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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.



Above is Cliff Illig, Lindsey Patterson Smith who received The American Royal marker and Dick Retrum behind the marker. Lindsey is the daughter of Neal Patterson, who passed away in 2017.

2018 Outstanding Kansas Citian Gala was truly outstanding!

What a privilege to honor Cliff Illig, the Co-Founder of Cerner Corporation! And with over 300 in attendance, it was in so many ways one of our most outstanding OKC events!

As we met in the beautiful Kay Barnes Grand Ballroom in the Kansas City Convention Center, enjoyed the Reception which began at 6:00 pm, participated in the Outstanding Silent Auction organized by our incoming President Nancy Elder, listened to Chuck Eddy's Band, and enjoyed an exceptional dinner served by Aramark, it was truly memorable.

Frank Boal, who has been our Master of Ceremonies for many years, welcomed everyone and introduced our President Steve Noll. After brief remarks about the history of NSDKC and thanking all those that led in preparing this event, Steve introduced our 2nd Vice President Dick Retrum who served as the Chair of this

year's OKC event.

After a few remarks, Dick introduced our Historical Markers Committee Chair Ross Marshall to come forward and present the markers.

In honor of our OKC Honoree Cliff Illig, who is an Eagle Scout and has been supportive of the Boy Scouts his entire life, we unveiled a new marker to the Boy Scouts of America which will be installed sometime this spring.

Neal Patterson, Co-Founder and Co-Chair of Cerner Corporation with Cliff, was honored with a marker for The American Royal since he had been a lifetime supporter. Neal passed away in 2017 so we and Cliff wanted to honor him too.

In all, a successful OKC Gala—great setting, great honoree, and great coordination by our volunteers. Many compliments to Dr. Chuck Eddy, who has been serving as our OKC Coordinator for several years.

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The President's Message

Dear members:

Happy New Year to all NSDKC members. May your New Year be one of happiness, good health, peace in your heart and abundance of love and friendships. I am honored to have been elected as your new president for 2019 and with the help of the Executive Committee, Board of Directors and Committees, we will plan and have a good year. The 2019 dues notices have been sent out and we encourage you to renew your membership in this great organization. The year 2018 was one of many accomplishments but there is still much to be done this year.

As we look back on the year 2018, it was a year of important happenings: dedication of the NSDKC Monument, placement of the KC Metropolitan Crime Commission marker, three Barry town markers and the Lake Lotawana marker.

To speak further on the NSDKC Monument – what an important program has been started! Member and Past President Carl DiCapo had the idea and it took five years to come to fruition at a cost of over \$500,000. Money was raised from individuals and organizations and this important structure was dedicated April 19, 2018. The history of Kansas City is shown on eight (8) panels and the surrounding granite pavers have inscriptions of NSDKC Founders, Past Presidents, Outstanding Kansas Citians, and individuals and companies who have added to the history of Kansas City. We are still taking requests for inscriptions. Please go to the NSDKC.org website for forms and directions for having one of your own. This is important to all of Kansas City and this monument for many years to come.

Emphasis this year will be on growing our membership. This organization began in 1932 by a group of dedicated Kansas Citians who wanted to “preserve history and the heritage of the Greater Kansas City metropolitan area (two states and ten counties) through advocacy, education and restoration”, to partially quote from the NSDKC Mission Statement. These subjects cover a wide range of topics, each of which are important in its own right, but grouped together pose a challenge to our organization to accomplish what our founders had in mind. We take up the challenge for 2019!

The year 2019 will be a busy one. We plan to have several meet and greet events (information to come) and perhaps a tour of interesting places in our area.

Until our next edition of the NSDKC newsletter, we remain dedicated to the growth of this organization and want your help to succeed. For your thoughts, please contact me at nancyelder9@aol.com.

