KFADD Newsletter

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A LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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Sylvester,

Thank you, again, for getting the message out. Your inspiration, faith and positive influence for the KFADD project was a wonderful example of how we can make a difference. We are grateful that your efforts and those of many other Kiwanis family members probably has prevented drunk-driving related deaths and injuries and may have been the right message at the right time to change someone's drinking and driving choices and behaviors. I just received a new shipment of 500 red ribbons from MADD and we will be sending them out in our Christmas letter again this year. Our family, friends and employers also help us to be sure that people are tying on their red ribbons.

We just placed a new Christmas wreath on Erin's sign as we drove home today from Thanksgiving with my family. Each time we pass through North Bend we stop at her sign. Often there are new flowers, ribbons, notes or mementos left there. Many friends tell us that they say a prayer whenever they pass the sign. Our prayers and our actions will make a difference...they must. We saw 5 signs like Erin's on our drive home today from Sequim, down around Bremerton, through Tacoma, taking Hwy 18 east to I-90 east to I-82 east (about 320 miles). Those mark the ones whose families chose to put up a sign. There are oh so many more that do not have a sign! There are 4 more signs within a 10 mile radius of where I live...I know 2 of the families. Too many deaths due to drunk driving. Thank you for keeping up the efforts to prevent more!

Safe holidays to you and yours!

Nancy Klotz

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This approaching holiday season provides many opportunities for Kiwanians to spread the message to not drink and drive. Kiwanis clubs are tying red ribbons on Christmas tree sales, poinsettia flower sales, food baskets, toys for tots and many other holiday events.

Here are some ideas clubs or MADD Chapters have reported.

Roger Barbour reports on this project the **Day breakers Kiwanis Club** does:

> General Motors is a National Sponsor of MADD. So our club is spending 2-3 hrs. on 12/6/03 at our local GMC dealer to place Red Ribbons on each of their vehicles. Also, we will set up a drive-by area so people can stop and get a ribbon tied on, or, we will pass them out to them to place on all their vehicles.

Marti Greeson of the Anchorage MADD Chapter reports that her Youth in Action Program is anxious to team-up with Key Club members in Alaska on a variety of prevention/awareness projects.

Rennae Rosenberg is the coordinator for the Tri-Cities MADD chapter, but is also a member of the **TriCity Industries Kiwanis Club**. Her Chapter purchased additional KFADD videos

and plans to show them at job sites and at her quarterly Chapter meetings

Randy Herman, our British Columbia Coordinator, reported on the 2003 Kick-off of the Vancouver Chapter held on November 21 at the Kwantler College in Surrey, BC. **Helen Hoeflicker** is the Chapter coordinator and reported that their TV, press, and radio coverage were done in several languages to address the multicultural needs of their community. In addition to the RCMP and Kiwanis, they involved many other community agencies in their Kick-Off event. I had the pleasure of attending the 2002 event, and this year was even a greater success.

Lynn Chiotti of the Colombia MADD Chapter reported that **St. Helens Kiwanis** Club helped with their "Tie One On" Event; and, she also had help in distributing red ribbons from the **Kiwanis Club of Clatskanie, Washington**.

Alice Sellers, a Kiwanian in Maple Ridge, BC, has a very innovative program to distribute red ribbons. Alice observed in her work that children rescued from homes and in Ministry care often leave without their belongings. They are given new stuff in a new home with a temporary family. To help ease their trauma, she is providing new stuffed animals for the children. She says a MADD red ribbon will be the bow on the toy and tied by a child with the instructions to "Tie One ON".

They will begin collecting toys during the week of December 15, and she is soliciting help from the Kiwanis Clubs in Division 11 as well as the local MADD Chapter. Hope we can report their success in our next newsletter.

My RED RIBBON may have saved me from a citation a few weeks ago. I was returning home from a three-hour Kiwanis trip and almost made it home without incident. About 10 miles from home however, I got stopped for going 11 miles over the speed limit.

When the officer approached me, I had my paperwork out and was ready to sign for my ticket. I happen to have two red ribbons on my antenna. As he looked me and the car over, he noticed my ribbons. I only got a friendly warning as was told to slow down. He may have seen my Kiwanis jacket in the back, he may have been in a hurry, it may have been my "good looks", but I think I got a warning because I had on two red ribbons. I wanted to ask why I did not get the ticket, but my better judgment said, "Just leave it alone". But if you ask me --- it was the Red Ribbon. He knew I was someone who wanted to keep drunk drivers off our streets.

A timely suggestion from Randy Herman, our BC Coordinator:

GETTING READY TO SEND YOUR HOLIDAY CARDS, ENCLOSE A RED RIBBON to remind your friends, family, and love ones to Not Drink and Drive.

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