



# NATIVE SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF GREATER KANSAS CITY

February 2010

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

## Tour of the National Archives Holiday Brunch

We invite you and a guest to a tour of the National Archives exhibit, Mapping Missouri, at 400 West Pershing Road, next to Union Station in Kansas City, Missouri on Saturday, February 27, 2010, at 10:00 a.m.

The National Archives preserves permanent records of the Federal Government for the people of the United States. Kansas City has one of the 13 regional branches, with over 50,000 cubic feet of original records from over 90 Federal agencies in 7 central plains states. See more information at their web site: <http://www.archives.gov/central-plains> Admission is free, and any donations given will support local programs at the Archives.

After the tour, have an optional lunch at Noon at the Over There Cafe at the Liberty Memorial Museum. Please see the map below for locations.

Additional details were mailed to the membership. If you need further information, please contact Program Chair, Louise Hicks at [programs@nsdkc.org](mailto:programs@nsdkc.org), or Susie Hughes, Executive Secretary at [secretary@nsdkc.org](mailto:secretary@nsdkc.org).

We hope to see you there.

*Louise Hicks, Program Chair*

## Holiday Brunch

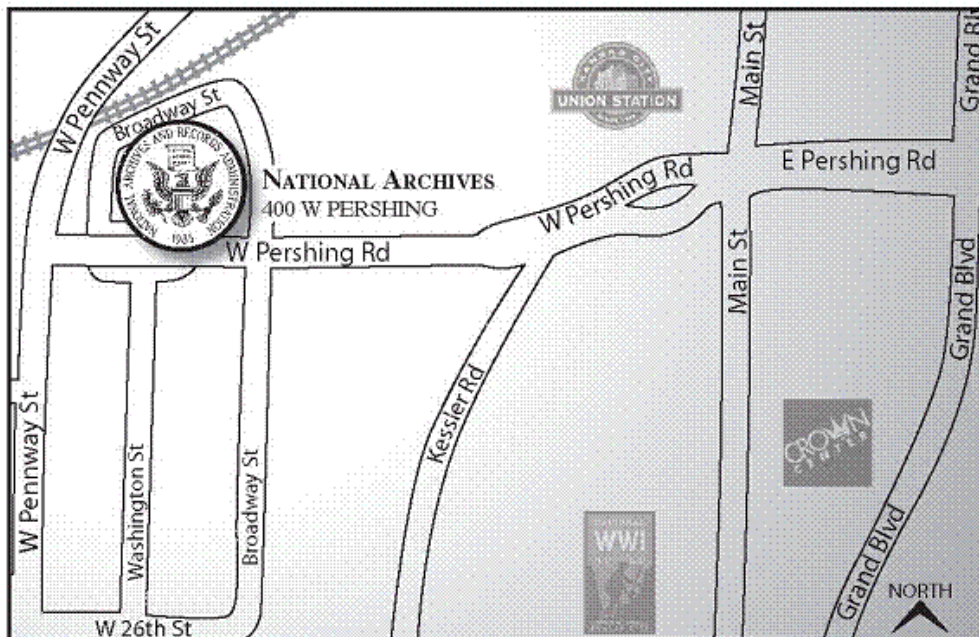
The Native Sons and Daughters celebrated the 2009 holiday season with our annual Holiday Brunch held at the Indian Hills Country Club on December 12th, 2009.

Upon arrival, approximately 140 members and guests were treated to the charm of the beautifully renovated facilities. The event celebrated the joys of this holiday season, the leadership of Dan Sturdevant as Native Sons and Daughters President for 2009, and the passing of the gavel to incoming President Gary L. Hicks.

The event provided members an opportunity to get reacquainted before a bountiful feast prepared by the Indian Hills Country Club chefs. Members were greeted by Executive Secretary Susie Hughes, and incoming Program Chair Louise Hicks.

