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2004 Scout Award Recipients Announced

The Native Sons of Greater Kansas City will recognize the the Scout Award class of 2004 at the Annual Holiday Brunch on Saturday, December 11, 2004, at Indian Hills Country Club. In its fourth year, the Scout Awards will once again highlight a new generation of Kansas Citians who are already taking leadership roles in the Kansas City area - leadership roles that bode well for the preservation of its history.

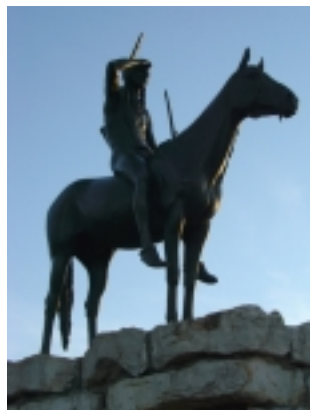
The Scouts Class of 2004 includes:

Steve Bernstein - COO of Bernstein-Rein Advertising
Grant Burcham - President/CEO of Missouri Bank & Trust
Joyce Hayhow - Publisher of the KC Business Journal
Bess Kessinger - Vice President of Triad Capital Advisors
Julie McCann - Recent Vice President of the BOTAR Ball
Jim Stowers - Chairman, American Century Investments

"The Scouts will assure the future growth of the Native Sons," says Rosana Privitera Biondo, President of Mark One Electric Company, a 2003 Scout and Coordinator for 2004. "It will assure that the Native Sons will be going strong even thirty to forty years from now."



When originally constructed, Union Station was intended to have a statue placed on its pedestal (visible at bottom center) but one was never placed. *Photo by Scott Wagner.*



Like the famous "Scout" in Penn Valley Park, the Native Sons are looking ahead to the future of Kansas City and its leadership. *Photo by Scott Wagner.*

Proof of this is no more evident than in the groups first project begun last year. The Truman Statue effort has been making significant progress toward its goal of placing a statue of former Battery D Captain Harry Truman on the unused pedestal of Union Station.

Led by 2001 Scout Lori Hirons, the project will become more public within the next few months as an artist is identified and fundraising begins.

Nelson-Atkins Museum Director Marc Wilson has agreed to serve as a consultant for the committee and help identify artists

from across the nation and in Kansas City capable of doing the project.

The selection committee is composed of Scouts Lori Hirons, Lois Boyle and Dalton Hermes, Native Sons member Richard Nadeau, Kansas City Arts Commissioner Michel Newman, Hallmark Executive Bob Kipp, and Truman Museum Director Michael Devine. Scout Bob Dunn is heading up the fundraising and Lois Boyle is in charge of marketing for the project.

The whole committee includes Scouts Phil Hansen, Laura McKnight, Rosie Privitera Abiondo and Lisa Asher Atkins, Native Sons Joe Sweeney and John Dillingham and Jo Keatley from Senator Talent's office. If everything stays on schedule, it is hoped to have the statute unveiled in late 2005 or early 2006.

Biondo adds, "This is an exciting group of people and it has been wonderful to see our common interests in history come together for the betterment of Kansas City." JN



Letter from the President

THANK YOU!

This is the last newsletter I'll have the opportunity to write as President of your Native Sons. This is the proper time for me to say "Thank You" to each person who made my year as President an enjoyable one. My thanks to each person who participated as a member of the Board, Executive Committee or served on or chaired a committee. Each role contributes to the success of the organization. The efforts of some are more "visible" (such as our programs, dinners and events, and our newsletter) while others work more below the radar (such as long range planning, fiscal and legal matters, historian and archives, membership) with others someplace in between (memorial, Scouts, and all of our wonderful community service committees). And, of course, we all benefit from our Executive Secretary, Susie, and her caring and careful manner. She's the glue that helps keep us all together and transitions us from year to year.

But all of the hard work of these people is for one reason: to serve you, our members. So my biggest "Thank You" is to each of our members. Your participation and your continued support (by proposing new members, renewing your own membership and participation) are what continue to cause the Native Sons to thrive. Please continue your support, and encourage our incoming officers, board and committees.

My thanks to each and every one of you, and my prayer and wish to you for a happy and safe holiday season and new year.

James H. Bernard, Jr.

President, 2004

DRIVE GIVES INCENTIVES FOR BRINGING IN NEW MEMBERS

In an effort to strengthen membership, The Native Sons are offering some small but significant incentives for submitting new membership applications.

The Native Sons encourages its current members to fine new members to come with new strength, new ideas and time to work those ideas. Why not invite children, grandchildren, neices and nephews, neighbors and business associates who may not even know we have an open membership policy to join.

