



Tampa Bay Chapter

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November 2010

MEETING INFORMATION

Regular Monthly SUNDAY Meeting

(held the second Sunday of the month)

November 14, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

St. Joseph's Hospital

Medical Arts Building, Auditorium

3001 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

(We will have separate break out sessions for men and women)

Call Beverley Hurley at 813-832-3175 for directions or information.

Regular Monthly DAYTIME Meeting

Riverview/Gibson/Brandon areas

(held the second Friday each month)

Friday, November 12, 10:00 a.m. to Noon

The Greater Brandon Chamber of Commerce

330 Pauls Drive, Brandon, Florida 33511

Please call Linda Delk at 813-661-0680

for directions or information.

Regular Monthly PLANT CITY Meeting

(held the fourth Monday each month)

Monday, November 22, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

South Florida Baptist Hospital

301 N. Alexander Street, Plant City

in the Community Conference Room

Call Janice Falcon at 813-779-9353

for directions or information.

UPCOMING EVENTS

BP/USA TAMPA BAY CHAPTER CANDLE LIGHT PROGRAM AND CEREMONY

Mark your Calendar for

Sunday, December 12, 7:00 p.m.

Doors open at 6:30

St. Joseph Hospital Medical Arts Bldg. Auditorium for the **Annual Children's Worldwide Candle Lighting.**

Invite family and friends to attend our annual candle-light remembrance ceremony at St. Joseph's Hospital.

If you want to volunteer to help with this service or donate items for the boutique in memory of your child, please call Beverley Hurley at 813-832-3175!

(See Page 5 for more details and registration!)

Angel of Hope Memorial Garden

Annual Candle Lighting

Monday, December 6, at 6:45 p.m.

Riverside Park

201 Riverhills Drive, Temple Terrace

Please call Jackie Loadholtz

You must RSVP 813-625-1468 to attend!

(Weather permitting)

TEMPLE TERRACE WOMAN'S CLUB 2011 CALENDAR

We are pleased to announce that the TT Woman's Club has published a calendar featuring photographs of the Temple Terrace (including the Angel of Hope) submitted by local citizens. This 14 month calendar is a fundraiser and the cost will be \$8.00. For additional information, please contact Elaine Coniglio at 813-625-1468.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				
NOVEMBER 2010						

THANKS FOR THE LITTLE WHILE

By Darcie D. Sims

Thank you for life, for its good times and bad.

Thank you for love, even when I can't feel it.

Thank you for the love I used to share,

For the arms that held me tight

Thank you for my family

In faraway places,

In different times.

Thank you for the songs we sang,

For the dreams we saved,

For the smiles we shared.

Thank you for the strength that eludes me just now.

Thank you for the weakness that sends me to my knees.

Thank you for the searching, the reaching, the hoping.

Thank you for the bonds of memory that hold me in place,

Even when I don't believe in it anymore,

Or...forget what it is all about.

Thank you most of all,

For having been blessed with the love I have known,

Even now when I fear I will forget it.

Thank you for memory and

For filling it full measure for me.

It wasn't nearly long enough, but it will have to do.

Thanks for the moments we danced.

Thanks for the little while....

Bereaved means living the rest of our life with this loss....when we are bereaved, we don't wake up one morning "unbereaved"...we carry the loss and miss them and love them as long as we are alive!

Alan Pedersen

Chapter News



ANGEL OF HOPE UPDATE

www.angelofhopetampabay.com

Located at :

Riverside Park

201 Riverhills Drive, Temple Terrace

Mailing Address:

P. O. Box 2573

Lutz, FL 33548

813.495.7539

Note: Mark your calendar for Monday, December 6, for the Annual AOH candle light ceremony 6:45 pm. At the Riverside Park. Please rsvp to 813-625-1468

2010 Angel of Hope Brass Ornament \$15.95

We are very honored to have been selected for this commemorative Temple Terrace tradition ornament.

Checks payable to:

GFWC Temple Terrace Junior Woman's Club

P.O. Box 16206, Temple Terrace, FL 33687

Thank you for your support of the ornament project.

