



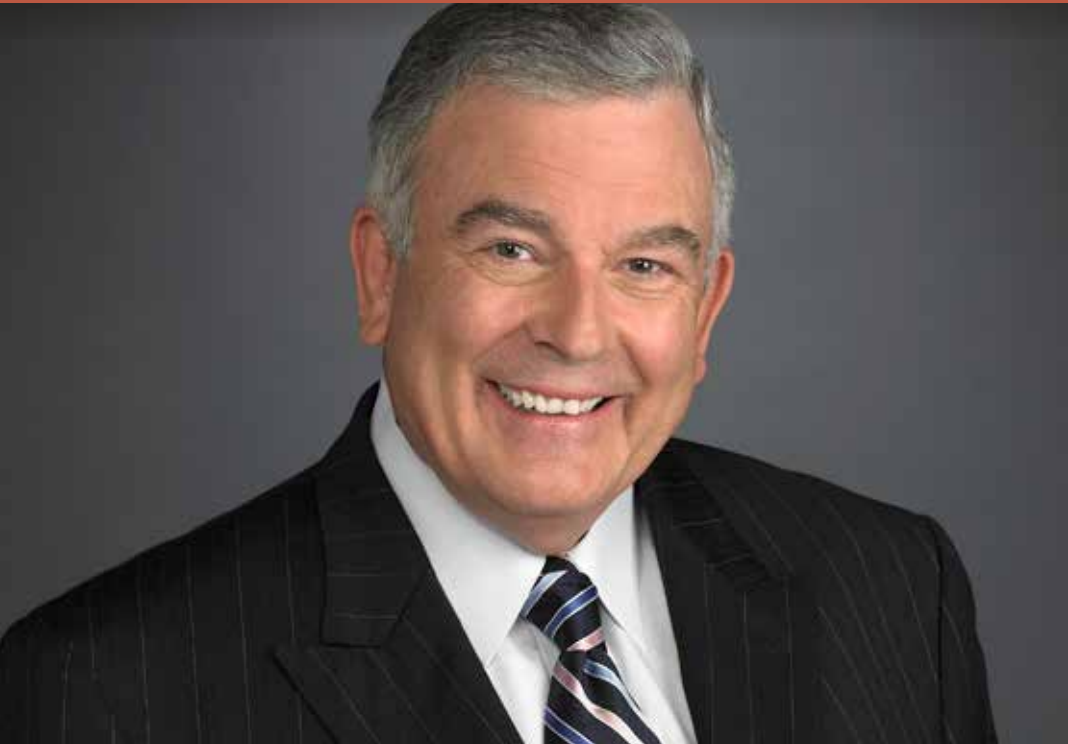
NEWS



SPRING 2014

from The Native Sons and Daughters of Greater Kansas City

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



Larry Moore, Outstanding Kansas Citian for 2014

This year will be one of the most exciting OKC events ever. We will be honoring a man that has spent his life informing us of the news of our community and nation on KMBC-TV 9. He has dedicated his talents in making wishes come true for children that are not able to achieve their dreams. His giving of his talent to the American Royal, Kansas City Chiefs, and University of Missouri is unparalleled. We are so very proud to name and recognize Larry Moore with this year's Outstanding Kansas Citian award. The award will be presented to Larry on Wednesday evening, October 15, at the Grand Ballroom of the Kansas City Convention Center. The festivities will start at 6:00 pm with a social hour and silent auction. Dinner will be at 7:00 pm followed by an interview of Larry and presentation of the award.

We will also be recognizing the Greater Kansas City Restaurant Association at our event. The association was started here in Kansas City nearly 100 years ago and then went on to form the National Restaurant Association in 1919. We will be presenting to them a Native Sons and Daughters of Greater Kansas City marker describing the history of this great organization.

Please mark your calendar and plan to attend this once in a lifetime event. If you would like to volunteer to help with the silent auction, contact Dr. Chuck Eddy at 816-363-5311 or Dr.Eddy@DrChuckEddy.com.

