



## Community Services

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As we enjoy the summer, it is certainly the time for club leaders to identify exactly what service projects the club accomplished so far.

I pose the question – did you do any new projects or did you continue to perform the “old tried and true” ones?

In training sessions – we suggest that leaders (and club members alike) look outside the box.

Try to create new ways to provide Community Service.

You may attract a new audience, and interest club members who are not now included in your regular projects. We also suggested that if you are comfortable with a regular community service and are successful with it – to do it again within the year. Is it impossible to have TWO car washes, TWO Pancake breakfasts or TWO Pasta dinners? What about TWO bowling afternoons?

Have you considered the inclusion of a nearby club to stretch the box. With the resources of two clubs, almost any project can be attempted and successfully concluded - I think this is a great way to hold BLOOD DRIVES by sharing the load with another club- Two groups acting together will insure the Drive would be a ‘home run’ and provide anxiously needed blood.

Remember – clubs need to perform community services to be given Distinguished status. There are only a few months left in this administration and you should reflect on what you have done. It is not too late to develop a service project this year.

Canvas your members at the next meeting and ask them what would they like to do. Set up committees and go for it.

I ask you especially to think about doing successful projects a “second time” this year.

There are many people counting on you, your club and those community service projects you perform – so keep positive attitude and think “outside the box” MAKE A DIFFERENCE – IT COUNTS! Are you a member or are you a Kiwanian?

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Let’s show International President Dave Curry what the New York District is made of on August 20th, by honoring him with 200 new members. As Governor Don mentioned in his article, what a tribute it would be to a Gentleman that has given so much of his time and talent to serve the children of the world and to grace us with his presents as he visits the New York District for a second time. The true gift will stay in the New York District with 200 new members. Just think of the additional children we can serve.

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[www.kiwanis-ny.org](http://www.kiwanis-ny.org)

# US and Canada Toast Friendship

The PLATTSBURGH BREAKFAST Kiwanis Club, Adirondack Division – met with members from the Montreal St George Kiwanis Club at the St James Club in Montreal to observe Canada-United States Goodwill Week This annual celebration focused on the nearly two centuries that Canada and the US have lived together in peace.

In 1921, Kiwanis International adopted a resolution to celebrate the signing of the Rush-Bagot Treaty in 1817. In short, “The treaty provided for the demilitarization of the Great Lakes and Lake Champlain, where many British naval armaments and forts still remained. The treaty laid the basis for a demilitarized boundary between the US and British North America. Kiwanis received greater public recognition and commendation through this resolution than any other good deed. The values in international goodwill and friendship are inestimable.

In a time of passport discussions and policy changes, Canada-United States Goodwill Week observances reaffirm and further build upon our continued camaraderie. The photo on right, depicts such a relationship between Kiwanis members across borders. In 1935, Kiwanis erected the first peace marker along the common border at the Ambassador Bridge between Detroit and Windsor. The establishment of thirty-five Kiwanis peace



Plattsburgh Breakfast Kiwanians Tony Moran, Bob Turoff, DPLG Helen Chauvin, Nicole Guy (Canadian Kiwanian) and Bonnie Fenwick, (88-89 Lt Gov Designate) toast in celebration of the friendship between our countries.

markers along the common border now exist including the one depicted which is located at the LaColle crossing. There are also two peace markers not on the border that are located in Washington DC and Mount Eisenhower (near Banff) in the Canadian Rockies. Each marker

bears the inscription “This unfortified Boundary Line between the Dominion of Canada and the United States of America should quicken the remembrance of the more than a century of old friendship between these two countries – a lesson of peace to all nations.”

# BWS Sends Troupes Caring Paks

BRONX WESTCHESTER SOUTH DIVISION – Members of the Bronx Westchester South Division Kiwanis Family recently sent over fifty care packages to men and women of the United States Armed Services serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. The project was launched at a Kiwanis Family Divisional in November. In February, over 100 Kiwanis, Key Club, and Circle K members, representing nearly every K-family club in the division, gathered for an Interfaith Prayer Breakfast. Members of the Kiwanis family in the Bronx and Southern Westchester brought items for care packages to the breakfast and worked together to prepare over fifty packages filled with snacks, sports equipment, toiletry items, and letters. Soldier names and care package requests were obtained through the 501 c (3) non-profit organization – A Soldiers Wish List ([www.asoldierswishlist.org](http://www.asoldierswishlist.org)).

