



# NEWS

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

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THE NATIVE SONS & DAUGHTERS OF GREATER KANSAS CITY

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## OUTSTANDING KANSAS CITIAN GALA



Our 2019 OKC Recipient George Guastello presents the 2022 OKC Award to John Sherman at left and the same award to Mark McHenry on the right.

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What a wonderful event the 2022 Outstanding Kansas Citian GALA was! The two OKC honorees above were also truly Outstanding!

Approximately 210 attendees purchased tickets and were present at the extremely classy Carriage Club at 5301 State Line Road in Kansas City, MO. The Reception and Silent Auction started at 6:00 p.m. and the dinner at 7:00 p.m., followed by speakers and award presentations.

The mission of The Native Sons and Daughters of Greater Kansas City since its founding in 1932 is to continue the preservation, education

and restoration of our Metropolitan Area's rich heritage for present and future generations.

The two honorees above are outstanding leaders of the Greater Kansas City Community. **Mark McHenry** is the retired Director of Kansas City Parks and Recreation and **John Sherman** is the Kansas City Royals baseball team principal owner and CEO.

This event in Jackson County, MO followed the 2021 GALA which was held in Johnson County, KS featuring two honorees who were leaders in Johnson County, KS.

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## Dear Members:

It is an honor to have been elected to be President of The Native Sons & Daughters of Greater Kansas City.

My first exposure to the organization was the 2010 dedication of our marker at Second and Main Street, The Town of Kansas, by **Tom Sims** and the Markers Committee. When asked who I was and why I was there, I replied that I had been studying the history of downtown Kansas City, the original streets and the area where the marker was placed. **Gary Hicks** sponsored my membership in NSDKC and the rest is “history”.

The Mission Statement and Goals of the Organization fit right in with my current duties as Historian for the Kansas City Fire Department. Recording, preserving and education of our history is very important and should not be taken lightly.

 **Ray Elder**  
2023 President



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## CALENDAR

Some events are in the planning stages, but not finalized. If any event is scheduled for the next three months, we will be in contact with all of our members concerning the date and all details.



## NEW MEMBERS

**Tim Westcott**  
**Sean Putney**  
**Jeffrey Hon**

## MEMORIALS

**Beverly Sims**  
**Janie Denzel**



## OFFICERS & STAFF

**Ray Elder**  
*President*

**John Dunnewind**  
*1st Vice President*

**Christy Chester**  
*2nd Vice President*

**Nancy Elder**  
*Treasurer*

**Paul Christiansen II**  
*Secretary*

**Nancy Elder**  
*Historian*

**Linda F. Mills**  
*Immediate Past President*

*A list of all committees and committee chairs is available at NSDKC.org*

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## MISSION

The Native Sons and Daughters of Greater Kansas City, Inc. is dedicated to the historic preservation of the unique and rich heritage of the greater Kansas City metropolitan area, both in Missouri and Kansas, through advocacy, education and restoration. It also seeks to preserve and maintain archives of historical interest relating to the development of the Kansas City region and to recognize individuals who have resided therein and contributed to such development.





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# Outstanding Kansas Citian Gala



**Joel Goldberg, TV Announcer for KC Royals (standing), was our M/C. (l-r) Christy Chester, Anita Gorman, Mark McHenry and John Sherman. Christy introduced OKC honoree John Sherman.**



**John Dillingham (standing) introduced OKC honoree John Sherman (in the middle). At left is Mark McHenry and at right is Nancy Elder.**

Our Administrator **Nancy Elder** stepped in at the last minute to replace Vice-President **John Dunnewind** who was under the weather. **Nancy** did a great job with the help of **Joel Goldberg** (above) from the Royals as Master of Ceremonies. They kept the program moving smoothly.

The Carriage Club did an outstanding job on the food. We had tenderloin, salmon, garlic whipped potatoes, grilled asparagus, red wine demi-glace with white wine butter sauce, flourless chocolate torte raspberry coulis, whipped cream, passion fruit tart and hazelnut cake. A party isn't a party without wine, tea, and coffee also!

Lots of people stepped up to help on

the Silent Auction. We had a lot of great items for sale. The Royals gave a lot of items like a **George Brett** signed bat, also signed baseballs and jerseys.

We had a signed football from Chief's star running back **Clyde Edwards-Helaire**, a nice hand-made vase from a local artist, printings from local artists, and even a giraffe! **Marsha Daley** and **Linn Mills** were the Silent Auction co-chairs and the Auction was a job well done! Thanks to the Chiefs Red Coater who also helped with the auction.

Our two Honorees, **Mark Sherman** and **Mark McHenry** were great. They played off each other and made the evening wonderful! Everyone had a

very enjoyable night!

A big Thank You to the OKC Gala committee for a job well done. It was a great event!

Also a big Thank You to our corporate supporters. They were **Jan Armstrong, John Dillingham, Gary & Louise Hicks, Husch Blackwell Law Firm, Kansas City Parks & Recreation Dept., Kansas City Royals, Olsson Associates Engineering, George Guastello Union Station Inc., United Way of Kansas City, Ursula Terrasi and Jim Miller, Worlds of Fun and Academic Medical Center University of Kansas.**



**Part of the table seatings for the 210 attendees.**



**A portion of the large Auction Gallery where the Silent Auction took place.**





## NSDKC Holds 2022 Holiday Brunch At Indian Hills Country Club On Saturday, December 10



As has been our custom for many years, members of The Native Sons and Daughters of Greater Kansas City celebrate the Holiday by gathering for a wonderful Brunch in December. For many years, we have been meeting at the above Indian Hills Country Club at 6847 Tomahawk Road in Mission Hills, Kansas.

