



# NEWS



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from The Native Sons and Daughters of Greater Kansas City

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

## Annual Past Presidents Luncheon welcomes 2022 NSDKC President Karl Roscoe



**Standing (l-r) is John Dillingham (1981), Gary Hicks (2010), Nancy Elder (2019), Karl Roscoe (2022), Linn Mills (2021), Steve Noll (2018) and Joe Vaughan (1953). Seated (l-r) is Ross Marshall (2014), John Hess, Jr. (2016), John Hess, Sr. (2002), A. J. Cameron (1990), Diane Boos Pickman (2017) and Dan Creasy (2005).**

As has been our custom for many years, NSDKC Past Presidents have gathered to extend a warm welcome, support and encouragement to our incoming President. We met with incoming President **Karl Roscoe** on November 15, 2021 at the River Club in downtown Kansas City overlooking the Missouri River. Our longtime member **Whitney Kerr**, also a member of the River Club, again hosted the event.

As usual, the group gathered in front of the spectacular Thomas Hart Benton painting *Trading at Westport Landing*. Westport Landing is located very close to the River Club, just north down the hill. It is where Kansas City started in 1838, then called the town of Kansas.

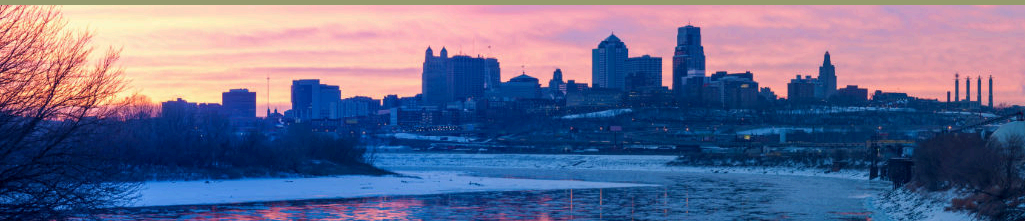
After the group picture is taken, we customarily gather for our lunch at a room down the hall. After the lunch ends, the current President, **Linn Mills** for 2021, customarily calls upon each one to offer encouragement, ideas and suggestions to the incoming President that might aid him or her in the coming year.

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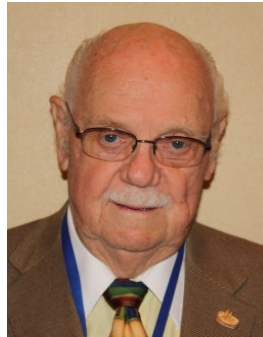


## Dear Members:

My wife **Kay** and I have been involved many years in the NSDKC and to become your president is an honor. I am pleased to be able to serve and have found that sometimes helping others is a great experience.

The pandemic has been a problem for all of us but we must go forward. I have put enlisting new members at the head of my task list. We all should make an effort to bring in at least one new member this year. I know I will.

I am looking forward to many things we can do as an organization and having events around our wonderful metropolitan area. I love to watch folks stop and read the historical information of our great city on the NSDKC Monument at Ilus Davis Park.



**Karl Roscoe**  
**2022 President**

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NSDKC 2022 President

## Farewell Message From Past President Linda (Linn) Mills

Thank you to the members of NSDKC for allowing me to serve as your President during 2021. I also want to extend accolades to the Executive Board, Board of Directors, and Standing Committee Members for a job well-done to preserve the mission of Native Sons and Daughters of Greater Kansas City.

In October 2020, I stepped into the office as President due to the sudden passing of President **Richard (Dick) Retrum**. Filling his shoes was a difficult challenge, and your dedicated support gave me the courage to move forward. Thus, I will always be grateful.

After 89 years, NSDKC continues to make improvements to protect and make awareness of the rich history of the Greater Kansas City Metro Area. We are in the process of updating our Social Media presence and encouraging membership growth.

