



## News and Notes from The Marquis Project - February, 2014

### Fair Trade Fridays

The Marquis Project is extending its fall Fair Trade Friday campaign to continue on Fridays throughout the year. Pledge your support at work, at home or even out with friends and choose Fair Trade products. Join us for a special Fair Trade event at **Coffee Culture** in Brandon (501 First Street) on Friday, February 28 from 4 – 6 PM. The event will include a Fair Trade display and draws for Fair Trade products. You can learn more about the Marquis Fair Trade initiatives, including a list of Brandon merchants selling Fair Trade products, by visiting the Marquis website at <http://www.marquisproject.com/?p=856>

### We Are Making a Difference – Fair Trade

Click on the following link to watch the video about the Brandon Fair Trade Town initiative:  
<http://mcic.ca/makingadifference-2014/video/the-city-of-brandon>

The **City of Brandon** is a great supporter of Fair Trade and is on the cusp of becoming the second Fair Trade Town in Manitoba. **Mireille Saurette** of **The Marquis Project** explains how the campaign for Brandon to become a Fair Trade Town came to be, and how close the city is to achieving this status. **Lynn Nightingale of (Ten Thousand Villages)** manages a store that sells a wide range of Fair Trade products, and she explains how people in Manitoba buying Fair Trade products impacts positively on the lives of producers in the Global South. Her Honour **Shari Decter-Hirst, Mayor of Brandon**, describes how Brandon being a Fair Trade Town would show support for new Canadians who come from coffee-growing countries, as well as how city council came to support and champion the initiative.



### Marquis Trivia Night a Great Success!

Fifty six enthusiastic Marquis supporters and trivia buffs packed the second floor dining room at The Dock on Princess on January 17 for a very successful information and fund-raising event. The crowd was organized into competitive teams of four to demonstrate their knowledge of trivia in various categories. The evening included a silent auction and door prizes. Net proceeds of \$1,400 will go towards a Marquis project in Tanzania with local partner Tanzania Society of Agricultural Education and Extension. For more details of the event, images and a list of local businesses and individuals donating silent auction items, visit <http://www.marquisproject.com>.

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Trivia Buffs at The Marquis Project Trivia Night, The Dock on Princess

### **Get Well Wishes for Marquis Treasurer**

As reported in December, Marquis board member and Treasurer, David Gamey, was in hospital due to a serious infection, but was discharged at the end of January. He is currently spending a week with eye specialists in the Misericordia Health Centre in Winnipeg where he is being treated for a related eye infection. Our best wishes to David for a quick and full recovery.

### **End-of-Year Charitable Tax Receipts**

The preparation and distribution of annual charitable tax receipts for donations to Marquis has been delayed this year due to David's health concerns. David is expecting to be back and working on this task by the end of this week. We hope to get receipts out to you shortly. We appreciate your patience.

### **Thanks for your Support**

Thank you to all who have purchased a Marquis Membership and made donations through the year. This is very much appreciated. Marquis is a membership-driven organization and its success depends on your generosity. In the summer of 2013 Marquis converted its long-standing line of credit to a term loan and, thanks to the generosity of our members and supporters, we now have a great start to reducing this debt.

You can send your donations via cheque to Marquis, by signing up for monthly debits to your account, or online through major credit cards or PayPal (see details on the Donate tab on the Marquis website <http://www.marquisproject.com>). You can also view a copy of the Marquis 2012-2013 Fiscal Statement in the Library tab on the website. All donors will receive a charitable tax receipt at year end.

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