Many charities benefit ! Call 813-988-6159!



Telephone Friends

Need to talk? Having a bad day? Call one of our Telephone Friends. They're here to lend a knowing ear because they've been there. Don't hesitate to call, we understand.

Linda Delk (General Information)	(813) 661-0680
Sue Bowditch (Adult Child)	(813) 661-9334
Theresa Farmer (Homicide)	(813) 994-0707
Traci Cooley (Drowning)	(813) 464-4525
Ron Ellington (Suicide/Grandparent)	(727) 410-2308
Charles L'Homme (Accidental Death)	(813) 335-7628
Debbie Nemitz (Long Term Illness)	(813) 907-1441
Barbara or Tommy Dietrich (Death of an Only Child)	(813) 234-4705
Serena Graves (Sibling Contact)	(813) 810-7169
Violeta "Cookie" Fernandez (Se Habla Espano)	(813) 996-4281
CRISIS CENTER	211

Bereaved Parents/USA National Office
Post Office Box 95, Park Forest, IL 60466
Phone/Fax: (708) 748-7866
www.bereavedparentsusa.org

Love Gifts

Rebeckah Mitchell

In loving memory of her daughter
Brendolyn Joyce "Butterfly" Baker
 1/1/1948-11/9/1990

Shelia Farmer

In loving memory of her daughter
Wendy Michelle Price Rainer
 3/7/1968-9/27/2006

Tom and Judy Sluder

In loving memory of their children
Kathryn, Keith and Theresa Sluder



Candlelight Donations



Our special thanks to those sending donations to help make our Candle Light Remembrance Service a special evening for our children:

*In Remembrance of **Kathryn Elizabeth Sluder, Keith Joseph Sluder, and Theresa Elaine Sluder**
 Donated by Tom & Judy Sluder*

*In Remembrance of **Aileen DeLosSantos**
 Donated by Elena and James Franklin*

*In Remembrance of **Michael V. Schlechty**
 Donated by Nancy Schlechty*

*In Remembrance of **Debbie Hester**
 Donated by Wanda Butler*

*In Remembrance of **Anthony J. Montagano**
 Donated by Eloisa Valenzuela*

*In Remembrance of **Michael Gerard Martini**
 Donated by Pamela Martini*

*In Remembrance of **Michael John Daniel**
 Donated by Paul and Nadine Daniel*

Love Gifts-A Thoughtful Way to Remember

Love Gifts are a beautiful and loving way to remember a loved one. Through Love Gifts, we are able to reach out to others with our brochures and newsletters as well as obtain books and other information for our library. We truly appreciate every Love Gift, donation and sponsorship. Our Chapter work is done by volunteers and these donations help us reach out in many ways, including the preparation and mailing of the newsletter.

Refreshments

Some of us like to remember our child's birthday or the anniversary of his or her death by bringing a cake or cookies to the meeting that month. We would appreciate having you bring a special treat to any meeting. You may also want to bring and share a picture of your child. Thank you!



Our Children . . . Remembered

So long as we live, they too shall live ... For they are a part of us as we remember them.

September Birthdays

Bray, Debbie (Hurley)
11/14/1967 - 6/1/1990
M - Beverley (Bray) Hurley
S - Kimberly Gonzalez

Buzbee-Reeves, Devon Michael
11/16/1994 - 11/19/1994
M - Celeste Buzbee
F - Mike Reeves
B-Tristan Alan Buzbee-Reeves

Celestey, Shaun
11/16/1980-1/3/1980
P-Vick & Paula Celestey

Colla, Aaron Dante
11/15/01 - 05/24/02
P-Amanda Colla
GP-Jana & Frank Colla
A-Danielle
B-Dylan

Decosta, Brittany
11/19/87 - 04/07/91
M - Kay Decosta

Delk, Melissa Ann
11/13/72 - 12/09/77
M - Linda Delk
B - Louis Delk
S - Meronda Brown

