



News and Notes from The Marquis Project, December 2013

Marquis Trivia Night

Join us at The Dock on Princess on Friday, *January 17, 2014* for a fun evening of great food, excellent company (including local dignitaries), and a chance to test your brain power. There will also be a silent auction and raffle draw. Cocktails start at 5:30 with dinner to follow at 6:30 pm. Tickets are \$35 (with \$15 charitable tax receipt) and are available from Marquis Board members or by contacting the Marquis office.

Fair Trade Initiatives

Marquis has taken the lead in promoting the City of Brandon as a *Fair Trade Town*. Mayor Decter Hirst and city councillors have given their full support and we anticipate a formal announcement in the New Year. In addition, Marquis initiated a very successful *Fair Trade Fridays* campaign and also created a *Brandon Fair Trade Products Directory*. Thanks to Vice-President *Mireille Saurette* for taking the lead in these initiatives. For more information visit the Community Initiatives page on the Marquis website at <http://www.marquisproject.com>.

Marquis Educational Programming

Thanks to the hard work of Marquis Education Program Facilitator *Samantha Dellezy*, we are enjoying a very successful education program having already reached over 850 students of our goal of 1200 by the end of the school year. In recognition of International Human Rights Day (December 10) Samantha has been facilitating the recently revised *Human Rights – What Would You Do?* scenario-based activity in a number of schools. We are most grateful for the continued financial support from *Manitoba Education* for this important educational work.

Get Well Wishes for Marquis Treasurer

Marquis board member and Treasurer, *David Gamey*, is in hospital at the Brandon Regional Health Centre where he is being treated for a liver infection. Our best wishes to David for a quick and full recovery.

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. 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.

Best wishes for a wonderful holiday season and a Happy New Year!