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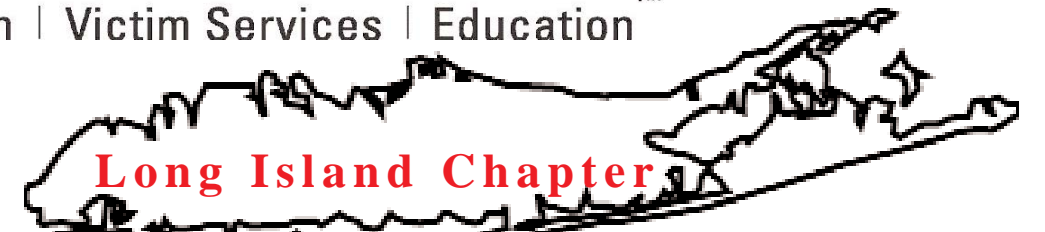
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"Tie-One-On-For-Safety Ceremony" - Pictured (left -right) are Sgt. James
Paranello, Nassau County Police Department; Assemblyman David McDonough,
Dr. Jonathan Gibraltar, President, Farmingdale State College; NYS Senator
Chas. Fuschillo, Assemblywoman Patricia Eddington, Dee Cornella, President,
MADD Long Island; Judge John J. Marks, Nassau County District Court; Oyster
Bay Supervisor John Venditto, Huntington Supervisor Frank Petrone

Day of Commemoration

Dear Friend,

2003 began with memories
that never fail. Memories of our loved
ones and those who came together to
honor them on our Day of
Commemoration last December ...
one day of the year that embraces
everything we do.

The day began with our "Tie
One On For Safety" red ribbon cere-
mony at Farmingdale State College.
Our chapter presented Recognition
Awards to NYS Senator Charles J.

Fuschillo, Jr., for his untiring efforts
and success in pursuit of .08 BAC
legislation; to Nassau County Police
Officer Joseph Lynch, for his out-
standing zero-tolerance enforcement;
to Huntington Coach Co., for distrib-
uting red ribbons to the thousands of
school children they transport.

Our thanks to Lt. Joseph
Blaetler and Suffolk County Highway
Patrol that escorted our "Tie One On
For Safety" attendees safely to the
Candlelight Vigil, at the James E.
Allen Jr./Sr. High School. Dennis

D'Abreu, President, Western Suffolk
BOCES Faculty Association, led the
pledge of allegiance, and Rev.
Thomas Fusco, pastor of St.
Edwards Roman Catholic Church,
Syosset, conducted the invocation
and benediction. Bagpiper John
Young, Nassau County Police Pipe &
Drum Corps, played "Amazing
Grace" and "Going Home," as Rick
York called our loved ones' names
during the poignant candle lighting
ceremony. Douglas Death, executive
at Suffolk County STOP DWI, report-

MADD LONG ISLAND: FOUNDED IN GRIEF - SUSTAINED IN HOPE

“Gift of Light and Hope” Serves as Theme at Candlelight Vigil



More than 150 bereaved family members and friends attended MADD Long Island’s 21st annual Candlelight Vigil, part of the Day of Commemoration held on December 8, 2002.



Pictured is Nassau County District Court Judge John J. Marks, keynote speaker, who stressed the need for stiffer penalties for repeat offenders and offenders with very high BAC levels.

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ed on Long Island’s 2002 DWI statistics. Keynote speaker, Judge John J. Marks, Nassau County District Court, stressed the need for stiffer penalties for repeat offenders and offenders with very high BAC levels. He also urged increased use of the “ignition interlock” for DWI offenders on probation.

Just before the closing benediction, we presented a statuette, entitled “The Hands of God,” to Denna Cohen, victim advocate and Vigil Committee chair. The statuette was donated by the sculptor, Michael Alfano, creator of the Sculpture of Hope for the Garden of Awareness Victim Memorial.

Our thanks to all who helped make the Vigil such a memorable event: our board members and staff, and especially our volunteers: Jim Abbatte, Maryann Beckley, Priscilla

Birdsall, and Madeline Podrasky.

Our vigil theme was “The Gift of Light and Hope.” Just as there is no end to the “light” and the “hope,” there is no end to our daily vigils. Maybe we don’t light candles every day; but is there ever a day when we don’t remember?

Every day is a vigil. Another day to remember our loved ones. Another day to tell someone not to drink and drive. Another day to fight for tougher laws and stiffer penalties. And always another day to reach out to help someone who needs to know they’re not alone in their grief and struggle to go on.

