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A Message from Your Best Friends at the 4th of July.

There are many comments of compliment to Americans at this time of year. One was made this past week, on Wednesday, June 28th. The Premier of **Alberta** spoke at the Alberta Gala in Washington DC. Excerpts of his message follow:

The word "neighbor" has a special meaning in **Alberta**. It means mutual reliance, shared opportunity, and the strength of partnership to meet challenges and realize our shared potential. For 101 years, since Alberta became a province in 1905, we have looked on the **United States** as a neighbor, and worked to develop that special relationship. As a result, the US. is Alberta's largest trading partner. We are the single largest supplier of oil and natural gas to American consumers. Two-thirds of our province's foreign investment comes from Americans who, from the beginning, knew our potential, and believe in it.

Hon. Ralph Klein
Premier of Alberta

Travel to Canada this Summer.

The best venues and values are next door in the True North. Before you plan your trip, however, go to the website of the **Canadian Tourism Commission**. It covers often-asked questions such as the need for a vet's certificate for your pets, etc.

canadatransport.com Our **CanAm** members recommend the following one week or longer Summer trips by car: #1- **Maritimes** - Drive to Bar Harbor ME, book the ferry to Yarmouth NS. From there do the east coast, Halifax, a ferry to P.E.I., returning on the Centennial Bridge to and through New Brunswick.. #2- **Québec** - Drive to Montréal, stay in the Old City and continue one-way on the north shore of the St. Lawrence River to Québec City or beyond, returning along the south shore. #3- **Ontario** - Drive to Niagara, tour the wineries, then on to Toronto, the Cottage Country and Ottawa, returning through the Thousand Islands.

UPcoming Events

CANADA DAY: THE 140TH ANNIVERSARY OF CONFEDERATION

The Observance and a Reflection on
how far we've come in 139 years since Confederation,
peacefully and with honour.

Saturday, July 1, 2006

CIRQUE DE SOLIEL OPENING OF "QUIDAM" ON THE AVENUE OF THE ARTS

This CanAm member is a world entertainmnet favourite,
and will be in town for six weeks.

Thursday, July 6, 2006 Opening Night, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, August 9, 2006, Canadians Night, 6:30 p.m.

**The Grand Chapiteau, N.E. Corner of South Broad and
Washington Streets, Philadelphia**

\$ 190.00/person includes **Tapis Rouge** seating and
hospitality reception

For all tickets, all dates, go to canamcc.org

GLOBAL INTERDEPENDENCE CENTER 21ST ANNUAL BLACK TIE GALA

Sponsored by CanAm-Member
the Global Interdependence Center.

**Wednesday, July 12, 2006; 6:30 p.m. cocktails,
7:30 p.m. dinner**

**The Four Seasons Hotel, One Logan Square,
Philadelphia**

\$ 350/person. RSVP to 215/898-9453

I.V.C. 20TH ANNUAL BARBEQUE

Sponsored by CanAm-Member
the International Visitors Council (IVC)

Thursday, July 20, 2006; 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Love Park, 15th and JFK Boulevard, Philadelphia

\$ 35/person

keep these dates

October 25, 2006 - PNC BANK'S INTERNATIONAL DEPARTMENT CANAM TRADE BREAKFAST AND SEMINAR

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CANADA'S CITIES ARE RELATIVELY INEXPENSIVE FOR BUSINESS. In the Annual Survey of Costs-of-Living in the largest 144 commercial centres in the world, Canadian cities fared well. Measured against #10-ranked **New York** as an Index=100, **Toronto** ranked #47 at 82.65 on the Index. All other Canadian cities, including **Vancouver** #56, **Calgary** #71, **Montréal** #80 and **Ottawa** #90 were less costly than six of the ten largest U.S. cities, and in the median of four others, including **Washington DC** #83 and **Philadelphia** #102. **Winston-Salem** #124 is the cheapest U.S. city. Globally, **Moscow** is #1 and **Asunción** is #144. Employers use this index to determine compensation for ex-patriot workers.

ONTARIO DIABETES STUDY PUBLISHED IN THE JULY ISSUE OF LANCET. A 4-year study of individuals with and without diabetes, aged 20 and higher was conducted by the **Institute for Clinical Evaluative Sciences**. Among the findings: A person with diabetes has the same risk of cardiovascular disease as someone 15 years older without diabetes. 80% of deaths among diabetics is cardiovascular disease.

88% OF AMERICANS VIEW CANADA FAVOURABLY - BUT the CanAm Business Council, which surveyed 1,000 U.S. citizens, found that only 4% knew that Canada was the #1-supplier of crude oil to the U.S. By the way, 41% said they would pay more for fuel to avoid imports from troubled regions.

Of Note

REMEMBERING CAPT. NICHOLA GODDARD, THE FIRST FALLEN FEMALE CANADIAN SOLDIER IN AFGHANISTAN. There were no American officials at the funeral three weeks ago in **Ottawa**, nor were there any comments from the **Taliban** in **Afghanistan** who killed Capt. Goddard in a roadside ambush. It is dishonourable among **Pashtuns** to kill a woman. "It is also a potent reminder," writes embedded reporter **Geoff York** (in **Kandahar** for the *Globe and Mail*) "of one of Afghanistan's greatest heroines (not as in heroin). **Malalai**, in the Battle of **Maiwand** in 1880, "seized a falling Afghan flag and rallied her countrymen to rise up against **British** invaders." Canada will spend more than \$ 3.5B in military and humanitarian aid by 2009 in the country whose southern neighbour, the **U.S.A.**, invaded five years ago as a response to 9-11. Foreign Affairs Minister **Peter MacKay** made the declaration of continued commitment before the **House of Commons Defence Committee** the same day of Capt. Goddard's internment.

Welcome New Members

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