



Illinois Elks Association Drug Awareness Program Newsletter

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I would like to share with you an e-mail I was sent. The original author is unknown, but I thought you might be able to relate to it and in some cases agree with it:



Subject: Fwd: 'I went to a party mom'

Went to a party Mom.

I went to a party, And remembered what you said.
You told me not to drink,
Mom, so I had a sprite instead.

I felt proud of myself,
The way you said I would,
that I didn't drink and drive,
though some friends said I should.

I made a healthy choice,
And your advice to me was right.
The party finally ended,
and the kids drove out of sight.

I got into my car, Sure to get home in one piece.
I never knew what was coming, Mom,
something I expected least.

Now I'm lying on the pavement, And I hear the policeman say,
the kid that caused this wreck was drunk,
Mom, his voice seems far away.

My own blood's all around me,

Dear Jack,

As outlined last month, in an effort to improve communications and foster a team approach for the betterment of the Drug Awareness Program, we have implementing a new monthly Drug Awareness News Letter.

The News Letter will highlight changes in the Program; act as a reminder for upcoming events and reports; notify Chairs of contest deadlines; and provide other important information.

Since, we only have e-mail addresses for 14 of the 73 Lodge Drug Awareness Chairs in the state it will be the responsibility of the District DAP Chairs and the District Vice-President's to make sure that all Lodge DAP Chairs in their District get this information in a timely manner until such time as we have their e-mail addresses.

Please let me know if you have and questions, comments, or ideas for the news letter.

What is the Theme for 2010-2011?

"Not Now, Not Ever"

This is the theme for both the Essay Contest and the Poster Contest. For a complete set of guidelines, please refer to the illinois Elks DAP web site.

Act Today!

The Illinois General Assembly will be returning to the Capitol and Medical Marijuana is closer to passage.

The Illinois General Assembly adjourned without voting on the "Medical" Marijuana bill. Lobbyists for the Marijuana Policy Project have been working the bill in the Illinois House over the past year and say they are within two or three votes of passing this dangerous bill.

As I try hard not to cry,
I can hear the paramedic say,
this girl is going to die.

I'm sure the guy had no idea,
While he was flying high.
Because he chose to drink and
drive, now I would have to die.

So why do people do it, Mom
Knowing that it ruins lives?
And now the pain is cutting
me, like a hundred stabbing
knives.

Tell sister not to be afraid,
Mom Tell daddy to be brave.
And when I go to heaven,
put 'Mommy's Girl' on my
grave.

Someone should have taught
him, That it's wrong to drink
and drive. Maybe if his parents
had, I'd still be a live.

My breath is getting shorter,
Mom I'm getting really scared.
These are my final moments,
and I'm so unprepared.

I wish that you could hold me
Mom, As I lie here and die.
I wish that I could say, 'I love
you, Mom!'

So I love you and good-bye.

Drug Awareness Decals!



If you know of a trucking
company that would put a
larger version of the Drug
Awareness decal that was
handed out at the DAP
training session in May on
their trucks, please contact
me and we will send them
directly to the company with
installation instruction.

Also, if you would like to
order some of the car decals
that were handed out,
please contact me for
ordering information.

Take ACTION: Send your state representative an email or a fax to tell him or her that you do not want marijuana legalized for any reason nor sold in your neighborhood for any purpose. This is your chance to speak up before it's too late!

Background

lobbyist Ralph Rivera explains lobbying techniques in Springfield and the consequences for Illinois families, if this bill passes:

Advocates of SB 1381 wheel around patients at the Illinois Capitol to gain sympathy for them and SB 1381. However, SB 1381 says "visiting qualifying patients" who have a "registry identification card, or its equivalent, that is issued under the laws of another state...." can also use marijuana in Illinois.

So, although the sponsors admit California and other states have phony "patients", they can still come to Illinois by the tens of thousands and smoke marijuana on our streets in front of our children and police and no one can stop them!

SB 1381 allows a person, his caregiver or a dispensary, to grow 6 marijuana plants with 3 mature plants at any one time. Consider this: in 90-days, 3 mature plants can produce 1,764 joints. What patient can smoke 20 joints a day?! "Patients" who have testified in Illinois House committees over the years have said they need to smoke 4-8 joints a day to "relieve pain". That would leave leftovers for mischief and illegal purposes. It would be impossible for law enforcement to monitor this.

SB 1381 says a "patient" cannot drive a car or boat or fly a plane, but says "However, a registered qualifying patient shall not be considered to be under the influence of cannabis solely because of the presence of metabolites or components of cannabis that appear in insufficient concentration to cause impairment." So, if SB 1381 passes, they could drive a car or boat or fly a plane if they smoked or ingested marijuana as long as it is "in insufficient concentration to cause impairment." How would this be monitored? This caveat also applies to employees.

Property owners cannot refuse to lease an apartment or house to a "patient" or caregiver and the owner of a commercial property cannot refuse to lease to a marijuana dispensary on the basis the tenants will be growing marijuana on the

The cost of the car decals will be up to each Lodge or District Chair to cover. As for the truck decals, they will be provided at no cost as long as supplies last

UR-Choice Ur-Voice



A new section has been added to the Grand Lodge Drug Awareness Web Page.

This new section is related to the UR-Choice UR-Voice program and has three sections to it, one for Students, one for Parents, and one for Elk Members.

Please review this section and send your feed back to me.

Also, please let others know of this new section.

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property and the site may attract ciminal behavior.

What message does this send to our children in Illinois when people can smoke marijuana on the streets of our towns and get away with it?

Contact your representative today, and ask him/her to vote "NO" on SB 1381. In addition to e-mailing your representative, we encourage you to call your representative to tell him/her that you oppose SB 1381, and to ask for his or her "NO" vote on this dangerous bill. Then, be sure to ask all of your friends and family in Illinois to reach out to their representatives.

Please don't forget to follow up on your email by calling your representative, and by sharing this alert with friends, family, and neighbors who also oppose this dangerous legislation.

Please send this to all Elks In Illinois!

The Drug Awareness Program is a 24/7/365 program, we do not and cannot afford to take time off or have down time. Drug dealers and other do not, so nor shall we!

We must always work hard and stay up to date and in communications with others willing to help.

Bottom line is - we do what we do for the Children of Illinois!!!!

Sincerely,

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