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Native Sons Celebrate at the Annual Brunch

Join the Native Sons as they celebrate another Holiday Season and the change in organizational leadership at the Native Sons Annual Brunch at the Indian Hills Country Club on Saturday, December 10.

Once again the Brunch will feature great music provided by the Johnson County Singers who will sing a number of holiday favorites.

In addition, the event will mark the changing of the guard as new board members and officers take on their new responsibilities for the first time.

The event will begin with a cocktail hour at 11:00 AM and the buffet will be served at 11:45 AM. Reservations are due by Monday, December 5th. **JN**



(Left) The Johnson County Singers will be on hand again to spread good cheer at the Native Sons Annual Brunch, (Above) 2005 President Dan Creasy will open the Annual Brunch

Native Sons of Greater Kansas City Annual Brunch

When: Saturday,
December 10, 2005

Time: Cocktails at 11:00 AM
Cash Bar
Holiday Buffet at 11:45 AM

Where:
Indian Hills Country Club
6847 Tomahawk Road
Shawnee Mission, KS

Cost: \$17.00 per person

Reservation Deadline:
Monday, December 5th

Mail Reservations to:
Native Sons of Greater
Kansas City
P.O. Box 10046
Kansas City, Missouri
64171

**Your Check is Your Reservation.
There are no Refunds!**



Letter from the President

The traditional Holiday Brunch on December 10th gathers the Native Sons together to inaugurate our new leadership for the seventy-fourth year, celebrate accomplishments of 2005 and rededicate ourselves to the historical preservation mission.

I wish to thank this year's Board of Directors and the Executive Secretary for a job well done. You should be proud of the list of activities including: the visit to the Bingham-Benton Exhibit, the day trip to Lawrence and tour of the Robert Dole Institute, the Gangster Tour of the Pendergast Era, the honoring of Mayor Carol Marinovich as Kansas Citian of the Year, the dedications of Hugh Curran and Daniel Morgan Boone Parks, and the placing of a marker at Kaw Point. Waiting in the wings for the planning of incoming officers will be the completion of the Native Sons Scout's project constructing the Harry S. Truman statue in the entryway to Union Station. Perhaps at future NFL Monday night Chief's games the cameras will focus the nation on the jewels of our city – the Nelson-Atkins Shuttle Cocks, the Liberty Memorial and the Truman Statue.

By the way, the 1946 Native Sons roster listed "Harry S. Truman, White House Washington, D.C." as a member. He encouraged his fellow citizens to vouchsafe their Kansas City history for posterity. Please follow his admonishment by encouraging friends, colleagues, and neighbors to join us. Inviting them to the Holiday Brunch at the Indian Hills Country Club would be an excellent time to do so.

J. Daniel Creasy, President

HOLIDAY HISTORY IN OUR AREA

Wednesday, December 14, 2005

1 to 2 p.m.

Christmastime in Kansas City. Monroe Dodd from the *Kansas City Star* explains how our area has celebrated the year-end holidays over the last 100 years or more with a book signing to follow. Co-sponsored by the Jackson County Historical Society and the Independence, Missouri, Parks and Recreation Department. Truman Memorial Building, 416 West Maple, Independence; parking @ corner Truman & Pleasant. Feel free to bring your own bag lunch to enjoy during the presentations. Beverages are provided. Program FREE and open to the public.

Saturday, December 10, 2005

1 to 3 p.m.

Holiday Celebrations Children's Workshop at the John Wornall House Museum. Children ages 7 to 12 to learn about holiday traditions around the world. \$2 cost, please call 816-444-1858 to register.

Saturdays Dec. 3, 10 & 17

10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The Fairy Princess invites the children of Kansas City to approach her throne in Corinthian Hall's magnificent Gold Room. Whisper your most cherished holiday wishes into her royal ear, and then receive a photo and a magical gift. There will also be a place to make holiday crafts to take home with you. Tickets: \$7 per person, \$6 for Union Station members. Call 816-483-8300 for more information.

Mark Your Calendars Now



Mark your calendars for January 28th for a tour of the Strawberry Hill Museum in Kansas City, Kansas with dessert afterwards. Watch for the notice after the Holidays!

