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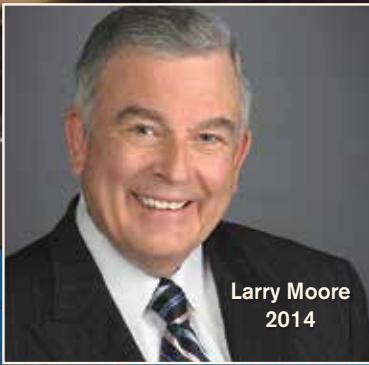
Outstanding Kansas Citian Award to

LARRY MOORE

and recognize the

Greater Kansas City Restaurant Association

as it begins its centennial celebration



Larry Moore
2014



Julia Irene Kauffman
2011



George Brett
2013

Don't miss the 42nd Annual Gala to honor the Outstanding Kansas Citian LARRY MOORE



ark your calendars for our biggest event of the year on October 15! The Outstanding Kansas Citian Gala is one of the most prestigious events in Kansas City so reserve your seats as we are expecting more than 400 people!

Every year the OKC is getting better and more well-known. We continue to honor history-making Kansas Citians and place markers with organizations that are paramount to the legacy of our city. Not only that, but this event raises the funds to support the mission and operations of NSDKC.

You can help us tell the community about OKC and NSDKC

This year, we are working towards raising the profile of NSDKC and attracting new members. We want to get as many Kansas Citians as possible to attend OKC and are asking for your help to get the word out.

This month more than 3,000 letters and postcards were sent announcing the 2014 OKC dinner and award program. Yet, we need to expand our use of online media.

You can help the OKC committee by promoting this special evening on your Facebook page and any websites you have access to. Web banners and Facebook images are available at http://nsdkc.org/okc_banners_and_images.

You can link these images back to the OKC page on the NSDKC website, http://nsdkc.org/outstanding_kansas_citian.

Thank you for your support!

Carl DiCapo, Chair, OKC Committee

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The President's Message

Several exciting and key events are upcoming in the last half of 2014. See below for the list and dates.



Included is the Outstanding Kansas Citian event October 15 at the Kansas City Convention Center honoring Larry Moore (see page 1), which promises to be a larger and more significant OKC event than ever!

Later in the year, we will have our annual Board Meeting November 12 and the annual Christmas Brunch on December 7. In addition, we will have in July and in October or November the dedication of two of our trademark historical markers, one in Liberty and one in downtown Kansas City.

So far this year we have had three events for our membership. The first was at the Truman Library on March 1, well-attended and enjoyable, and covered in our spring newsletter. The second was one of John Hess, Jr.'s patented Meet & Greets at the Kansas City Club downtown. It was also very well attended and enjoyable. The third was on June 7 at the Kansas City Zoo, victimized somewhat by our spring thunderstorms.

One of the priorities for any organization is to preserve its history, its archives and its institutional memory. We have worked hard at that for all these years, as evidenced by the fact that we have something like 200 sq. ft. of archival materials in the State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Kansas City as you will read in this issue.

However, we still have work to do like completing the listing and description of all our historical markers on our website. Another feature of preserving our history is recording in narrative form a readable summary of the NSDKC activities and accomplishments. We will be working on both of these initiatives.

We have also been talking about some strategic planning, which will enable us to see more clearly where we need to be in the coming years and how to get there. More later on that.

Check out our website. We keep adding information on it—much of our historical marker information is now up and available.

Thanks to each of you for being valuable NSDKC members!

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

July (date undetermined): Dedication of Platte Purchase marker

Thursday, Sept. 25, 6:00 pm: Meet & Greet (see article)

Wednesday, Oct. 15, 6:00 pm: Outstanding Kansas Citian (Page 1)

★ 2014 CALENDAR ★

October (date undetermined):

Dedication of Greater Kansas City Restaurant Association marker

Wednesday, Nov. 12, 6:00 pm: Annual Board Meeting – Golden Ox

Saturday, Dec. 6, 11:00 am: Holiday Brunch – Indian Hills CC

Geeks Welcome!