The Native Sons will offer a reduction of member dues in 2005 for current

members with the following schedule:

One new member = \$5 off next years dues

Two new members = another \$5 off next years dues

Three new members = another \$5 off next years dues and a fine crystal paperweight with Native Sons insignia

If each member would just submit one new membership, you will have done you part to increase and revitalize the Native Sons. If you have any questions, or need applications and information sent to you, call Carlene Gillespie, 913.448.1118. JN

KANSAS CITY SPECIAL EVENT:

Sacagawea—Ambadress to the West

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, **December 15, 2004, from 4 to 6 p.m.** and enjoy Sacagawea, the Indian guide of Lewis and Clark's famed expedition, as she helps celebrate Jackson County's birthday (December 15), and the conclusion of local Lewis & Clark Bicentennial celebrations at the **Bruce R. Watkins Cultural Heritage Center, 3700 Blue Parkway, Kansas City, Mo.**

The event is sponsored by the Jackson County Historical Society and Kansas City, Missouri, Board of Parks and Recreation Commissioners. This free program begins promptly at 4 p.m. JN



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please Welcome the Following New Members:

- Harriet Byers Brinton
- William R. Brinton
- John Percy Huston, III
- Leon G. Kusnetsky
- David Walter Russell
- Walter Lee Swanson
- Deborah Kay Swanson
- Patricia Zimmer Thompson
- Albert William Zimmer, III
- Julianna Zimmer
- Hugh J. Zimmer
- Eulalie B. Zimmer

We look forward to your participation in upcoming Native Sons Events!

MEMORIALS

Our best wishes go out to the friends and families of these Native Sons who have passed:

- Charles Babcock
- John Francis
- Cornelius Roach



NATIVE SONS NOW ONLINE!

For information on coming events, marker locations, and other facts, click www.Native-Sons.org. JN

GIFTS OF HISTORY AVAILABLE FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Give the gift of history this holiday season.

The 2005 **Kansas City Heritage Calendar** and **Postmark Kansas City Calendar** published by Native Son Scott Wagner features a variety of images of the Historic Kansas City area.

The *Kansas City Heritage Calendar* features vintage photographs of historic places like Corinthian Hall, the Hannibal Bridge and the Alexander Majors House.

Postmark Kansas City features old linen postcards of several Kansas City area locations including Petticoat Lane, Swope Park and the Plaza.

These calendars can be found at local **Oscro Drug Stores, Borders Books, Rainy Day Books, Red X, Sam's Club (Gladstone)** or online at www.calendars.com, or

www.heritagecalendars.com.



CONGRATULATIONS TO 2005 SLATE OF OFFICERS

At the 2004 Outstanding Kansas Citian Dinner on November 1st the following slate of candidates for the 2005 Native Sons of Greater Kansas City Board of Directors were ratified:

Officers

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| <i>President</i> | James D. Creasy |
| <i>1st Vice President</i> | William C. Cross |
| <i>2nd Vice President</i> | Eileen S. Sullivan |
| <i>Secretary</i> | Roger K. Smith |
| <i>Treasurer</i> | Thomas E. Sims |
| <i>Historian</i> | Dan Sturdevant |

Directors

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| Norman O. Besheer | John F. Hess, Jr. |
| Joanne M. Collins | Gary L. Hicks |
| Charles A. Eddy | Jeannine L. Hicks |
| James Flannagan, IV | Whitney E. Kerr |
| Francis S. Franke | Cordell D. Meeks, Jr. |
| H. Carlene Gillespie | Edwin D. Shutt, II |

James W. Benjamin, director emeritus
Sunday R. Siragusa, director emeritus

HOLIDAY MUSIC FILLS ST. MARY'S

St. Mary's Episcopal Church hosted its Annual Holiday Concert on Sunday, December 5.

A variety of the best-loved music of the holiday season was presented by Dr. Bruce Prince-Joseph on the organ, piano, and carillon and vocalist, Jeffrey Hon.

Following the program, the Native Sons and other guests enjoyed cocktails and hours d'oeuvres served in the traditional style of a St. Mary's Church Reception. JN



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Bequests

Just One Way to Support the Native Sons of Greater Kansas City in Perpetuity

Including the Native Sons of Greater Kansas City, Inc., a 501(c)(3) tax exempt Missouri corporation, offers members the opportunity to make a gift which will support our efforts to preserve and promote local history for years to come.

A legacy may be granted to one of the Native Sons' established projects as designated for use in future historic projects to be established and approved by the board of directors.

I bequeath to the Native Sons of Greater Kansas City, Inc., P.O. Box 10046, Kansas City, MO 64171-0046, a nonprofit corporation, the sum of \$_____ to be used by said corporation for purposes as stated in the organization's objectives and bylaws.

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Community Service Committees

Alexander Majors	Dan Sturdevant
Archives	Gary Hicks
Boone Hays Cemetery	George E. Hicks
Corinthian Hall/KC Museum	Scott Wagner
Fort Osage	John F. Hess, Sr.
Historic St. Mary's	Bruce Prince-Joseph
Historic Markers	Roger K. Smith
Liberty Memorial	Bruce Pennington
Town Site Preservation	Thomas E. Sims
Truman Statue	Lori Hiron
Westport Historical Society	John F. Hess, Jr.

Executive Secretary

Susan Hughes
Newsletter Editor - Scott Wagner