



# NATIVE SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF GREATER KANSAS CITY

February 2009

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

## Holiday Brunch

By Gary L. Hicks and Lee I. Pickering

Once again, the Native Sons and Daughters celebrated the holiday season with our annual brunch held at the Indian Hills Country Club on Saturday, December 13th, 2008. More than 100 members and guests attended the event highlighted by the social re-acquain-



tance of our members preceding an elegant brunch.

On arrival and registration, members were issued new name tags by Executive Secretary Susie Hughes.

The organization celebrated the successful tenure of the Hon. Thomas E. Sims, 2008 president of Native Sons and Daughters, and the passing of the gavel to incoming president Dan C. D. Sturdevant. Tom reflected on his year as president. Dan Sturdevant presented a plaque to Tom commemorating his service to the organization.

Dan outlined several objectives for his coming term and noted a number of projects moving forward for 2009.

The 2009 Board of Directors was introduced, including the officers for 2009. Gary L. Hicks will take the seat of 1st Vice-President, with Lee Pickering

taking the seat of 2nd Vice-President. Norm Besheer takes on the Secretary's role, and Jim Flanagan IV continues in the role of Treasurer. Joe Vaughan assumes the role of Historian for the Native Sons and Daughters. Many past presidents were introduced, as well as a large contingent of new members joining us in 2008, including our first fourth generation member, Bryan Flanagan.

Dan Creasy conducted a short business session that revised our Bylaws to provide modified procedures for Board and Officer selection; recognized and codified the Archives Section; and provided an Article to revise the responsibilities of the Administrative Secretary.

Musical entertainment was provided by our incoming president, Dan Sturdevant and his trio of outstanding musicians, performing delightful tunes featuring the names of "cities" as the theme,

including "San Francisco," "Luckenbach, Texas," and "Christmas in Kansas City." A closing song, Silent Night, was performed by our own Bruce Prince-Joseph, former pianist for Leonard Bernstein's New York City Philharmonic Orchestra, with trio and audience participation.

This cheerful event set the tone for a

*Dr. Bruce Prince-Joseph, Leonard Bernstein's pianist in the New York Philharmonic for many years, also entertained with the event's closing song, "Silent Night."*



Season of Yuletide greeting, good will, and promise of another year of achievement in 2009 for our organization. For additional pictures, visit [www.nsdck.org](http://www.nsdck.org).



# President's Letter

Dear Members,

We have a very strong historical story in Kansas City, a place that we love. Let's help build and educate as to our story.

Please come to our upcoming events. You will enjoy the events and friendship with your fellow members.

## Recruiting new members

I'm setting a goal of 280 members by December 31, 2009. Gradually, our numbers have slipped in recent years, making our total membership roughly 245 at this time. May I ask each person reading to recruit one new member this year. To recruit, let me suggest:

1. Our excellent web site, <http://www.nsdkc.org>
2. Use our brochures and business cards for your purse or billfold, which

you will be receiving in the mail soon.

*Dan Sturdevant, President*

## Membership Renewal mailed

Please return your completed and corrected form before April 1. As of January 14th, members have returned over half the renewal forms.

If you didn't receive a form, please email [info@native-sons-daughters.org](mailto:info@native-sons-daughters.org), or call Susie Hughes, Executive Secretary, at 816.926.9397, for a copy. Forms returned after April 1st will be delinquent.

The 2009 Roster will be based on the renewal forms received by April 1, 2009. Please complete the information on the form for the Archives. Your contact information in the new roster will be based on the information on the renewal form. Call us if there are any questions about the form or your membership.

You have a choice to have your contact information as printed in the roster also placed on the password protected, Members Only section of our website, or you may decline to do so. Contact information for members will be stored in the Members Only section of the web site. Please contact us at [info@nsdkc.org](mailto:info@nsdkc.org) if you have questions about your roster information, and how we will maintain your privacy.

## New Members

Ross Marshall  
Marshall Curt Rimann  
Mary Ruth Rimann  
Erma Lou Hess  
Beverly June Sims  
William T. Chinnery  
Sharon Chinnery  
Bryan James Flanagan  
Michael Morgan  
Janice Ash  
Suzanne Willey

## Friends of Sacred Structures Tour, Saturday, April 18

Please join us April 18 for a bus tour of some of Kansas City's most beautiful churches! Joanie Shields of FOSS (Friends of Sacred Structures) will be our guide. Parking is available at St. Paul's Episcopal Church at 40th and Main in Kansas City, Missouri.