The program began with delightful holiday music, delivered barber-shop harmony style by "The Impromptunes", a ladies ensemble consisting of 10 women dressed for the holiday! These ladies additionally sing with the renowned Sweet Adelines group of Kansas City, which recently placed 8th in Nashville in international competition. Our own "Sweet Adeline" Ursula Dunnewind joined the ensemble.

Dan recognized the incoming  
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# President's Letter

As we move into our 78th year, we remain focused on charity, advocacy, preservation, and education in our 10-county Kansas City region. We remain vigilant and steadfast assuring a watchful eye and a voice for our historic community. Through the outstanding leadership of 2009 President Dan Sturdevant, we are better prepared to face the challenges and the opportunities before us in 2010.

Strength and ability are found in our membership with diverse historical interests, perspectives, and experiences. In 2009, our membership increased 15%–20% to a total of 265 members. I have set a goal to reach 300 members by December 31, 2010, and ask each member to recruit at least ONE new member this year. With that, our goal should easily be met and surpassed.

Remember, a person only has to have an interest in area history to be a member. No longer does one need to have been born in the Kansas City area to be a member. For a membership application, please visit [www.nsdkc.org](http://www.nsdkc.org) or contact Membership Chair John Hess, Jr. at [membership@nsdkc.org](mailto:membership@nsdkc.org) or Executive Secretary Susie Hughes at 816.926.9397.

New initiatives for 2010 include the formulation of a Speakers Bureau, a Western Historical Manuscript Collection committee, Truman Statue placement project, a Member Orientation for new or existing members, and placement of four historic markers.

Much participation, planning, and resource is required for each of these ambitious objectives to be a success. Your involvement in these activities, or our community service committees, is vital to the health and purpose of our organization.

Considering the economic climate the past 18 months, we remain fiscally sound as an organization. Prudent financial management policy established by the Board has guided the financial management of our Trust Fund. This fund is significant in sustaining our administrative operations, projects, and our area outreach. In your personal estate planning, you are invited to consider NSDKC, and the viability of its good work to our community.

We are a diverse and growing membership connected in the common cause of historic preservation and by technology. Effective use of technology provides for responsible stewardship of our resources, broadens our outreach capability, and enhances our ability to inform members of activities in a timely manner. Please check our website as an important means of keeping informed. Get your newsletter online!

This year, as we discover more about the heritage of our great community, may we enhance the role we play in its preservation.

*Gary L. Hicks, President*

## Fund Raiser for Projects in 2010

It is hoped that a signature event will be held in 2010 to fund our preservation and education efforts. Please contact President Gary L. Hicks at 913.832.3200 or email to [president@nsdkc.org](mailto:president@nsdkc.org) or Executive Secretary Susie Hughes at 816.926.9397 if you want to assist.

# Remembrance

## Terry W. Chapman

We, the Native Sons and Daughters of Greater Kansas City, extend profound sympathy to the family of Mr. Terry Chapman, who recently passed away. Mr. Chapman's abiding regard and commitment to preserving the historic record of the estate of Alexander Majors and of Granddaughter Louisa Johnston have been essential and unequalled.

Mr. Chapman passed away Monday, January 11th, 2010. Mr. Chapman was President of the Alexander Majors Historic Foundation, and for years served as the Trustee for the Alexander Majors House and Park located at 83rd and State Line, Kansas City, Missouri. He served the Kansas City area as a successful architect whose skills and devotion are reflected in the restored Majors' home and site. His presence in our historic preservation community will be missed.

## Meet & Greet in 2010

We will have 3 events this year, one in the spring, summer, and fall. Please check the web site at <http://www.nsdkc.org> for details soon. If you have specific questions, please feel free to email me at [membership@nsdkc.org](mailto:membership@nsdkc.org)

## Volunteer needed

We're looking for volunteer assistance for development of flyers and marketing material using digital formats. Please contact Communications Chair Norm Besheer at 816.941.2370. Microsoft Office proficiency preferred.

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Officers and the Board of Directors, and reflected on his year as President. Dan introduced those new members present, and special guests including Hon. Richard Berkley, former Mayor of Kansas City, Missouri. Gary presented a plaque to Dan commemorating his service to the organization. Of great significance in 2009 were Dan's development of better data management, and increasing our membership by 46 members!