We need a geek.

Do you like working on facebook and social media? Are you interested in working on websites? We need your help with these areas for The Native Sons and Daughters of Greater Kansas City.

If you have your geek on, contact us at

816-363-5311 or

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Wornall-Majors House museums seeking Executive Director

Ms. Anna Marie Tutera, who has served the past several years as executive director of the combined Wornall-Majors House Museums, Inc., resigned effective June 7 to become the new executive director of the Kansas City Museum at Corinthian Hall, the former residence of lumber magnate R.A. Long. The Wornall-Majors Board of Directors is actively engaged in an application and interview process to fill the vacated executive director position.

Under Ms. Tutera's leadership, \$300,000 in funding was secured for the Wornall House to repair structural and architectural damage caused by a foundation failure at the southwest corner, about 2 years ago. All repairs are now completed and a social event was held on May 22 to celebrate and commemorate the project's completion, and to recognize those who were

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Successful Meet & Greet at Kansas City Club

A very enjoyable spring Meet & Greet was held on April 17th at the Kansas City Club. Over 50 members and guests had the unique opportunity to learn about the club and socialize. Historical facts as well as tours of the club, the building and memorabilia were given by **Jonathan Sternberg**, Historian of the Kansas City Club and NSDKC member.

The Kansas City Club, founded in 1882, is located at 918 Baltimore and is the oldest existing gentlemen's club in Missouri. (The club began admitting women members in 1975.) Along with the River Club on nearby Quality Hill, it is one of two surviving private city clubs on the Missouri side of Kansas City.

In the period after the Civil War, most of Kansas City's existing social clubs were pro-Confederate. A group of prominent local businessmen and professionals decided to provide an alternative to the pro-confederate clubs and organized the Kansas City Club on November 10, 1882. In 1888, the club moved into its first clubhouse, a brick building at the corner of Twelfth and Wyandotte Streets.

In 1922, having absorbed several other clubs, and with a membership of more than 600, the club built a 14-story building at the corner of Thirteenth Street and Baltimore Avenue.

The Club had 2,180 members in 1987. By 2001, however, membership had dwindled to less than 900 and its building needed upgrading. In 2001, the club agreed to merge with the University Club, a 100-year-old gentlemen's club with 200 members, and purchase the University Club's four-story facilities, which were smaller and cost only \$1 million to upgrade.



Ross and Shirley Marshall with son Jeff and wife Karen, all members



John Hess, Jr. (L) with members Adam Courtney and his wife, Kristi.

The present building contains a dining room, a pub, a library, a cigar stand, full-service athletic facilities, and banquet and meeting facilities including a lounge, a ballroom, and private conference rooms.

A special thanks to **Bryan Flanagan**, NSDKC member and KC Club President, as well as **Jonathan Sternberg**, for making this event a

success. Also, I would like to thank NSDKC member **Debbie LeGrotte** for her continuing efforts to take pictures at our events, some of which are included on this page.

*John Hess, Jr.
Chair, Membership Committee*

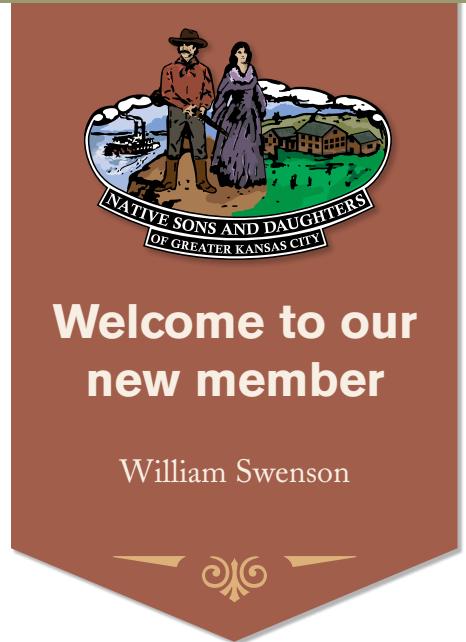
Platte Purchase marker ordered

By the time you read this article, the Platte Purchase marker will have probably been delivered to us. It will be installed on the north side of Liberty, MO near I-35. The nearby farmhouse of Weekly Dale was the site of the first meeting, in the summer of 1835, leading to the 1837 Platte Purchase which added the six northwest counties in Missouri. It was the only time in U. S. history that any substantial territory was added to an existing state.