Looking forward to seeing you on October 15!

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"The only thing new in the world is the history you don't know."

—Harry Truman



The President's Message



The year 2014 is shaping up to be a great one for The Native Sons and Daughters of Greater Kansas City! Last year was fantastic under President Chuck Eddy and two in a row sounds pretty exciting!

Last year, we upgraded our digital and newsletter processes with new data bases, website, roster and email blast innovations, thanks to the skills of Chuck and especially Frank McMillian. Kudos to both of you.

We likely will not repeat the incredible increase in membership that occurred with last year's '80 in 80 Campaign' that envisioned 80 new members in our 80th year of existence. We exceeded that goal and now have around 400 members. But new members are still coming in and welcome to each of you. John Hess, Jr. does a good job chairing that committee.

In this newsletter, you will read about the exceptional opportunities coming up with the Outstanding Kansas Citian event October 15. Under the leadership of Second Vice President Carl DiCapo, assisted greatly by Chuck and the rest of the OKC Committee, we expect to have the largest attendance ever as we honor a Kansas City icon, Larry Moore. Please mark your calendars now and plan to participate!

"The Battle of Westport, the most significant Civil War battle in the Kansas City area, occurred in October, 1864, 150 years ago. In addition, World War I [started] 100 years ago."

One of NSDKC's principal missions is to preserve the history and heritage of the Kansas City area and 2014 will provide some unusual opportunities. The Battle of Westport, the most significant Civil War battle in the Kansas City area, occurred in October, 1864, 150 years ago.

In addition, the beginning event that led to WWI occurred 100 years ago this June. Note the article in this newsletter about the Liberty Memorial and the wonderful National World War I Museum there as submitted by Sandra Aust, who chairs our Liberty Memorial Committee.

NSDKC has 26 committees! Fifteen are organizational—Corporate Standing Committees that are a part of the governance and management of NSDKC. Eleven are called Community Service Committees, such as the Liberty Memorial Committee mentioned above or the Wornall & Majors House Museums Committee. And most of them are pretty busy!

I appreciate so much all the committee chairs who work diligently to help accomplish the mission of NSDKC, the board of directors, officers, and our staff people Susie Hughes and Linda Dillon. Our organization is a well-oiled mechanism that not only does a lot of good for the ten-county area but does it with good humor and a team spirit. Being president is challenging, but only because we are busy, not because egos are an issue. I really like our organization, what it seeks to do and how we do it.

Check out our website at nsdkc.org. The new layout and the information assembled by Frank McMillian is very user-friendly. Even I can find things easily!

*Ross Marshall, President
The Native Sons and Daughters of Greater Kansas City*



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April 17 Meet & Greet at Kansas City Club

The spring Meet & Greet for the Native Sons & Daughters will be held on Thursday, April 17 from 5:30 to 7:30 pm at the Kansas City Club. The club is located at 918 Baltimore Avenue in downtown Kansas City. Parking will be available at the library parking garage and paid for by the NSDKC.

We will have a unique opportunity to hear about the history of the club and some of the artifacts collected over the years. We will provide light appetizers and a cash bar will be available. Please join us as we welcome new members and invite potential members who might like to be a part of our organization. Please RSVP to Susie Hughes at phughes9@kc.rr.com or at 816-926-9397. We look forward to seeing you there.

John Hess, Jr., Chair, Membership Committee



Kansas City Club is located at 918 Baltimore Avenue in downtown Kansas City.

Saturday June 7, NSDKC Zoo Adventure!



If you like penguins, polar bears, sea lions, tigers or about any other wild animal, **join us for an adventure at the Kansas City Zoo on Saturday, June 7.** The Zoo is located at 6800 Zoo Drive adjacent to the Starlight Theater in Swope Park. Lots of free parking in the huge nearby lots.

