



# NEWS



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



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BILL DIETRICH

OUTSTANDING KANSAS CITIAN  
— 2024 —  
**GALA**  
YOU'RE INVITED

*to the*

## 2024 OKC GALA

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2024 ♦ THE CARRIAGE CLUB AT 5301 STATE LINE ROAD IN KANSAS CITY, MO.**

Our Annual Outstanding Kansas Citian Gala (the 52nd) will be held Wednesday, November 13. Our OKC Honorees are:

- **Bill Dietrich:** President & CEO of Downtown Council of Kansas City
- **Angie Long:** Palmer Square Capital Management Co-founder and Owner of Kansas City Current Soccer Team
- **Chris Long:** Founder of Palmer Square Capital Management and Co-Founder and Owner of Kansas City Current Soccer Team

➤ **Reception & Auction at 6:00pm**

➤ **Dinner at 7:00pm**

➤ **Program at 8:00pm**

➤ **\$1,500 for a table of 10**

➤ **\$150 per person**

Proceeds support the NSDKC mission.

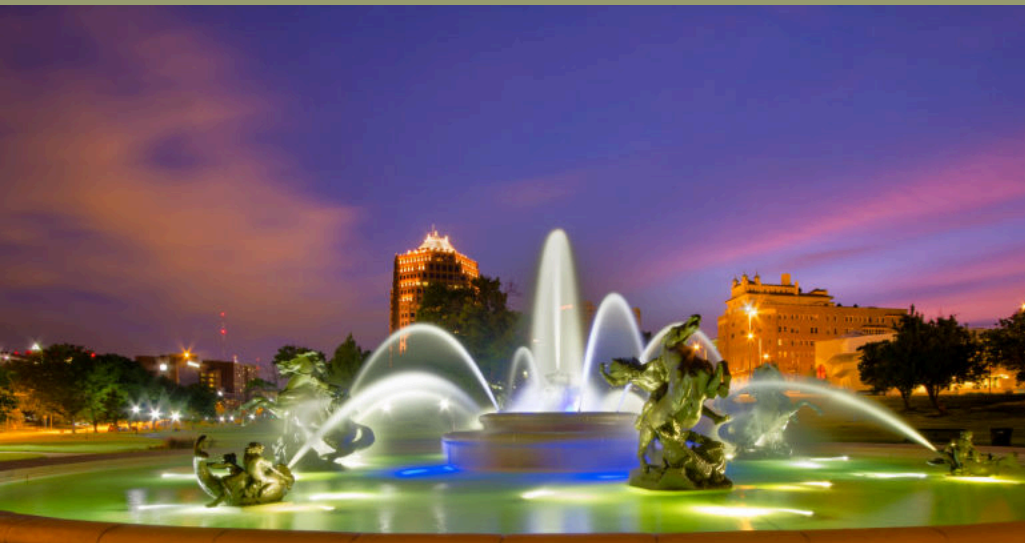
**RESERVATIONS NEED TO BE RECEIVED BY FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2024.**

RSVP and pay with a credit card at [nsdkc.org](https://nsdkc.org). Or mail your check, payable to NSDKC to NSDKC-OKC, PO Box 25513, Kansas City, MO 64119-0913

**B**ill Dietrich (right) has served as President and CEO of the Downtown Council of Kansas City, Missouri (DTC) since June 2002.

**Angie Long** (center) is Chief Investment Officer and one of two Principal Owners for Palmer Square Capital Management, where she has key responsibilities for all investment-related activities. **Chris Long** (left) founded Palmer Square Capital Management, an approximately \$30 billion asset manager focused on corporate and structured credit with offices in Kansas City and London.





## Dear Members:

Hi everyone! It has been a very busy quarter. We have had a lot happen in this quarter.

We need to find members to step up to the plate and help out on committees and be on the Board of Directors.

We lost one of our most outstanding members when John Dunnewind passed away recently. He had served our organization for a number of years as our By Laws Committee Chair and also Past President in 2022.

We also had a great event at the Auto Museum and a luncheon. We have Linn Mills to thank for planning that event.

It's time to think about our Outstanding Kansas Citian event for 2024 on November 13 at 6:00 p.m. We need people to come and also to bring auction items.

Also, hope to see you soon at the NSDKC Annual Meeting on October 16 at 5:30 p.m. at the Carriage Club.

