



# KFADD Newsletter

Kiwanis Family Against Drunk Driving  
News from around the Barbourpole

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## **YES SYLVESTER, There was a Santa Claus; they were Kiwanians.**

Throughout the PNW District, from Alaska to California, many clubs participated in events for Tie One on Red Ribbon campaigns.

Not only Kiwanis clubs, but Builders, Key Clubs and Circle K had a variety of different projects to get the word out:

### **DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE**

How many lives were saved? How many families had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year?

If only ONE life was saved, no matter how many hours we spent, it was well worth it, -- Don't you Think?

(Roger Barbour, editor)

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### **LETTER RECEIVED FROM ED KENEALY, HOBY PROGRAM DIRECTOR 2004-05**

**Subject:** It's simplistic to try to suppress underage drinking

The years (1967-74) I employed with the state alcoholism program I was asked not to participate in discussions related to responsible drinking for adults or youth. I was not to refer to alcohol as a drug or alcoholism as a drug addiction. I believe today, as I did then, we may save many lives lost through accidents and addiction by openly discussing responsible drinking in our schools, community and our homes.

Please share this letter with others. Eak 12/19/04:

**KIMRON THOMAS: Tacoma**

Last updated: December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2004 02:40 AM

Re: "Underage drinking linked to another student's death (TNT, 12-13).

I was saddened to hear the news of another underage drinking-related death in Colorado. But the article ignored the real issue at hand.

To claim that the solution to underage drinking is "to take a strong stand that underage drinking is not acceptable" is as archaic as President Bush's newly institutionalized abstinence-only sexual education program. Young people are not dying because they are drinking while underage; they are dying because they are drinking irresponsibly.

Addressing this issue is, as the article noted, “going to take a culture change, from the family down to the kids,” but we must reassess the goal of this change. Stiffening penalties for underage drinkers will only exacerbate the problems we’re now seeing, building upon the taboo that creates hidden drinkers. Rather than changing drinking laws, we must change our attitudes towards alcohol consumption.

Personally, I have felt the effects of alcohol abuse, losing a job as a result. This occurred not because I was 19 years old, but because I was an irresponsible, uneducated drinker. For today’s youths, alcohol is a reality, and one that must be addressed, not suppressed.

Talk to your children, Open a dialogue, for their sake and ours. We can no longer afford to ignore this issue, lest more of us die tomorrow.

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## **LIVE AND LET LIVE**

**Kiwanis Family against Drunk Driving  
Red Ribbon Campaign  
December 11, 2004  
Kelowna, BC**

KFADD representative from Eastern BC, Elise J. Clark of Kelowna, BC.

Agenda from this fantastic event was sent to KFADD Chair and Past Gov. Sylvester Neal by Marion Bremner.

I’ll try to do my best to get the facts out:

They wanted every citizen to have the opportunity to live life to its fullest.

Their goal is to make our roads and our communities better. Imagine a Community, a Province, a Country without impaired drivers.

Frances Hodgson Burnett once said:

“At first people refuse to believe that a strange new thing can be done. Then they begin to hope it can be done. Then they see it can be done. Then it is done and all the world wonders why it was not done centuries ago.”

Letters were read from dignitaries such as:

Parliament member, from Kelowna, Werner Schmidt  
Solicitor General, The Honorable Rich Coleman  
Past Gov. Sylvester Neal on behalf of PNW District of Kiwanis International.

Speakers included:

Kelowna Mayor, the Honorable Mayor Gray  
Royal Canadian Mounted Police Constable Aselton of Kelowna

There was a demonstration by the Kelowna Fire Department on the reality of the Jaws of Life.

Kelowna local MADD Chapter furnished Red Ribbons and stickers for the event and provided research material used in their documents.

Division Seven became impassioned when one of their Kiwanis Family members was directly impacted.

This was no small feat. It took the whole community and more to accomplish change in British Columbia legislation on how law enforcement deals with impaired drivers.

On behalf of all the KFADD committee and all Kiwanians, I want to say, "Well Done" on a great job that really does make a difference,

## **LIVE AND LET LIVE**

If you wish to print a copy of the petition that this group has worked so hard on, go to:  
[www.kiwanisdiv7.com](http://www.kiwanisdiv7.com)

Roger Barbour, editor

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### **From: Wendy Hamilton, MADD National President**

We'd like to make as big a difference on drunk driving and underage drinking issues as we have with victims' rights, so if you haven't taken action on the following alerts yet, please do:

#### **Help MADD get science-based drunk driving legislation**

MADD is working at the federal level to make sure that high-BAC and repeat offenders get appropriate sanctions, that enforcement is funded, and that states are held accountable for their progress on drunk driving. Please help us support these goals.

#### **Join the fight against underage drinking**

Concerned citizens have been asking Congress to take action on the National Academy of Sciences recommendations to combat underage drinking, and Congress has delivered with a bill. Now, we need your help to get support for the bill in Congress.

#### **Join the fight against underage drinking in your state**

Over ten million people under the age of 21 have consumed alcohol in the last month. Underage drinking is an epidemic. The National Academy of Sciences just released a report detailing some of the solutions. Tell Congress to act on the NAS report.

#### **Support children's safety**

Last year, 400 children were killed in alcohol-related crashes, most while riding in the car with an alcohol-impaired driver. However, no state has all of the tools they need to combat DUI child endangerment. Help end this child abuse.

#### **Improve the enforcement of DUI/DWI laws**

Sobriety checkpoints are an effective, constitutional way, to stop drunk driving that reduce alcohol-related fatalities by an average of 20%. However, some states still do not do sobriety checkpoints.

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**TO ALL KFADD COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND ALL MADD CHAPTERS**

UPCOMING EVENTS:

June 22-25, 2005 - MADD Youth Leadership Power Camp, University of Alaska, Anchorage campus

(Please advise any upcoming events you have scheduled for the next couple of months, and I will list them here in the next newsletter).

NEWS ITEMS:

(I need your help to put out an informative and interesting news letter. Please send me stories or news flashes that can be reproduced in the news letter. Your help will be greatly appreciated.)

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Thank you,  
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