



NATIVE SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF GREATER KANSAS CITY

August/September 2009

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

John Dillingham 2009 Recipient of Outstanding Kansas Citian award

Please join us Thursday, September 24, 2009, at 6:30 p.m. at the Golden Ox Restaurant, 1600 Genessee, Kansas City, Missouri, for the Outstanding Kansas Citian dinner and award ceremony.



The 2009 recipient is John A. Dillingham, past President and Board member of the Native Sons and Daughters of Greater Kansas City, and distinguished citizen of Kansas City. John's accomplishments as a historian, civic activist, and philanthropist illustrate his commitment to Kansas City.

He is president and director of JoDill, Inc., and Dillingham Enterprises. John's public and civic

affairs comprise an extensive list of chairmanships, directorships and appointments.

John is the 45th recipient of this award, first given in 1973. John's father, the late Jay B. Dillingham, received the Outstanding Kansas Citian award in 1984.

It is significant that the dinner-event will be held at the Golden Ox Restaurant, which was established by Jay B. Dillingham in 1959. The restaurant is located in the Livestock Exchange Building where John's father had his offices for many years and where John also has his offices on the top floor of the building.

We'll be sending an invitation to everyone shortly. If you plan on attending the dinner, please respond quickly, as seating at the Golden Ox is limited. We'll also have a special event prior to the dinner. You'll see more information in the invitation. We're looking forward to seeing you at the dinner. More information, including maps and driving directions may be found at <http://www.nsdkc.org>.

Please plan on reserving early, as seating is limited.

Upcoming Events

Please plan on attending the events coming this fall. Events are open to all members. We invite you to invite your friends, family, and colleagues.

**Saturday, October 17,
10:00 a.m.**

We'll have a construction tour of the Kauffman Performing Arts Center, downtown Kansas City, seen below. There is no charge for this tour. We'll follow the tour with an optional lunch at your expense at the Webster House.



Late October

Meet and Greet, with details to follow. We invite you and potential members to the Meet and Greet.

**Saturday, December 12,
11:00 a.m.**

Annual Holiday Brunch, with more information to come.

For up-to-date information about these events, please visit our web site, <http://www.nsdkc.org>.

President's Letter

Dear Native Sons and Daughters,
I want each of you to know that sometimes an organization takes a leap forward and that is happening now.

Gary Hicks, first Vice President and Communications Committee chair, has led several people in numerous meetings over two years. These focused meetings have led to improvements in our communications, email addresses, the membership roster, the website and more.

The 2009-2010 Roster, which you should have received in the mail by late July, was produced by Joe Vaughan Printing. I hope you will find this roster is more accurate and helpful. I encourage you to use your roster. (If you have a correction now or as time goes on, please let me know.) Joe, a former President of NSDKC, is also a valuable advisor to me.

Keith Krieger, our webmaster and Journal Notes newsletter editor, with help from the Communications Committee, has moved us into the digital age. Keith continues to improve our website and Journal Notes newsletter. He has worked for us for about two years and I couldn't be more pleased. Please see <http://www.nsdkc.org> as Keith updates regularly. Remember: NSDKC.org or Native Sons Daughters Kansas City.

We have about 250 members. We don't have email addresses for about 50 members. Please let us know your email address if we don't show it in the new Roster.

Dan Sturdevant, President

Meet & Greet at Buttonwood

A group of our members and potential members met Jon and Wendy McGraw, proprietors and artists at the Buttonwood Art Space at 3013

Main Street in Kansas City, Missouri on July 22. Good food, conversation and art abounded. Plenty of history was discussed. One item was Mr. McGraw's original real estate abstract, showing that his building and land at



Members at the Meet and Greet at the Buttonwood

3013 Main was first deeded in the 1840s to a Mr. McCoy—a rather famous person in Kansas City. Thanks to John Hess, Jr. for arranging for this fine event.

New Members

Lawrence Lyons
Betty Tillotson
Clark Benner
Jamie Benner
Abe Shafer
Christy Shafer
John Martin
Lisa Mine

Jeff Bradshaw
Frank McMillian
Nancy Yuelkenbeck
Matt Harris
Ralph Matkin
Robert Matkin
Alan Hall
Barbara Dietrich

Fort Osage Work Recognized

Gordon Julich, Superintendent of Historic Sites of Jackson County Parks & Recreation presented a plaque to Dan Sturdevant, President of the Native Sons & Daughters of Greater Kansas City on April 14, 2009 at the Courtyard by Marriott in Blue Springs, Mo. which stated:

"Hats off to the Native Sons & Daughters of Greater Kansas City for their continued support making lasting impressions at Historic Fort Osage."



Dan Sturdevant, President, accepts the plaque on behalf of the Native Sons and Daughters.

Members in the News

Capturing the hearts of golf fans around the world, 59-year-old Tom Watson came within an 8-foot putt of winning his sixth British Open in July. It was a stellar performance by Watson, a NSDKC member and our 1982 Outstanding Kansas Citian recipient.