Sincerely,

- P.S. In Record Time: Our Dee
congratulations to the Nassau County Legislature and county supervisor for fast action on amending the

county’s car seizure law in response to a state appellate court’s ruling. Changes include giving vehicle owners written notice that they can request a hearing within 15 days to challenge a seizure, and explicit language that the law applies to driving under the influence of alcohol or other controlled substances.

We were there all day on March 10th for the legislative hearing, discussion and unanimous vote in favor, and the signing by the county executive, Tom Suozzi. We were very pleased that the legislature’s presiding officer, Judy Jacobs, acknowledged MADD Long Island’s presence as a positive factor for the good results. Nassau’s car seizure program resumed that night.



Calendar of Events

Sat. April 5	9:00 a.m. Buddy Run/Walk Dickinson Avenue Elementary Northport
Wed. April 23	11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Spring Health Fair Southampton College
Thu. April 24	7:30 p.m. General Membership Meeting MADD Long Island Office Please call (631) 547-6233 to confirm attendance
Wed. April 30	10:00 a.m - 3:00 p.m. Health & Wellness Fair Farmingdale State College
Sat. May 3	11:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. Pro HEALTH Family Health & Fitness Fair Pro HEALTH Corp., 2800 Marcus Ave., Lake Success
Thurs. May 8	6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Wellness Fair Hillside Grade School New Hyde Park
Sun. June 1	11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Island Fest 2003 1st Annual Premier Car Show to benefit MADD Long Island Brookhaven Amphitheater
Sun. June 8	9:00 a.m. - 6:00 pm. Today’s Woman Expo Sheraton Smithtown Hauppauge Road,Commack
Sat. June 14	9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Annual Spring Fair Chamber of Commerce of the Moriches Center Moriches

Top Cops Honored by Suffolk



Pictured (left to right) are Suffolk County Police Department Deputy Commissioner Jim Abbott, Suffolk County Executive Robert Gaffney, Police Officer Frank Faber and Commanding Officer of the Highway Patrol Bureau Deputy Detective Joseph Blaettler. Faber is seen being honored for leading the Suffolk Police Department with 150 DWI arrests. Faber is a member of Suffolk’s elite DWI enforcement squad called SAFE-T (Selective Alcohol Fatality Enforcement Task Force). Faber is also the Suffolk Police Liaison on MADD Long Island’s Board of Directors.

Remember John Janotha?

John Janotha and his mother, Maria, were two of MADD Long Island’s most devoted volunteers. John was seriously injured by a drunk driver in 1981. John survived, as a parapalegic. But his injuries and impairment never stopped him from doing whatever he could to help fight against drunk driving. In his wheelchair, John gave out red ribbons on street corners, solicited donations, came to our walkathons and candlelight vigils, spoke at Victim Impact Panels and at schools, and became our chapter’s single biggest individual fundraiser. Last year, he and Maria relocated to Florida. For all those who know John and Maria . . . and those who don’t . . . please know that they are just fine, love their new home . . . and are working MADD’s mission again, doing VIPs and speaking at schools. Two very special people. Always were. Always will be.



“Tie-One-On-For-Safety” Red Ribbon Ceremony



Pictured left (l-r) are Nassau County Police Officer Joseph Lynch, Dee Cornella, NYS Senator Charles J. Fuschillo, Nassau County Police Sgt. James Panarello and Oyster Bay Supervisor John Venditto. Lynch and Fuschillo were recognized for their work in the fight against drunk driving. Pictured right are Dee Cornella with Huntington Supervisor Frank Petrone. Petrone is seen presenting a proclamation in recognition of MADD Long Island’s efforts to increase awareness of the dangers of drunk driving.



2001 -2002 Alcohol/Drug Related Traffic Statistics		2001	2002	Change
Nassau	Arrests	4125	4227	+102 (+2.5%)
	Alcohol/Drug Fatalities	36	36	0
Suffolk	Arrests	5085	5797	+712 (+14.0%)
	Alcohol/Drug Fatalities	51	42	- 9 (-17.6%)
Totals	Arrests	9,210	10,024	+814 (+8.8%)
	Alcohol/Drug Fatalities	87	78	- 9 (-10.3%)

*Data as of Feb. 2003; Source STOP DWI Departments of Nassau and Suffolk counties.