Dietrich, Jamie Rachel
11/20/1977 - 11/17/2004
P-Tommy & Barbara Dietrich

Dixon Jr., Anthony Howard
11/27/1978 - 4/1/1996
M - Brenda & Toney Dixon
B - David Dixon

Dominguez Mario
/11/1/1987/
M-Sonia Dominguez

Douglas, Christopher
11/4/1977 - 12/22/1997
M - Laren & Michael
S - Stacy & Leigh
B - Clinton

Garcia, Larry D.
11/8/1983 - 1/10/2007
M-Consuelo Rios

Hadley, Katrina
11/17/1961 - 2/4/2006
M-Grace Therman

Harless, Jessica Nicole
11/15/1988 - 5/10/2000
M - Heather Harless

Hinchey, Ronald
11/17/1974 - 12/10/1999
P - Ronald & Donna Hinchey
S - Tracy Foster

Jacobson, Nathan
11/9/1994-2/16/2008/
P-Amy & Pete Jacobson

Kelly, Amanda Jean
11/15/1986 - 7/7/1987
P-John & Brenda Kelly
S-Matthew & Ryan
GP-John Keller & Elizabeth Kelly

Kettlety, Daniel S.
11/7/1978 - 11/10/1997
P-Wayne & Sherry Kettlety

Lind, Joshua Richard
11/9/1983 - 11/14/1999
F - Richard Lind

Loadholtz, Glenn Edward
11/25/1969 - 2/15/2005
P-George & Jackie Loadholtz
S-Gwen Walkowiak

McDonald, Brooke
11/8/1990-10/4/2008
P-Mitch & Barbara McDonald

Milam, Perry Edward
11/4/1974 - 10/1/1994
M-Nancy Milam
S-Suzanne Milam Clark

Miulli, Matthew Michael
11/27/1987-1/19/2005
P-Jim & Kathy Miulli
GP-Rudy Prehnal and Mike & Sue Miulli

Nichols, Melissa
11/9/1982 - 9/4/2002
M-Terrena Nichols
F-Shannon Nichols
S-Brandy Nichols
B-Shannon Nichols, Jr.

Pike, Taylor K.
11/9/1985-5/14/2007
P-Bob & Connie Pike
S-Megan Pike

Rivera, Damian Elijah
11/19/2001 - 01/10/2002
M-Nicole Rivera

Robles-Greene, Brodie Shane
11/15/1996 - 11/29/1996
M - Denise Robles
F - Ronnie Greene
B - Shane

Russell, Melody
11/25/1985 - 11/25/1985
M-Karron Russell
GP - Ben & Sue Bowditch
S/B - Brytani and Derak
Aunts - Catherine and Roben

Schank, Jamie
11/3/1972-10/26/2003
P- Joan Schank

Shockey, Ann
11/08/56 - 04/26/70
P - Dick & Connie Shockey

Torres, Angel Luv
11/19/1982 - 11/2/1994
P-Aida & Angel Torres
B-Nicolas Torres
GP-Pola Lesprier

Walker, Nick
11/12/1983 - 1/11/2001
M - Denise Walker
GM - Shirley Walker

Wheeler, Clifford Denmark
11/1/1979 - 1 /18/1996
M-Donna Wheeler
B-John, James & Duane
GP-Lynn & Marcel Baker



September Anniversaries

Arnold, Ryan
9/1/1988-11/28/2007
P-Ron & Marcia Arnold
B-Jason & Matt
GP-Charlie & Kathy Arnold,
and Allan & Florence Knopf

Baker, Brendolyn Joyce Butterfly
1/1/1948 - 11/9/1990
M - Rebeckah Mitchell
SF - Daniel Mitchell
B - Daniel Leroy Mitchell
S - Sharolyn Mitchell,
Rhondolyn
Shedrick, Lerolyn Capehart,
and
Angelyn Capehart

