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# NORTHEAST NEWS

The CCA is an alliance of community anti-drug prevention coalitions in 19 Florida counties that works to assist all member counties with sharing ideas, learning from one another, and implementing Environmental Strategies to reduce and prevent alcohol and other drug use.

**MISSION:** To serve as the collective voice of community coalitions in Florida while valuing the unique identity of each member of the Alliance while working towards the health and wellness of all Floridians.

**NORTH MEMBER COUNTIES:** Alachua, Baker, Citrus, Clay, Dixie (providing services in Lafayette as well), Duval, Flagler, Hamilton, Hernando, Lake, Levy, Marion, Nassau, Putnam, St. Johns, Sumter, and Volusia

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## **FEATURE: THANK YOU!**

As we close out our fiscal year, the CCA Board and Staff would like to take this opportunity to thank our community coalitions for another great year! It's been a busy year for our members as implementation of the regional action plan began and strategies such as Know the Law, Friday Night Done Right- No Alcohol. Dope., Natural High, Town Hall Meetings, Compliance Checks, Responsible Beverage Server Training, and Parents that Host, Lose the Most reached our communities.

We would also like to thank our Managing Entity, Lutheran Services Florida, whose continued support in coalition work from their dedicated staff made this past year possible.

The CCA is excited for another great year and working to create community-level change in Northeast Florida.

This year the CCA will be developing 4 committees working on specific projects together throughout the region including: the Mental Health Committee; the Needs Assessment/Evaluation Committee; the Legislative/Police Committee; and the Best Practices/Implementation Committee. For more information, contact: coalitionsofflorida@gmail.com

# **UPDATES FROM THE NORTHEAST COALITIONS**

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#### KNOW THE LAW UPDATE

Throughout the 2014 2015 fiscal year, the Alachua County Health Promotion and Wellness Coalition has been very busy implementing strategies from the CCA Action Plan. One major success from our implementation this year has been with the Know the Law program. Since being trained as trainers in the fall of 2014, HPW staff has trained the Alachua County Sheriff's Office Deputies, the Gainesville Police Department officers, Alachua Department of Juvenile Justice Juvenile Probation Officers, and HPW coalition members, for a total of over 50 new trainers prepared to offer the program throughout Alachua County. Through their efforts as trainers, over 500 middle and high school students have received the program, as well as been pre-tested and post-tested. Of those students, 87 out of 181 middle school students showed improvement and 91 out of 311 high school students showed improvement. We look forward to continuing this program in Alachua County middle and high schools in the 2015-2016 school year.

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#### PARENTS WHO HOST, LOSE THE MOST UPDATE

BPCI was able to present "Parents Who Host Lose The Most" at two different events in the past few months. The first event was on March 16th at the local school board meeting. This particular school board meeting was chosen since it also serves as a school youth awards ceremony, which resulted in a large number of parents and guardians in attendance. The BPCI had worked thoroughly over the past few months with the Youth Coalition members to prepare for the presentation which included a skit conducted by several of the youth to exhibit the dangers of underage drinking and their parent's consequences. The attendees also received pledge cards to sign acknowledging the serious and life-long repercussions that comes with underage drinking. The Youth Coalition did an amazing job and their hard work paid off. We had twenty parents sign pledge cards! BPCI was also able to give out Parents Who Host information at "Movie in the Park" on April 3rd. During that event we had 11 parents sign pledge cards!



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#### FRIDAY NIGHT DONE RIGHT AND PARENTS THAT HOST UPDATES

Friday Night Done Right is alive and well in Citrus County. Since our big March kick-off at the Citrus County Mall involving hundreds of teens, an implementation committee, headed by Victoria Thorpe, a College of Florida student, has been established by the board to guide activities. A small group of young adults and teens have agreed to meet regularly to plan activities each month.

