

Annual Twin Cities International Citizen Awards Gala 2016 Expands Recognition to Educators

The Twin Cities International Citizen Award Gala was held at the Minneapolis Club Tuesday May 10, 2016 to a sold out audience of family, friends, international guests and business associates. The participants celebrated Peg Chamberlin, Kanwaljit Singh and Mandeep Singh, Dr. Samuel Myers, Jr., and Thomson Reuters Corporation. The Gala highlighted individuals whose work has contributed significantly to international understanding, cooperation, friendship and



development. The Gala also recognizes the richness of the Twin Cities' international contributions, concern and commitments in a variety of arenas, including business and trade, research, human rights, agriculture, technology, arts, medicine, education, journalism, hospitality and humanitarian relief as represented through the efforts of the business community. Lastly, the event educates the public about the connections which exist between our local community and the world. All honorees represented these goals through their work and personal commitment to Minnesota and the international community.

International Citizen Award Recipient – Rev. Peg Chamberlin, executive director of the Minnesota Council of Churches, was honored for her long standing achievements and contributions to local communities and international programs through interfaith dialogue and refugee resettlement. **International Immigrant Achievement Award Recipient - Kanwaljit Singh and Mandeep Singh**, owners of International Travel Services, were honored for their many contributions to local immigrant communities and as distinguished professionals in the travel and international hospitality industry. This is just a portion of your professional experience and impressive service to diverse communities where their businesses are located and supporting programs. **International Educators Award Recipient – Dr. Samuel Myers, Jr.**, Roy Wilkins Center University of MN Chair, received the first TCICA Educator's Award as a leading educator in global economic inequality analysis and understanding the challenges of the African Diaspora through the Wilkins Forum. **International Corporate Award Recipient – Thomson Reuters Corporation** was honored as a leader in the World Economic Forum in the global fight against corruption, and for providing libraries in developing countries.

The Republic of South Africa Freedom Day keynote speaker and global partners included: Honorable Vuyiswa Tulelo, South African Consulate General Chicago; John Stout, Fredrickson and Byron LLC; Rev. Billy G. Russell, Minnesota State

Baptist Convention President; Clarence Jones, Global Public Health; Antonia Apolinario-Wilcoxin, Brazil; Honorable Nadifa Osman, Somalia; Brenda Adams, South; Elizabeth Rosenzweig, World Usability Day; Veronica Rotich, Kenya; Wayland Richards, Advancements in Medicine in Jamaica, and (ret.) Judge LaJune Lange, President of the International Leadership Institute, Honorary Consul for South Africa in Minnesota. .

Supporting Sponsors for the Gala included: Fredrickson and Byron, LLC; South African Consulate General Chicago; University of St. Paul; University of Minnesota; Southside Community Health Services; Meet Minneapolis; Greater Friendship Missionary Baptist Church; Jeanne M. Voigt Foundation; Warsame Petroleum and Food, Inc.; Organization for Strategic Development in Jamaica; and Uasin Gishu County, Kenya. Musical selection was presented by Alfred Emory. Thank you to the TCICA Freedom Day Committee for their hard work on this event. ©ILI All Rights Reserved 2016

