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KANSAS CITY WELCOMES NAALJ

OCTOBER 17-20, 1990

Convention headquarters for the 1990 NAALJ Convention and Seminar is the Plaza Hilton Hotel located in the beautiful plaza area of Kansas City, Missouri. Members from Missouri (home of Frank Wallemann, Convention Chairman), Kansas (home of the NAALJ 1989-90 President Barbara Lundin Kovarovic) and Iowa are combining efforts to make the convention and seminar the best ever. In addition to being an academically strong meeting, the location promises broad opportunities for cultural enrichment.

The Kansas City Area, centering on Missouri's western metropolis and Kansas' eastern metropolis, is ideal for vacationers who don't like to spend a lot of time going from one attraction to the next. In this compact area, travelers enjoy history, urban fun and scenery.

First time visitors often are surprised by Kansas City's beauty. Rolling hills, tree-lined boulevards, parks and fountains provide a visual treat.

Swope Park highlights the city's "green space". Since 1896, visitors have enjoyed what ranks as one of America's largest urban parks (more than 1,700 acres). You'll enjoy the zoo, nature trails and golf courses -- including what may be Missouri's only Frisbee golf (folf) course.

In all, the metro area offers 25 lakes in parks of all sizes. There's a lake and rose garden at 75-acre Loose Park. And 970-acre Lake Jacomo, in Fleming Park, is an area favorite. The 4,000-acre park also features preserved historic buildings in Missouri Town 1855.

The city is virtually ringed with lakes -- for example, Smithville Lake on the north. And two new lakes, Longview and Blue Springs, are on the south and east.

For many travelers, a big city means shopping, dining and nightlife. If that's your pleasure, you'll love Kansas City and Overland Park. For starters, there's historic Westport. Buildings from the city's early days have been transformed into boutiques, restaurants and nightspots.

Nearby is the famed County Club Plaza -- 14 square blocks, developed in the 1920s as America's first shopping center. The elegant area offers fountains and Moorish architecture, along with more than 150 shops and 30 restaurants.

Want more? There's 85-acre Crown Center, virtually a city

within a city. Or the new AT&T Town Pavilion, downtown. There's the colorful City Market, dating to the 1840s. And there are regional shopping malls throughout the metro area.

Perhaps history and museums are what you expect when you visit a major city. If so, stop by the 216-foot Liberty Memorial (it's practically across the street from Crown Center). You can ride to the top or tour the Memorial's World War I museum.

The city's premier museum, of course, is the Nelson-Atkins Museum -- one of America's top art museums. Also, don't miss the Kansas City Museum, the Miniature Museum or the pre-Civil War Wornall House, among other museum experiences.

If pro sports action makes you cheer, come see the baseball Royals and football Chiefs at the Truman Sports Complex. At Kemper Arena, you'll get a kick out of the Comets, the city's entry in the Major Indoor Soccer League.

When you are lucky enough to be there in the summer months, then head for Worlds of Fun. You'll enjoy more than 115 rides and shows at the family fun park. And you can cool off at nearby Oceans of Fun -- the Midwest's largest tropically-themed water park.

But wait... there's more! There's music, from jazz to the Symphony to the Lyric Opera. There's Old West fun and horseback riding at Benjamin Stables. There are dinner theaters (Tiffany's Attic, Waldo Astoria), river excursions (on the Missouri River Queen), and a year full of concerts and festivals.

And there are side trips. Don't forget that the Kansas City Area is much more than just Kansas City.

North along the Missouri River is Weston, with more than 100 buildings pre-dating the Civil War. Visit the Weston Historical Museum or tour the family-run McCormick Distillery. When the snow flies, try skiing at Snow Creek.

Kansas City's best-known suburb is Missouri's fourth-largest city, Independence. Once a major stop on the old frontier trails, it's more famed today as the home of Harry Truman. Visit the Truman Library and Museum, with fascinating exhibits on the presidency. Go by Mr. Truman's home and his restored office at the county courthouse (you'll want a photo of the Truman statue outside).

For a look at earlier history, walk through the 1859 Jail, Marshal's Home and Museum. Or stop by the Mormon Visitors Center to learn why Independence holds special significance for their church. And at the auditorium, world headquarters of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, you'll see a museum and gallery.

Travel north to Liberty to visit the jail where Mormon prophet Joseph Smith was confined in 1838-39. Also here is the Jesse James Bank Museum, site of America's first daylight bank robbery. And at Kearney, you can see the home where Jesse James grew up (and his gravesite).

Nearby is Excelsior Springs, once a world-famed health spa. You can sample the mineral water or tour the city's historical museum. And just north, the Watkins Mill State Historic Site has preserved an 1860s woolen mill.

Head east from Kansas City for a look at Fort Osage, reconstructed on the Missouri River, where William Clark built America's first outpost in the Louisiana Territory. Farther east is Lexington, site of a major Civil War battle. You'll enjoy the town's historical museum and browsing through its antique shops.

On the region's western edge is the State of Kansas. Overland Park, Kansas is one of the fastest growing cities in the United States with one of the highest per capita incomes in the country. There are lots of mall, restaurants and shopping areas to please every visitor.

On the region's southern edge is Grandview, where young Harry Truman's farm home can be toured. Other historic towns are here -- Harrisonville, Belton and others -- along with open country for outdoor fun.

Scenery ... history ... urban excitement -- no wonder the Kansas City Area is a family favorite.

Delta Airlines has agreed to provide to be our official carrier with discounted airfares and a frequent flier bonus.

All inquiries concerning the convention will go to the convention chairman, Frank Wallemann:

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All members of NAALJ will receive a discount on the cost of the convention and seminar and will receive hotel information and an application, mailed by the National Center for State Courts, during the summer of 1990. Watch for it. Register early!

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