



# The Native Sons and Daughters of Greater Kansas City

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Dedicated to the recognition, preservation and restoration of greater Kansas City's unique heritage.

## George Brett named 2013 Outstanding Kansas Citian

Baseball Hall of Famer, George Brett, has been named our 2013 Outstanding Kansas Citian. Brett, who played his professional baseball career for the Kansas City Royals, made baseball history during his 21-year career and has been active in Kansas City business and sports projects since his retirement in 1994.

The selection of George Brett to receive the 2013 OKC award continues a tradition that began in 1973 to recognize our contemporaries who have placed Kansas City in the history books.

George Howard Brett is an extraordinary Kansas Citian. His accomplishments have forever placed Kansas City in the annals of baseball history. Born in 1953, Brett began minor league play in 1971 and was brought up to the Royals in August of 1973. He continued to play for the Royals until his retirement in April of 1994. His baseball awards and records are many -- he is one of four players in major league baseball history to accumulate 3,000 hits, 300 home runs and a career batting average of .300.

This year's award ceremony is scheduled for November 6 in the Diamond Club at Royals Stadium.



George Brett  
2013 Outstanding Kansas Citian

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## Program Committee announces 2013 tours



Lunch at Milano's and a tour of Hallmark Cards kicks off an active year of tours and programs for NSDKC members.



The 2013 Program Committee has four exciting and fun events planned for 2013. One of our goals this year is to have events in which all can participate and also be reasonably priced.

Our first event will be a tour of Hallmark Cards with lunch at Milano's in Crown Center at 12:00 on February 23. This will be a fun event for all ages and family members. The total cost is \$15 per person.

Our second event is a rescheduling of the Agricultural Hall of Fame event from last year. The history, personal interactions and exhibitions are fantastic, providing a wonderful experience for us. Hosted by our own Carl DiCapo, we will have lunch and tours of the facility. This event is scheduled for Saturday, May 4, at 11 a.m. The cost will be \$10 per person.

In late June we will tour Royals Stadium. This will be an exclusive tour for our group by the Royals management.

On Saturday, October 26 plan on an old fashioned picnic and tour of the Majors House. Alexander Majors will be our tour guide and we will have all of the fixin's for you to enjoy a wonderful afternoon of food, entertainment, and history.

*Donna D. Eddy, co-chair, Program Committee*



## **The Native Sons and Daughters of Greater Kansas City**

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## **President's Letter**

I am very excited to begin my experience as president of The Native Sons and Daughters of Greater Kansas City. It has been a wonderful five years working with the other officers of our organization and learning the many skills necessary for a great year as president. We have many exciting ideas and events planned for this year. The program committee has planned four wonderful events that we know all will enjoy.

Membership is one of our highest priorities this year. Our average age is far too high for us to maintain our strong membership numbers without us bringing new members to the organization. We have finished our 80th year and are starting the next 80 years. With the help of Carl DiCapo, our secretary, and our membership co-chairs John Hess, Sr. and John Hess Jr., we have set a goal of 80 new members for 2013. They have developed a great process. They have asked me to ask our past presidents to assist us with this important campaign. Ten of our past presidents will serve as team captains and pick four other members to work with them to recruit new members. This will be an exciting challenge to accomplish, making the NSDKC the strong organization it must be for our region's historic well being.



Past presidents of NSDKC gather each fall with the incoming president for the Arthur H. Bowen luncheon.

Visit the past presidents page on our website for a list of presidents since 1932 and larger view of this image.

We also this year have modified our website to be more interactive and provide the most up to date information. The new site is much easier to navigate and find important items. Our sincere thanks to Frank McMillian for his help in the quick turnaround of this vital asset. He has also re-energized our Facebook page. Please visit both often. This newsletter is also being prepared without the assistance of paid staff due to help and guidance of our members.

It has been years since any change has been made to our dues structure. We certainly do not want to make any changes. Because of the success the past two years of the OKC event, raising more than \$30,000, we have stabilized our budgets and are not spending our principal savings. This does make all of us work a little harder for the organization which makes the organization that much better. We look forward to this year's OKC event being the best yet with all of us helping. Please plan to attend.

Your membership in NSDKC is so very important. We need you to stay active with the events that are planned this year and support our mission of preserving the history of our region.

*Charles A. Eddy, President  
The Native Sons and Daughters of Greater Kansas City*

## 2012 Holiday Brunch



Earl and 'Dot' Benner (center) with their family at the holiday brunch.