Since the big mall event, Manatee Lanes in Crystal River hosted a Friday Night Done Right Vertiglo Bowl Night on May 1, 2015 offering a reduced rate if 50 or more teens showed up. On June 5, the committee hosted a Volley Ball at Liberty Park, attracting another group of teens. **The next event, glow in the dark capture the flag, is this Friday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>, at Whispering Pines Park in Inverness.** 

Plans are underway for events on the First Friday each month. In many communities, this is a night for adult events serving alcohol, but in our community we want to embrace youth activities supporting our youth in stay8ing safe and drug free/

We also partnered with the CCSO to promote Parents **Who Host, Lose the Most.** Board members, Det. John Novy with the CCSO and Aileen David, with Eckerd, developed a short video that was then posted to both the ADC and CCSO Facebook Pages. To date there have been 3,500 views. Just search Anti-Drug Coalition of Citrus County on Facebook to check out the video or click here:

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# CLAY ACTION COALITION PARTICIPATES IN STUDENT HEALTH FAIR AT MIDDLEBURG HIGH SCHOOL TO INTRODUCE FRIDAY NIGHT DONE RIGHT CAMPAIGN TO STUDENTS

On Friday, May 15, 2015 CAC participated in a Student Health Fair at Middleburg High School. This event is held each year at an alternating high school to introduce healthy lifestyles choices to students in grades 9-12. CAC has participated in this event since its inception in 2012. This year we used the event to introduce the Friday Night Done Right campaign to MHS students by handing out materials and talking with students about the campaign concept. We were not permitted to survey the students during the event but were able to talk with students to gauge their understanding of the campaign. Most students understood and approved of the campaign message. Based on feedback from event coordinators, we estimate that we reached at least 400 students during our time at the event.





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#### DCADC PARTNERS WITH LOCAL SCHOOLS

As the 2014-15 school year comes to a close, the Dixie County Anti-Drug Coalition celebrates a great year with Dixie County Schools, our partners in prevention! Our local community partnerships this year have allowed us to make great strides in the area of prevention!

Superintendent of Schools Mark Rains believes this partnership is key to the success of our youth:

"Dixie District School's students and staff have benefitted tremendously by our relationship with the Dixie County Anti-Drug Coalition. The program has changed many lives for the better and I hope our relationship is strong for many years to come."

Raquel Vanosdol, Assistant Administrator for Dixie Learning Academy also credits the partnership with the Coalition as a great benefit for her students:

"As a long term staff member I know how important it is to our students to be included in community support programs. The coalition helped to bring important awareness as well as a sense of self and self-worth to our DCLA students. Our staff and students are looking forward to our continued collaborations to ensure that Dixie's children are given every opportunity to achieve success that will last a lifetime."

Here are just a few highlights of DCADC's partnership with our Dixie Schools this year:

- Know the Law- 400 students reached in 3 Dixie Schools: DCHS, RRMS and DCLA
- Reality Tour-40 participants
- DCHS SWAT Twilight Run Partner
- April Alcohol Awareness Poster Contest: (RRMS, DCHS & DCLA: 48 entries)
- Quarterly Newsletters to students: DCHS, RRMS, OTES, AES, DCLA & Dixie Cub House (2,200 students)
- Mental Health First Aid Class
- Hee Haw Program sponsor
- Homecoming Game: Synthetic Drug Survey & Gator Ticket Giveaway

To our Dixie School Partners, DCADC would like to say:

"THANK YOU for doing your part for a drug-free Dixie!"

# **Drug Free Duval (Safe and Healthy Duval Coalition)- Duval County**

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#### JAX NATURAL HIGH- PRESENTED BY YOUTH. FOR YOUTH

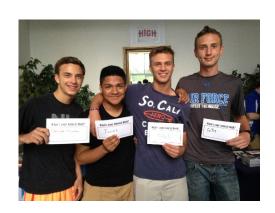
By: Melanie Bright

On April 10, 2015, approximately 1,200 youth filed into the seats at Parkwood Baptist Church to learn about their Natural High in an innovative and unconventional way. Rather than sitting in a classroom and educating students in small groups, we took advantage of a partnership with Youth Quake Live and reached a massive number of kids at once.