Baker, Holly K.
02/11/84 - 11/15/96
M - Evonne M. Baker

Justin, Chris
10/3/1989-11/6/2007
P-Chris Black

Bridgmon, Matt
2/11/1978-11/4/2006
M-Jean Bridgmon

Butler, Mark Anthony
7/7/1977 - 11/24/2001
P-Ray & Chris Butler
GM-Alice Butler

Buzbee-Reeves, Devon Michael
11/16/1994 - 11/19/1994
M - Celeste Buzbee
F - Mike Reeves
B-Tristan Alan Buzbee-Reeves

Chartier, Eric
9/3/1978-11/2007
P-Linda Chartier & Joe Phillips

Chilson, Candice
10/24/83 - 11/10/01
M - Wendy Chilson

Dietrich, Jamie Rachel
11/20/1977 - 11/17/2004
P-Tommy & Barbara Dietrich

Gladen, Renee' Rose
4/21/1961-11/17/1999
S-Diana Gaden

Gray, Jay
09/07/70 - 11/09/01
M - Dee Gray

Harrigan, Kimaura
12/04/1995-11/1/2008
M-Kichma Nieves

Hines, Heather
4/28/1975 - 11/25/1998
M - Sue Hines

Kettlety, Daniel S.
11/7/1978 - 11/10/1997
P-Wayne & Sherry Kettlety

Jakabowski, Jerome (Jerry)
2/9/1971-11/5/2009
M-Marsha Schemela
B-Jason Jakabowski

Lind, Joshua Richard
11/9/1983 - 11/14/1999
F - Richard Lind

McKaughan, Michael
5/19/1989-11/3/2000
P-Darlene & Michael Lack
Sibs-Andrew McKaughan & Lauren Lack

Moore, Vanessa
9/3/1980-11/11/2005
M-Pat Moore

Robles-Greene, Brodie Shane
11/15/1996 - 11/29/1996
M - Denise Robles
F - Ronnie Greene
B - Shane

Rogers, Dayna Andrew
3/12/1973 - 11/27/1994
M - Linda Heatherly
S - Misty Walker & Amber Roger

Ruiz, Marcus Nelson
12/29/1996 - 11/12/2000
P - Aleida & Nelson Ruiz
S - Illana

Russell, Melody
11/25/1985 - 11/25/1985
M-Karron Russell
GP - Ben & Sue Bowditch
S/B - Brytani and Derak
Aunts - Catherine and Roben

Sluder, Theresa Elaine
10/14/61 - 11/17/2008
P-Tom & Judy Sluder
S-Kathryn
B-Tom III & Keith
Children-Brandy & Brandon
Grandchildren-Romeo,
Thaliana
N/N-Israel, Keith II and
Miranda

Snyder, Janna Marie
10/21/1978 - 11/11/1995
GP Marian & Paul Bullard
P - Dana & Connie Snyder
B - Jeff Snyder

Szczepanek, Daniel
6/21/1988 - 11/10/2006
M-Debra Szczepanek

Torres, Angel Luv
11/19/1982 - 11/2/1994
P-Aida & Angel Torres
B-Nicolas Torres
GP-Pola Lesprier

*A thousand words can't
bring you back
I know because I tried
And neither can a million
tears
I know because I cried.*

~Author Unknown

HOLIDAY CARD 2010

We are pleased to tell you that beautiful Christmas cards are available for purchase. These cards have a special meaning for bereaved parents, siblings and grandparents as well as those who love and support them. On the inside of the front is the dedication: *In Memory of Our Children*. The message "Wishing you a season filled with peaceful memories carried forever in your heart" is on the inside of the card.

The cards are \$13.00 for a package of 20 cards with envelopes included. Proceeds from the sale of this card benefit BP/USA Hinsdale Illinois Chapter.

For more information, please go to:

<http://www.bpusahinsdale.org/HolidayCards.html>

If we have omitted your child, misspelled your child's name, or listed incorrect dates, please accept our apologies and call Beverley Hurley at (813) 832-3175 to correct the information. Call any of our telephone friends if you are having a hard time on these days. We truly understand your pain; for we, too, remember our own children.