Sincerely,
Nancy L. Elder,
2019 NSDKC President



Nancy Elder
2019 President



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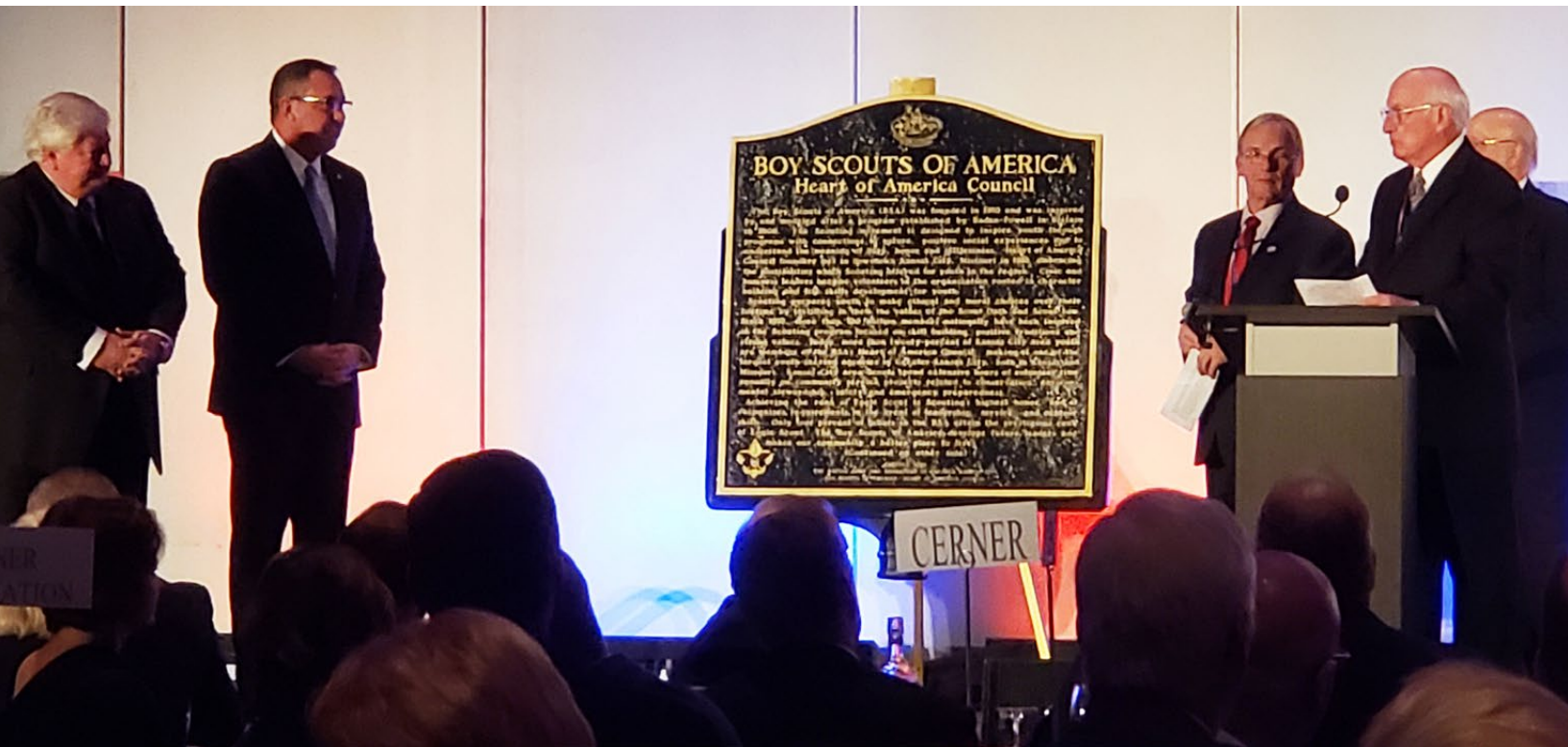
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Welcome New Members!

George Guastello, Leslie Gasser, Christopher Cox,
Bud and Judith McElroy

New Founder Member

Union Station



Above (l-r), Cliff Illig, Brick Huffman who received the marker and is the CEO of the Heart of America Council of the Boy Scouts of America, Steve Noll, Ross Marshall and Dick Retrum.

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The 2017 Outstanding Kansas Citian Alvin Brooks presented Cliff with the OKC Award.



In recognition of the Boy Scouts marker, several Boy Scouts attended with their leader, to help with set-up and coat checking-in. It was good to have them with us!

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Above is our Master of Ceremonies Frank Boal (KSHB TV) with Cliff next to him. Five past OKC recipients (on the right) were in attendance. (l-r) are Alvin Brooks (2017), Kay Barnes (2015), (Dick Retrum behind), Michael Burke (1987), Carl DiCapo (2001) and John Dillingham (2009).

At right are some of the tables with our many Silent Auction items. In the foreground is our 2017 NSDKC President Diane Boos Pickman, next to her husband Steve Pickman. Our Silent Auction was one of the most successful we have ever had!