Youth Quake Live is a local organization that hosts eight, SNL style, skit shows a year. Each show focuses on a topic that our youth grapple with, and the Natural High show addressed drugs and alcohol. All of the work presented is original...completely written, costumed, staged and performed by the youth.

After planning, the Youth Quake Live team encapsulated the Natural High message into a full-length stage show, titled "Alternate Endings." The students were presented with several real-life type skits...starting with light and humorous, and moving into challenging and tough. With every skit, alternate endings were provided...and choosing your natural high was offered as an alternative to risk behaviors. During the show, DFD was offered the opportunity to talk about Natural High, and the freedom that choosing NH represents. There were numerous volunteers who delivered Natural High curriculum to designated Youth Leaders at a strategic time during the performance.

To follow up on this tremendous opportunity and partnership, Youth Quake Live provided Drug Free Duval with the data base of 48 youth leaders and youth groups in our city. The event served as a launching pad for DFD to swarm the city of Jacksonville with Natural High training, events, social media...and positive re-enforcement to get our youth excited about embracing their Natural High!







# **Focus on Flagler Coalition- Flagler County**

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HUD'S NATIONAL FATHER'S DAY CELEBRATION IS BEING RECOGNIZED LOCALLY IN FLAGLER COUNTY In March 2015, Focus on Flagler Youth Coalition was requested to join with the Flagler County Housing Authority

and the G.W. Carver Community Center located in the Bunnell to plan and implement a local celebration of HUD's National Father's Day. HUD's National Father's Day is a project designed to strengthen and empower families and honor fathers and individuals serving in the capacity of fathers and their children.

At the March 2015 meeting of the Focus on Flagler Youth Coalition Board of Directors, a new implementation strategy was proposed for the agency to have a presence at the local neighborhood events in the diverse geographic areas of the larger Flagler County community enabling Focus on Flagler Youth Coalition to assure wider distribution of prevention information and to better recruit Coalition membership from all of Flagler County. The invitation to plan and participate in HUD's National Father's Day was indeed timely and has provided an exciting opportunity to form new partnerships.

The initial planning effort began with only four agencies and has grown to include representation from the Bunnell Police Department, the Flagler County Sheriff's Department, Flagler County Health Department, Police Athletic League, the faith based community, Flagler Extension Services, Stewart- Marshman ACT, and others.

Focus on Flagler Youth Coalition has elected to highlight two of our strategies "Parents Who Host Lose the Most" and "Friday Night Done Right", in addition to sponsoring a "putting contest" for the adults and their children.

# Hamilton County Alcohol and other Drug Prevention Coalition- Hamilton County

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#### JENNING TOWN HALL MEETING

The Hamilton County Alcohol and Other Drugs Prevention Coalition held their annual town hall meeting in Jennings FL, to give the community an opportunity to learn about issues in the world of drugs and alcohol abuse, as well as other social issues facing young people today.

Jennings residents attended the meeting which was held at Jennings United Methodist church on March 24th. Grace McDonald, Executive Director of the Coalition welcomed all the guests and explained how the evening would progress. Prayer was led by Mrs. Brenda Carter followed by a Presentation on Drugs and Alcohol by Coalition program coordinator Ms. Emily Lumpkin.

A delicious meal was served which included turkey tetrazzini, tossed salad, yeast rolls, butter, homemade old fashion pound cake, multi-layered chocolate cake and iced tea.

Shortly after everyone was finished with their meals. We began breakout sessions. Which included: **Prescription Drug Abuse and Drug Take Back Day**-Deputy Tim Murphy, Drug Task Force, and Hamilton County Sheriff's Office. **Alcohol /Drug Treatment-**Ms. Karyn Elliott, Meridian Behavioral health. **Juvenile Drug /Crime Issues** Mr. Tom Witt. **Binge Drinking/Marijuana** Sgt. Emily Lumpkin, Program Coordinator. **Counter Marketing Retail Point of Sales Marketing-** Ms. Shauna Adams-Farries, Tobacco Prevention Specialist, Swat Members. **Chronic Diseases Issues-**Ms. Nancy Sult, D.O.N., Hamilton County Health Department. **Domestic Violence-**Mrs. Annise Smith, Another Way. **Teen Pregnancy-**Mrs. Elizabeth Mitchell, School Social Worker. The Participants were able to attend 3 twelve minutes sessions of their choice and ask questions.