"HOPE FOR THE DAY" from SilentGrief.com

<http://www.silentgrief.com>

AUTUMN'S GRIEF

Grieving has its seasons, and autumn seems to be a particularly difficult season for those who have gone through loss. Maybe it's the visual of seeing the flowers stop blooming and the leaves falling off of the trees. Perhaps it's feeling the warm summer sunshine fading and suddenly feeling the lingering chill in the air. For most of us who have experienced loss, autumn is a time of reflection and bracing ourselves for the days of winter that lie ahead.

What if – what if we viewed autumn a bit differently this year? What if we reminded ourselves of how beautiful spring will be when it arrives again? What if we took the time to plant flower bulbs in the fall so that we can look for our spring following the dark days of winter? What if we promise ourselves to keep focused on the beauty of spring and summer rather than facing autumn with fear and dread?

Many years ago, following the loss of a baby boy, I went through a terrible autumn of grief. Winter was even worse, and I was not certain that springtime in my life would ever again return. I'm not sure what moved me to plant daffodil bulbs that fall, but I did. As I planted them, they were watered with my tears. The more I dug into the chilled, barren earth, the more my tears fell. Yet, I continued to dig and plant. Dig and plant. Dig and plant.

Autumn passed, the ground lay frozen and covered in snow for months in the mountains of Pennsylvania. And, my sorrow remained heavy. Little did I know how much spring would awaken my soul that year! Little did I know how much my grief would be lifted when I saw the first signs of those daffodils breaking through the ground that was now beginning to thaw! Little did I know how much of my grief would be lifted as I saw those first springtime blooms of daffodils! Hope returned! MY hope returned!

Are you facing autumn with dread and fear? Why not buy a bag of flower bulbs and plant them now? And, then wait.....patiently and knowingly wait for your spring to return! And, when it does, I can assure you that it will be more beautiful than ever! ~ Clara Hinton

From: THE BEREAVED PARENT

By Harriet Schiff

A very difficult area of functioning is coming to grips with the knowledge that there is absolutely no way of getting around holidays, despite your best efforts to avoid them. And they are horrendous times for many years. Their pain cannot be minimized. But they still must be faced.

One family, trying to avoid thanksgiving - which was the dead child's birthday as well - decided that family gatherings were no longer for them. They would travel or simply ignore the festivities. One day the mother came upon her ten year old daughter crying and asked what was wrong. She was sobbing, reported the mother, "All the children in school had told of their plans and made table decorations for the holiday and Lynn felt completely removed from her classmates. She cried that she was not only deprived of her brother who was dead, but she couldn't even have Thanksgiving dinner and a turkey! I listened and held her in my arms and cried. What she was saying made sense. After all, we still had three living children. They also mattered. That night I talked to my husband and we decided that, no matter how bleak and empty it would be, we would have a traditional Thanksgiving dinner.

The family sat around the table, very quietly at first. The father said grace and thanked the lord for a bountiful meal. When he was through, their ten-year old said she had something to add. "I want to thank Mommy and Daddy for making this very special dinner for our family. And most of all I want to thank you, God, for having let us have my brother Eric for six years." The mother, who will never forget what her daughter said, told me there was not a dry eye at the table for a few minutes. But gradually as the meal progressed, they made an effort to discuss why the holiday was celebrated. From there, the parents told of amusing experiences at Thanksgiving dinners in their younger years. The mother said she planned to tell the stories to lighten the atmosphere just as carefully as she planned the menu. By the time the meal was over, the parents discovered what had been built up in their minds as unsurvivable had become just another turning point.

There will be many such turning points as you work your way forward. You've already survived what you were certain you could not live through - the death of your child. Turning points, plateaus, are merely steps in coping and nothing more. As you go through each holiday, each season, each happy/sad occasion, you will gain strength from having passed beyond yet another painful event.

In Our Hearts

We thought of you with love today,
But that is nothing new.
We thought about you yesterday,
And days before that too.
We think of you in silence.
We often speak your name.
Now all we have is memories,
And your picture in a frame.
Your memory is our keepsake,
With which we'll never part.
God has you in his keeping,
We have you in our heart.