Annual Board and membership meeting

Forty-six of our members gathered in the upper level of Hereford House Town Center Plaza at 5001 Town Center Drive in Leawood on Wednesday evening, October 10 at 6:00 p.m. for our Annual Membership and Board meeting. It was a new location for our annual meeting and it worked out very well. The Board has been meeting there for the last two months.

After a great dinner, President Steve Noll called the Annual Membership meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

A key vote was to approve revisions to our bylaws, much of which had to do with changing the words “Executive Secretary” to Administrative Support Person(s) because of Executive Secretary Susie Hughes’ retirement and being replaced by Business Manager Dr. Chuck Eddy.

In addition, the clauses having to do with a paid Website/Media Administrator and a paid Newsletter Editor were deleted because those duties are currently being done by volunteers.

The membership elected Joe Vaughan, Nancy Elder, Jim Flanagan, Karl Roscoe, Paul Christiansen II and Bryan Flanagan to our Board of Directors. (Note: Marsha Daley and Linn Mills were appointed by the Board in September to fill vacancies on the Board.)

Other Board members continuing to serve are Whitney Kerr, John Forbes, Henry Leonard, Dick Retrum, Carl DiCapo, John Hess, Jr., Sharon Smart, Ray Elder, Steve Noll and Tom Platt.

After the Membership meeting was adjourned, President Steve Noll called the Annual Board meeting to order.

One of the key actions was the election of officers for 2019 as presented by Nominating Committee Chair Diane Pepper. Elected were:

- President – Nancy Elder
- 1st Vice President – Dick Retrum
- 2nd Vice President – Linn Mills




A good turnout!



Above is Founders Committee Chair Nancy Elder, as she introduces Walter Bixby, representing Kansas City Life Insurance Company, a new NSDKC Founders Member. She presented him with a Founders Certificate and our 85-year Anniversary booklet. President Steve Noll is at left.

- Secretary – Paul Christiansen II
- Treasurer – Jim Flanagan
- Historian – Ray Elder

The meeting was adjourned a little after 8:00 p.m.



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Annual Brunch Held December 1

Our very enjoyable Annual Holiday Brunch was held on Saturday, December 1 at a new location, the Carriage Club at 5301 State Line Road which is adjacent to the Mission Hills Country Club Golf Course on the west side of State Line Road. The Club has been in business for more than 60 years. A quality location and very comfortable.

Music was by the Chuck Eddy Band and singing by our friend Dan Sturdevant, pictured at right with incoming President Nancy Elder holding the microphone.

After the buffet lunch and desserts, our new 2nd Vice President and Board member Linn Mills gave the invocation and made some opening remarks to the crowd.

Our President Steve Noll welcomed everyone and introduced the officers and board members. He reviewed the events and accomplishments of 2018.

He called on Carl DiCapo to review the Monument Project. The Monument was dedicated April 19, culminating nearly five years of fundraising (\$500,000) by Carl, design work by Gary Hicks and the committee meeting often with general contractor JE Dunn Construction Company. The project was Carl's dream and he made it come true!

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Dan Sturdevant singing next to incoming President Nancy Elder



Above: Members enjoy a buffet brunch at the Carriage Club.



Carl DiCapo



Left: Linn Mills gave the invocation.

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Steve then introduced Awards Committee Chair Cherie Davis, who presented four awards.

The first was a new award, the Carl J DiCapo Award Most Outstanding Member presented to Carl DiCapo. His accomplishments in bringing in new members and creating the Founders Group were more than any of our categories would fit. So the committee created this new award!

Cherie presented the Lee I Pickering Award to Diane Boos Pickman (right) for her work on the Monument inscriptions and the George E Hicks Award to Ross Marshall (below left) for his many years of work on our historical markers and newsletters.

Sharon Smart (below right) received the Special Recognition Award for her work with our OKC auction items over the years. Lastly, **Gary Hicks**



Diane Boos Pickman receives the Lee I Pickering Award



Ross Marshall receives the George E. Hicks Award



Above: Sharon Smart gets the Special Recognition Award

(no photo) received the Certificate of Appreciation for his great work on the Monument and our Historical Markers Committee.

Steve then introduced incoming President Nancy Elder who presented Steve with the 2018 President's Award.

Nancy introduced the incoming officers and board members and com-

mittee chairs for 2019.

Dan Sturdevant ended our Brunch as he sang and played the piano. One of his songs was entitled "Nancy" which was ironic because Nancy Elder was holding his microphone!

Steve thanked everyone for coming and adjourned the Annual Brunch – lotsa fun!