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Annual Brunch Ends 2008 on a High Note!

Join the Native Sons & Daughters of Greater Kansas City as they celebrate another Holiday Season and the change in organizational leadership at the Native Sons Annual Brunch at the Indian Hills Country Club on Saturday, December 13.

Once again the Brunch will feature great music provided by Dan Sturdevant and his trio. "U.S. Cities Medley" will be performed, along with holiday favorites and a sing-along.

In addition, the event will mark the changing of the guard as new board members and officers take on their new responsibilities. We will also vote on the proposed ByLaw Changes.

The event will begin with a cocktail hour at 11:00 AM and the buffet will be served at 11:45 AM. Reservations are due by Monday, December 3rd. **JN**

Annual Brunch

What:

Annual Brunch

When:

December 13, 2008

Time:

Cocktails at 11:00 AM

Cash Bar

Holiday Buffet at 11:45 AM

Where:

Indian Hills Country Club

6847 Tomahawk Road

Shawnee Mission, KS

Cost: \$19 per person

Reservations: Deadline is

Wednesday, December 3rd,
2008

Mail to

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Reservation. There are
no Refunds.**



(Above) October 11, 2008 bus tour people at Lewis and Clark Statue, 8th and Jefferson photographer: Dan Sturdevant. See page 3 for more details on the Trails trip.



Letter from the President

With our economic environment growing ever more troublesome daily, we as the responsible stewards of our organization, are obliged to focus on the financial management of our resources to ensure the preservation so necessary to our future operations. A more intense awareness will be necessary in our day to day operation's expenses.

Toward that end we have taken steps to aid our operating procedures; the President's Advisory Committee is but one example. The creation and staffing of our Communications Committee is but another. Working Committees aid out total effort but when their work involves organizational policy, it must be viewed as in the nature of recommendations, not organizational policy. We must not short-circuit the Board's authority nor move too hastily or we present new problems for operations, internally and externally; operating expenses and staff, paid and unpaid, can be carefully managed without unduly hampering those operations which have served us well over the years.

Recently, our Vice President, Dan Sturdevant, prepared a letter I approved, listing steps 1 through 8 and their timing, to tighten operations toward the end of making them more efficient and timely. Strict observance should improve our efforts to serve the community in the preservation of our ten county Kansas City history. If those time tables are generally acceptable to our Board then their timing could be adjusted to fit each quarter of operations throughout the year's operations.

There is a need for strengthening our operating systems for future guidance of our Administrative Secretary and all working Committees. Toward that end I have forwarded to our Marker's Chairman, Roger Smith, and our President's Advisory Committee for policy adoption consideration, my 4 page authored summary of "Suggested Guidelines for Evaluations of Locations for Marker Placement." Those were drawn from the "National Landmarks Standards."

I can only hope the spirit of these efforts might draw others into stronger support of and for NSDKC.

Prepared by Tom Sims, President

Thomas E. Sims
President 2008

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wyandotte County Historical Museum tour

February 28, 2009
10AM

Allow one hour for the guided tour. More details to follow.

Tour of the Western Manuscript Collection and Linda Hall Science Library

May 16, 2009
10AM

Including a tour of the collection of the Native Sons & Daughters of Greater Kansas City.

Find out the latest news and events online about the Native Sons & Daughters of Kansas City by clicking www.nsdkc.org.

NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome the following new members to the Native Sons & Daughters of Greater Kansas City:

Robert Sigman



NATIVE SONS GO (TRAILS) WEST

Thirty-two people joined Ross Marshall on the Trails West bus tour sponsored by the Native Sons and Daughters of Greater Kansas City on Saturday October 11. The all-day bus tour started in downtown Kansas City at 8th and Jefferson, also called Lewis and Clark Point. Mr. Marshall then led the bus on a path to the Town of Kansas site, the Alexander Majors house at 82nd and State Line, Lone Elm Park at 167th and Lone Elm Road, Three Trails Junction west of Gardner Kansas, Mahaffie Stagecoach Stop in Olathe, Kansas, Sapling Grove Park at 83rd and Grant and to Pioneer Park on 56 Highway in Shawnee Kansas before arriving at about 5 p.m. back home.

The Kansas City area's four National Historic Trails in the first half of the 19th century America seemed to come alive through Ross's excellent history-telling and through interpretive panels.

More knowledgeable about Independence and Westport as starting places for the westward journey, our tired and happy bus people, went on with their lives that evening, maybe inspired for a time, by an echo of the actions of the people who lived in and came through our town these many years ago.

