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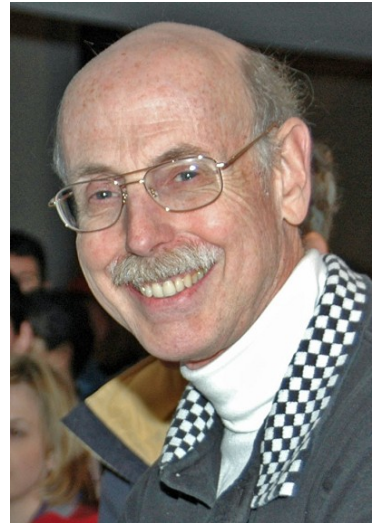
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# Mike Green to Retire

After almost 10 years with MADD Northern Virginia Chapter as Executive Director, Mike Green will retire in January 2008.

Before joining the chapter in July 1998, Mike worked for the National Wildlife Federation and the Nature Conservancy after retiring from the U.S. Navy as a Commander with 20 years of service. Along the way he earned a Masters in Management from the Naval Postgraduate School and a Law Degree from American University.



The MADD Northern Virginia Chapter has benefited from Mike's stewardship. He continued many of the programs and events associated with the chapter, such as the annual Red Ribbon Run, now in its 13th year. Both the MADD Crash Car Trailer Exhibit and the MADD Car Donation Program were created during his time with MADD. By hiring and training additional staff, Mike expanded MADD's presence in the Northern Virginia area by providing more programs and services to victims. His efforts have also resulted in a close working relationship with many of the law enforcement agencies in the area.

Mike will continue his volunteer work as an Arlington County Auxiliary Deputy Sheriff, so he'll still be fighting the battle against drunk driving. We wish Mike the best as he enjoys more time with his family and volunteer interests.

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**13th ANNUAL 5K  
 RED RIBBON RUN**  
 New Years Eve  
 December 31st, 2007  
 4PM

**George Mason University  
 Fairfax Campus**

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## Letter from the Executive Director

In 1998, when I was hired as the executive director of MADD Northern Virginia, David Kelly was chapter president and, because of budget problems, there had been no paid staff for many months. John Pinckney was coming into the office for several hours nearly every day, as a volunteer, to keep the chapter functioning. A few months after I arrived, we were able to rehire Kathy Cerio to run the office and we began to rebuild the chapter.

Now, nine years and five chapter presidents later, we have a staff of three and are on a sound financial and programmatic footing. The chapter's program manager, Jennifer Cipolla Hamilton, and victim advocate coordinator (and chief administrator), Noreen Dinndorf, are making MADD's voice heard and programs succeed throughout the community.

But the biggest reason that the chapter is successful is the exceptionally strong volunteer base upon which the chapter is built. During my tenure we have been guided by chapter presidents, victim advocates, victim impact panel speakers and general volunteers who have given of their time and talents, not to mention their financial resources, to help us grow and prosper.

At the risk of leaving out someone who has been instrumental in building the chapter over the past decade, I will mention by name only those volunteers who have assumed the mantle of president: David Kelly, Dan Ingram, John Pinckney, Pat O'Connor and Laura Dawson. Thank you for your patience and wise counsel. I also want to express my sincere appreciation to the current staff, Noreen Dinndorf and Jennifer Cipolla Hamilton. Their collective leadership and commitment, along with the dedication and loyalty of the other officers and volunteers who have helped them, are what has kept the chapter progressing.

When I arrived in 1998, I had expected to stay a couple of years, or a few at most. I did want to leave only after the organization was in better shape than when I arrived. At this point, the chapter is in good hands, both volunteer and staff, and it is time for me to step aside. I have decided that, as I approach senior citizen status, it is time for me to retire. I expect to continue to be a community volunteer and look forward to working on the "to do" list at home.

I plan to stay on for a couple of months to assist in the hiring and orientation of my replacement. I would strongly urge anyone interested in working for MADD in Northern Virginia to look at the requirements and duties of the position. By the time you get this newsletter, we expect to have posted the job announcement on our website: [www.maddnova.org](http://www.maddnova.org). We need someone who is well versed in fundraising and budgeting and hope to find qualified candidates who are also bilingual in English and Spanish.

So, to everyone who has helped me and MADD over the years, I offer my sincere thanks, keep up this very important work, and good luck in the future.

-Mike Green

## SPECIAL THANKS

Although we attempt to get local businesses to provide goods and services to MADD as charitable donations, we often must pay normal retail prices for the things that we need to operate the chapter. Over the years there have been a few notable exceptions. These businesses have donated things to us that would have cost a considerable amount of money and have done so for many years.

The three top businesses are Acumen, Inc., Connection Newspapers, and Paul's Best Lawn Service, Inc. Without the support of these businesses, our effectiveness in Northern Virginia would be significantly curtailed.

Acumen has donated heart rate monitors to us as prizes for the Red Ribbon Run since the 1990s. The chance to win an Acumen Heart Rate Monitor, the major prizes at our run, is the significant reason for some of the runners to compete.

Connection Newspapers have carried our PSAs and our Red Ribbon Run flyers for more than a decade. Their generosity has helped raise awareness about drunk driving and underage issues as well as helping us to raise funds through race registrations.

Paul's Best Lawn Service has allowed us to place our Vehicle Donations Program signs on their trucks year-round since soon after the program started. These signs have been a real help to us in advertising the fact that we accept donated cars.

