

March & April 2017



**The
Compassionate
Friends**
Mercer Area Chapter
Supporting Family After a Child Dies

Local Chapter Notes



Open positions:
News Letter Editor
New Member Coordinator
Meeting Facilitators
(Various Months)
Event Coordinator

Please advise of interest,
without help we need to stop
some of our activities.

❖ WELCOME NEW MEMBER

We thank you for welcoming us into your lives during such a difficult time. We look forward to seeing you at the next meeting so we can get to know you and your family. Please remember that you are not alone!

2017 Meeting Schedule

Monday March 6th

Monday April 3rd

Monday May 1st

Gender Break out (Mother's day/Father's day)

Monday June 5th

Honoring our children

Monday July 10th (Second Monday)

Monday August 7th

Monday September 11th

Monday October 2nd

Monday November 6th

Monday December 4th

Start promptly at 7pm – Ending by 9pm

Meeting information

When:

January 9, 2017

February 6, 2017

The first Monday of each month



Meeting Topic:

March:

Signs

April:

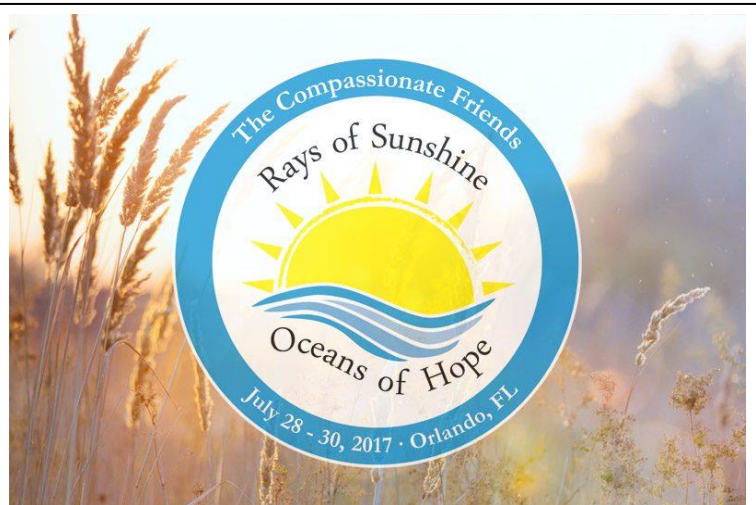
Changes in the seasons

Capitol Health Systems in
Hamilton



Refreshments

Thanks to all of our members that
bring refreshments to the
meetings each month.



The Compassionate Friends is pleased to announce that Orlando, Florida, will be the site of the 40th TCF National Conference on July 28-30, 2017. "Rays of Sunshine, Oceans of Hope" is the theme of next year's event, which promises more of this year's great National Conference experience. The 2017 Conference will be held at the Hilton Orlando Bonnet Creek. We'll keep you updated with details here, on the national website as well as on our TCF/USA Facebook Page and elsewhere as they become available. Plan to come and be a part of this heartwarming experience.

March Birthdays

David Lewis III	Son of Ellen and David
Jennifer Van Hise	Daughter of Joann and Carl
Addie Rebecca Goldfond-Crawley	Daughter of Susan; Sister to Craig Son of Dawn and Michael; sister to Barbara
Anthony Michael Stathis	Son of Barbara & Stepson of Merrill
Ernest S. Leves, Jr.	Son of Cindy and Mike
Todd Marrone	Daughter of Joann and Carl
Megan Van Hise-Burgess	Son of Beverly & Steve
Andrew Jarzyk	Son of Jacqui and George
George Norman Redner III	Daughter of Joan and Jack
Michele Kelly	Son of Susan and Morton
Richard J. Levine	Son of Carole
Steven "Sonny" Bleicher	Son of Flora
John P. LaBriola	

March Anniversaries

Andrew Gottfried	Grandson of Angela
Michael Archie	Son of Gracie
Erin Melissa Christian	Daughter of Susan and Robert
Sahil Yadav	Son of Dolly and M.
Sean Daniel Sparks	Son of Noelle and Todd
Ra'Kel S. Priester	Daughter of Carmen
Brian Matthew Wood	Son of Barry
Christian Lewis	Son of Kerry & Jason



Please let us know if you encounter an error in your child's listing and a correction will be made immediately.

