tragedy has taken place and after the loss of a loved one has become permanent. At this year's Annual CAH meeting we will be introducing our latest project, one which will allow us to expand our role, not only as victim advocates, but as an organization committed to

crime prevention. Our special guests this year will include the individuals without whom our project would not be possible. Their individual stories are the driving force behind our newest mission—a compilation of crusaders and visionaries for educating against violence.

This is a meeting you will not want to miss. Please mark your calendars and join us!

May 20, 2018—10:00 A.M.

Loch Lomond Yacht Club—95 Loch Lomond Drive, San Rafael

Dates to Remember

CAH Annual Meeting

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