Above are most of the 40 attendees enjoying a wonderful Brunch.

At the far right in the upper corner is the great musician **Dan Sturdevant**, who played the piano and sang some wonderful holiday songs before the brunch. **Dan** has been our entertainer at this event for many years. He was assisted by his terrific partner singer **Millie Nottingham**.

At far left at the podium in the above picture is our Acting President **John Dunnwind** welcoming the crowd. He has been serving in that role since President **Karl Roscoe** passed away last summer. He introduced the 2022 officers: Second Vice President **Christy Chester**, Secretary **Paul Christiansen**, Treasurer and Administrator of NSDKC **Nancy Elder**. (**John** will be our new 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President).

Acting President **Dunnwind** then introduced the Board of Directors. Directors in attendance were **Marsha Daley**, **Mike Gerken**, **John Hess Jr**, **Ross Marshall**, **Steve Noll**, **Tom Platt** and **Joe Vaughan, Jr.** Unable to be with us were Directors **Carl DiCapo**,



**Awards Chair Joe Vaughan, Jr. presents the Carl DiCapo Award to Linn Mills.**

**Bryan Flanagan and Whitney Kerr.**

**Dunnwind** then read the list of Standing Committee Chairs: Advisory Committee **Linn Mills**, Archives Committee **Ray Elder**, Awards Committee **Joe Vaughan, Jr.**, Bylaws Committee **John Dunnwind**, Finance Committee **John Dunnwind**, Finance Committee **Nancy Elder**, Founders Committee **John Dunnwind**, Historical Markers Committee **Ross Marshall**, Investment Committee **Bryan Flanagan**, Legal Affairs



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Joe then presents the Lee Pickering Award to Christy Chester.



Joe continues by presenting the George Hicks Award to Marsha Daley.



Joe presents the Special Recognition Award to Ross Marshall. Gary Hicks (absent) also gets one.



Joe then presents the James Anderson Award to Cydney Millstein.

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Committee **Jim Bernard, Jr.**, Membership Committee **Carl DiCapo**, Memorial Committee **John Hess, Sr.**, Monument Committee **Gary Hicks**, Outstanding Kansas Citian Program **Christy Chester**, and Program Social Committee **Linn Mills**.

Toward the end of the information sharing, **Nancy Elder** and **John Dunnewind** came to the podium and introduced her husband **Ray Elder**, who has been chair of the Archives Committee for a long time. They announced that **Ray** would be our new president for 2023! He had been recently voted in by the Board of Directors.

The Awards Committee came forward to start that very important function of our NSDKC organization. The Chair is **Joe Vaughan, Jr.** and his committee includes **Bryan Flanagan**, **Steve Noll**, **Linn Mills** and **Nancy Elder**.

When the awards were all presented, our new President **Ray Elder** came forward and with the assistance of Administrator **Nancy Elder** and **John Dunnewind** addressed the crowd and thanked everyone for their support.

It is an honor to have been elected to the President's position of The Native Sons & Daughters of Greater Kansas City.

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**Ray** reviewed some plans he has for the coming year. Included was his intention to study and update the bylaws. In addition, increasing our membership is important and efforts will be made.

**Ray** introduced the 2023 Officers: 1st Vice-President **John Dunnewind**, 2nd Vice-President **Christy Chester**, Secretary **Paul Christiansen** and Treasurer **Nancy Elder**.

He announced that the following people have recently been elected to the Board of Directors: **Christy Chester**, **Marsha Daley**, **John Dunnewind**, **Ross Marshall**, **Linda "Linn" Mills** and **Michael Gerken**.

With the applause of the crowd, we adjourned this very enjoyable Annual Holiday Brunch!



(l-r) Administrator **Nancy Elder**, Acting President **John Dunnewind** and incoming President **Ray Elder**.





Pictured here is one of the very nice rooms at the Carriage Club that we chose to use for our Annual Membership Meeting. It was very comfortable, roomy and well lit. We have used several rooms at the Carriage Club this past year for all of our meetings, including our Board meetings and the OKC Gala, and it has worked very well.

# The Native Sons and Daughters Annual Membership Meeting

On Wednesday, October 19, The Native Sons and Daughters met at the Carriage Club for dinner and our Annual Membership meeting. There were 33 members in attendance. After a meal of either steak or chicken, the meeting was called to order by Acting President **John Dunnewind**.

The minutes of the meeting held last year were approved as posted on the website and the Treasurer/Administrator **Nancy Elder** provided bank balances and a copy of the budget for 2022, as well as income and expenses for both the main account and the OKC account through September 30, 2022. A report on the investment account on deposit with Midwest Trust Company was also explained. Various Community Service committees gave brief reports.

Under the subject "Other Business" the question was raised about how to attract new members under the age of 50. Several members talked on this subject with suggestions on the types of events and the preferred locations (i.e. the Crossroads) that existing members would use to promote

NSDKC membership to their friends and family.

It was suggested that we look at the Ingram's Magazine issue "40 under 40" for suggestions on younger people to contact, that activities planned by NSDKC be geared toward younger members, and possibly recognize younger members and celebrate them. Other ideas included emphasizing the organization and also programs on social media as an ongoing way to promote new members. It was also suggested that some activities be planned for young children of members as well.

Many other ideas were presented on various subjects by the attendees. It was a good meeting and most everyone participated with good ideas and suggestions.

Six people were elected to the Board of Directors: **Christy Chester, Marsha Daley, John Dunnewind, Ross Marshall, Linda "Linn" Mills and Michael Gerken.** Outgoing board members were thanked for their service and support.