



# The Native Sons and Daughters of Greater Kansas City

May 2013

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



## The National World War One Museum at Liberty Memorial

*"the Native Sons and Daughters . . . "the most diligent and determined of our supporters in the City."*

The Native Sons and Daughters of Greater Kansas City was the first private sector organization to issue a proclamation supporting the restoration and expansion of Liberty Memorial, the nation's only monument and museum to World War I. The NSDKC actively raised funds for the project through private donations and corporate sponsorships.

Kansas City's Parks and Recreation Department describes the Native Sons and Daughters as "the most diligent and determined of our supporters in the City."

On December 2, 2006, the expanded National World War I Museum opened the window to an extraordinary emotional and intellectual experience. Envisioned by the people of Kansas City, designed by Ralph Applebaum Associates, and designated by Congress as the nation's official WWI Museum.

The Museum was selected as "Favorite Museum or Historical Site" in the 2008 KC Visitors' Choice Awards. The Visitors' Awards are the only awards that are chosen exclusively by visitors to Kansas City.

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**May 27, 2013  
Memorial Day  
Ceremony**

Visit the Liberty Memorial for one of its most meaningful traditions!

Located in the Liberty Memorial Courtyard, the Memorial Day ceremony begins at 10 a.m. and will include performances by the American Legion Band and speeches to pay tribute to the day's significance.

Free parking and shuttle service are available on May 27 from parking lots at Grand and 27th Streets from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. This event is supported by the Neighborhood Tourist Development Fund.

While the ceremony is free to the public, regular admission fees apply to tour the Museum, which will be open from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

For further information visit their website, <http://theworldwar.org>.



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## President's Message

This has been an exciting first quarter. Our new membership campaign "80 in 80" is going very well. We have welcomed 32 new members since the February newsletter. We are working hard on the members who still have not paid this year's dues. There are only a few but we do not want to lose even one of them. The new members are the life blood of our organization, but our existing members are the bones and muscles of our organization. We need both.

The Hallmark tour and brunch at Milano's were great fun. We had a wonderful group of new and established members who enjoyed this event the Program Committee organized for us. Special thanks to all who made it such a fun occasion!

Our next program was to be the Agricultural Hall of Fame tour and picnic on May 4th. Unfortunately, we had to cancel this again due to so many of our members having conflicts and unable to attend. Carl DiCapo and the Program Committee worked hard on this and hopefully it can be rescheduled in the near future. We are looking forward to the Program Committee's plans for the Kauffman Stadium tour, the Majors House tour and picnic, and our annual holiday party at Indian Hills Country Club.

We had more than 30 members and guests at the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum on Thursday, April 18th, for our first Meet & Greet. Many of the guests were excited about membership in the NSDKC. The tour was wonderful and a special thanks to the President of the NLBM, Bob Kendrick, for his excellent help. Thanks also to John Hess, Jr. and the membership committee for making this possible. John has the next Meet & Greet well under way and it will be very special also.

We have made vast strides this year in using more technology and less printing and postage. This is saving our organization a large amount of funds that can be better used for our mission. If you have not visited our new website, [www.NSDKC.org](http://www.NSDKC.org), please do so. Frank McMillian has done a magnificent job setting up and continually updating our site. A very special thanks goes to Frank for all of the donated time he has provided the NSDKC!

The remaining year looks exciting and a lot of fun. This year's Outstanding Kansas Citian is George Brett and the event will be celebrated at Kauffman Stadium. *Do not miss this one!*

Thank you for all of the support and assistance you have provided the Native Sons and Daughters of Greater Kansas City with your membership.



We all need to acknowledge the great support and assistance the Royals organization is providing the Native Sons and Daughters of Greater Kansas City. They have been wonderful to work with in the planning of our Outstanding Kansas Citian event and our special tour of Kauffman Stadium.

*Charles A. Eddy, President*

*The Native Sons and Daughters of Greater Kansas City*

## Corporate Standing Committee Reports

### Program Committee Report

The Program Committee had a wonderful turnout for the Hallmark tour on February 16th. It was a snowy weekend but all of the nearly 60 members and guests enjoyed a delicious buffet lunch at Milano's. It was then off to an educational and exciting tour of the Hallmark Company. All that attended received a gift from the Halls and a feeling of how much this family has benefited Kansas City and the world.



Scenes from the tour of Hallmark Cards. To see additional images, visit the [photo gallery](#) on our website.

We unfortunately had to cancel the Agricultural Hall of Fame tour again. It appears we ran into a date that most of our members could not commit to attending on May 4th. We will discuss rescheduling this for a future date at our next meeting.