Dan conducted a brief business session with Bylaws Chair John Dunnewind. They presented a proposed revision to Section IV of the bylaws. Following discussion and vote, the motion passed.

Dan introduced incoming President Gary Hicks who recognized new committee chairs for 2010. Gary offered a 77 year perspective on the contributions of the Native Sons and Daughters, and the value it serves towards historical charity, advocacy, preservation and education in our 10-county area. In his closing remarks, Gary outlined several objectives for his coming term. Additional musical entertainment was provided by Dan and Dr. Bruce Prince-Joseph, former pianist for Leonard Bernstein's New York City Philharmonic Orchestra.

## Dillingham honored by SAR

John Dillingham is receiving the "Silver Good Citizenship Medal" on Saturday February 20, 2010 at the Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution George Washington Celebration. He is a longtime member of SAR with more than 35 proven Revolutionary War ancestors. John was awarded the Outstanding Kansas Citian Award by the Native Sons in September 2009.

## Obituaries

Robert A. Anderson

Wendy Brinton

## Please Welcome New Members

Adam J. Courtney

Lauren Vaughan

Bill Musgrave

Mark D. Wasserstrom

Diane Boos Pepper

Andrew N. White

James G. Trimble

Janice White

## Community Service Chairs for 2010

Many thanks to John Hess, Sr., for serving 20 years as our Membership Chair. John Hess, Jr., is the new Membership Chair. For the past 2 years, John Hess, Jr. has done an outstanding job planning and facilitating Meet & Greet events, designed to recruit new members and provide networking opportunities for members and the Board.

Also, a warm thank you to Mary Lee Sturdevant for serving five years as Program Chair, and her memorable tours and historical experiences. New chairs for 2010 are Louise Hicks, Program Chair, and Dr. Walter Swanson as Chair of the Alexander Majors Committee.

## 2010 Officers

President, Gary Hicks

1st Vice President, Norm Besheer

2nd Vice President, Dot Benner

Treasurer, James Flanagan, IV

Secretary, Joanne Collins

Historian, Joe Vaughan

## Directors

Dave Baumgartner

Mary Cross

James Davis

John Dunnewind

Charles Eddy

John Hess, Sr.

John Hess, Jr.

Whitney Kerr

Ross Marshall

Eleanor Schwartz

Edwin Shutt, II

William Worley

## Directors Emeritus

John Dillingham, William "Dick" Fickle,  
George Hicks, Bruce Pennington, Sunday  
Siragusa

## Corp. Service Committees

Advisory: Tom Sims, Dan Sturdevant,  
Eileen Sullivan

Bylaws: John Dunnewind

Communications: Norm Besheer

Legal Affairs: Jim Bernard

Membership: John Hess, Sr.,

John Hess, Jr.

Memorial: Pat Barelli

Media Editor: Keith Krieger

Outstanding Kansas Citian: Dot Benner

Program: Louise Hicks

## Community Service

Alexander Majors: Dr. Walter Swanson

Archives: Eleanor Schwartz

Daniel Morgan Boone Park: William

Worley

Fort Osage: John Hess, Sr.

Historic Markers: Paul Christiansen,

Roger Smith

Liberty Memorial: Bruce Pennington

Speakers Bureau: Dave Baumgartner

Town Site Preservation: Tom Sims

Union Cemetery: Jeff Davis

Western Historical Manuscript

Collection: Dan Sturdevant

Westport Historical Society:

J. Dan Creasy

Wyandotte County Historical Society

and Museum: Edwin Shutt, II

## Executive Secretary

Susie Hughes

# Upcoming Events

## Tour of the National Archives

Join us for a tour of the Kansas City branch of the National Archives on Saturday, February 27, followed by an optional lunch at the National World War I Museum at Liberty Memorial. More details on page 1.

Scenes from the 2009 Holiday Brunch. More details on page 1 inside.



Find more news, information, and photos at  
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