JN



TRUMAN STATUE PROGRESS CONTINUES



When originally constructed, Union Station was intended to have a statue placed on its pedestal (visible at bottom center) but one was never placed. Photo by Scott Wagner.

When Union Station was built in 1914, few knew that one interesting feature never came to fruition. Front and center of our great landmark sits a pedestal that was meant to include a statue. Unfortunately, it never materialized.

Ninety-one years later, the Native Sons decided to do something about it.

The Native Sons, with participation from Union Station, the Truman Library and the City of

Kansas City, agreed that our 33rd President and esteemed Kansas City area native Harry S. Truman should grace this prominent pedestal that has sat empty far too long.

Renowned artist Bruce Wolfe to create a sculpture that would capture the essence of Harry S. Truman.

Our goal is to raise \$450,000 dollars to fund the creation and installation of the long overdue statue by the summer of 2006.

To date, with the help of Senator Talent and The Native Sons of Kansas City, we have made good progress, but we still need help from the Kansas City community.

Contact Lori Hirons at 212-559-0502 or lori.j.hirons@citicorp.com to find out how you can become more involved in celebrating one of our area's most famous native sons. **JN**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please Welcome the Following New Members:

Gene Allen Groner
Ann M. McFerrin
Thomas M. Platt
William S. Worley

We look forward to your participation in upcoming Native Sons Events!

MEMORIALS

Our condolences go out to the friends and families of these Native Sons who have passed away:

Thomas Walsh
Herman Hoewel
Bev Cameron
Charles Downey

CONGRATULATIONS TO 2006 SLATE OF OFFICERS

At the 2005 Outstanding Kansas Citian Dinner the following slate of candidates for the 2006 Native Sons of Greater Kansas City Board of Directors were ratified:

Officers

<i>President</i>	William C. Cross
<i>1st Vice President</i>	Eileen Sullivan
<i>2nd Vice President</i>	Thomas E. Sims
<i>Secretary</i>	Dan Sturdevant
<i>Treasurer</i>	Cordell D. Meeks, Jr.
<i>Historian</i>	Norman O. Besheer

Directors

Dot Benner	Gary Hicks
Joanne M. Collins	Whitney E. Kerr
Charles A. Eddy	Bruce Pennington
James Flannagan, IV	Lee Pickering
John F. Hess, Sr.	Jud Shepherd
John F. Hess, Jr.	Ed Shutt

Help Sertoma and KMBZ 980 by dropping off new and used coats through December 12 for Kansas City area schoolchildren. Go to www.native-sons.org for more details.

Native Sons of Greater Kansas City
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Bequests

Just One Way to Support the Native Sons of Greater Kansas City in Perpetuity

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

I bequeath to the Native Sons of Greater Kansas City, Inc., P.O. Box 10046, Kansas City, MO 64171-0046, a nonprofit corporation, the sum of \$_____ to be used by said corporation for purposes as stated in the organization's objectives and bylaws.

Cut and Keep With Your Records

Officers

<i>President</i>	J. Daniel Creasy
<i>1st Vice President</i>	William C. Cross
<i>2nd Vice President</i>	Eileen S. Sullivan
<i>Secretary</i>	Roger K. Smith
<i>Treasurer</i>	Thomas E. Sims
<i>Historian</i>	Dan Sturdevant

Directors

Norman O. Besheer	John F. Hess, Jr.
Joanne M. Collins	Gary L. Hicks
Charles A. Eddy	Jeannine L. Hicks
James Flannagan	Whitney E. Kerr
Francis S. Franke	Cordell D. Meeks, Jr.
H. Carlene Gillespie	Edwin D. Shutt, II

James W. Benjamin, director emeritus
Sunday R. Siragusa, director emeritus

Community Service Committees

Alexander Majors	Dan Sturdevant
Archives	Gary Hicks
Boone Hays Cemetery	George E. Hicks
Corinthian Hall/KC Museum	Scott Wagner
Fort Osage	John F. Hess, Sr.
Historic St. Mary's	Bruce Prince-Joseph
Historic Markers	
Liberty Memorial	Bruce Pennington
Town Site Preservation	Thomas E. Sims
Truman Statue	Lori Hiron
Westport Historical Society	John F. Hess, Jr.

Executive Secretary

Susan Hughes
Newsletter Editor - Scott Wagner