 **Christy Chester**  
2024 President



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## NEW MEMBERS

**Robert Winkler**  
**John Szturo**  
**Bobby Conrick**



## MEMORIALS

**John Dunnewind**  
**Chester Owens**  
James Anderson Award Winner 2020



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## CALENDAR

**2024 OKC GALA**  
Wednesday, November 13  
**The Carriage Club**  
5301 State Line Road  
Kansas City, Missouri



## OFFICERS & STAFF

**Christy Chester**  
*President*

**Michael Gerken**  
*Vice President*

**Nancy Elder**  
*Treasurer*

**Paul Christiansen II**  
*Secretary*

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*Event/Programs Chair*

*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.



# John Dunnewind



**John Dunnewind**, a beloved member of The Native Sons & Daughters of Greater Kansas City organization passed away on September 1, 2024 at University of Kansas Hospital at the age of 84.

**John** became a member of NSDKC in 2004 and was very involved in the organization from then through the present year.

**John** served various times through the years in the following capacities: elected to the Board of Directors in 2009 and was Chair of the By Laws, Advisory, and Founders Committees. He was elected Historian in 2015, Secretary in 2016, 1st Vice President in 2021 and 2022, and completed the year 2022 as President on the demise of President **Karl Roscoe, Sr.**

As chair of the By Laws committee (appointed in 2010 & Chair of the Committee to present), the By Laws were reviewed and revised and the institution of "Policies, Practices and Procedures" section was written by **John** to cover requirements and duties of membership, officers, directors, events and committees. These "PPP's" have answered many questions and provided guidance to incoming directors, committee chairs, event chairs and officers. He also pro-

vided a "President's Check List", a timeline of duties and things to be completed by a new incoming president. Through the years, some revisions have been made to clarify situations or institute new guidelines in these documents and the NSDKC organization constantly benefited from **John's** knowledge and experience.

In addition to being the best person "to go to" for answers, **John** received the NSDKC Lee Pickering Award for the years of 2010, 2019 and 2023. To quote from the actual award criteria, "This award recognizes a member in good standing for five consecutive years that has demonstrated excellence in performance of his or her duties, commitment to a project, extraordinary detail and quality in the delivery of the project, and information required to complete the project, or assisted others in the completion and mentored them through the conclusion of the project."

**John** leaves his wife of 59 years, Ursula Dunnewind, a son Bernard and daughter-in law Maria, two children and three grandchildren. **John's** professional and service background is being an honored retired veteran with the U.S. Army in the Security Division in Germany after World War II in the 1960's. He also worked for Esterline-Angus and Hulet-Packard companies in the technical industries.

We will miss **John Dunnewind!**

## NSDKC Event

# Kansas City Automotive Museum

**O**n Saturday afternoon August 24 at 2:00, arranged by **Linn Mills** of our Social Committee, about 20 NSDKC members gathered to tour the Kansas City Automotive Museum at 15005 W. 116th Street in Olathe, KS as pictured right.

The Museum opened in May, 2014 and is a

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## Kansas City Automotive Museum Event



Above are some of the many classy cars from past decades that are in the Museum.

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501(c)3 non-profit, charitable corporation. The Museum has become a recognized and popular establishment within the car community and has grown to be a meeting place for car enthusiasts, historians, club meetings, special events and visitors to Kansas City.

The museum highlights significant Kansas City automotive history such as 1965 Le Mans winner Masten Gregory (the “Kansas City Flash”), the Ford Winchester Plant and Greenlease Cadillac.

The oldest display was a 1912 Ford Model A Roadster. A few years later, Kansas City was a key producer of Fords. The rest of the displays were mostly large classic limousines and large beautiful automobiles – Fords, Chevrolets, Cadillacs, Oldsmobiles, Dodges, Plymouths, Chryslers, Packards, Mercedes Benz, Studebakers, Mustangs, Camaros, etc.

We had a great leader and spokesman who knew his car history in great detail!

The Kansas City Automotive Museum offers a 12,000 square foot facility that rotates 30 vehicles every 4-6 months. There are reader boards throughout the Museum that highlight significant Kansas City automotive history. The Museum also includes interactive features like our professional driving simulators, a design art studio, the 1974 Sterling Kit Car which people can sit in, and much more!

Each month, they curate a new themed exhibit in their “drive-in” area ranging from vintage camper trailers to motorcycles to exotic cars. Before the tour, several of us had lunch at the nearby Olive Garden (above) at 15090 W. 119th Street. Shown above is front to back on the left side is **Mike Gerkin, Ross** and **Shirley Marshall, Ray** and **Nancy Elder**. On the right side front to back is **Marilee** and **Dan Sturdevant, Mike** and **Joan Shields, Linn Mills** and **Giovanni Love**.

A very spectacular and enjoyable event! Thanks **Linn** for your arrangements!