A date has not been confirmed as yet, but we are still planning a tour of Kauffman Stadium in late June or July. This will be an exclusive tour for our group by the Royals management. (As you know, George Brett is our Outstanding Kansas Citian this year. Mark your calendars for November 6, Wednesday evening for this very special OKC event.)



Image of exhibit at the Kansas City Royals Hall of Fame from its [website](#). Courtesy Kansas City Royals.



Alexander Majors Historic House and Museum

On October 26th plan on an old fashion 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, with a surprise at the end.

*Donna Eddy, co-chair, Programs Committee*

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## Pioneer Park – Preserving history midst urban development

Fulfilling the mission of the NSDKC takes on many faces, but maybe none so important as the commemoration of history in the midst of urban development.

For many, Westport may be a road of restaurants, night clubs and retail stores, but through the efforts of the NSDKC and others, area history will be remembered by future generations.

The creation of the bronze statue and park at Broadway and Westport Roads depicts Alexander Majors, John Calvin McCoy and Jim Bridger. The statue and park were developed as a joint venture between the NSDKC and the Westport Historical Society.



## Corporate Standing Committee Reports

### Communications Committee

A lot has been happening within the committee and with NSDKC communications. Under Frank McMillian's leadership we now have published our second newsletter for 2013 in a new updated layout style. Although the February newsletter was a special edition, mailed to all of our membership, this May edition will be primarily distributed by email except for a few who do not or can not receive email. Although the newsletter articles are submitted to me for screening, Norm Besheer functions as the chief proofreader before they are sent to Frank for layout.

In addition, a couple of months ago we began sending a monthly E-News by email to our membership – generally around the first of the month. The E-News is not intended to compete with the newsletter, but to supplement it when information can't wait for the quarterly publication. Also, it is a good vehicle to remind readers of an upcoming event or to update information from the previous newsletter.

Occasionally, we will be sending out email blasts on probably a single subject just to keep our membership informed on last minute or revised event information.

Our website has been reconstructed and upgraded by Frank and we plan to establish a Website sub-committee. We will also continue to expand the Facebook page.

We have established a Publications sub-committee with Frank McMillian as chair and we will be fleshing out the members of it as we progress.

The Membership Committee under John Hess Jr.'s leadership is in the process of revising and updating our membership application form and our membership brochure before they are reprinted and inserted into our website.

Recently, Chuck Eddy, Frank McMillian and I met and reviewed the operation of the IContact software. It is enormous help in keeping email addresses updated and in using them. You may have noticed that the E-News and other event announcements from President Chuck Eddy use that software. Both Frank and Chuck are 'up-to-speed' on that software – no comment about myself!

Our next meeting will be after summer is over on September 19 at 6:00 p.m.

*Ross Marshall, chair, Communications Committee*

### Negro Leagues Baseball Museum Meet and Greet



Bob Kendrick, President of the NLBM, John Hess, Jr. and Chuck Eddy with 'Satchel Paige.'

The spring Meet & Greet was held on Thursday, April 18th, at the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum. Our host Bob Kendrick, President of the Museum, led us on an unforgettable tour which outlined the many great players of the Negro Leagues teams as well as insight into their lives and other important figures in the sport. Thirty members and guests ate hot dogs, peanuts and crackerjacks reminiscent of the tune "Take Me Out to the Ballgame."

A special thanks to Carl DiCapo for organizing the food and playing host. Italian dessert treats were provided by Carl and his wife Sugie. Chuck Eddy welcomed the members and guests and introduced our host. We look forward to the next event this summer and will have more details soon. Please take the opportunity to invite potential members to the event. Also, a special thanks to Susie Hughes

for welcoming guests as they arrived and to Debbie LeGrotte for taking pictures. You can see more pictures from the event on page 5 of this newsletter and on our Facebook page.

*John Hess, Jr., chair, Membership/Social Committee*

Stay informed by visiting [www.NSDKC.org](http://www.NSDKC.org) and watching your email for our monthly email blasts.

## Save the evening to honor George Brett as Outstanding Kansas Citian

Conversation with Hall of Famer George Brett, musical entertainment, a silent auction, and an award presentation are part of the evening festivities being planned to honor George Brett as the 2013 Outstanding Kansas Citian. This year's OKC dinner and award ceremony will be held in the Diamond Club at Kauffman Stadium with Ford C. Frick Award winning Royals announcer, Denny Matthews, serving as emcee for the evening.

