

## Juice Newton Fan Club Autumn Newsletter 2015



Juice performing at the dystonia benefit in San Diego.



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Hello Everyone, the summer is over and now the leaves are changing to an assortment of colors. Sometimes people leave us with colorful memories. What better way to embellish this thought, then to remember Mr. Otha Young who six years ago left this earth but he will never be forgotten.



### **Remembering the Man, the Singer, the Role Model**

The year was 2009 and it brought many changes for many people. However, the change that Juice and Brenda and Makenna Young would face was perhaps the greatest challenge, if not the toughest challenge anyone ever has had to face. That task is dealing with a loss. A loss that would forever change those that loved and admired the person who is no longer with us. That person being Mr. Otha Young.

Six years ago Otha lost his battle with cancer but won our hearts for an eternity with his music and values. I felt the need to honor Otha in this edition of the newsletter because he always saw the best in every single person. He never once said anything unkind about anything or anyone in my presence and I believe that is who he was as a person.

Within this tribute, Juice and his wife Brenda and daughter Makena honor Otha.

Paul Fowler said...

"I wanted to first say, I am honored that I knew Otha very well and that he was my friend. Thank you Otha for always making me feel like a team member and always ensuring that I was treated with respect. I miss your unique sense of worth and empathy for others."

Otha was Juice's best friend. They played music together for over 40 years and were a sensational team when they performed on stage and met fans at the autograph table.

Juice said...

"My only true thoughts of "O" man are always the same.

He Was a true friend, completely dedicated to his family and always willing to lend a hand.

Had a **big heart** and I think of him every day." Juice

Otha's wife Brenda had this to share...

"If you believe in forever, trust in the chance that some things will survive, when it's forever, we'll still be together, our love will never die . . . "

It is these beautiful lyrics that Otha wrote that remind me that love is forever, and love survives.

When Paul told me he was offering a tribute to Otha in this fall newsletter, I thought "How absolutely appropriate." [On October 20](#), it would have been our 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary; I am forever grateful that he was my husband for whatever time we had together. As many of you know, during that time, we had our daughter. Makena was the apple of his eye, and she always had a wonderful relationship with her father. When she was a newborn, he would have her in a basket right beside his guitar and kept a very vigilant eye on her while he wrote and took care of the business side of the music business. Today she exhibits so many of the great qualities that he had, especially kindness, thoughtfulness and always caring for others. Many of you may not know this, and I think it's always cool to learn new things about people, but Otha also loved the stars, space and one time dreamed of being an astronaut! Makena is following his dream and is majoring in aerospace engineering.

Otha lives on in our hearts, our memories, through his love, kindness, feelings for others and of course, his music. Besides honoring Otha in this newsletter, Makena & I want to take this opportunity to thank those of you who still keep in touch with us, and send your warm thoughts and memories. Makena especially appreciates learning more about her dad.

Wishing you all a life of love, peace and music." Brenda



Makena (Otha and Brenda's Daughter) wanted to share this...

"One of the things that has been most helpful in remembering my father is the kind words I have seen in the years since his passing. I used to look up youtube videos that mentioned his name, or read his obituaries published online and I would always browse the few comments that people took the time to post. They were always so kind and made me so proud, even in my sad moments of missing my father. People who just met him once or twice would take the time to say that their interactions with him were kind and memorable, and that has always meant so much to me. If anyone reading this has ever left one of those comments, I hope you know what a huge impact that has had on me - and has made me want to follow in my father's footsteps as being someone that can leave such a lasting and friendly impression on so many people after just one conversation after a show. Thank you all for helping my dad's memory live on and for being so supportive for so many years."

Gratefully, Makena

Martha Murphy the Leader and Founder of the Dystonia & Advocacy Group of San Diego County worked with Otha two instances. These were two benefit concerts for dystonia with Otha. Martha wanted to share this...