We will likely schedule a dedication in July. An email blast to our members will be sent out when those arrangements are finalized.

The Greater Kansas City Restaurant Association marker which will be presented to that group at the Outstanding Kansas Citian event October 15 is essentially finished. We submitted a grant application to the Neighborhood Tourist Development Fund in May. Since the OKC event is in October, there is no hurry to get this marker made and we will wait a little while and order it in the summer sometime. We will know where we stand on the grant by that time as well.

*Ross Marshall, Chair
Historical Markers Committee*



Welcome to our new member

William Swenson

Grand time had by Zoo visitors

Though weather kept a few people home from the Kansas City Zoo on June 7, the attendees had a great time!

A light rain was falling when we went through the gate at 9:30. But most of us went to the spectacular Helzberg Penguin Building, then walked to the covered seats at the 10:00 Sea Lion Splash show. When the show ended at 10:20, the rain had stopped. The rest of the day was comfortable with few people around, and we were able to see the entire Zoo complex.

Ross and I, plus our granddaughter Kathryn who is 13, enjoyed not only the penguins and the sea lions, but also the Sky Safari ride, polar bears, large birds up close (see top right), the elephant walk, and especially a couple of dozen kangaroos hopping around us in the Australia zone.

A special thank you is extended to those that braved the weather and enjoyed this NSDKC event!

*Shirley Marshall, Chair
Program Committee*



Kathryn and an Australian straw-necked ibis

**Kathryn Lee,
a 'very large
penguin'
and Shirley
Marshall**



Don't miss Meet & Greet September 25, at Jannsen Place home!

I am pleased to announce that the fall Meet & Greet will be held Thursday, September 25 at the home of NSDKC members **Frank and Ann Uryasz**. It is located at 7 Janssen Place in Historic Hyde Park.

The 7,000 square foot house, pictured at right, was built in 1909-1910 for Rodella G. Dwight, and includes a solarium (now an office), a third floor ballroom, and a complete apartment over the garage which was occupied by the chauffeur. They are graciously opening their home to share the history of the house and neighborhood.

The event will be from 6 to 8 PM. Light refreshments will be served. Please RSVP to Susie Hughes at phughes9@kc.rr.com or 816-926-9397.

*John Hess, Jr., Chair
Membership Committee*



Boy Scouts maintain Elmwood Cemetery

The Elmwood Cemetery was a nice, quiet place for the Memorial Day Weekend. Members of the Board of Trustees were available to assist families in the location of graves and to take donations.

They were also able to witness the installation of a new flag presented by the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) and the Boy Scout Troop from our Lady of Perpetual Help—Redemptorist Church. We have another Scout working on his Eagle Scout Badge in the cemetery. Scouts pick a section of the cemetery and work on resetting or righting grave stones, cleanup work, and adoption of the section.

The Board will be working with the Committee toward the annual picnic which will be held October 4, 2014.

*Nancy Elder, Co-Chair
Elmwood Cemetery Committee*



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instrumental in making the repair project possible and successful.

In conjunction with the structural and architectural repairs at Wornall, an archeological study was conducted by professional archaeologist Doug Shaver on that portion of the site around the historic home's foundation.

The historic Wornall House is now re-opened to the public. See its website at <http://wornallhouse.org> for hours of operation.