Author Unknown

Falling Apart

by Eloise Cole

I seem to be falling apart.
My attention span can be measured in seconds.
I cry at the drop of a hat.
I forget things constantly.
The morning toast burns daily.
I forgot to sign the checks.
Half of everything in the house is misplaced.
Feelings of anxiety and restlessness are my constant
constant companions.
Rainy days seem extra dreary.
Sunny days seem an outrage.
Other people's pain and frustrations seem insignificant.
Laughing happy people seem out of place in my world.
It has become routine to feel half crazy.
I am normal I am told. I AM A NEWLY GRIEVING PERSON.

2010 Candlelight Ceremony (December 12) Participation Form

(Please return by November 20 to have your child's name/picture appear in the Program)

To: BP/USA, c/o 3805 San Juan Street, Tampa, FL 33629

- I (family) will be attending the service on December 12, and will light a candle in remembrance of my child/children

Number of people attending _____

- I have enclosed a picture for the Presentation. **OR** Please use the picture from last year Presentation.

- I have enclosed \$3 for a picture button. I have enclosed add'l \$1.00 to add child's 1st name: _____

- I will be unable to attend the service but would like to have a **candle lit** in memory of my child/children. **NOTE:** Due to time restraints, only picture for parents ATTENDING the Ceremony will be shown. Thank you for understanding.

Child's name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Death Date: _____

Type of Death: _____

Son or Daughter of: _____

Sister or Brother of: _____

Grandson or Granddaughter of: _____

- I would like to furnish _____ for the reception. **NOTE:** Please try to furnish food (sandwiches, salads, deviled eggs, etc.) since we seem to have an abundance of desserts.

- I am enclosing a donation in the amount of \$ _____ in honor of my child/children.

Your Name: _____

Address/Zip _____

Telephone Number: _____

Email Address _____

December 12, 2010 Candle Lighting Remembrance Ceremony

Bereaved Parents of the USA, Tampa Bay Chapter, will hold its annual Candlelight Remembrance Ceremony at 7 p.m. on Sunday, December 12. The ceremony will be held in The Medical Arts Building (MAB) Auditorium at St. Joseph's Hospital in Tampa. This day is also the **Children's Worldwide Candle Lighting** event (created and shared by TCF) where candles will be lit around the world in memory of all children that have died in every time zone starting at 7:00 p.m. Please join us in this beautiful tribute to our children. Any bereaved parent or family member and friends are invited to participate. For those of you who are newly bereaved, we encourage you to attend. This service can make handling the holiday season a little easier.

KEEPSAKE VOTIVE - Each family who attends will light a candle in honor of their child and take the candle home to light throughout the holidays.

RECEPTION - We will have a reception following the ceremony and we invite you to bring, if possible, your child's favorite food (i.e. vegetables, chips, snack, sandwiches, etc.) to share with others. We normally have an abundance of desserts.

PICTURE PRESENTATION - A Special Slide Picture Presentation of our beautiful Children! If you are planning to attend our Candle Light Ceremony, mail a picture of your child, and include their full name as you want it displayed on the slide presentation and also the birth and death dates, to: David Hurley, 3805 San Juan Street, Tampa, FL 33629

NOTE: Due to time restraints, only pictures of children whose parents are attending the Ceremony will be shown. Thank you for your understanding.

Picture should be of your deceased child only. If your child's picture was included in previous years candle lights, any of the National Gathering closing ceremonies, or Chapter Newsletters and you want to use the same photo, just let David know that. Pictures mailed in will be returned to you at the Candle Light Service-please **pick them up at the registration desk**. You can scan the picture yourself and email to david.hurley@gte.net but please be sure it is at least 600 dpi. Any questions please call David Hurley 813-831-2588.

BUTTONS - We have the equipment to make picture buttons. We can make a preordered picture button and have it ready for you when you arrive at the candle light. It will be made from a copy of the picture you submit for the picture presentation. Or bring a picture no smaller than 3" x 5" and picture will be cut and become the button! Buttons are round and measure approximately 2.25" in diameter. Cost per button is only \$3.00. You can also have their first name appear on the button preordered only for \$1.00 charge. See above order.

