Four Districts Celebrate Canadian American Goodwill Day

Above: Sharing Kiwanis fellowship are from left, Int’l Trustee Mark Rabout, PG Tom DeJulio, and Lt.Governor Ken Bell. Kiwanians representing four districts of Kiwanis International recently celebrated Canadian American Goodwill Day in St. Catharines, Ontario. Over thirty New Yorkers from several different clubs in the Niagara Frontier and Genesee divisions were led by New York Past Governors Tom DeJulio, Jim Yochum, and Justin Underwood and First Lady Joanne.

Travelling over the Peace Bridge to celebrate the annual event, New York Kiwanians were greeted by their Canadian hosts and joined by Kiwanians from the Michigan and Pennsylvania districts. The annual Kiwanis event affirmed the friendship with Kiwanians in Canada while celebrating the anniversary of the Rush Bagot Treaty of 1817 which launched 1600 miles of “peaceful” boundary between the United States and Canada without the use of warships and forts.

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Chester Member Collects 10,568 Cards for Kids

Inaugural Collins of the Chester Kiwanis Club of Orange County NY collected 10,568 Christmas cards and sent them to St. Jude’s Ranch for children who then make them into Christmas cards and sell them for their fundraiser for the school. The Ranch for Children is located in Boulder City NV. This is a yearly project done by the Chester Kiwanis family to work together to clear the drainage canal.

NYC Young Professionals, Hunter College and NYU Circle K and Bronx Science, Stuyvesant, and the HS for Math, Science & Engineering Key Clubs Join Forces in a Spring Cleanup Day Project

NYC Young Professionals, Metropolitan Division – On Saturday, May 1, approximately 35 K-Family members from all over the New York City metropolitan area participated in a Divisional project on behalf of New York Cares by taking part in its annual Spring Cleanup Day.

Members of the Kiwanis Club of NYC Young Professionals, Circle K Clubs of Hunter College and NYU, and Key Clubs of Bronx Science, Stuyvesant, and the HS for Math, Science & Engineering gathered at Inwood Hill Park in upper Manhattan for a day of hard labor and K-Family service and fellowship, according to Young Professionals President Kevin Dean.

Inwood Hill Park is a stunning refuge at the confluence of the Harlem and Hudson Rivers at the extreme northern tip of Manhattan, and is the second largest park in Manhattan, after Central Park. New York Cares, one of the most prolific service organizations in the metropolitan area, holds this annual Spring Cleanup to work in parks and schools where important needs would otherwise go unmet due to a lack of manpower and resources. “It was a beautiful day, an idyllic setting, and an unqualified success,” stated Dean. “We cleaned out approximately 500 yards of a drainage channel that had been clogged by five years worth of leaves, mud and debris. Nearly half of the workforce at the site were K-Family members, so the task might not have been completed were it not for the cooperation of so many different clubs. Despite a few blisters, we all had a great time.”

NYC Cares Site Captain and Kiwanian Diane Taranto was an integral part of the effort, in addition, participating in a third capacity as Faculty Advisor of the Hunter College Circle K. Circle K Empire Division Lt. Governor, Maria Ryklin, also took part, along with Key Club Division 11 Lt. Gov. Nicole Pedi.

Dean observed, “We had club presidents, divisional officers, Faculty and Kiwanians and many general members participating. Rarely do you see such a broad spectrum of the K-Family at work together, side by side. It was quite inspirational.” From planning to completion, the K-Family members collectively contributed approximately 250 service hours in this effort.

LISC Honors Ethel Gilloon For Service

The LONG ISLAND SOUTHWEST Division and friends honored Distinguished Past Lt. Governor Ethel Gilloon with a full house testimonial. In attendance was IPG Justin and First Lady Joanne Underwood, as well as fellow PLGs on the 2002/2003 Board.

“We would not have missed this for the world,” noted LISC IPLG Kevin Regan, and VP of the Past Lt. Governors Council. “Ethel did so much for so many during her term as Lt. Governor, that it was fitting that such a classy person was honored in a classy venue by so many Kiwanians who are proud to know her,”

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Middle right photos: PG Tom DeJulio presents a philatelic plaque commemorating the Peace Bridge to St. Catharines Central Kiwanis Club President Fred Bolton, and speaks about the recent passing of the Past Governor of the Eastern Canada and Caribbean District Governor John Fortin who led a large group of Canadian Kiwanians to Watertown New York in 1997.

An impressive column of workers from the Kiwanian family work together to clear the drainage canal.

Dr. Seltzer Honored

The Kiwanis Club of the Five Towns has named Dr. Freddy Seltzer Kiwanian of the Year. Many Kiwanians, relatives and friends celebrated Freddy’s many contributions to Kiwanis. DPLG Freddy was distinguished twice as President of the Five Towns Club. He was honored for all the hard work he did and continues to do on behalf of Kiwanis and the children.

Pictured L-R: DPLG Danny “D” Ditkowich, DPLG Dr. Freddy Seltzer, DPP Marty Schwartz, David Vines and DPLG Rick “WHO” Levine.

Dr. Crispino Named Kiwanian of the Year

Above left: DPLG Ed “Woody” Ryder, LH, Queens West IPLG Jerry Schneider, honoree LSW DPLG Ethel Gilloon, IPG Justin Underwood; Metropolitan DPLG George Dorry, LISC IPLG Kevin Regan and Barbara-Anne Ryder.

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