"I remember Otha Young as a wonderful, supportive and caring man who helped us greatly when the idea of a dystonia benefit concert with Juice Newton was first presented in 2006. He was completely onboard and took care of so many details to ensure it would be a successful event. He was also an amazingly talented musician, singer and songwriter. Otha was a tremendous and thoughtful human being who left us too soon. He is missed!"



Otha's personal values of patience and consideration of others seem to be the common "theme" in the reflections noted above.

Let's not forget Otha's talent as a singer, songwriter and manager in the music industry. Some of the songs he had written and or co-written are;

The Sweetest Thing (I've Ever Known)

Don't Bother Me

For Believers

Ever True

Don't You

Stand by Me Jesus

Eye of A Hurricane

If your passions are true and genuine they reignite in some way shape or form. Otha's passion achieved this in the songs he had written.

I like to think that my life is better because I met Otha. Whenever I see Juice on stage, I automatically think of him as I am sure countless others do.



Don't be sad because he is no longer with us. If you had met him, feel happy and proud that you did and allow that to bring a smile to your face. If you only heard him via his music, be thankful that touched your heart and understand the reason that it had.

In closing for myself, Juice, Brenda, Makena and the band, "We miss and love you Otha. Thank you for making all us happy."

Paul





### **Juice Wows the Crowd in San Diego!**

Juice performed for a benefit in San Diego on October 1, 2015. This was the fourth show she participated in to help raise funds and awareness for a neurological disease called dystonia.

The show sold out in May of 2015 and this energy in sales was felt the entire evening by the crowd and was heard in the music.

Fan Club President Paul Fowler has a form of dystonia that affects his vocal chords called spasmodic dysphonia. There are 13 known forms of dystonia and none of which

have a cure. There is treatment, however, not all treatments work for all patients.

This event featured a raffle with Juice “items” such as albums, CD’s and posters. The raffle alone raised \$412.00!! The total donated is still be determined. Thanks to Juice’s past efforts we have donated over \$39,500.00 to dystonia research!!

The crowd was very enthused and enjoyed this trio show. Juice, Danny Dugan and Jay Cawley along with John Prpich producing the sound, all created a musical unity that exuded kindness, cooperation and talent.





Juice Newton and her band with Martha and Paul



Martha Murphy, Juice Newton and Paul Fowler

Featured in the photo above are Juice and the band, Paul fan club president and Martha Murphy the leader and founder of the Dystonia Support & Advocacy Group of San Diego County.

The show was held at the beautiful Martinis Above Fourth Table and Stage in San Diego, California. First of all, I wish to thank the owners and general manager of Martinis Above Fourth Table and Stage for making this not only an enjoyable venture but for caring about the thousands of people who deal with dystonia by hosting the show at their venue.

If you wish to learn more about dystonia and spasmodic dysphonia, please use these web addresses.

Dystonia - [www.dystonia-foundation.org](http://www.dystonia-foundation.org)

Spasmodic Dysphonia - <http://www.dysphonia.org/>

The owners of Martinis Above Fourth Table & Stage have informed me that Juice is welcome back whenever you she wishes. Now that's something to make a toast to!!

I want to thank Juice, Jay, Danny and John for all of their efforts performing for the cause and support for each show since my diagnosis in 2004. Saying "Thank you" does not express my gratitude. Let me express my deepest heartfelt admiration and convey how blessed I am to know all of you." Paul

## **New Album**

Juice is hard at work on her new project. Song selection and productions are so very important for a success. We all wait anxiously!!



## **Wrap It Up!!**

Our Facebook page is free for anyone who wishes to chat with other members and or comment on my postings. However, recent posts have been removed as they were not appropriate. Please be mindful of this when you post. Thank you all for your devotion to Juice and her music. She appreciates each and every fan.

The Holiday Newsletter will be out in mid-December. Until then, have a wonderful Autumn and if you celebrate these, Happy Halloween and Happy Thanksgiving!!

All the best,

Paul Fowler

President - Juice Newton Fan Club