Musical entertainment and a silent auction, including baseball memorabilia from the Royals and George Brett, will precede the dinner and award ceremony. Following the award presentation, Frank Boal, long-time sports reporter in Kansas City, will join Brett onstage for a conversation about Brett's years as a Royals player and his community projects since retirement.



*The Outstanding Kansas Citian Committee would like to thank the Muriel McBrien Kauffman Foundation for its contribution to the event as a Platinum Level sponsor. Julia Irene Kauffman was named the 2011 Outstanding Kansas Citian and has been a long-standing supporter of the work of The Native Sons and Daughters of Greater Kansas City. Sponsorship information is available on our website, [www.NSDKC.org](http://www.NSDKC.org)*

The evening will also include the unveiling of a new NSDKC marker commemorating the history of the Negro Leagues baseball and the formation, in 1920, of the Negro National League in Kansas City. The marker will be placed in a permanent location on the grounds of the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum at a later date.

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 that 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 history students and other programs fulfilling the mission of the organization. This is the only fundraiser event we have each year, so please support this effort.

Due to the size of the Diamond Club, tickets and tables are limited. So plan to make your purchase early to ensure your attendance at this special event! Tickets to this year's event will remain at \$150, with table purchases 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*



### Scenes from the National Negro Leagues Baseball Museum Meet and Greet

Our thanks to Debbie LaGrotte for taking the pictures. You can see more image at our [Facebook page](#).



## Community Service Committee Reports

### Historical Markers

The committee's work is nearly finished on the Platte Purchase marker, but we are awaiting news of partnering with Liberty, Missouri, entities.

The Negro Leagues Baseball Museum plaque marker text is being worked on by the committee. A grant has been received from the Neighborhood Development Trust Fund which will cover the cost of the NLBM marker.

The American Jazz Museum reports that they will be installing the plaque marker from last year as weather permits. A dedication will be held soon after the installation.

There is no shortage of requests coming to NSDKC from historic sites to consider doing one of our markers. Always the issues are: is there some financial partnering offered, is there time for our research and editing process to be completed, and will it fit into our budget.

Our primary mission is to get markers erected at historic sites where none would likely happen. In addition, it needs to be our design, our text - not for selfish reasons, but to be sure the text information is right. We also want to be true to our 'brand' design, which is the traditional appearance of an NSDKC marker that the public has been accustomed to seeing. Lastly, we seek out partners who can help us financially, not the other way around. Partnering also forms relationships within the historical community.

As usual, my thanks to the members of this committee who work together with creative thinking and with great harmony and effectiveness, which are Chris Sizemore, Frank McMillian, Gary Hicks, Craig Crease, Ray Elder and Whitney Kerr, Jr.



A black and white print of the color lunette in the Missouri State Capitol depicting the meeting in Liberty, Missouri, that initiated the final drive by local citizens to force the national government to extend Missouri's western boundary to include what we now refer to as the Platte Purchase.

Ross Marshall, chair, Historical Markers Committee

### Smithsonian exhibition at area museum

The traveling Smithsonian exhibition entitled, "Native Words: Code Talkers" will be on display through June 29th, at the Wyandotte County Historical Society and Museum.

Native Americans played a big role in helping the United States defeat Japan in World War II. Chester Nez, now in his 90s, is the last living member of the 421 Navaho code talkers. His mission was so secret that he could not talk about until 23 years after the war.

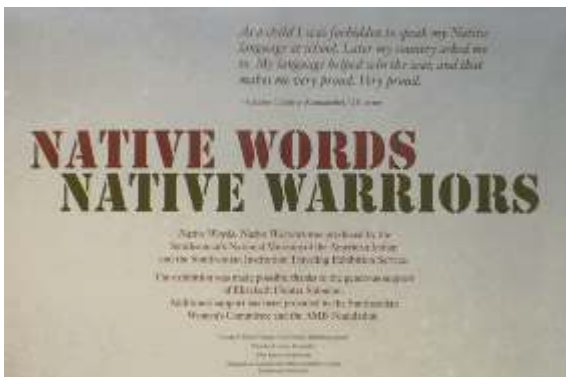
The Japanese knew when and where the United States was about to strike certain places because they knew English. But by using the Navajo language, and other tribal languages, the Japanese could never break the code. World War II might not have ended before even more civilians and soldiers were killed if it was not for the valiant Navaho code talkers.