There is also a professional association that deserves special mention. We were involved in a dispute over an estate earlier this year and McGuire Woods stepped up to help, providing the services of several partners on a pro bono basis.

Thus, we send our personal thanks to Joanne Sham of Acumen, Mary Kimm of the Connection, Paul Lomonaco of Paul's Best Lawn Service and Dennis Belcher of McGuire Woods. You are truly appreciated.



### Renew Your FREE Membership

MADD Northern Virginia wants to stay in touch with you. We ask that you yearly renew your FREE membership and update our contact information. Please fill out the form on the last page of this newsletter and return it. Remember to include your email address so we can send you time sensitive information. And, while it is not necessary to maintain your membership, please consider a year-end donation. It is only through the generous contributions of our members and supporters that MADD is able to have a presence in Northern Virginia.

SAVE the DATE for 2008

Strides for Change 5K Walk

May 24, 2008 in Fairfax, VA

MADD invites you to start walking to save more lives and honor those who have been killed or injured by drunk driving in Northern Virginia.

We need your help, now, more than ever! Drunk driving crashes continue to kill and seriously injure many people. Survivors, friends and family are left with years of the emotional, medical and legal struggles that follow. We need to eliminate impaired driving now!



Walkers and their pledge supporters are the key ingredients in securing funds to benefit MADD's lifesaving mission—**to stop drunk driving, support victims of this violent crime and prevent underage drinking.**

With the help of our corporate partners and community leaders we can make our communities safer for our children, families and employees.

Please contact Jennifer Cipolla Hamilton at (703) 379-1135 for more information or if you are interested in forming a team or becoming a volunteer. You may also register on line at [www.stridesforchange.org](http://www.stridesforchange.org). select Fairfax, VA.

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## HELP DRIVE UP CAR DONATIONS

We regularly get telephone calls in the MADD office asking if we need any volunteer help. Often we have a one-time or short-term project but some volunteers want to be able to help us over a long period. If you are one of these folks, we have just the thing for you.

The primary fundraising program for our chapter is our vehicle donations program. Our ability to get cars donated depends on how well the public knows that we can accept charitable donations of cars. Here is how you can help.

We need our vehicle donations signs put where they will be seen by potential donors. We have very nice magnetic signs that you can put on your car or van and, everywhere you travel, you will be helping MADD.

Our magnetic signs are about one foot by one and a half feet and stick to your car just like a refrigerator magnet sticks to your refrigerator – but many more people see them. They are easily removed and reattached when you want to do so.

We have several of the signs here in our office where they are not doing any good. If you would be willing to consider using one, please give us a call at 703-379-1135 and we will discuss it with you and will arrange for you to get one (or two or three if you have more cars). Please think about this. It is a low-effort way that you can be a big help.

## Volunteer Profile: Judy Becker

There are many different ways to support MADD's mission. For many years Judy Becker was a MADD member and supported us with donations. Now Judy has committed some of her precious free time to work with MADD Victims. Judy, along with Laura Dawson and Noreen Dinndorf, is facilitating the Chapter's Victim Support Group. (See article on this page for more details).

During her summer break, Judy helped with our Court Monitoring program at Fairfax County Courthouse. She did a great job following DWI cases and identifying those cases where charges were amended.

In September Judy returned to her full time position as the Coordinator of Students Services in the Falls Church City Public School System. Judy has a M.S. in Criminal Justice, and a M.S.W. and LCSW in Clinical Social Work. She has a wide-range of work experience including: a juvenile probation officer in Schenectady, NY, a Virginia State adult probation and parole officer, and Director of the Loudoun County Abused Women's Shelter.

Judy is a great resource for our chapter. Thanks Judy for giving of your time..

### NEW VICTIM BOARD

MADD Northern Virginia is in the process of updating our Victim Board. Many more victims have been killed or injured by drunk drivers. If you would like to add a picture of a family member or friend to our new Victim Board, please contact the MADD Office at (703) 379-1135.

## VICTIM SUPPORT GROUP

A new Victim Support Group is active. All injured, survivors, and bereaved family and friends are welcome. This is a safe outlet for sharing with other victims/survivors who have suffered a loss due to drunk driving.

The **NEXT** Victim Support Group will meet at 10:30AM, on **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17th, 2007 at CENTREVILLE REGIONAL LIBRARY**, 14200 St. Germain Drive, Centreville, VA 20121.

Please call (703) 379-1135 or email [advocate@maddnova.org](mailto:advocate@maddnova.org) for more information. Walk-ins are welcome.

### COPING WITH THE HOLIDAYS

This time of year grief may be overwhelming for those dealing with the loss of a loved one. Here are a few suggestions to cope:

1. **Change traditions** - have your celebration at a different place, do things differently than you have in the past.
2. **Balance solitude with sociability**—solitude can renew strength, but plan to attend some holiday events.
3. **Relive the happy memories**—pick special memories of holidays past with your loved one. Think of them often.
4. Counter the conspiracy of silence—others may think they are helping you by not mentioning your loved one. Reassure them that you want to **talk about your loss**.
5. **Find a creative outlet**—write a memorial poem and share it. Contribute to a group you loved one supported.
6. **Set aside “letting go” time**—mark your calendar with days or hours during the holidays when you can be alone to grieve.
7. **Get enough rest**.
8. Don't be afraid to **experience some joy**.

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