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# Journal Notes

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## Carol Marinovich Named 2005 Outstanding Kansas Citian

The Native Sons of Greater Kansas City are proud to announce Carol Marinovich as Outstanding Kansas Citian for 2005. Mayor Marinovich recently completed 10 years of service as Mayor and CEO of Kansas City, Kansas, and the Unified Government of Wyandotte County, Kansas. The former schoolteacher has gained national recognition for her expertise in economic development and her proven skills in thinking big, forging partnerships, and moving visions to reality.

Elected the first female mayor of Kansas City, Kansas, Mayor Marinovich led the efforts to turn around the fortunes of that city. As a first step, she helped to consolidate the governments of Kansas City, Kansas, and Wyandotte County, pledging great efficiencies and lower costs. Voters approved the merger in 1997, and she kept her word, expanding services while, at the same time, decreasing the county's tax rate by 18 percent.

Among the vast list of her accomplishments is the creation of the Village West retail and entertainment development, which includes Cabela's, Nebraska Furniture Mart, and a combination of local and national retailers. That development increased the area's property tax base from

\$15,000 per year to more than \$7 million annually, creating 4,000 new jobs.

She also is credited as the driving force behind the Kansas Speedway, now a stop on both the NASCAR and IRL circuits. Village West and the Kansas Speedway bring eight to ten million visitors to Wyandotte County each year from throughout the Midwest region and beyond.

Mayor Marinovich also made revitalization of the urban core a top priority, which resulted in new housing, an increase in the number of neighborhood groups from five to more than 130, and a decrease in violent crimes.



For these and other exemplary efforts, Mayor Marinovich has received numerous local, state, and national honors and awards. Last year, she received both the Community

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### Outstanding Kansas Citian Dinner

- Date:** Wednesday, October 5, 2005
- Time:** Cocktails at 6:00 (Cash Bar)  
Dinner at 7:00
- Location:** Hilton Garden Inn / Reardon Center  
520 Minnesota Ave.  
Kansas City, Kansas  
Parking: *Secured parking is available in the Hilton Hotel garage adjacent to the Reardon Center and in the parking lot across the street from the Reardon Center.*
- Cost:** \$30.00 per person
- Reservations Due:** Thursday, September 29, 2005



## Letter from the President

Dear Native Sons,

The Native Sons of Greater Kansas City is one of the few civic organizations that spans the great divide between Kansas and Missouri. Within the ten county area NSGKC draws upon the historical interests and civic duties of two-hundred sixty members. During this administrative year we have participated in dedicating parks and markers in Jackson, Clay, Platte and Wyandotte counties, and the 2005 Kansas Citizen of the Year Award will be Mayor Carol Marinovich in recognition of her leadership in the revitalization of the community. Mark your calendar for Wednesday, October 5, 2005 for the dinner meeting. She joins a distinguished list of recent recipients, including James Stowers, Barnett and Shirley Helzberg, Whitney and Day Kerr, Shawsie Branton, Carl DiCapo, Buck O'Neill, and Dr. Bruce Prince-Joseph.

Since the NSGKC has a metropolitan wide appeal we support a sundry of historical interests in the area. The Westport and Jackson County Historical Societies are hosting the resurrection of the 1890s Kansas City tradition of the Priests of Pallas Ball. It will at Union Station and the proceeds will go to support those organizations activities. We actively encourage any partnerships that foster interest in our metropolitan history. Visit our website, [www.native-sons.org](http://www.native-sons.org) for linkages to other Kansas City history groups. Our philosophy is "together we can accomplish more than we can individually".

J. Daniel Creasy  
President, 2005

### Please Welcome the Following New Members:

Daniel Jackson, III  
Judith C. Jackson

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

## MARINOVICH RECEIVES AWARD

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Leadership Award from the Points of Light Foundation & Volunteer Service National Network, and the Mayor of the Year award from Kansas Mayors Association. In 2002, *Governing Magazine* named her one of the nation's top 11 public officials. In 2005, the Mayor Carol Marinovich Good Neighbor Award was established by the University of Kansas Medical Center. She also received the Entrepreneurial Legacy Award from *Kansas City Small Business Monthly*, the L.P. Cookingham award from the Kansas City Chapter of the American Society of Public Administrators, the Regional Leadership Award from the Mid-America

Regional Council, and the Alumni Distinguished Service Award from the University of Kansas School of Education.

Prior to her election as Mayor, Marinovich was elected to the City Council for Kansas City, Kansas, in 1989. Currently, she serves on the Board of Directors for the Children's Miracle Network.

Mayor Marinovich holds a bachelor's degree from St. Mary's College and a master's degree from the University of Kansas.

Plan to join the Native Sons on October 5 for this special night. **JN**

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW

The Native Sons will again meet for their Holiday Brunch on December 10! More details to come. There will be no Holiday Concert this year.

## PREISTS OF PALLAS BALL REVIVES KC TRADITION

For nearly fifty years Kansas City played host to the largest gala festival in the Midwest. The Priests of Pallas Festival was a Mardi-Gras style event that sought to draw visitors to Kansas City in the fall when the harvest was complete. Forty businessmen gathered to plan the celebration which culminated in a formal masquerade ball.

Its name comes from the muse selected by the group, Pallas Athene, the Greek goddess of wisdom.

This year the masquerade ball returns as a fundraiser for the Jackson County Historical Society and the Westport Historical Society.

For more information go to [www.popkc.org](http://www.popkc.org) or call 816-461-1897. **JN**



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you would like to be more involved with the Native Sons, we are currently looking for volunteers to serve on a number of our committees including Historical Markers, Membership, Outstanding Kansas Citian and Scholarship. If your interested, please fill in the following form and send to:

Native Sons of Greater Kansas City  
P.O. Box 10046  
Kansas City , MO 64171-0046

or e-maiil your information to [esullivan@midwesttrust.com](mailto:esullivan@midwesttrust.com)

YES, I WOULD LIKE TO BE MORE INVOLVED!

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_  
EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to serve on the Following Committee \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to see Native Sons take on a new project  
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## WHO WAS DANIEL MORGAN BOONE? Part 3

After serving in the war against England, Boone, his brother Nathan, his sister Susannah and their growing families all headed west. In 1817 they were among the earliest settlers to come by wagon to Jackson County.

The Boones and their numerous offspring settled in Westport Township. Daniel Morgan's 1831 tract of 240 acres lay adjacent to present day 63rd Street, east of the Paseo.

He died June 13, 1839 at age 69. Following custom, Boone was buried on the home place in the Boone-Hays cemetery near 63rd and Brooklyn Avenue.

Among his descendents was a son, Morgan, whose 1842 three-room log cabin with fireplace of "sawn stone" has been preserved by the Kansas City Museum. A nephew, Albert Gallatin Boone, operated an outfitting store in the 1850's at 500 Westport Road in the building that now houses Kelly's Tavern. JN



## 2006 BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINATED

The Native Sons Nominating Committee brings forward to the membership the following nominees for officers and directors for consideration. Final voting will take place annual meeting.

### Officers

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

### Directors

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

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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.

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## 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 Hirons
Westport Historical Society	John F. Hess, Jr.

## Executive Secretary

Susan Hughes  
Newsletter Editor - Scott Wagner