



KFADD Newsletter

Kiwanis Family Against Drunk Driving

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News from around the Barbourpole



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“ONE CHILD AND ONE COMMUNITY AT A TIME”

What in the world does this mean? Read the following and I think you may understand:

Received from Sylvester Neal, International Trustee. Quote from Helen Keller:

I am only one, but I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something. And because I cannot do everything, I will not refuse to do something that I can. -Helen Keller

Received from Dodie Negrich, Past Lt. Governor Victoria, BC:

(The Truth about Drinking Video - It is nice to know that this donation is really getting some use. Dodie)

Hello Dodie,

This is Christine, the Vice President of MADD Victoria. We emailed briefly when you initially suggested this video.

I understand Jennifer Pritchard has thanked you for your generous donation to our library, however, I wanted to include a thank you from myself.

I saw the video along with the Board members and found it challenging to keep from crying. As you know, most of us on the Board have had direct impacts of Drunk Driving and find it occasionally gets personal. Anyway, I found it wonderful and asked to bring it home so my son (21 yrs) and daughter (19 - who was in a crash 2.5 yrs ago and is still having surgery and has permanent brain damage) could view it and provide comments. My son's girlfriend (21) who also viewed it said right away that she had done an essay on this video in grade 9. My son, who is easily distracted stayed put and watched it intensely. My daughter found it a bit hard to watch but was very impressed with it.

I have a young girl, age 12 who has approached me for something to show to her class and I plan to give her this video. I don't have the details on the school or time yet.

I just wanted to make sure you knew that your contribution is appreciated and WILL be used to help bring awareness to the young people in our community.

Thank you again, Christine Rundell

(Editor's note: Dodie Negrich purchased this video and donated it to the MADD Vancouver Chapter. You can see how One Person can make a difference. As Sylvester says: "Together we Can". Thank you Dodie - Your dedication to helping get the word out that Drinking and Driving is a choice, not an accident. Thank you Sylvester – If it wasn't for your drive and leadership, KFADD would not exist.)

EDITOR'S ERROR AGAIN!

Thank you, Carole Satterfield of Beaverton Kiwanis, for calling to my attention a glaring mistake in the January Newsletter.

I stated Oregon DUII laws only cover alcohol related offences. Carole referred me to Vinita Howard who e-mailed the following:

Oregon DUII law. It requires an entire chapter in the Oregon Revised Statutes (Chapter 813) to deal with all the provisions and legal maneuverings. The Oregon Driver Manual probably summarizes it about as simply as you can and I recommend you check it out. It's on line now at the DMV web site.

Nevertheless, here are the basic points to remember:

1. You may be charged with DUII in Oregon if you drive while you are under the influence of intoxicating liquor (that includes alcohol, beer and wine), a controlled substance (such as heroin, cocaine, marijuana, meth, etc.) an inhalant (such as glue), or any combination of these substances.
2. You do not need to have a BAC of 0.08 to be found guilty. Less than point 08 may be used, with other evidence, to decide you were guilty. Point 08 or more, however, is enough to establish that you were legally under the influence of alcohol, providing the test was administered properly.
3. You may be found guilty without any chemical test (breath, blood or urine) if police have enough other evidence, such as erratic driving, to convince a judge or jury of your guilt.

Keep in mind that there are other "intoxicants" that can cause real problems for drivers. Some of these intoxicants are found in prescription drugs, but Oregon law does not include any reference to these intoxicants, unlike the laws of many other states. The Governor's Advisory Committee on DUII has asked the Legislature to amend the law to include these intoxicants, but so far that has not happened. Many of these intoxicants are every bit as dangerous as alcohol, especially if they are taken in combination with alcohol or one or more of the controlled substances. It is amazing how creative people have become in mixing substances to get a "high" that makes them a menace behind the wheel.

Hope the above is of some help.

(Thank you, Vinita, for enlightening me on the Oregon DUII laws. I hope this helps others as well.
Editor)

HAVE A GREAT DAY

Tuesday, January 24, has the dubious honor of being “the most depressing day of the year”.

The holidays are over. The bills are coming in. The weather is cold and wet. We all feel that this time of year it is hard to get up and go, because our get up and go has got up and went.

“This is the day that the Lord has made. Rejoice and be glad in it.”

As we consider the many blessings we are given every day, I think about a saying my Dad had: “I complained about my sore feet, until I saw a man with no feet”.

This holiday season has again left many to grieve over friends or loved ones killed by Drunk Drivers. And, many more that are injured and still fighting the effects of the crash long after the offender has served their time and been released.

We all need to remember the blessings we have and share what we can to those who need it most. If only a hug and prayer—every bit helps.

The following are from MADD E-Newsletter for January 2006:

Super Bowl MVPs Are Not Only Found On The Playing Field According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), 58 people died in alcohol-related crashes on Super Bowl Sunday in 2004, representing 64 percent of all traffic deaths on that day. The only other holiday with a higher percentage of alcohol-related fatalities in 2004 was New Year's Day with 91 deaths, accounting for 69 percent of all traffic fatalities that day. "The Super Bowl is usually thought of as a fun time with friends watching football and laughing over clever commercials, but there is a bigger issue that needs to be addressed," said Glynn Birch, MADD national president. "Who is driving the person home that has been drinking? Everyone should have a game plan before the fun starts on Super Bowl Sunday, such as a designated driver or alternative transportation." learn more http://support.madd.org/site/R?i=tyiG0_WG0I0ee62l-9kFTQ..

MADD Says Dry Up Alcohol Ads Targeting Youth To Help Stop Underage Drinking A new study by Dr. Leslie Snyder and four colleagues from the University of Connecticut and Colorado State University indicates that alcohol ads are linked to increase drinking among youth. MADD is not against alcohol advertising, but believes it is imperative that stricter standards be put in place to protect our children from constant exposure to alcohol messages. Alcohol is the No. 1 drug choice of American's youth. Underage drinkers are responsible for between 10 and 20 percent of all alcohol consumed in the United States. learn more http://support.madd.org/site/R?i=0IDvq7qvc_72CJxrOmtB5A..

The Spot

Mothers Against Drunk Driving aims to prevent underage drinking with its newest school assembly show, The Spot. The show helps raise awareness about the dangers of underage drinking as well as teen traffic crashes, the No. 1 killer of teens. By speaking to teens in their own language, The Spot encourages teens to take a hard look at the people they hang out with and to surround themselves with positive influences, not harmful substances. The multimedia show was developed by MADD and is supported by National Presenting Sponsor DaimlerChrysler and its Road Ready Teens program. Also available are new DVD Class Packs that provide the tools for school leaders to take the show's messages into the classroom. The packs, sponsored by Johnson & Johnson, include a facilitator's guide, DVDs, student handouts and posters to promote the exciting new resource on campus. To check show availability in your area and/or to order DVD Class Packs, call 800-438-6233 ext 4504 or email assembly@madd.org.

We need your help. Your state might not have a primary seat belt law that would help increase seat belt usage and save lives on our roadways. Please e-mail your legislators to tell them you would like a primary seat belt law in your state. Seat belts are your best defense against a drunk driver; if everyone used seat belts, over 6000 lives would be saved every year.

Together, We Provide Hope

MADD's Web site can help victims/survivors find resources to handle the legal, medical, and financial issues they may face as a result of being impacted by a drunk driving crash. Victim/survivor discussion forums are also available to help online users meet other people who have been similarly affected by drunk driving) or underage drinking.

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).

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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