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 markers along the common border now exist including the one depicted which is located at the LaCelle crossing. There are also two peace markers not on the border that are located in Washington DC and Mount Eisenhower (near Banty) 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 Troups 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).

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

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