

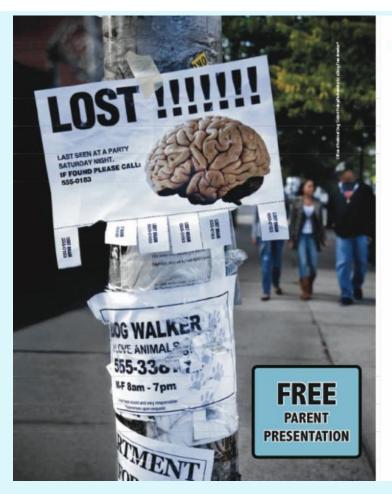
Dear Maria,

What would you guess is the biggest day for underage drinking of the year? New Year's Eve? Spring break? Would you believe according to the National Center on Addictions and Substance Abuse, more young people drink on the day before Thanksgiving than on any other day of the year.

As adults are in a rush to get ready for the feast, they often overlook the fact that their homes are stocked with an assortment of alcohol for the holidays. And as older friends and siblings come from college for Thanksgiving and want to "party" with their friends, it is also a dangerous time for our young adults.

The Fountain Hills Coalition urges parents and adults to help their teens have a safe, alcohol-free holiday season. Here's what you can do:

- Offer to host non-alcohol and drug-free gatherings for kids
- Monitor or lock up alcohol in the home
- Call ahead when your teen is going to a party and ask who will be supervising and if alcohol will be served. If you are hosting the party, welcome calls from other parents to discuss the event. Use the Coalition's Safe Homes Network Mobile App.
- If you know of an underage drinking party in Fountain Hills, use Text-A-Tip to report it.



CAFFEINE TO COCAINE: WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE IN THE BRAIN?

Dr. Stephen Dewey

Leading Authority on Brain Science and Substance Abuse

Monday, November 17 8:00am

Desert Canyon Golf Club 10440 N Indian Wells Drive

Complimentary Breakfast 7:30-9:00am



\$500 WINNER!



Coalition Board Member Dwight Johnson (L) with Shane Chalmers and Program Manager, Maria Perreault

Congratulations to Shane Chalmers, winner of the \$500 drawing at the FHHS football game on October 31st! Be on the lookout for us at upcoming high school sporting events for your chance to win!

FH Middle School announces 2014-2015 ABOVE THAT CLUB Officers

The Coalition founded and sponsors the Above That Club and other school activities designed to build upon refusal skills of students and minimize risky behavior and choices.

The Above That Club is an extracurricular program open to sixth through eighthgraders at FHMS. The Club meets bi-weekly to discuss and role play ways to stay above the negative influences of alcohol and drugs in addition to playing games and having fun.



From left: Christian Stein, Vice-President; Marcus Fonville and Gina Woods, co-Presidents; Hannah Barsema, Secretary