*As a child I was forbidden to speak my Native language at school. Later my country asked me to. My language helped win the war, and that makes me very proud. Very proud.*

Charles Chibitty (Comanche), U.S. Army  
– Excerpt from the Smithsonian display

The Museum is located at 631 North 126th Street (2 miles west of the Legends/Village West development on State Avenue). Daily hours are Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. until 1 p.m.. Closed Sunday. There is no charge. (Call the front desk at (913) 573-5002 for directions inside Wyandotte County Park near Bonner Springs.) Friday, May 31st at 6:30 p.m. there will be a special treat and it is free! It is a "Movie Night with Popcorn" night when the 2002 movie Windtalkers starring Nicholas Cage will be shown in the museum auditorium. Reservations, needed because of limited seating, may be made by calling (913) 573-5002.

Joe H. Vaughan, chair, Wyandotte County Historical Society & Museum Committee



## Community Service Committee Reports

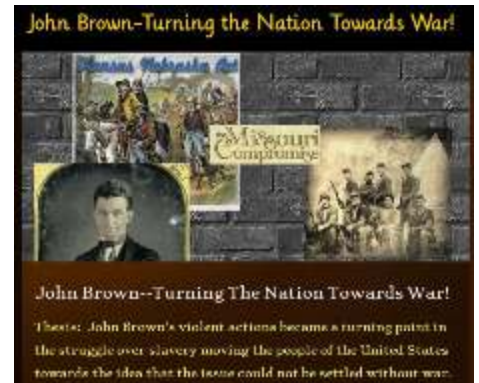
### NSDKC awards prizes to Missouri and Kansas History Day winners

For many years, NSDKC has helped sponsor the History Day event for students in both Kansas and Missouri with a \$100 prize awarded to the best entry dealing with Kansas City area history. This area is defined as Douglas, Franklin, Johnson, Leavenworth, Miami, and Wyandotte counties in Kansas, and Carroll, Cass, Clay, Jackson, Platte and Ray counties in Missouri. The 2013 topic was Turning Points in History.

Our Kansas award winner was Ayden Boyles, from Woodrow Wilson Elementary School in Manhattan. Boyles' entry was a website in the Junior Individual division. The website, John Brown-Turning the Nation toward Civil War, can be viewed at <http://44849394.nhd.weebly.com>.

Our Missouri award winner was Zoe Honeck, from Pembroke Hill School. Honeck's entry was a performance in the Senior division entitled, "Little People Like Us."

The play, written and performed by Honeck, was based on Esther Brown and the South Park desegregation case in Merriam, KS. Besides the NSDKC prize, Honeck also won 1st place in her category and will be advancing to the National Contest in June.



The Home page of the website that earned the NSDKC prize at the Kansas History Day competition

*Dan C.D. Sturdevant, chair, Missouri State Historical Society committee*

### 80 in 80 Campaign Update

We are progressing well with our membership campaign. As you will see below, we have 32 new members since the start of our campaign two months ago. As of now, Carl DiCapo's team is in the lead with a number of teams right behind him. The exciting news is that each team is working to achieve our goal of 80 new members. If you have a candidate, and not on a team, just let me know to which team you would like to be added..



Carl DiCapo is leading his team to a free dinner at the Golden Ox for their winning efforts in the 80 in 80 contest. Carl is shown here with a plow from the farm of Harry S Truman on display at the National Agricultural Hall of Fame.

Remember, the team that brings in the most members in 80 Days will win a free dinner at the Annual Meeting on October 9th at the Golden Ox. The member that brings in the most new members in 80 Days will also win a free dinner at the Golden Ox with his or her guest on any day he or she selects.

The clock is running! It started February 13th, and will end at the July 10th Executive Committee meeting. The winners will be announced at the end of that meeting. You can see the current team standings on page 9 of this newsletter.

This is one of the most important campaigns for our organization. We need more enthusiastic young members. Please help us with this membership drive! [Download Membership Application](#)

*Dr. Chuck Eddy, President*

### Memorials Committee

We are sad to report that one of our board members and the Program Committee Co-Chair, Charles R. "Chuck" Page, died on May 13th. We also lost an icon for the Kansas City area in the passing of one of our Outstanding Kansas Citizens, Walt Bodine. Walt's death was on March 24, 2013 at the age of 92.

*Carl DiCapo, chair, Memorials Committee*



## **Joanne Collins receives James C. Denny Spirit Award**



Joanne Collins receiving the Spirit Award from Mike Burke. Collins and Burke are board members of the NSDKC.

**M**ike Burke presented the 2013 James C. Denny Spirit Award for long time dedication and civic pride in Kansas City to Joanne Collins. Joanne has served on 55 boards over 50 years (she currently sits on 32 boards, chairs 5 and involved in another 40-plus civic organizations) in her continued service to the Kansas City community and economic development.

