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November 21-23, 2014

Sheraton Imperial Hotel and Convention Center

4700 Emperor Blvd, I-40 at Exit 282 (Page Road) Research Triangle Park, NC.

Conference is about to begin! The Youth Advocacy and Involvement Office is alive with excitement. We're making final preparations and keying in registrations. The Student Advisory Board recently met at the host hotel to put the finishing touches on their plans. They also practiced the special skit they've planned for you on Friday night.

One of our chapters called in to say they had not been on our mailing list and had just learned about the conference. If this has happened to you, call the state coordinator immediately at 919-807-4400 to make arrangements. We will make every effort to accommodate you. Advisors should receive their registration confirmations soon.

Reminder: Chapter advisors are asked to bring a small door prize suitable for an adult. We will have *advisor only* door prize drawings! ♦

KIWANIS SUPPORTS SADD

The **Outer Banks Kiwanis Club** showed their support for the work that SADD does in Dare County by helping to sponsor students to the state conference. The SADD chapters of **First Flight High School** of Kill Devil Hills and **Manteo High School** of Manteo were grateful recipients of a check for \$500 each to help fund their conference trip.

Kiwanis clubs are made up of people working together to help their communities. They believe that great things happen when you give a child the chance to learn, experience, dream, grow, succeed and thrive. We thank the Outer Banks Kiwanis Club for caring enough to give Dare County SADD students that chance.

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**There is still space at the conference. Call immediately if you want to bring your group!
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In the photo below, Kiwanis Treasurer Ron Cade presents checks to School Resource Officers and SADD advisors **Mark McKay** and **Billy Essick**.

From left, front row: Manteo High School SADD members **Justin Johnson**, **Hannah Deringer**, Advisor Deputy Mark McKay, Kiwanis Treasurer Ron Cade, First Flight High School advisor Deputy Billy Essick with First Flight High SADD members **Carly Metcalf** and **Haley Evans**, and Kill Devil Hills Police Captain and Kiwanis Vice-President Mark Evans.

Back row: Kiwanis member Kill Devil Hills Police Chief Gary Britt, members Tom Saporito and Bud Sheets. ♦



SADD STUDENTS TAKE PART IN HISTORIC EVENT

Student Advisory Board members **Sarah Haga** and **Katie Thompson** were invited to participate in the inaugural meeting of the Women and Girls Initiative. Governor Pat McCrory sponsored the event at the Executive Mansion in Raleigh, October 22. It was also sponsored by the NC Council for Women, an advocacy program of the NC Department of Administration.

Katie, a senior at **West Iredell High School** in Statesville said she would always value the experience. "My experience at the Women and Girls' Initiative at the Governor's Mansion was a once in a lifetime opportunity. I met many amazing women and young ladies, and I was so inspired by some of their work. I got amazing ideas on how women can change the world, and I heard great ways other women *are* changing the world! I am so very glad I got to attend," she said.

Sarah is a senior at **Southwest High School** in Jacksonville. She shared her reflections on the event: "It was honestly one of the best experiences

of my life. Seeing all those powerful young women and adults made me feel amazing. It was an afternoon filled with wonderful discussions and thought provoking questions. It left me ready to get back to my school to plan my own events. With the help of my SADD club, I hope to start implementing the ideas I gathered inside our classrooms. Soon, I will be empowering girls all across my high school campus."

The first meeting of the Women and Girls Initiative was an interactive event featuring representatives from various organizations and young women and girls in middle school through college. The Council

for Women Executive Director **Gale Wilkins** explained the reason for the Initiative: "We want to challenge the esteem levels in our young women and give them tools and insights on how to bring out Confidence, Competence and Courage. Lack of the three C's contributes to some of the crimes committed against women. We will use our influence to connect our young women and girls to networks and inspire them to be leaders, not victims. ♦



At the Executive Mansion

Sara Haga (l) and Katie Thompson (r) with State Coordinator Harriett Southerland



David Daggett, Winston-Salem attorney and founder of **Safe and Sober Prom Night**, will be our Saturday evening banquet keynote speaker at the conference!

MIDDLE SCHOOL SUPERHEROES



Felicia Ellis, former SADD advisor at Cape Fear High School, left her old school, but she did not leave SADD. She has a new chapter up and running at **Sandy Grove Middle School** in Lumber Bridge (Hoke County) where she teaches eighth grade. Ms. Ellis was proud of the way her students got involved in working to prevent drug use during Red Ribbon Week. She said, "Each day during announcements, a SADD member read a short statistic on drug use among teens and cued the homeroom teachers to play a video after the announcements. These videos featured artists and athletes who chose the 'natural highs' of their hobbies or talents over drug use." There was a different video for each day of the week. The campaign also had a different theme and



RED RIBBON WEEK FUN!