The bus will leave at 8:45 a.m. from St. Paul's parking lot for Grace & Holy Trinity Cathedral. Our own Bruce Prince-Joseph will play a few songs on the organ at Grace and Holy Trinity. Other stops include tours of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Redemptorist, and St. Paul's. Joanie will also provide background on other churches along the route. We are working on an optional lunch at the end of the tour. More details coming.

## Upcoming Events

### Wyandotte County Historical Museum, Saturday, February 28 631 N. 126th, Bonner Springs

We will have a guided tour of the newly renovated museum beginning at 10:00 a.m. The tour is approximately an hour, and you'll enjoy the special exhibits, such as the Hopewell, Shawnee, and Wyandotte Native American displays, the 1905 horse-drawn steam pumper shown below, the one-room school-house, and the Wyandotte Constitution. We will finish at 11:45. Following the tour, we'll gather for an optional lunch at Chili's in West Village.

Please bring family, friends and prospective members, they're all welcome! More details are coming.

Visit their web site at:

[http://www.wycokck.org/dept.aspx?id=770&menu\\_id=1012](http://www.wycokck.org/dept.aspx?id=770&menu_id=1012)



### Native Sons and Daughters Archives tour, Saturday, May 16

We'll begin at 10:00 a.m. with a tour of Linda Hall Library, located on the UMKC campus. At 11:00 a.m., David Boutros, member of the Native Sons and Daughters and archivist at the Western Historical Manuscript Collection, will guide us through the Native Sons and Daughters archive housed by WHMC in Newcomb Hall, just across the street from Linda Hall Library. Plans are being made for dining after the tour. Please check our web site, [www.nsdkc.org](http://www.nsdkc.org) for updates to this special event, and watch your inbox for an invitation to join the tour.

# Member Retention

Regarding retention of membership, we'd like to thank the following members for paying from the annual dues invoice that they received in December. If your name is not listed below, your check was received after the cutoff date or we haven't received a check from you yet. Would you please pay for renewal by sending a check in the amount of \$35 for an individual or \$50 for a couple?

*Dan Sturdevant, President*

Carl Ade, Jr.	Bryan Flanagan	William E. Pfeiffer, Jr.
Robert A. Anderson	James Flanagan	George A. Phillips
Janice Ash	Jerry Fuller	Kathryn Pickering
Dr. Pat A. Barelli	Steven Goodman	Lee Pickering
Thomas P. Barelli	George B. Gordon, III	Beverly H. Platt
Rev. John P. Barelli	Gerald W. Gorman	Thomas Platt
Dot Benner	Robert Gourley	Edward C. Price, II.
Earl Benner	Elizabeth Gourley	F. Neal Raupp
James H. Bernard, Jr.	Erma Hess	Edward Reilly, Jr.
Norman O. Besheer	John F. Hess, Sr.	Marshall Rimann
Patricia Besheer	Gary Hicks	Mary Ruth Rimann
Arthur H. Bowen	Louise Hicks	Ann Robertson
Jerry Bowman	Barbara Holzmark	George L. Satterlee, Jr.
Kitty Brinkman	James M. Holzmark	Arlene K. Schumann
Edward J. Browne	Joseph Huber	Eleanor Schwartz
Michael Burke	Linda Huber	Edwin D. Shutt, II
Marilyn S. Burlingame	William S. Hunter	Robert Sigman
Arthur J. Cameron	Sue Hunter	Beverly Sims
Sharon Chinnery	Dan Jackson	Sunday R. Siragusa
William Chinnery	Judith Jackson	Michael J. Siragusa
Donald Clark	Ray S. James	Thomas J. Skates
Robert A. Closser, Jr.	A. Drue Jennings	Leonard S. Slaughter, Jr.
Joanne M. Collins	Whitney E. Kerr	Merle J. Smith
Doris N. Cosgrove	Rosemary Kilker	Virginia Strohmeier-Miles
Thomas Cosgrove	Michael A. Kleinman	Mary Lee Sturdevant
Joseph H. Crawford, Jr.	Keith Krieger	Dan Sturdevant
Mary Cross	Robert B. Langworthy	Thomas E. Thornhill
Ellen Darling	Henry Leonard	Wilfred A. Tomlin
James F. (Jeff) Davis	Raymond B. Luhnnow, Jr.	Thomas S. Watson
Cheri Davis	Ross Marshall	Carl G. West
Donald Dibble	John C. Martin, Jr.	Suzanne Willey
Nancy Dillingham	Julie McCann	Karin Winn
John A. Dillingham	Thomas A. McDonnell	Bill Worley
Allen E. Dillingham	Larry L. McMullen	Frank A. Young
John T. Dunnewind	Michael Morgan	Herbert Ziegler, Jr.
Ursula Dunnewind	John A. Mura	Eulalie B. Zimmer
Charles A. Eddy	Winifred (Freddie) Nichols	Albert W. Zimmer
Bart E. Eisfelder	Willard S. Norton	Julianna Zimmer
W. Dick Fickle	Richard M. Ong	Hugh J. Zimmer
Bill Fickle	Earl C. Padgett, Jr.	
James Flanagan	Pat Paton, Jr.	