Obituaries

Dr. Lee Pickering, M.D.

Willard (Bill) S. Norton, P.E.
Engineer

Initiative launched for classroom at the WHMC at UMKC

A fund raising campaign for the collection at the Western Historical Manuscript Collection at UMKC is underway. The photo below shows Phase I of our commitment to the archives. The collection houses material documenting Kansas City history, including Native Sons records. One option is to name the new classroom "Native Sons and Daughters of Greater Kansas City Classroom." Fund raising efforts continue. Contact Dan Sturdevant, President, if you have questions or wish to make a donation to further the mission of the Native Sons and Daughters.



Sitting: Dan Sturdevant, David Boutros, Associate Director, Western Historical Manuscript Collection, Kansas City, Eleanor Schwartz, former UMKC Chancellor. Standing: Gary Hicks, David and Nancy Baumgartner, Dan and Judy Jackson, Don Dibble, Arlene Schumann, John Dillingham, Bob Sigman. Norm Besheer, Tom Platt, Mary Lee Sturdevant, Ed Shutt, Eileen Sullivan, Tom Sims, Sylvia and Dan Creasy and Cherie and Jeff Davis.

Board of Directors slate proposed

The Nominating Committee proposes these nominees for the Board of Directors for 2010. Consistent with bylaws changes passed December 2008, the nominating committee divided the directors into staggered terms of 1, 2, and 3 years. Thanks to the nominees for their willingness to serve.

These individuals are to be voted on, or alternates nominated, by the membership at the Outstanding Kansas Citian dinner on September 24, 2009. Notice is hereby given of this vote.

Term ending December 31, 2010

"Dot" Benner
Jeff Davis
John Hess, Jr
Ed Shutt
Gary Hicks
Norm Besheer

Term ending December 31, 2011

Joanne Collins
Chuck Eddy
Whitney Kerr
Mary Cross
Jim Flanagan
Joe Vaughn

Term ending December 31, 2012

Ross Marshall
Bill Worley
John Hess Sr.
John Dunnewind
David Baumgartner
Eleanor Schwartz

Officers for 2009

President, Dan Sturdevant
1st Vice President, Gary Hicks
2nd Vice President, Norm Besheer
Treasurer, James Flanagan, IV
Secretary, Joanne Collins
Historian, Joe Vaughan

Directors

Dorothy Benner
Joanne Collins
Mary Cross
James Davis
Charles Eddy
John Hess, Sr.
John Hess, Jr.
Whitney Kerr
Ross Marshall
Edwin Shutt, II
Mary Lee Sturdevant
William Worley

Directors Emeritus

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

Corp. Service Committees

Advisory, J. Dan Creasy,
Eileen Sullivan, & Tom Sims
Bylaws, John Dunnewind
Public Relations, Gary Hicks
Legal Affairs, Jim Bernard
Membership,
John Hess, Sr., & John Hess, Jr.
Memorial, Pat Barelli
Media Editor, Keith Krieger
Outstanding Kansas Citian,
Norm Besheer
Program, Mary Lee Sturdevant

Community Service

Alexander Majors,
Archives, Eleanor Schwarz
Daniel Morgan Boone Park,
William Worley
Fort Osage, John Hess, Sr.
Historic Markers, Roger Smith
Liberty Memorial,
Bruce Pennington
Town Site Preservation, Tom Sims
Union Cemetery, Jeff Davis
Westpt Hist. Society, J. Dan Creasy
Wyandotte Co. Historical Society and
Museum, Edwin Shutt, II

Executive Secretary

Susie Hughes

Upcoming Events

Outstanding Kansas Citian for 2009

The Outstanding Kansas Citian Award recipient for 2009 is John A. Dillingham. The awards ceremony is scheduled for September 24th, 2009. The dinner and award ceremony will be held at the Golden Ox, 1600 Genessee Street in the West Bottoms, Kansas City, Missouri. See page 1 for more details or www.nsdkc.org. Invitations will be arriving soon. Please RSVP early, as seating is limited.

New Members in July 2009, please check your email

We send new members an invitation to join the Native Sons and Daughters email list. This is an opt-in list, and you received an invitation sent to the email address you provided on your application. To complete the process, please use the link in that email to confirm that you wish to be added to the list.

Go Paperless

Would you prefer to read the Journal Notes online rather than receive a printed version? Moving to email delivery also reduces the cost.

Please email Keith Krieger, kkrieger@nsdkc.org, and we'll change your delivery option. You'll receive an email notice when the newsletter is posted to the web site.

Bequests

Including the Native Sons and Daughters 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 and Daughters projects as designated for use in future projects to be established and approved by the board of directors.

For more information, please contact the President of the Native Sons and Daughters, Dan Sturdevant at 816.421.4783, or dan@sturdevantlawoffice.com.



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