April Birthdays

Gregory A. Solomacha	Son of Marija
Quran Brittingham	Son of Angelica and Johnnie
Donna M. Archie	Daughter of Gracie Granddaughter of Charlotte and Edward
Skylar Rose Evert	Son of Gracie
Michael Archie	Son of Penny and Stepson of John F. Parkin
Spencer Barnett	Grandson of Yvonne and Ted
Justin Paul Weckel	Son of Shannon and Leonard
Taylor Nicole Novatkoski	Daughter of Tiffany and Luis
Robert A. Smith	Son of Gracie
Adam Ross Gilinsky	Son of Diane and Scott
Parker Jonathan Bonatz	Son of Heather and Jonathan
Laura Leigh Wilson	Daughter of Kari & Tim
Gwyneth Rivells	Daughter of Susan and Joe Granddaughter of Daryl and Bob
Anthony Alston	Son of Lois
Nancy A. Umberger	Daughter of Anne

April Anniversaries

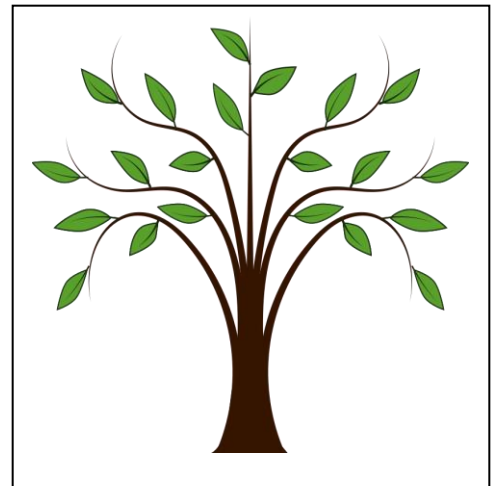
Cornelius Lloyd Yayah Boakai	Son of Morris and Selina Granddaughter of Charlotte and Edward
Skylar Rose Evert	Son of Ken and Mary
Kevin Michael McCormick	Daughter of Susan; Sister to Craig
Addie Rebecca Goldfond-Crawley	Son of Barbara & Stepson of Merrill
Ernest S. Leves, Jr.	Son of Beverly & Steve
Andrew Jarzyk	Son of Gracie
Glenn J. Archie	Daughter of Donna & Larry
Erica Fallyn Paul	Daughter of Karen
Angel Elise Carter	Son of Gracie
Robert A. Smith	Daughter of Linda and Robert
Emily Rachel Silverstein	Daughter of Gracie
Donna M. Archie	Son of Betty & Steve
Eric Whiteman	Son of Flora
John P. LaBriola	

Ernest Hemingway, American author

I didn't want to kiss you goodbye, that was the trouble;

I wanted to kiss you goodnight.

And there's a lot of difference.



With loving remembrance of our children not here but always in our hearts

A LOVE GIFT is a donation given in memory of a child who has died. It can also be in honor of a happy event that you would like to acknowledge. Your contributions can be in any amount, are tax deductible and are a source of income for our non-profit chapter. Checks can be made out to TCF Mercer and sent to: The Compassionate Friends, PO Box 10119, Hamilton, NJ 08650.

