



KFADD Newsletter

Kiwanis Family Against Drunk Driving
News from around the Barbourpole

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February is Valentine's month.

Love is in the air. Flowers and candy are being purchased for loved ones.

But! What is the best gift possible for your loved ones?

TIE ONE ON FOR SAFETY!!!

The best gift for your loved ones is to NOT DRINK AND DRIVE.

Save your life or one of your loved ones by not drinking and driving. Do not let a loved one or anyone you can stop from getting behind the wheel when impaired by drugs or alcohol.

Kids count too --

Last week our Kiwanis Club had a program from our local Fire Chief, assisted by our county MADD president, on the safety of child and infant safety seats.

Inspections reveal that most families are using the wrong device for their car or improperly installed devices.

Make sure your loved ones are properly secured and in a safer car.

The Christmas holidays have passed, but we must not let down our efforts to:

DRIVE SAFE AND LET LIVE

(Roger Barbour, editor)

CALL TO ACTION!

In MADD's most recent report, "Protect, Serve and Prevent: Successful Law Enforcement Strategies to Stop Drunk Driving," sobriety checkpoints are highlighted as the most effective way to deter drunk drivers, as demonstrated by research that shows they decrease alcohol-related fatalities by 20 percent on average.

However, OR does not allow checkpoints. Please tell your legislators that you would like law enforcement to be able to use sobriety checkpoints -- the most effective tools for DUI enforcement.

- <http://support.madd.org/site/R?i=cp9pxEcE7fnthFVSgKRaQg..>

(Notes from MADD E-Newsletter for January, 2005)

LARGE DECEMBER KFADD RALLY IN KELOWNA, BC - Canada

Once again the Kiwanis clubs of Division 7 made a great effort to draw the attention of the population of the Central Okanagan area to the problems caused by drunken driving, same as they had done already by a similar demonstration receiving wide media publicity earlier in the year at Kelowna's Central Park. .

This time too, it was organized with great enthusiasm by the Division's 7 KFADD Task Force led by Lt-Gov Marion Bremner and was held at the city's and Central Okanagan largest shopping center during one of its biggest shopping days, in close collaboration with the Kelowna's Police Department and the Kelowna Fire Department, both of which had put a lot of its mobile Emergency equipment on display for the occasion.

The event was honored by the presence of the honourable Rick Thorpe, Minister of Finance representing the Provincial legislature, by Walter Gray, Kelowna's mayor and several municipal Councillors. During the rally the Lt-Governor made the various introductions of speakers, among which were Mr. Thorpe, who also represented the province's Solicitor General, Mayor Walter Gray and Sharon Shepherd for City Council, a former Lt-Governor Elise Clark for KFADD, Richard Aselton of the Traffic Services of the R.C.M.P. here. Victim stories were told by Catherine and Hank Farynuk of Vernon and Maureen Bailey of Kelowna.

Emphasis was laid on the prevention of drinking and driving and the introduction of stronger penalties against offenders, as impaired driving is not a social problem, but a criminal offense and calling for stronger legal measures than exist so far. We heard that in 2003 alone, 30% of all fatal crashes in the province were alcohol related, the cause of several deaths in just our immediate area. During 2004 the local police had already processed 387 impaired drivers and issued 1760 24-hour driving prohibitions. It's alarming that statistics indicate that one third of all these kind of criminals are caught again for a similar offense within 3 years.

All the official bodies of government and services are right behind us and strongly encouraged by efforts by members - and groups of society at large like ours - in making the public aware of the problem and thus help to eradicate it. The rally ended with a lengthy demonstration by Kelowna firefighters of the Jaws of Life on a wrecked car, specially towed down there for this purpose. Its doors were removed, the roof peeled back for trapped drivers to be extricated. There was also more opportunity given again for the public to add their names to a petition for stronger legislation, directed to the Canadian House of Commons.

This rally also received again wide media publicity, particularly through a multi-page illustrated spread in the area's main newspaper.

(Great Job Kelowna!)

ATTENTION! ATTENTION! ATTENTION!

To: PNW Lt. Governors

Sylvester Neal has requested that all of you please use the KFADD Logo (per e-mail sent 1/29/05 from Roger Barbour) on your monthly newsletters to your Division Clubs.

Let me second this with all my heart. If you save one life, it is worth all the effort we can give.

I know many of your Clubs and Divisions do campaign to "Tie-One-On-For-Safety".

The summer months are coming up and driving will increase. Let's keep drunk drivers off the road.

Please let me know at least a month in advance of any projects to promote MADD/KFADD ideals so I can list them in the Newsletter Coming Events. Send copy to: barbourpole@ados.com

Thank you for helping me out.

Roger Barbour
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TO ALL KFADD COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND ALL MADD CHAPTERS

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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

March 30-31, 2005 Underage Drinking Prevention Summit (Location to be determined)
(Contact: Marti Greeson - mreeson@maddalaska.com)

June 22-25, 2005 MADD Alaska Youth Leadership Power Camp, University of Alaska,
Anchorage campus
(Contact: Lara Middaugh - yia@maddalaska.com)

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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