Visit the photo gallery at [www.NSDKC.org](http://www.NSDKC.org) where you will find additional images of the Holiday Brunch and other events of The Native Sons and Daughters of Greater Kansas City

On December 8, 130 Native Sons and Daughters and their guests enjoyed the annual Holiday Brunch at the Indian Hills Country Club. The festive occasion was accompanied with a delicious buffet and music provided by the Chuck Eddy Band and vocalist Lori Tucker.

President Dorothy "Dot" Benner exchanged the leadership gavel with our new President Dr. Charles A. Eddy. Past President Norm Besheer presented Dot with her Past President's medallion.

Special 2012 NSDKC awards were presented by Awards Committee Co-Chair Jennie Hicks. The George E. Hicks Award for Perseverance was presented to Herbert F. Ziegler Jr. Special Recognition Awards were presented to Dr. Bruce Prince-Joseph, Jeffery L. Hon, and Charles A. Eddy, D.C.

Following the program, entertainment was provided by Dr. Bruce Prince-Joseph and vocalist Jeffery L. Hon.

*Dorothy "Dot" Benner,  
Immediate Past President*



The banquet room was decorated for the festive occasion by the staff of the country club and NSDKC volunteers.



Sharon Smart, incoming chair of the Daniel Morgan Boone Park Committee, with outgoing chair, Herbert E. Ziegler, Jr.



The Chuck Eddy Band provided entertainment during the reception.

## George Brett *(Continued from page 1)*

President Chuck Eddy stated in one of our planning meetings, "With the past two events at the Kauffman Center honoring Julia Irene Kauffman in 2011 and Marilyn Maye in 2012, one has to ask what we can do next? Honoring George Brett in this special venue overlooking home plate and the baseball diamond will be another grand evening."

In addition to recognizing an outstanding member of the community, the annual OKC event has become a major fundraising activity that allows our organization to finance programs to promote and preserve area history. The OKC events of the past two years have provided more than \$30,000 to be used for historical markers and to offset costs of bus tours, *Meet and Greets*, newsletters, awards to area students and other programs fulfilling the mission of the organization.

Tickets to this year's event will remain at \$150, with table sponsorships available for \$1200. You will find additional information about the 2013 OKC event on our website, [www.NSDKC.org](http://www.NSDKC.org).

*William 'Chris' Sizemore, chair, Outstanding Kansas Citian Standing Committee*

## 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Insert



The insert to this newsletter was developed by the Archives Committee and distributed at the 2012 Holiday Brunch.

Need to make a reservation or pay for a Native Sons and Daughters event? You can take care of it in the gift shop at [www.NSDKC.org](http://www.NSDKC.org)



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### We are going digital

This is the last newsletter we will mail to the general membership. Future newsletters will be sent by email.

Members without an email address or who have requested not to receive email will continue to be mailed a photocopy version of the newsletter.

A monthly email blast update will begin in March, so please keep your email address up-to-date at our office.

## Historical Markers

2013 is another busy year for the NSDKC Historical Markers Committee! Last year we produced and dedicated the Liberty Arsenal marker and presented a plaque (one-sided) marker to the American Jazz Museum.

In 2013 the committee, composed of Chris Sizemore, Frank McMillian, Gary Hicks, Craig Crease, Ray Elder and Whitney Kerr, Jr., is working on three marker projects.

The first is the Platte Purchase marker which will be installed on the north side of Liberty. We are progressing toward finishing the text and it will be ordered and dedicated later this year. This marker will commemorate the 1837 Platte Purchase which added the six counties in northwest Missouri.



The Janssen Place entry after renovation this spring will include a NSDKC marker.

The second is a plaque marker for Janssen Place, which is a historic residential area, part of Hyde Park, just east of 36th and Gillham Road in Kansas City. This is an 1897 street of mansions two blocks long, begun by Arthur Stilwell, railroad magnate.

The third is a plaque marker to be presented to the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum during our Outstanding Kansas Citian event November 6. It will be similar to the American Jazz Museum plaque marker of last year and mounted next to it, since the two museums are in the same building at 18th and Vine.

Ross Marshall, chair, Historical Markers Committee

### Welcome new members

Robert Baumgartner  
Kevin McCanles  
Suzanne McCanles  
Linda Dillon  
Donna D. Eddy  
Julia Irene Kauffman  
Wilbur Larkin  
Marilyn Maye



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