Ross Marshall is a new director of the Native Sons and Daughters.



Executive Secretary Susie Hughes with the Pioneer Woman, Pioneer Park

Mr. Marshall has a distinguished career as a businessman and a historian. Among his associations: Oregon-California Trails Association, Kansas City Area Historic Trails Association, Lewis and Clark Missouri Kansas Riverbend Chapter, and also the current President of the Partnership for National Trails System, a national organization funded by Congress. **JN**

DUNNS RECOGNIZED AS OUTSTANDING KANSAS CITIANS

A reception for Terry and Peggy Dunn recognizing them as "Outstanding Kansas Citians" for 2008 was held on Thursday evening, September 25, 2008 in the National WWI Museum at the Liberty Memorial.

Terry Dunn serves as the CEO of the J.E. Dunn Construction Company, while Peggy Dunn serves as mayor of the City of Leawood, Kansas.

The reception was attended by 65 members and guests, including the Dunn's son Patrick and daughter Katie Fitzpatrick, Terry's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William and Jean Dunn, Mike Dunn, and friend Melinda. Also in attendance were the Hon. Don Reimal, mayor of the City of Independence, Missouri, and wife Jo Marie Reimal, as guests of Dr. Lee and Kathryn Pickering.

The "President's Welcome" was presented by the Hon. Thomas Sims, recognizing the Dunn family and former OKC Award recipients being present, including Mr. William Dunn, Mr. Mike Burke, and Whitney and Day Kerr. New members for the year 2008 were duly recognized.

The business of the election of officers for the year 2009 was conducted by immediate past-president Ms. Eileen Sullivan, chair of the nominating committee. Ms. Sullivan presented for vote the slate of candidates for the position of officers and directors.

A special acknowledgment is offered to Ms. Louise Hicks for her invaluable assistance during the entire event process, especially for producing the slide show presentation as part of the program. Additionally, the organization recognizes Mr. Michael Morgan of KCDV.TV who volunteered to provide a video recording of the event. Michael has an abiding interest in providing to the community a historical record of events and activities associated with aspects of historical preservation.

Mr. John Dillingham who offered a tribute to Terry and Peggy Dunn. Mr. Dillingham has served with both Terry and Peggy in many capacities in many community involvements. While recently serving as president of the Liberty Memorial Association, Mr. Dillingham especially valued the contributions by the J.E. Dunn Company towards the restoration effort, much beyond contractual obligations. Mr. Dillingham's tribute drew a standing ovation for the Dunns who came forward to receive the Outstanding Kansas Citian Award. **JN**

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EVENT BRINGS OUT THE KIDS IN NATIVE SONS & DAUGHTERS...AND NEW MEMBER PROSPECTS

About 20 people enjoyed the Toy and Miniature Museum of Kansas City, located at 52nd and Oak on October 29. Knowledgeable tour guides explained the fascinating exhibits. We learned that most standard reduction is 1/12 real size. From the Russian Room to the doll collection to the house collection we examined the beautiful and intricate items. Afterwards, we gathered at Pizza 51, at the corner of 51st and Oak. Several new member prospects were recruited. Thanks to John Hess, Jr. for organizing the event. **JN**



At left: Members and guests at Pizza 51 following the Toy and Miniature Museum visit. From left are Suzanne Willey, John Hess, Erma Hess, Michael Morgan, Carol Sims, John Hess, Jr., Tom Sims, Jr., Tom Sims, Beverly Sims, Jim Flanagan and Scott Vogel.

Officers

<i>President</i>	Hon. Thomas E. Sims
<i>1st Vice President</i>	Dan Sturdevant
<i>2nd Vice President</i>	Gary L. Hicks
<i>Secretary</i>	Lee Pickering
<i>Treasurer</i>	James Flanagan, IV
<i>Historian</i>	Norman O. Besheer

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Dorothy Benner	Whitney E. Kerr
Joanne M. Collins	Bruce C. Pennington
James F. Davis	Edwin D. Shutt
Charles A. Eddy	Mary Lee Sturdevant
John F. Hess, Sr	William S. Worley
John F. Hess, Jr.	

Community Service Committees

Alexander Majors	Lee I. Pickering
Archives	Norman O. Besheer
Daniel Morgan Boone Park	William S. Worley
Fort Osage	John F. Hess, Sr.
Historic Markers	Roger Smith
Liberty Memorial	Bruce C. Pennington
Town Site Preservation	Thomas E. Sims
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