



The Marquis Project Newsletter

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Announcing The Marquis Project Annual General Meeting 2016

When: Thursday, June 9th, 7:00 PM

Where: Elephant Room, Knowles-Douglas Student Union Building, Brandon University

All members are invited to attend and take part in The Marquis Project Annual General Meeting. This year's AGM will feature a presentation from our Education Facilitator, Samantha Dellezay, and Fair Trade Chair, Mireille Saurette, in addition to regular reports from the treasurer and president.

The AGM is an important time for electing board members and revising by-laws. Any individual or family who has a membership in good standing is entitled to vote at the AGM. Memberships can be paid on the evening of the AGM, by mailing a cheque to P.O. Box 50045 Brandon, MB R7A7E4, or through Paypal on our website at:

www.marquisproject.com

Important update for The Marquis Project by-laws and constitution

At the April 2016 Marquis Project board meeting, the following motion was proposed:

Motion: To approve amending The Marquis Project by-laws to alter the text "A President may serve for no more than two (2) years" to "The President may serve no more than two (2) consecutive terms."

This motion was passed unanimously by the Board of Directors, and as per our constitution requires a vote of the general membership with 2/3 support to be implemented.

Global Citizenship Award Presented!

On February 7, 2016, The Marquis Project was pleased and honored to award one of the founding members of The Marquis Project, David McConkey, with The Global Citizenship Award. We are pleased to still call David an active volunteer and friend of Marquis, and we look forward to many more years of good work and building community from David.



Photo Credit: Al Friesen

Beny visited over 30 groups during the Speaker's Tour.

Beny Mwenda's Trip a Success Thanks to Marquis Members!

We are pleased to update our members that the speaker's tour with Beny Mwenda was a huge success. Beny was able to present to over 30 groups including schools, other non-profits, and a public coffee house hosted by The Marquis Project during his visit in March of 2016.



Mireille Saurette, Drew Caldwell, Beny Mwenda, Brandy Robertson, and Naomi Leadbeater at The Marquis Project coffee event.



Mireille Saurette, Beny Mwenda, and Bryn Rees at The Marquis Project coffee event.



Naomi Leadbeater and Beny Mwenda at The Marquis Project coffee event.



Unknown**, Beny Mwenda, MCIC staff Jane Mychasiw, and MCIC Executive Director Janice Hamilton at MCIC event..

**If this is you or someone you know, please let Marquis know.

The Manitoba Council for International Cooperation hosted a Lunch & Learn at their offices at 280 Smith Street in Winnipeg on Thursday March 17, 2016. Beny Mwenda of TSAEE was the featured speaker with 14 participants from the community, MCIC board members, and MCIC staff attending his presentation on Rural Development in Tanzania.

All photos on this page from Beny's visit courtesy of Dinah Ceplis.

Fair Trade News

**Hundreds of
Fair Trade
products can
be found in
Brandon.**

Obadia Garcia, a producer from Brazil said, "Fairtrade is about social justice, health, education, culture and ecology." Fairtrade is about more than fair pay; it is also about building connections, community investments, and environmental sustainability. Fairtrade empowers producers in developing nations take an active role in determining their futures.

Brandon became Manitoba's second Fair Trade Town on May 20, 2014. The City of Brandon is Canada's 19th Fair Trade Town! There are hundreds of FT products in 20 stores in Brandon.

FT flowers now available at Carolyn's Floral Designs on 18th St.



Photo Credit: Rick Piche

Did you know that you can find:

- 102 different kinds of FT coffee
- 88 different kinds of FT tea
- 74 different kinds of FT chocolate
- 18 different kinds of FT wine

You can also find candy, gum, kombucha, molasses, ice cream, grain products, cereal, oils, flowers, etc.

For a complete listing of products, see the directory or Stores with Fair Trade Products at www.marquisproject.com/fairtrade

Thank you to the Fair Trade Steering Committee members, the City of Brandon, the many stores and restaurants that offer fair trade products, and the various organizations promoting fair trade for their support and collaboration over the last three years.



Beny at Ten Thousand Villages with Tanzanian FT coffee

Photo Credit: Dinah Ceplis

Thank you to Barbara Olmstead!

The Marquis Project would like to express gratitude to Barbara Olmstead for her continued support promoting fair trade in Brandon. Barbara donated funds to a preschool porridge initiative in Tanzania on behalf of the Fair Trade Steering Committee. She has also generously contributed by purchasing fair trade coffee, tea and chocolate for our numerous coffee events throughout the year. In addition, Barb continues to raise awareness about fair trade wherever she goes by talking to store owners and other organizations throughout the city. Thanks Barb!

Photo Credit: Dinah Ceplis





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with the Developing
World*

Stay Connected

Even though we are now debt-free, Marquis continues to rely on your financial support for long term stability. If you are not already a supporting member of Marquis, please consider taking out a membership. Membership fees are a source of reliable income and help us budget wisely. Student - \$15; Regular - \$30; Family - \$60; Supporting - \$120. For further details and online purchase, please visit the Donate page on our website.

Visit our website or join us on Twitter or Facebook for more details on the work of Marquis and updates on the Fair Trade initiatives. If you are receiving this newsletter via Canada Post, please consider sending us your email coordinates so we can simplify the process of staying connected. Thank you!

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Marquis Project Education Exceeds Expectations!

The Marquis Project is pleased to report that we have exceeded the targeted number of students reached through our education initiatives as we wrap up the 2015-2016 school year. Our funding agreement with Manitoba Education calls for reaching 1,200 students per year and Marquis has consistently achieved or surpassed this number in recent years. This year we reached over 3456 students, thanks to our Education Program Facilitator Samantha Dellezay, and guest speakers Beny Mwenda, Blake Hamilton and Naomi Leadbeater.

The Marquis Project is looking forward to the 2016-2017 school year to continue these initiatives throughout Southwest Manitoba.



Photo Credit: Samantha Dellezay

Naomi Leadbeater presenting at Tundra Oil and Gas Place in Virden for the school division's Mini We Day to about 600 students.

New Study Released

The Marquis Project is mentioned a few times in a report recently released on how small and medium-sized Canadian organisations are effecting a difference to make our world a better place. Read the news release about the report here www.ncgc.ca/images/20160509_ICNSMStudyPressRelease.docx and the report from the MCIC website here <http://mcic.ca/news/entry/new-study-examines-the-role-of-small-and-medium-sized-organizations-in-inte>