Another rockin’ year for SADD Mansonville

Katharine Switzer launches global 261 Fearless, Inc. for women world wide

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A: 261 happened organically. About three years ago, people from around the world began sending photos of wearing 261 race bibs on their backs despite what they wore on their front. They said it made them feel fearless because of what I did in Boston in 1967, running with that bib number and finishing despite being attacked by the race official (who tried to physically remove Switzer with that bib number) and finishing despite the many more women into the world of running. We are able to thank our ambassadors with special deals from our partners.

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Q: How successful is the group?
A: These women truly are the trail blazers who will assist 261 Fearless bring running to women all over the world, even to areas and countries where women have few rights and less opportunities - the internet and cell phones will allow us to connect with 261 Fearless communities to these more remote areas to occur.

Q: Where do you see this movement in the next year?
A: This first year is a tough year, starting up always is. But in one year, we will have private grants and endowments to keep our team afloat, and at least one major sponsor, and we predict 100 certified trainers, 50 new clubs, 50 partner clubs and 25 Partner events throughout the globe... ballpark!

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The Scoop
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Since 1987, the Mansonville chapter of Students Against Destructive Decisions has been going strong in Potton. Nine hardworking young people from aged between 12 and 18 make up the 2015-16 board of directors. This committee initiates, organizes, hosts and raises funds for a variety of events in the community throughout the year.

Last Saturday, the nine SADD members collaborated with some of the members of the Former Youth Involvement committee, older youth volunteers who still contribute greatly to the community throughout the year.

The top fundraisers were Norma Clifton, Natasha Charby, Alexander Cardinal, Cassidy Chapman, Alexandra Charby, Natasha Charby, Alexander Fidler. Dawa-

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Q: How are you getting the word out?
A: Ambassadors, Events, Clubs, mass social media. Also, we are partnering with other clubs and with events.

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A Runner’s Mind
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Q: What do you hope to achieve?
A: (We) will come to the Americas, Europe, Africa, Asia, Scandinavia and Australia and New Zealand in 2016 and grow in Great Britain and central Europe. As we create our state of the art website that will boast multiple safe portals for women to become members and communicate privately, we will begin our global reach to areas where women have fewer rights and less opportunities - the internet and cell phones will allow us to connect with 261 Fearless communities to these more remote areas to occur.

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