Featured are the 10:00 am Sea Lion Show, Helzberg Penguin Plaza, the Polar Bear Plunge, the Great Ape House, the huge Africa area, etc.

We will meet about 9:20 am under the pavilion just outside the ticket window. At that time, Susie will be able to give each of you your pre-paid tickets.

Please make a paid reservation by sending a check to NSDKC, 6320 Brookside Plaza, Suite 213, Kansas City, MO 64113. The discounted admission prices are \$11.50 for adults, \$10.50 for seniors and \$8.50 for children ages 3-11. Lunch will be on our own in a brand new restaurant just now being completed. **Deadline for reservations is June 3.**

Mark your calendars now and come and join us!

Shirley Marshall, Chair, Program Committee



NSDKC visit to Truman Library March 1

Over 40 members and guests braved some risky weather on Saturday March 1, to visit the magnificent Harry S. Truman Presidential Library and Museum in Independence. Arriving at 1:30, we spent about ninety minutes touring at our leisure, with Gary Hicks and Shirley and Ross Marshall helping the group as needed.

We are fortunate to have one of the thirteen Presidential Libraries in our nation, involving all the presidents from Herbert Hoover to George W. Bush. And with a \$23 million renovation of the entire facility completed in 2001, it is indeed an impressive and educational place to visit.

The library was completed in 1957 some fifteen years before Harry Truman died at age 88. He and his wife Bess are buried in the library courtyard which also contains the ashes of daughter Margaret and her husband Clifton Daniel.

From the time the library opened,

President Truman maintained an office on the premises, often working five or six days a week. His office appears today just as it did when Harry died on December 26, 1972 and can be viewed at the rear of the courtyard.

Pictured below is the magnificent Thomas Hart Benton mural *Independence and the Opening of the West*, dedicated in 1961, in the entrance lobby of the library. Guide Ross Marshall in the blue sweater at right is explaining the features of the mural as our group gathered before fanning out to tour the museum exhibits. It shows wagon trains starting from Independence on the Santa Fe, Oregon and California Trails after having outfitted at Independence. They bought their wagons from outstanding wagonmakers like Sam Weston or Hiram Young, a free black, who became famous for his quality workmanship. Also shown are traders, French trappers, and members of early Indian tribes, such as Cheyennes and Pawnees.

In the background are famous trail sites such as Chimney Rock and Bent's Fort.

But the centerpiece at the top is wagon trains that had families moving west to start a new life, facing the hardships and confrontations, with Independence being one of the key starting points. The westward movement in United States history is a great story and the mural portrays it well.

Truman actively participated in the day-to-day operation of the Library, personally training museum docents and conducting impromptu "press conferences". Harry 'just happened' to stop by and gave us a thirty-minute press conference too! It was led by Niel Johnson, who for many years has done a first-person impression of Harry and sounds and looks just like him.

It was a very entertaining day and a fitting location for our first NSDKC program for 2014 under the leadership of Program Committee Chair Shirley Marshall.



Guide Ross Marshall in the blue sweater at right is explaining the features of the mural.

Commemorating the World War I Centennial at the National World War I Museum

A hungry teenage assassin, a wrong turn and two bullets fired from his small hand gun led to a sequence of events that changed the world forever. The date was June 28, 1914 outside of Schillers Delicatessen in Sarajevo, the capital of Bosnia-Herzegovina, and the world was “on the brink”. This June, 2014 the world will pause to remember the start of the “War to End All Wars”. Kansas City’s National World War I Museum will play a leading role over the next five years as the world commemorates and remembers the lessons of history.

The soldiers and volunteers, workers and suppliers, leaders and producers came from rural farms and towns and cities of the United States. No more fitting tribute could be made to their sacrifice, courage and patriotism than to house America’s National World War I Museum in the heartland.

The National World War I Museum at Liberty Memorial is the only American museum solely dedicated to examining the personal experiences of a war whose impact still echoes in the world today. The Museum holds the most diverse collection of World War I objects and documents in the world and is the second-oldest public museum dedicated to preserving the objects, history and experiences of the war.

