



## **KFADD Newsletter**

**Kiwaniis Family Against Drunk Driving  
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# **SPECIAL EDITION**

## **DIVISION 7 ESTABLISHES KFADD TASK FORCE AND MAKES RECOMMENDATIONS TO THEIR GOVERNING BODY**

In view of the personal loss experienced by three Kiwanis family members in Division 7, which includes three Kelowna clubs, the newly formed Kiwanis club of Lake Country, and the Kelowna Aktion club, the Division decided to make KFADD their Special Project for 2003-2004. Current Lt. Governor Marion Bremner appointed a task force to study “the carnage occurring on British Columbia roads and to recommend changes to be made to governmental legislation and the judicial system to bring about an acceptable safety standard on our highways”. On April 17, 2004, the report was presented to the Solicitor General of the Province of British Columbia.

While attending the Growth Conference in Spokane, Washington on April 24, 2004, Marion presented me with a copy of the report. I applaud Marion, her committee, and her Division for stepping forward to address what the study found to be unacceptable safety standards for their community. The plan addressed their Mission Vision and Value Statements, Challenges Ahead, Drinking and Driving Facts, an Action Plan, and a Summary & Conclusion with various appendixes. It is an honor to share some highlights of their study as listed below.

### **KIWANIS FAMILY AGAINST DRUNK DRIVING**

#### Mission:

To ensure the public are safe from impaired drivers.  
To improve the quality of justice in traffic safety.

#### Vision:

British Columbia, a province without impaired drivers.

#### Value Statement:

1. The public has a right to be safe from the consequences of impaired drivers.
2. Those vulnerable and dependent have the right to be safe and be protected from the Consequences of impaired drivers.
3. Responsible choices affect the rights and privileges of all British Columbians.

4. The fact that someone's judgment is impaired cannot be used as a legitimate defense because the choice to drink and drive resulted in impairment.
5. Victims have a right to reparation.

Also, there were some very interesting points made in their "Challenges Ahead". To highlight a few:

The problems exist in part because:

- a. drivers are unaware of the consequences of drinking and driving
- b. low risk of a drinking driver being stopped
- c. low risk of being charged if stopped
- d. slow disposition of criminal cases and uncertainty of conviction
- e. no compulsory treatment countermeasures for problem drinkers

British Columbia is the only province in Canada that does not have a compulsory rehabilitation program for problem drinkers.

British Columbia is lagging behind Alberta, Saskatchewan, Ontario, and Quebec in their successful ignition interlock program that would reduce drinking and driving.

The study went on to address some startling facts about British Columbia's impaired driving. Their action plan also addressed some outstanding recommendations in the areas of Public Education, Law Enforcement, Sentencing, and Restitution for victims.

I want to commend these Kiwanians for taking a stand to help make their community a safer place to live through their work on this study and plan. I would like to acknowledge the members of the Division 7 Task Force:

Marion Bremner, Lt Governor Division 7: Kiwanis Club of Kelowna-High Noon.  
Elise Clark, Immediate Past Lt. Governor Division 7: Kiwanis Club of Kelowna.  
Henry Farynuk, Past Lt. Governor Division 7: Kiwanis Club of Kelowna-Summit.  
John Przywara, Past President: Kiwanis Club of Kelowna-Summit.  
Catherine Farynuk, Acting Secretary and Co-Chair: Kiwanis Club of Lake Country.

It was the Kiwanis mother, father, and daughter of the Farynuk family, who lost their son/brother to an impaired driver in Kelowna in December 2003. I give special thanks for their efforts and commitment to work on this cause and sharing their life-changing experiences with others.

If you are interested in a complete copy of this Task Force report, please e-mail me at [sylvesterneal0139@msn.com](mailto:sylvesterneal0139@msn.com) and I will mail you a copy. In closing, I would like to thank Lt. Governor Marion Bremner for sharing this report. And, I will close with one statement under their public education and awareness section: "Every Child deserves a '*Designated Driver*'. Children do not have a choice of refusing to go with an impaired driver".

Thanks Kelowna and Division 7 .....

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