The Hamilton County Sheriff's Explorers assisted with this event. By helping with the set-up and clean-up after everything was over.

Underage drinking, marijuana, synthetic marijuana issues were addressed, as well as other issues that are affecting our young people and ultimately our entire population.

Before the evening was over, guest filled out an evaluation form of the program and 10 people got to take home some wonderful door prizes.

The Meeting was a great success and everyone that attended seemed to have gained better knowledge in the sessions they attended and stated how much they enjoyed the event.

# **Hernando Community Coalition- Hernando County**

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#### FRIDAY NIGHT DONE RIGHT ACTIVE IN HERNANDO COUNTY

Friday Night Done Right- No Alcohol. No Dope. is booming this summer in Hernando County. The social norming campaign spreads the message most teens do not use alcohol and other drugs to have fun and includes an event component that provides alcohol and drug free activities for your youth in different areas of our community. Here is a glance at our past few months activities, and don't miss the upcoming events at the YMCA!

- April 17, 2015- Springstead High School- Ultimate Frisbee Tournament
- April 17, 2015, Weeki Wachee Food Truck Fiesta
- April 18, 2015-Dodge Ball Tournament
- May 1, 2015- JD Floyd K-8 Color Run-6, 7, and 8 Grade
- May 1, 2015- Fox Chapel Middle School Family Game Night – 30 families

- May 15, 2015- Winding Waters K8 FNDR Inflatable Carnival/3000+
- May 15, 2015- Powell Middle School Teachers Vs. Student Basketball Kickball
- June 26, 2015- YMCA- Cornhole Tournament

#### **UPCOMING FRIDAY NIGHT DONE RIGHT EVENTS AT THE YMCA!**

LOCATION: HERNANDO COUNTY YMCA - 1300 Mariner Blvd., Spring Hill

CONTACT: ymcasuncoast.org/hernando 352-688-9622



Ultimate Frisbee is on tap when teens from across the county get together for Friday Night Done Right! Of course, there will be basketball among the other activities, and there will be giveaways and snacks. Since most Hernando County teens — 94 percent — don't drink alcohol when hanging out with friends, you can be sure this will be a safe environment to hang out and have fun! Come join us!

WHEN: Friday, July 10, 7 p.m.

Join us for Thursday night fun! If you're at least 16 years old, come on down for this free event, open to the community. For four Thursdays in June and July, it'll be something fun for everyone!

> July 2: Sand Volleyball (meet on the court) July 9: Wiffle Ball (meet on the field)

> > TIME: 6:30 p.m.

Fun and Games for the whole family! Join us for activities including Giant Jenga, basketball shoot out, sand volleyball, kickball, corn hole and so much more!

WHEN: Thursday, July 16, 6:30 p.m. Meet on the basketball court.

COST: FREE and open to the public!





# Safe Climate Coalition of Lake County, Inc.- Lake County

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#### FRIDAY NIGHT DONE RIGHT IS EXPANDING

Safe Climate Coalition of Lake County DBA Be Free Lake is excited to share the expansion of the Friday Night Done Right Campaign! For the past 4 years, the Coalition has offered a social norming campaign at Leesburg High School. This past year, the Coalition offered the Friday Night Done Right Campaign. Usually during the summer months, the campaign is discontinued as school is not in session. This summer, the Boys and Girls Club of Lake and Sumter Counties is partnering with the Coalition to offer this campaign in five club locations. This has been a great expansion of the Campaign affecting almost 2000 children. This enhancement has increased the number of posters carrying the message of "no alcohol, no dope" throughout Lake County and reaching all parts of the county! In addition to the posters, each club site will have the opportunity to offer evening events

that are drug free activities. The campaign focuses on things teens would prefer to do on a Friday Night rather than drink or do drugs. Training was provided to all the Boys and Girls Club site coordinators and operations manager.