I will continue to stay active, taking on the role of Event Chair. I plan to provide our members with a monthly social event to attend and invite new potential members. January 8, 2022, we will be gathering at the Medicine's Hall of Fame Museum in Shawnee, Kansas. If you did not receive your invitation, please feel free to email [millsfrench27@gmail.com](mailto:millsfrench27@gmail.com) or call 505-402-6630.

I wish to join you in offering my support to our new President, **Karl Roscoe**, who will continue to build and lead this organization into the future.

Happy New Year to you and your family, and I pray that your lives will be joyous and filled with prosperity during 2022.



**Linn Mills**  
**2021 President**

 **Linn Mills**  
NSDKC 2021 President



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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.





# NSDKC Annual Brunch

## Held December 11

Our Annual Holiday Brunch was held on Saturday, December 11 at the wonderful Indian Hills Country Club at 11:00 a.m. We did not have the Brunch in 2020 because of the Covid.



Pictured above is the lovely dining room after everyone returned to their table at about noon with plates of outstanding lunch and desserts from the buffet table at the far wall.



**Joe** presents our Lee I. Pickering Award for Excellence to **Nancy L. Elder** in recognition of her years of service to NSDKC as an Officer, Past President and currently our Administrator.



Above (l-r) Kay and 2022 President **Karl Roscoe**, **Linn Mills**, 2022 2nd VP **Christy Chester**, **Dave** and **Linda Dillon** and **Marsha Daley**.

At about 12:30 President **Linn Mills** convened the business segment with a welcome, an invocation and opening remarks. She also introduced our 2021 Officers, Board Members, Committee members and Staff.

**Linn** then introduced **Joe Vaughan Jr.**, Past President 1998, who is now our Awards Committee Chair.



The Carl J. DiCapo Award for the Most Outstanding Member was then presented by **Joe** to our 2021 NSDKC President **Linda "Linn" Mills** in recognition of her outstanding contributions to NSDKC's growth and accomplishments.

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## NSDKC Annual Brunch

Our 2021 1st Vice President **John Dunnewind** presented our 2021 President's Award to 2021 President **Linn Mills**. **Linn** has served NSDKC very well this past year!



**Joe** then presented our James Anderson Historic Preservation Award to **Joan "Joanie" Shields** in recognition of her many years of achievements and dedication to many Kansas City organizations.



A Certificate of Appreciation was then presented by **Joe** to **Frank McMillian** for his outstanding service and support for NSDKC during 2021. **Frank** has enabled NSDKC to update our record-keeping system, expand our presence in the social media, and enhance our image for membership growth.



Above are the three NSDKC James Anderson Historic Preservation Award winners from the last three years. (l-r) Our 2021 honoree **Joan "Joanie" Shields**, 2020 Award honoree **Chester C. Owens Jr.** and 2019 honoree **Lucinda Rice-Petrie**.



**Linn** then introduced **Karl Roscoe** (above) who is our 2022 President Elect. He presented to us a preview of his plans and ideas for the coming year.

**Karl** then introduced our 2022 Officers and new Board of Directors members for 2022. He then thanked everyone for coming and adjourned this very encouraging and enjoyable Brunch!



# 2021 Kansas Citian Gala Uniquely Outstanding!

On November 9, the Native Sons and Daughters of Greater Kansas City held its 47th annual Outstanding Kansas Citian Gala event at Overland Park Convention Center at 6000 College Boulevard in Overland Park. This is the first time we have held it in Kansas!

Pictured below adjacent to our historical marker that they unveiled are (l-r) our two 2021 Outstanding Kansas Citians, Johnson County Commission Chair **Ed Eilert** and **General Richard Myers**, current President of Kansas State University and former Chairman of our Nation's Military Joint Chiefs of Staff. This was the first time we have ever had two honorees at our Annual Gala!



Founder Members to stand and be recognized. They represent area companies which have been in business for ten years or more in the Kansas City area. Their names are inscribed in the granite Heritage Plaza of NSDKC's Monument located in Ilus Davis Park in downtown Kansas City at 10th and Locust.