## Name Badges

With a large membership, it's not always easy to remember the person's name standing across from you. We are focusing our efforts on name tags at events. Please use your lanyard and name tag, or if you left yours at home, a self-adhesive name tag will be provided for that event.

## Officers

President, Dan Sturdevant  
1st Vice President, Gary L. Hicks  
2nd Vice President, Lee I. Pickering  
Treasurer, James Flanagan, IV  
Secretary, Norman O. Besheer  
Historian, Joe Vaughan

## Directors

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

## Directors Emeritus

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

## Corp. Service Committees

Advisory Committee, J. Dan Creasy,  
Eileen Sullivan, Thomas Sims  
Bylaws, John Dunnewind  
Communications Committee, Gary  
Hicks  
Legal Affairs, Jim Bernard  
Membership, John Hess, Sr., & John  
Hess, Jr.  
Memorial, Pat Barelli  
Newsletter & Web Editor, Keith Krieger  
Outstanding Kansas Citian,  
Lee Pickering  
Program, Mary Lee Sturdevant

## Community Service Comm.

Alexander Majors, Lee I. Pickering  
Archives, Eleanor Brantley Schwartz  
Daniel Morgan Boone Park, Bill Worley  
Fort Osage, John F. Hess, Sr.  
Historic Markers, Roger Smith  
Liberty Memorial, Bruce C. Pennington  
Town Site Preservation, Thomas E. Sims  
Union Cemetery, Jeff Davis  
Westport Hist. Society, Dan Creasy  
Wyandotte County Historical Society and  
Museum, Edwin D. Shutt, II

## Executive Secretary

Susie Hughes, 816.926.9397

# Upcoming Events

## Wyandotte County

### Historical Museum, Saturday, February 28

We will have a guided tour beginning at 10 a.m. to see the renovated museum and updated exhibits.

### Friends of Sacred Structures Bus Tour, Saturday, April 18

Please join us April 18 for a bus tour of some of Kansas City's most beautiful churches! Tour stops include Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral, the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Redemptorist, and St. Paul's.

### Native Sons and Daughters Archives tour, Saturday, May 16

David Boutros, member of the Native Sons and Daughters and archivist at the Western Historical Manuscript Collection, will guide us through the Native Sons and Daughters archive housed by WHMC in Newcomb Hall at UMKC..

Details about these events are found on page 2.

## Go Paperless

Would you prefer to read the Journal Notes online rather than receive a printed version? Please email Keith Krieger, [kkrieger@nsdkc.org](mailto: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, [www.nsdkc.org](http://www.nsdkc.org)



## Native Sons and Daughters of Greater Kansas City

P.O. Box 10046  
Kansas City, MO 64171-0046  
<http://www.nsdkc.org>  
[info@nsdkc.org](mailto:info@nsdkc.org)

## Renewing?

Due in January  
Membership categories:  
Individual, \$35 annually  
Couple, \$50

Please send your annual dues to the address above.



**Dan Sturdevant, incoming Native Sons and Daughters president, and his trio entertain at the 2008 Holiday Brunch. More photos inside.**