The Friday Night Done Right Campaign works to reach teens, parents and residents by reducing underage substance use and perception of peer use. The program benefits the community because youth substance use is strongly linked to delinquent behaviors, poor school performance and safety issues like impaired driving. Youth who drink before age 15 are five times more likely to develop alcohol issues later in life than those who begin drinking at age 21, which all leads to a huge economic impact on county and city resources. The Social Norms approach is a universal, evidenced-based prevention program and has proven results. Social norms are people's beliefs about the attitudes and behaviors that are normal, acceptable or even expected in a particular social environment. In many situations, one's perception of these norms will greatly influence their behavior. Therefore, when people misperceive the norms - when they inaccurately think an attitude or behavior is more (or less) common than is actually the situation – they may choose to engage in behaviors that are in sync with false norms.

# **Levy County Prevention Coalition- Levy County**

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#### **COALITION UPDATES**

The Levy County Prevention Coalition is proud of its accomplishments during the past fiscal year. Although the Coalition is still growing and building capacity, many objectives and goals were met during the past year. The Coalition, in partnership with the Community Coalition Alliance conducted its first ever Friday Night Done Right event at Bronson Middle/High School, built capacity for rolling out the "Know the Law" curriculum in the upcoming fiscal year, partnered with local law enforcement to conduct compliance checks on local stores, trained over 23 vendors through the Vendor/Merchant training and laid a solid foundation to host its first Town Hall meeting in the new fiscal year. Levy hopes to have great news in the coming months, so stay tuned!



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# **Marion County Children's Alliance- Marion County**

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On behalf of the Marion County Children's Alliance and Community Council Against Substance Abuse, we would like to thankTri-Eagle Sales for being a great partner in preventing underage drinking. Tri Eagle agreed to create a customized We ID alcohol sign for our drug coalition and assist with distribution to 600+ retailers they deliver to.

In addition, Tri Eagle has offered the TIPS for On Premise server training program to help your coalition members learn how to exercise a degree of control within a social drinking environment, how to influence aspects of drinking behavior to encourage responsible drinking, and how to confidently intervene in and resolve troublesome situations. This 2-hour session, which addresses acceptable standards of practice for serving alcohol beverages in restaurants and bars, on Monday, August 17, from 12pm-2pm at Tri-Eagle Sales, 1314 SW 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Ocala, FL 34471. If you would like to learn more about the TIPS program, please visit the TIPS website at http://www.gettips.com/.

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#### NACDAC AND BEN BYRNS FOUNDATION RAISE AWARENESS- "NATURAL HIGH"

NACDAC in partnership with the Ben Byrns Foundation has created a new 30 second Public Service Announcement (PSA) around the issue of youth finding their "Natural High". As a community partner the Ben Byrns Foundation utilized our local Teens for Change students and Ben's friends to talk about what they get "high" doing without drugs and alcohol. This PSA is the second of four that will run through 2015 at the new movie theatre in Nassau County before the beginning of every movie. The coalition has been granted permission to collect intercept survey data after the PSA is on screen for 45 days and then again when it ends. The next installments of PSAs will include one for "Parents who Host" and another for educating on dangers of alcohol and drug use. The PSAs are geared to empowering youth, positive messaging and education for everyone in Nassau County.

In February 2012 the Byrns lost their only son to prescription drugs at the age of 20. Their foundation is committed to help educate youth on the harmful effects of prescription drugs and encourage positive lifestyle choices. www.BenByrns.com

Please use this link to view our PSA: https://youtu.be/xeX-e38fhyY (draft w/o credits)

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#### KNOW THE LAW

Putnam County Community Alliance and Anti-Drug Coalition have recruited two more partners to provide Know the Law for local students. Over the last month, the PCCA has been working with the school district to prepare for a Know the Law rollout early in the 2015-2016 school year. However, two programs have signed on to provide Know the Law to middle and high school students over the summer. CDS Behavioral Healthcare, the local Interface shelter, and the Databusters



program with Northeast Florida Community Action Agency have both come to the table asking to provide Know the Law to shelter residents and Databusters participants. These are students that fall into high-risk categories due to socio-economic factors, and the PCCA is proud to have them come aboard.