On June 6 and 7, the annual fundraiser Garden Tours event was held, featuring seven gorgeous and ingenious gardens (including the Wornall House) ranging from the formal to the fantastic, in classic Kansas City neighborhoods from Sunset Hill to Fairway, and from old Leawood to the Ward Parkway corridor.

Summer Camp registration is now available for the Wornall-Majors museums. See the following website <http://www.alexandermajors.com/summer-camp> for details. Operations of the Farmer's Market at the Majors House have been discontinued until further notice, and the much needed repairs to the home's exterior and lawn areas are being evaluated. The Majors site is open on weekends from 1:00-4:00.

*Gary L. Hicks, Chair
Wornall-Majors Committee*

David Boutros retires, status of NSDKC archives

David Boutros and a dozen representatives of NSDKC, including **Dan Sturdevant, Steve Noll, Joe Vaughan, Norm Besheer, John Dillingham, Ann O'Hare, John Hess, Sr., John Hess, Jr., John Mura, A. J. Cameron, Mike Burke, and Ross Marshall**, met May 29 on the third floor of UMKC's Newcomb Hall, regarding David's upcoming retirement in July after thirty years as Associate Director of the State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Kansas City (formerly the Western Historical Manuscript Collection-Kansas City).

Additionally, David has vast knowledge of the Kansas City Center's collections and especially of the Native Sons and Daughters of Greater Kansas City archives and records. These records were transferred by members of the Native Sons and Daughters over the years under gift papers and are orga-

nized and available from the Kansas City branch.

Currently, our NSDKC archival records occupy approximately 200 cubic feet, consisting of documents, photographs, maps, and other materials such as scrapbooks, drawings and paintings, and architectural blue prints. The most highly used and useful documents and photos are housed at Newcomb Hall and the rest are in other storage places in the Kansas City area and at the University of Missouri's Record Center in Columbia which can be retrieved for researchers within a few days. Moreover, all the collections of the Historical Society, including the NSDKC's materials, can be made available to researchers at any of the SHSMO offices in Columbia, St. Louis, Rolla, Springfield and Cape Girardeau.

A specific website (shs.umsystem.edu/about/kansascity) online registry

of all collections is available. Or a person can visit Newcomb Hall. Detailed Collection inventories are often many pages (perhaps as many as 500 for NSDKC collections) so a researcher can identify a particular box or a particular file that contains the information he seeks and then request the Kansas City branch staff, in person, by e-mail, or phone, to have the desired files and/or boxes sent to Newcomb Hall where the archival materials would then be available for viewing.

President Ross Marshall thanked David Boutros for his many years of service and for his knowledge. David said that although retired he would be willing to share his institutional memory with the new Director as he/she begins to learn what probably only David knows.

*Dan Sturdevant,
Chair State Historical Society of Missouri
Committee*

Left to right: John Dillingham, David Boutros, Mike Burke, John Mura, Joe Vaughan, Norm Besheer and Dan Sturdevant





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WWI Centennial activities at Liberty Memorial

The Liberty Memorial is such a magnificent structure and an equally magnificent historical museum. There is so much significance to Kansas City and the nation as the World War I centennial commemoration events unfold. The following are some of the upcoming special events that highlight the approaching centennial date of June 28.



Taps at the Tower, June 22 to 28

The public is invited each evening at sunset from Sunday, June 22 to Saturday, June 28 for "Taps at the Tower." People are invited to come and use the grounds each evening, have a picnic, play games and enjoy the outdoors. The Museum will remain open until 8:30 p.m. each day and at sunset, people will gather to experience Taps being played during a moving ceremony.



Save the Date: Great War Centennial event June 28

Bosnian Serb nationalist Gavrilo Princip assassinated Austria-Hungary Archduke Franz Ferdinand on June 28, 1914, in Sarajevo, an event that eventually sparked the outbreak of World War I. The Museum will commemorate the beginning of the Great War Centennial with a special event on June 28. Ceremony details will be posted on the Museum's website soon.

*Sandra Aust, Chair
Liberty Memorial Committee*