BOUTIQUE - There will be an Angel/Butterfly Boutique to purchase holiday items or gifts. All items are donated and all proceeds benefit your local BP/USA Chapter. To donate items, please call Beverley Hurley at 813-832-3175.

PARTICIPATION FORM - For planning purposes, or to ensure your child's name appears in our candle lighting program, or if you wish to have a candle lit for your child in your absence, please complete and submit the Form above and send it in before **November 20** to: BP/USA Tampa Bay Chapter, c/o 3805 San Juan Street, Tampa, FL 33629. Thank you!

Annual Award Given to Local Volunteer

The Roy and Juanita Peterson Award was given this year to Beverley Hurley.

This award is our token of appreciation for the many roles Beverley has played and her many contributions to BP/USA both at the local and national levels. Beverley has served as chapter leader, facilitator, treasurer, and newsletter editor for the Tampa Bay chapter. She has helped with outreach in the Tampa Bay area to educate people about bereaved parents and how they can help their family and friends.

At the national level she served as treasurer for the 2000 national gathering held in Tampa. She served on the national board of directors for six years and was President of the Board for two of those years. She has greatly expanded the scope and content of the annual chapter leadership training provided annually at our gatherings.

BP/USA has truly benefited greatly from Beverley's energy, ideas, and contributions over the years.

"Grief can be delayed, but it can not be denied - We are meeting many folks out here who buried their grief with their child...we see such broken lives of those who suffer in silence in a world where they don't talk about their loss or child. My friend Daryl Hutson says it best. Grief work is like credit card debt, you must continue to work on it or it will compound to the point it destroys you!"

*Alan Pedersen,
Song writer, Singer & Presenter*

**Monumental Journey of the Heart
2011 BP/USA National Gathering
July 29-31, 2011**

"Monumental Journey of the Heart" is the theme for the 2011 BP/USA National Gathering to be held July 29 – 31, 2011 in Washington DC.

The Gathering Committee is working on making the 2011 Gathering a very healing event with outstanding speakers and workshops covering subjects that will appeal to all bereaved parents, siblings and grandparents. Anyone interested in presenting a workshop, please contact Jodi Norman at bpusa.nova@yahoo.com to receive an application. The Gathering will kick off on Thursday night, July 28th with dinner and an inspirational program. Arrive early . . . you don't want to miss this awesome event!

The Gathering will be held at the Reston Sheraton Hotel in Reston, VA, near Dulles International Airport. The Hotel has a free shuttle to/from the airport and to the surrounding areas, shopping and restaurants. The room rate is a deeply discounted, \$99 per night plus taxes. The hotel will honor this bargain price for three days before and three days after the Gathering . . . so come early and stay late! We are hoping that you will make DC your family vacation destination in conjunction with the Gathering and take full advantage of all the wonderful sites of our Nation's Capital before and after the Gathering. The committee is also planning an extensive program for the siblings so make this a family event.

The Gathering Committee welcomes any ideas or suggestions that would improve this monumental event. Any chapter, family or individual that would like to help or contribute, please contact Jodi Norman at the below address or phone number. Donations of Raffle items, Table Favors, items to sell in the Butterfly Boutique (items need to be butterfly, angel or bereavement related) are most welcome and greatly appreciated. Monetary donations can be sent to BP/USA Northern Virginia Chapter, P.O. Box 7675, Woodbridge, VA 22195, clearly marked that it is a donation for the Gathering. For more information, contact, Jodi Norman, Gathering Chairman, at 703-910-6277 or e-mail: bpusa.nova@yahoo.com Information will also be available on the BP/USA website: www.bereavedparentsusa.org

Address Correction Requested



POSTMASTER - Dated Material
November 2010

Please do not delay.

The Bereaved Parents of the USA
3805 San Juan Street
Tampa, FL 33629