Name _____ Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Child's Name _____ Relationship to child _____
Birthdate _____ Anniversary Date _____
Amount \$ _____ Dedicate the newsletter in the month of _____

If you would like a picture of your child in the newsletter please email it to info@tcfmercer.org
Please fill out the following for a two-line message that will be printed in the newsletter:

TCF Mercer Chapter Address:

PO Box 10119, Hamilton, NJ 08650 609-516-8047
info@tcfmercer.org or visit us online at
www.tcfmercer.org

LOVE GIFT

Andrew Jarzyk

3/3/1987- 4/28/2014



Happy 30th Birthday

To our beloved son, brother, uncle, grandson,
nephew, cousin, and friend.

*"So much of me is made from what I learned
from you,*

"You'll be with me like a handprint on my heart."

Love Gift

In Loving Memory of our son

MICHAEL MINAR

The years have gone by and
life continues, but you live in
our hearts and memories
forever

DAD & MOM (In Spirit)

LOVE GIFT

Justin Paul Weckel

April 19, 1990 – July 31, 2009

**Not a day goes by that we don't miss you, talk to you, and
wish you were here.**

Forever Loved

Your entire family and many friends

From the North (New Brunswick and Princeton):

Follow Route 1 South to Quakerbridge Rd. Take the Quakerbridge Rd. Exit East. Go through approximately seven lights before you come to Route 33. Go through the intersection of Route 33 (Applebee's Restaurant will be on left corner). Street name changes to Whitehorse-Mercerville Rd. Go through three lights. CHS in Hamilton is on the left, immediately following third light.

From South Jersey:

Take Route 295 North to Exit 61 (Arena Drive). At the third light, make a left onto Whitehorse Avenue. Whitehorse Avenue changes to Whitehorse-Mercerville Road. Proceed on road for three lights. CHS in Hamilton is located on the right after the fourth light (#1445).

From the East (Freehold/Jackson):

Take Route 195 West towards Trenton. Exit at Hamilton Square. At the traffic light, make a left onto Kuser Rd. Follow Kuser Rd. for approximately two miles. The K-Mart Shopping Center will be on your left. Make a right onto Whitehorse-Mercerville Road. Proceed on Whitehorse-Mercerville Rd. through one more traffic light. CHS in Hamilton is on the right.

From the West (Ewing/Trenton):

Follow Olden Ave. East to Whitehorse Ave. Make a left onto Whitehorse Ave. Proceed on Whitehorse Ave. to Kuser Rd. (K-Mart Shopping Center). Go through the intersection of Whitehorse Ave. and Kuser Rd. The name of the road will change to Whitehorse-Mercerville Rd. Proceed on Whitehorse-Mercerville Rd. through one more traffic light. CHS in Hamilton is on the right.

From Pennsylvania (Route 95):

Take Route 95 North to Route 295 South to Route 33 East (Mercerville Exit). Follow to traffic light. Make a left onto Nottingham Way. You will need to be in right lane on Nottingham Way Make a right onto Quakerbridge Rd. Go through traffic light at Route 33 (Applebee's Restaurant will be on left corner). Street name changes to Whitehorse-Mercerville Rd. Go through three lights. CHS in Hamilton is on the left, immediately following third light.

When a child dies, at any age, the family suffers intense pain and may feel hopeless and isolated. The Compassionate Friends provides highly personal comfort, hope, and support to every family experiencing the death of a son or a daughter, a brother or a sister, or a grandchild, and helps others better assist the grieving family.



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Upcoming Meeting Dates

*3/6, 4/3, 5/1, 6/5
Meetings start at 7pm!*

STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chapter Leader: Meeting Facilitators: Remembrance Card Coordinator: Correspondence Newsletter Coordinator Treasurer: Event Coordinator Librarian: New Member Coordinator Chapter Delegate: SCM Minutes: Web Master/Editor	Shannon Pope Various Gwendolyn Karro Shannon Pope Yvonne LaEzza Shannon Pope Michael Stathis Linda Silverstein Rich Narcini Rich Narcini Rich Narcini	Since June 2014 Since April 2013 Since July 2016 Since January 2015 Since February 2012 Since January 2013 Since October 2012 Since March 2014 Since February 2008 Since January 2015
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