**Linn** then requested all NSDKC Past Presidents to stand and be recognized. She also asked current officers and board members to stand and be recognized. She gave special recognition to 2nd Vice President **Marsha Daley** who chaired this year's OKC Gala planning committee.



**Linn** then introduced M/C **Mark Alford**, pictured above, who has been M/C at some of our Galas in the past. **Mark** asked for all to stand for the presentation of our Nation's colors and Pledge of Allegiance presented by Scout Troop 10 and Troop 6010.

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OKC honoree **John Dillingham**.

At right (l-r) is 2010 President **Gary Hicks**, the evening's Master of Ceremonies **Mark Alford** and lastly is 2021 President **Linn Mills**.

**Linn** opened the evening's ceremonies at 7:00 p.m. from the podium by welcoming everyone and introducing our two honorees. She then asked all of our

Pictured left, just before the marker was unveiled, are the individuals who were featured most prominently in the spectacular 2021 Outstanding Kansas Citian Gala.

At far left (l-r) are our two honorees **Ed Eilert** and **General Richard Myers**. Next to the marker (l-r) is 2019 OKC honoree **George Guastello** and 2003

## CALENDAR

### Medicine's Hall of Fame Museum

January 8, 2:00 p.m.  
6305 Lackman Rd., Shawnee, KS

### Kansas City Museum

February (no date yet, E-Blast to follow)

### Gangster Tour

March (no date yet, E-Blast to follow)





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At about 8:15, **Linn Mills** again took the podium and reviewed the mission of NSDKC with a summary of its primary initiatives serving our Greater Kansas City area. She also described the qualifications of an OKC recipient.

She then welcomed M/C **Mark Alford** back to the podium who briefly reviewed the media's role in promoting and preserving our region's heritage.

**Mark** welcomed 2010 NSDKC President **Gary Hicks**, who introduced OKC co-honoree **Ed Eilert** and welcomed him to the podium. He thanked us very generously for the honor and

described some of our area's unique heritage.

**Mark** then introduced 2003 NSDKC President **John Dillingham**, who introduced OKC co-

honoree **Richard Myers** to the podium. He also thanked us very generously for the honor and briefly reviewed the importance of our area as part of our nation's history.

**Linn** invited 2019 OKC Award recipient **George Guastello**, noting that he is President and CEO of Union Station. She gave **George** our special OKC Award Medallions which he placed on both **Eilert** and **Myers**.

**Linn** then presented our beautiful acrylic OKC recognition awards to both **Eilert** and **Myers**.

**Mark Alford** came to the podium and congratulated the two OKC recipients. He invited 2014 NSDKC President **Ross Marshall** to the podium for the unveiling of the marker. **Ross** briefly described NSDKC's long-time historical markers program.

**Ross** described how *The Heritage of Johnson County* marker was a tribute to both **Eilert** and **Myers**. He also remarked that the marker was intended to be a 2020 event, but with the pandemic everything was delayed a year. However, we installed, dedicated and unveiled the marker at a marvelous event at the Johnson County Arts and Heritage Center in October, 2020.



A wonderful Dinner was served at 7:15 to all attendees as pictured above.



Above (l-r) John Dillingham, Gary Hicks, Mark Alford and Linn Mills

It was brought here for this unveiling event by **Gary** and **Ross**. Uniquely, this is the first time that one of our markers has been dedicated and unveiled twice! It was reinstalled the next day.

**Eilert** and **Myers** unveiled the marker to great applause from the audience!

**Linn** thanked everyone for coming to this unique Gala, with two OKC recipients, a re-dedicated marker and a Kansas location! Congratulations to **Ed Eilert** and **General Richard Myers**!

At left is the huge hallway where our auction items were displayed on the large table. Auction items have been a large part of our Gala for many years and they yield a significant amount of proceeds which help to pay for the event. Special thanks to those that donated the items and to 2nd Vice President **Marsha Daley**, Administrator **Nancy Elder**, **Linda Dillon**, **Christy Chester**, **Sharon** and **Sally Smart** for their many hours of work on this important part of our Gala event!