Advisor Felicia Ellis (l) and Sandy Grove Middle School SADD

message for each day. For example, students picked someone to be their "twin," and on "Twin Day" they dressed alike. The week culminated with students wearing red in honor of Red Ribbon Week.

Sandy Grove's Creative Calendar:

- Monday: Mix/Match Day
"Drugs and I Don't Mix"
- Tuesday: Twin Day
"Encourage Your Twin to Say 'No' to Drugs"
- Wednesday: Funny Hat Day
"Put a Cap on Drugs"
- Thursday: Camouflage Day
"Fight Against Drugs"

- Friday: Wear Red Day
"Put the Can on Drugs"
(Bring a canned good or non-perishable item to school.)

A big high five to Ms. Ellis and the outstanding students of Sandy Grove Middle School SADD. Go Panthers!

Note: If you are interested in using the anti-drug short videos in your programs, contact the state coordinator for website information. ♦

TOBACCO TACKLED AT FOOTBALL GAME



In conjunction with a recent football game, the SADD Club at **Richlands High School** in Onslow County focused attention on smoking prevention by holding a "Let's Tackle Tobacco" event.

Advisor **Jacqueline Gaddy** said the students had a great time and the visitors were receptive to their message. "We reminded all visitors that all school campuses are tobacco free. We gave them free seat cushions and footballs that carried the tobacco-free message," she said. Congratulations, Richlands SADD, on a successful project. Go Wildcats! ♦



MAKING IT CLICK AT MANTEO

MThe ever active **Manteo High School SADD Club** conducted a surprise seat belt checkpoint in the student parking lot on the morning of Oct 24. “We found that 90% of our students were wearing their seat belts that day,” said **Mark McKay**, Manteo SADD advisor. “Those students who had their seat belts on received Smarties candy. The students who did not have their seat belts on received a Dum-Dum lollipop.” Mr. McKay said the students who were buckled up qualified to participate in a random drawing, and a lucky senior won a \$20.00 gas card compliments of the SADD Club.

Keep up the good work, Manteo SADD. We want the unbuckled 10% to realize we’re trying to keep them safe and alive. Go ‘Skins! ♦



Top: MHS SADD members Hannah Deringer, Zach Tisdale, Ryan Gorzkowski and Annabelle Lawrence on post and ready to check students for seat belt compliance. *Bottom:* MHS SADD club members together after a successful seat belt awareness campaign.

NATIONAL SPEAKER COMING TO OUR STATE

Renowned speaker **Bobby Petrocelli** will be speaking at schools in North Carolina in January, March, April and May of 2015. His current project is “You Matter.” If your school does not have him scheduled, he has some available dates for this period, and he says he is willing to work with school budgets.



Bobby’s story is one of personal triumph and hope following a devastating tragedy in his life. When he was a high school teacher and coach, Bobby went to bed one night a happy man with a loving wife. When he woke up dazed in his kitchen, his wife was dead and his life was changed forever. A man who was more than twice legally drunk had crashed a pickup truck through his bedroom wall. With faith and friends, he fought through the darkness to triumph. Bobby now teaches others about the power of their decisions, how to build a strong life foundation and how to overcome adversity. To find out if he will be able to come to your school, complete the contact form at <http://www.10seconds.org/invite-bobby.php>. You can also visit his website at www.bobbypetrocelli.com. ♦

HORNETS PLAN EVENT FOR SADD AND MADD

In recognition of Nation Impaired Driving Prevention Month, the Charlotte Hornets basketball team is working out the details for a SADD/MADD Day this December 10 or 17. There will be a Court of Dreams where students will come to the arena before the game for an informational seminar conducted by SADD and MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving).

The Hornets plan to recognize outstanding chapters and have scoreboard and in-game recognition of both organizations. Discounted tickets will be available for the game. There will also be a fundraising element where proceeds will benefit both organizations. We thank the Hornets for their continued commitment to impaired driving prevention. Stay tuned for more information. ♦



THANK YOU FOR REGISTERING!

SADD National reports that they've had more registrations this year than ever! Thanks to all NC chapters that took the time to update your registration. Otherwise, each year, the state coordinator would need to call each school to ask if their chapter is still active. If you don't register, we don't know whether to keep you on our roster. If you have not registered, please take a few minutes to do so at <http://www.sadd.org/chapterreg.htm>. Remember that in addition to other benefits, being registered qualifies your members to apply for SADD National scholarships. ♦



We'll see you at the **GATHERING OF THE SUPERHEROES** on November 21 for a fun filled weekend of member interaction and learning! If you have any questions or need more information about the conference, please contact the state coordinator at 919-807-4400 or hsoutherland@ncsadd.org.



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