She described Kansas City as “one of the finest, greatest cities in America”

and three words define her continued spirit and passion for Kansas City, “Energy, Attitude, and Service.” She summed up her speech with a simple phrase for everyone, “everyday do something for yourself, do something for others – laugh and have fun!”

James Denny was one of Kansas City’s staunchest supporters, serving the community in a variety of capacities, continually working to make our city a better place. For more than 10 years, Denny served on the board of directors for the Economic Development Corporation, often leading the charge for a better Kansas City. The EDC honors his memory by awarding the James C. Denny Spirit Award to an individual who embodies Denny’s legacy to Kansas City.

*Article and image are courtesy of the Kansas City Economic Development Corporation*

## **NSDKC member serving as president of national organization**

**D**an Sturdevant, President of NSDKC in 2009, serves as the 2013 President of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation, a national organization promoting Lewis and Clark history and related sites nationwide. Their efforts have included funding for interpretive signage and improvements in Kansas City area sites such as Kaw Point and Atchison Riverfront Park.



The audience as Sturdevant addressed the national convention of the Lewis and Clark Heritage Foundation. Mary Lee Sturdevant is in the front right.

The NSDKC funded a historical marker sign in 2005 which sits at the entrance to Kaw Point Park.

## *Welcome new members*

Norine Accurso  
John H. W. Baker  
Rebecca W. Baker  
Robert G. Brown  
Jeanice Corum  
Robert J. Corum  
Anita L. DiCapo  
Jack DiCapo  
John DiCapo  
Diana Lou Duff  
William Terrence Kilroy  
Eddie G. Knisley  
Eleanor “Snookie” Krumbeigel  
Mary Edith Lillis  
Terrence “Terry” M. Moran  
Cheryl Moran  
Jane B. Neihart  
Robert E. Neihart  
Anna Marie O’Hare  
Dennis J. O’Hare  
Marc H. Rainen  
Lonnie J. Rockford  
Karl R. Roscoe, Sr.  
George L. Satterlee, III  
Charles L. Schorgl, Jr.  
Yeva Schorgl  
Stephen S. Soden  
A. Kent Thoeni  
Sue Thoeni  
Ilah R. “Ruthie” Wornall  
James F. Wornall  
Lana J. Yunker.





# NSDKC 80 in 80 Membership Drive 2013

<b><u>Team 1</u></b>	<b>#</b>	<b><u>Team 2</u></b>	<b>#</b>	<b><u>Team 3</u></b>	<b>#</b>
Gary Hicks	2	John Dillingham		Dick Fickle	
Dave Baumgartner		Carl DiCapo	7	Bill Fickle	
Louise Hicks		Laura McKnight		Quint Shafer	
Nancy Baumgartner		Kevin Pistilli		Nancy Dillingham	
Bill Kalahurka		Whitney Kerr		Hal Lowenstein	
		Jerry Bowman			
<b>Total New Members</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Total New Members</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>Total New Members</b>	<b>0</b>
<b><u>Team 4</u></b>	<b>#</b>	<b><u>Team 5</u></b>	<b>#</b>	<b><u>Team 6</u></b>	<b>#</b>
Chuck Eddy	2	John Hess, Sr.		Joe Vaughan	1
Henry Leonard		John Hess, Jr.	4	Lauren Vaughan	
Ross Marshall	4	Bryan Flanagan		Mike Burke	
Jeff Davis		Erma Hess		Allen Dillingham	
Pat Hosty		Dan Sturdevant		Robert Sigman	
Donna Eddy	1	Richard Ong			
		Ron Riley	1		
		Sandy Riley	1		
<b>Total New Members</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>Total New Members</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Total New Members</b>	<b>1</b>
<b><u>Team 7</u></b>	<b>#</b>	<b><u>Team 8</u></b>	<b>#</b>	<b><u>Team 9</u></b>	<b>#</b>
Dan Creasy		Jim Bernard		Dot Benner	2
Ray James	1	Jim Flanagan		Tom Scott	
John Dunnewind	1	Steve Noll		Shirley Helzberg	
Jennie Hicks		Chris Sizemore	2	Jim Heeter	
JoAnn Collins		Eileen Sullivan		Tom Beal	
<b>Total New Members</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Total New Members</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Total New Members</b>	<b>2</b>
<b><u>Team 10</u></b>	<b>#</b>				
Tom Sims					
Jerry Fuller					
Riggie Giffin					
George Satterlee	3				
Robert Tull					
<b>Total New Members</b>	<b>3</b>				
<b><u>Grand Total of New Members</u></b>			<b><u>32</u></b>		