# **PACT Prevention Coalition of St. Johns County- St. Johns County**

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#### PACT's Teens For Change Club at Gamble Rogers Middle School was a major success this school year!

Teaming up with Nancy King, a middle school teacher, PACT was able to collaborate with the WEB (Where Everyone Belongs) leaders and 6th grade students. Just like the club, WEB was new at Gamble Rogers, and was serving as a pilot program for the entire St. Johns County School District. Ms. King is an outstanding teacher and her passion for joining efforts with PACT was central to the success of our combined programs. She is a visionary instructor, who cares deeply that efforts are made for every student to realize their self worth and stretch to attain new goals. It was very rewarding to see how this new middle school mentoring program fit in so well with the Teens for Change Club, which was also in its first year of operation. Enthusiasm, vision, and flexibility led to a great partnership between the new program and the new club!

Since the Teens for Change Club was held during the school day, we were able to manage a rotation that involved getting a large percentage of the 6th grade students involved with at least three club meetings. Teens For Change did projects once a month, focusing on making healthy choices and staying on track to achieve future goals. We took on both national campaigns like Red Ribbon Week and Kick Butts Day, as well as creative lessons on priorities and self- image planned and presented by our own staff coordinator, Bridget Heenan.

Two main evidence based programs that were used were Friday Night Done Right and Natural High. While Friday Night Done Right consisted of hanging up posters at school dances and having interested attendees sign a pledge card to stay drug and alcohol free, Natural High was used in the classroom by showing students Natural High videos. Discussions afterward each video presentation helped students explore and identify their own natural high. Then this was followed with a project such as painting and displaying individual flags, each stating a students' natural high in life.

PACT also utilized the clubs to host Teen Speak Programs during the school year, where Pedro Menendez High School students came in to talk to the middle



schoolers on making right choices and how to handle peer pressure related to alcohol and drugs. Key to this was helping the students with refusal skills that they would be comfortable with when offered alcohol or marijuana, the major concerns at the middle school level. We are extremely excited to meet Gamble Roger's new Teens For Change group in the fall which will take place on both Wednesdays and Thursdays. Caption: Hannah Kilbride, a junior at Pedro Menendez High School, speaks to the Teens for Change Club about making positive, alcohol and drug free choices

## One Voice for Volusia-Volusia County

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#### ONE VOICE FOR VOLUSIA'S FRIDAY NIGHT DONE RIGHT EVENT

On April 17, 2015 One Voice for Volusia hosted its inaugural **Friday Night Done Right** event at Jackie Robinson baseball stadium in Daytona Beach, FL. This game was the Friday night season opening home game for the Daytona Tortugas Baseball team and had over 1,400 people in attendance. Through the event's 15 sponsors, we were able to donate over 750 tickets to the game to the youth in our community to celebrate their **Friday Night Done Right!** During the pregame activities our sponsors set up booths to promote their cause and mingle with the attendees, and everyone who attended received a program insert with the **Friday Night Done Right** mission described and our sponsors listed. One Voice for Volusia hosted a small ceremony where 15 nominated youth were honored for their hard work and positive impact they have made in our community. Daytona Beach Mayor Derrick Henry, City Commissioner Kelly White, and School Board member Ida Wright spoke during the ceremony singing their praises and words of encouragement to all youth in attendance. The Boys and Girls Club of Volusia-Flagler Counties' Youth of the Year threw out the first pitch and then were joined on the field by all of the nominated youth who stood with the Tortugas players during the national anthem and presenting of the flags performed by the local high school's color guard. This event was a great success and One Voice is extremely thankful for everyone who made it a **Friday Night Done Right!** 





