

MADD Northern Virginia Chapter — Newsletter

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CALENDAR

No board meeting this month



BACK AND BETTER THAN EVER

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Dear MADD Northern Virginia supporter,

I hope you haven't thought we forgot about you here at MADD, just the opposite! The MADD Board has been trying to develop new ways of reaching out to the Northern Virginia Community.

Some news:

- Chuck Pena, MADD's Executive Director for three years, has moved on to another organization. We wish Chuck all the best in his new job. We have hired Mike Green and he started last month. Please drop by the office to say "Hi."
- The Chapter also lost our Treasurer recently. Sharon Waters is going to graduate school at NYU starting in the fall. Sharon was more than our treasurer, she also coordinated many of our volunteer activities and served as a spokesperson at various press events. We will miss you Sharon.
- Cindy McDonald, our former Victim Advocate, has replaced Sharon as Treasurer. Cindy knows about MADD and many of the financial policies of the organization and should not miss a beat taking over for Sharon.
- Our Chapter now has five trained victim advocates to help the residents of Northern Virginia deal with many of the emotions associated with drunk driving crashes. We hope to expand our network of victim advocates.
- Finally, we are always in need of help in the office. At present, we need ribbons cut and are looking for an individual who has experience writing grants. If you are able to help in either of these areas, please call the office.

These are just some of the things that have been happening. As you will see there are many more!

David Kelly
Chapter President

RECEIVE THE NEWSLETTER
VIA E-MAIL

We've switched our internet service provider (ISP). Instead of AOL, we're now using World Web. Our new email address is **maddnova@worldweb.net**. Starting this month, the newsletter will be available through e-mail, as well as at our website (<http://www.worldweb.net/~maddnova/index.html>) Let us know if you are interested in getting an electronic version of this newsletter.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

MADD is always in need of volunteers! We have opportunities for people of all different interests and backgrounds. We recently promoted our designated driver program at the Vintage Virginia Wine Festival. Despite a tornado warning on Saturday afternoon, the event was a success. Thanks to the following volunteers - Gabriel Cano, Lisa Weingarten, Jill Ingram, Dan Ingram, Diana Hewith, David Norcross, Susan Benfall, Dottie & Larry Jurica, Susan & Roy Cleveland, Jodi Thompson, Steve & Penny Hill, Mindy Thompson, Nikki White. A special thanks to the Loudoun County Chapter for helping supply volunteers. Thanks also to Americorps for supplying volunteers as well. We are always planning events and can use your help! Call us at (703) 352-3944 or e-mail maddnova@worldweb.net to let us know you are interested.

We are also looking for volunteers to serve on the Development, Membership/Victim Outreach, and Public Relations Committees.

We would welcome anyone who would like to volunteer for any of these committees to call the MADD office at (703) 352-3944 or e-mail at maddnova@worldweb.net.

Development Committee - *The goal of the committee is to raise approximately \$100,000 this year (the next 12 months) in an effort to maintain the level of service we currently provide and the membership expects.*

Membership/Victim Outreach Committee - *The goal of this committee would be to identify victims who would benefit from MADD's services and also increase our membership.*

Public Relations Committee - *The goal of this committee is to expand the chapter's media presence by working with local press outlets to maximize our message.*

VICTIM SUPPORT NEWS

We recently have had many chapter members trained as certified Victim Advocates. Our main focus at MADD continues to be

victim services. We now believe we are in a position to provide quality victim support. If you are a victim and would like to talk with one of these advocates, please call us at (703) 352-3944 or e-mail at maddnova@worldweb.net and someone will call you.

The Support Group the Chapter used to administer with the help of Sherry Platt will hopefully be up and running again in the near future. This group meets in the MADD office (4041 University Ave., Fairfax) on alternating Tuesdays nights. If anyone is interested in this support group, please contact us at (703) 352-3944 or e-mail at maddnova@worldweb.net, or you may also call Sherry directly at (703) 978-3025.

If you need individual counseling either in lieu of or in addition to our Victim Support Group or legal advice, the following professionals work with victims of drunk driving crashes. Please note that the chapter is not recommending these professionals, but that they have made the chapter aware that they work with drunk driving victims.

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ALCOHOL INDUSTRY BUYS CONGRESS - KILLS .08 BAC

One of the most hotly debated provisions of the recent Transportation Reauthorization Bill in Congress called for a national standard of 0.08% blood alcohol content for intoxicated drivers. This provision passed the Senate but was stalled in the House after the House Rules Committee refused to let the provision be heard by the entire House of Representatives. The .08 amendment did not survive the Joint Conference Committee.

MADD is disappointed that the House did not have an opportunity to vote on this important issue. While Virginia has a .08 BAC, Maryland and DC do not. The research is clear that everyone is impaired at some level at a .08 BAC. Clearly, the strength of the alcohol industry and its campaign contributions were too much for MADD to overcome with its volunteers.

The Northern Virginia Chapter has been selected to test a national fundraising campaign. By purchasing a MADD Music Discount Card, you are able to purchase a compact disc for only \$8.99 or a tape for \$5.99 from more than 200,000 titles. You can order new releases as soon as they are on the market. There are no commitments or minimum purchase requirements like you see with record clubs.

In order to get in on this incredible offer, you need to purchase a MADD Music Discount Card for only \$10.00, of which \$5.00 will remain with the Northern Virginia Chapter! After you buy your card, ordering is easy as a toll-free number. Just call with the title you are looking for and it will be sent directly to you. To get you card, call us at (703) 352-2944 or e-mail at maddnova@worldweb.net.

DOES YOUR GROUP WANT A MADD SPEAKER?

MADD provides speakers to any organization as a public service. MADD speakers can talk about what it is like to be a victim of a drunk driving crash, to lose a loved one in a crash, what MADD programs are available and much more. We have many different speakers available for your association, business, church, civic group, etc. Just let us know at (703) 352-3944 or e-mail at maddnova@worldweb.net.

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