The centennial of the Great War and the Museum’s commemorative programs and activities gives the nation the opportunity to learn lessons from World War I, become more familiar with the United States’ involvement in the war and derive meaning and understanding of how the war continues to affect the world today.

During the commemoration period (2014-19), the

National World War I Museum will offer timely exhibitions, public programs, guest lectures and additional activities that will result in the international spotlight shining on Kansas City.

In March, the Museum opened a special exhibition *On the Brink: A Month that Changed the World*, which examines the underground organizations, diplomatic communications and international newspaper reporting of the assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand and its political aftershock in a manner never seen before. In April, the Museum launches an online exhibition and public program *War Fare*. The online exhibition includes excerpts from an official U.S. government cookbook from the

World War I era that will be updated with a modern twist from a professional food blogger, while the public program on April 30 will include chefs from Kansas City restaurants competing in a World War I themed cooking challenge.

In May, the Museum opens another special exhibition *Over by Christmas*, which showcases the initial romantic notions of war against the grim reality that the world’s first war would not, in fact, be “over by Christmas” as many believed. From June 22-28, the Museum will host *Taps at the Tower* in which the public is invited to come to the Liberty Memorial each evening at sunset as military personnel perform *Taps*.

More information about the National World War I Museum, its Centennial-related offerings and how to get involved can be found at www.theworldwar.org.

Submitted by Sandra Aust, Chair, Liberty Memorial Committee and member of the Board of Trustees of the National WW I Museum



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Communications Committee

We continue the improvements in our communications processes. At our communications committee meeting February 28, the committee approved, with some minor modifications, a proposal from Laurie Chipman with Chipman Design & Marketing to do the design and layout of our newsletter. The newsletter you are reading will be the first issue that Laurie has done for us.

The process is that after drafts of articles are prepared by a number of us, I will do the basic job of editing. Then I pass the articles along to Norm Besheer for proofreading. After I do a last look, all articles and pictures will be sent to Chuck Eddy who, in turn, will do a final assembly and send it all to Laurie. She will prepare a draft for final proofing by Chuck and me, then she will prepare the final pdf for our printing and online publishing.

Each newsletter will continue to be put on our website. Some additional pictures of our events may also be on our website. Please continue to check our website for the wealth of information that is now on it.

Chuck continues to send out our email blasts in between the newsletter issues that help keep our membership informed promptly of future NSDKC events.

With the illness of Chris Sizemore, chairmanship of the committee is being filled at this time jointly by Chuck and myself.

Ross Marshall, Communications Committee



Tribute at the Liberty Memorial, Kansas City, 1940



Welcome to our new members

Charles Broomfield
Marsha Broomfield
Laurie Chipman
Daniel Field
Michael Gerken
Jeff Marshall
Karen Marshall

In memoriam

NSDKC members William Woodson and Dan Jackson passed away, as did past Outstanding Kansas Citian honoree James Stowers, Jr.

Frank McMillian, Memorial Committee Chair

Historical markers in demand

Patience pays off! We have been waiting since last year for a partner to be found to work with us on the Platte Purchase marker to be installed near Liberty, MO and it looks like that will happen. Therefore, since the committee's work is essentially finished on the marker itself, we will be ordering it by the time you read this newsletter.

We are preparing to start to work on the Greater Kansas City Restaurant Association marker in connection with the Outstanding Kansas Citian event in October, tentatively to be placed at 12th and Walnut downtown.

There is no shortage of requests to consider doing our markers. The committee will shortly be sorting through the requests that we have. Always the issues are: is there some partnering offered, is a location confirmed, is there time for our research and editing process to be completed, and where are we with our annual budget?

My thanks as usual to the members of this committee who work together with creative thinking and with great harmony and effectiveness.

Ross Marshall, Chair, Historical Markers Committee