

Connections

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE CANADIAN-AMERICAN CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE - DELAWARE VALLEY

CROSS-BORDER HEALTHCARE IS IMPATIENTLY AWAITING!

The **Supreme Court of Canada** challenged universal healthcare by striking down a **Québec** law banning private insurance for services covered under **Medicare**. The justices took over a year to rule in an 8 year-old case where **George Zeliotis** of Montréal tried to use private insurance for hip replacement surgery rather than wait for treatment at a public hospital. He suffered pain and became addicted to pain killers during a one-year wait, and should have been "allowed to pay for faster service." **A.J. Schumacher**, President of the **Canadian Medical Association (CMA)**, said the ruling "could substantially change the very foundation of Medicare as we know it." The **Canada Health Act** (1984) affirmed the Federal government's commitment to provide mostly free healthcare to all, including the more than 200,000 immigrants arriving each year. In anticipation, **BlueCross/Blue Shield** is already incorporated and renting space in a Toronto skyscraper.

Philly Floor Map is Canadian.

Folia Industries Inc., Huntington QC, has produced the very popular scuff-resistant, permanent, digitally-printed "street-by-street" reproduction of **Philadelphia** at the entrance of the **Atwater-Kent Museum**, 15 S. 7th Street, 215/685-4830. **Chris Davis**, Deputy Director of Development and Operations, describes the map as "incredible." She recently co-hosted, with the **International Visitors Council**, Canadian and other international students at a monthly event called "First Friday."

SECTOR SPOTLIGHT: **HEALTHCARE.**

Canada to the Del Valley: \$ 0.35 billion (2004);
Del Valley to Canada: \$ 0.01 billion (2004).

JULY, 2005

UPcoming Events

HAPPY CANADA DAY! CELEBRATION

The 138th Anniversary of Confederation at Charlottetown,
Prince Edward Island, 1867.

Friday, July 1, 2005

5:00 p.m.

Reception

The Prime Rib, 17th and Locust Streets, Philadelphia
Open bar. RSVP to 215/547-2005

HAPPY 4TH OF JULY

To our American members, friends and allies: God Bless
America on your 229th Anniversary!

S.M.A.R.T. WORLD TRADE FORUM

Sponsored by the Smart States (Pennsylvania, Delaware,
New Jersey and Maryland) consortium in which the
CanAm Chamber is a Member and Presenter

Thursday, July 9, 2005

1:00 p.m.

Meeting and reception

The World Trade Center, Baltimore

DOING BUSINESS IN CANADA

A How-To program conducted by the CanAm Chamber
Director Vincent Mallardi, C.M.C.

Tuesday, August 31, 2005

11:30 a.m.

Program and luncheon

The Engineers Club of Baltimore

Wednesday, September 1, 2005

11:30 a.m.

The University and Whist Club,
Wilmington DE

\$ 35/person with RSVP to 215/546-2005

TRADE AND INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES

MISSION TO ONTARIO

The Second 2005 Trade Mission conducted by the CanAm
Chamber to Region Niagara and Greater Toronto.

Tuesday-Thursday, September 6-8, 2005

\$ 1,200/person

Reservations must be made by August 15, 2005.

keep these dates

September 20-22, 2005 - INCOMING TRADE MISSION FROM CANADA TO PHILADELPHIA

October 19, 2005 - CANADA-U.S. BUSINESS LAW SEMINAR

November 16, 2005 - TOURISM TO/FROM CANADA AND THE MID-ATLANTIC U.S.

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SHOW BIZ AND POLITICS ARE ENTERTAINING: "LIVE 8" TAKES A "CHEAP" SHOT AT CANADA.

On the eve of the eight rock concerts that will run simultaneously tomorrow, July 2, the promoter is giving our Prime Minister **Paul Martin** a percussively hard time. This week, Mr. Martin was goaded into a press-conference response (something rare for the PM) to remarks by Live-8's **Bob Geldof** that Canada is a "lightweight in foreign aid." Citing that all but three of the **G8** countries have agreed to a foreign aid target of 0.7% of G.D.P. by 2015, Mr. Geldof said the U.S. will "hide behind its smaller northern neighbour" if Canada fails to agree to the target. Mr. Martin countered that no country should set "grand and glorious targets a long way out" when the politicians promising them will have long been gone. He compared the "emptiness" of such actions to the failure by signatories to the **Kyoto** accord to get those targets implemented. "Set achievable targets in the short-term," he implored. Meanwhile, Finance Minister **Ralph Goodale** remarked that Canada presently provides \$ 3B in foreign aid, and that at 0.7% of GDP this figure would have to increase past \$ 7B immediately and to over \$ 15B at the projected growth to 2015. Mr. Geldof, though, believes that Canada has to take the "moral lead" because it is the only G8 nation with a Federal budget surplus. The U.S. and Japan are the other holdouts, and are *not* expected to sign on to the target at this month's G8 Summit at **Gleneagles**, Scotland. Russia, by the way, is not being asked to project a target So, enjoy the concerts tomorrow in **Barrie** ON (100 km north of Toronto on the way to "Cottage Country") and, of course, here at the magnificent **Art Museum** on the Parkway in **Philadelphia!**

BIOTECH SHOW IN PHILLY A BIG SUCCESS - IN CANADA! At last month's **Biotechnology** show in Philadelphia, the second largest exhibitor behind **Pennsylvania** was Canada! Thirty companies, ten provinces and numerous trade associations joined together to put on a good show. We had Mounties and a stuffed polar bear to keep up our stereotypes. Our few hundred delegates liked Philly and many said they'll come back this Summer on vacation! The party aboard the 19th Century ship, **Moshulu**, was four-stars like the restaurant, and we would have sunk by our weight and number if not for the fact the ship is stationary. Agreeat job by **David Weiner**, Consul of Canada in Philadelphia and the other organizers.

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