# Craig Crease Published Book on Bill Hickok – “*The Wanderer*”

Our old friend and longtime Trails Head member **Craig Crease** presented his new book “*The Wanderer*” on Saturday, July 9 at our local KC Central Library, at 14 W. 10th St.

**Craig** is seated, **Ross Marshall** is at left and Olathe Parks Director **Kevin Corbett** at right.

**Craig** is speaking at the far center with a crowd of about 100 at the Library.

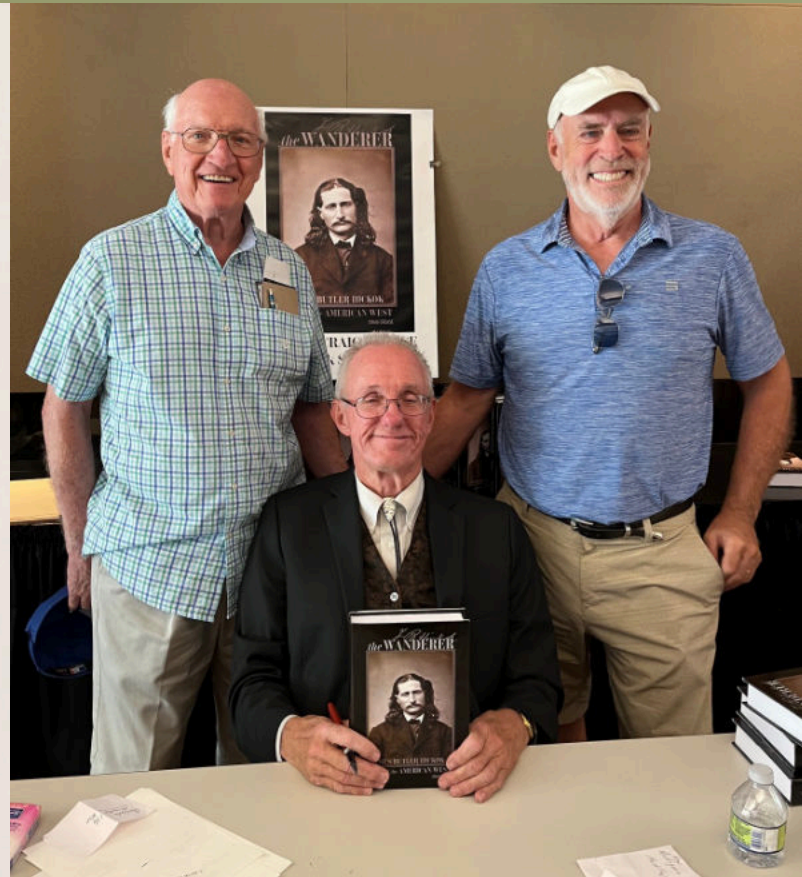
(Remarks from **Craig**)

I was about 40 when I first got in my mind an idea about writing a book about Hickok. That thought percolated for about ten years, and at about age 50 I started to research seriously the matter. Over the next 20 years I tracked down many fugitive documents in obscure places, and some hiding in plain sight. My goal was to achieve command of all the primary sources and secondary sources written about Hickok.

It was only then that I would be able to distinguish fact from fiction about his life. It was my intention to write a book that would run along two tracks: 1) a conventional cradle-to-grave biography of his life with a factual basis. 2) a take-down of the myths and legends that have clouded his real life story for almost 150 years.

There were 21 biographies of Wild Bill Hickok before I wrote mine. With very few exceptions those biographies were simply a rehash of what had been written before, and many simply repeated the myths without questioning their validity. I was determined not to make that mistake.

I wrote the book in about fifteen months in 2021 and 2022. In early 2023 I found my publisher, Caxton Press of Caldwell, Idaho. In 2025 Caxton Press will be 100 years in business publishing books of the American West. They are a family business and the family is the same one that started the company 1n 1925. They have published such illustrious authors as Ayn Rand, Vardis Fisher, and Lucious McWhorter. The company has won, among other



awards, two Pulitzer Prizes.

My book, *The Wanderer: James Butler Hickok and the American West*, was published on June 19, 2024. It first became available on Amazon, who sold out their first shipment in three days. Their next shipment sold out in five days. They caught up with themselves, and other booksellers came on line. Today, just two months after publication, the first edition is available from Amazon, Caxton Press, Barnes and Noble, Book's-A-Million, ABE Books, Biblio.com, Alibris, Thriftbooks and many independent booksellers.

Also, confirming that there continues to be strong international interest in the history of America's frontier west,

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## Craig Crease – “The Wanderer”

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this book is available from booksellers in twelve foreign countries in Europe, Asia and the South Pacific.

**Craig** has been a longtime member of Trails Head Chapter — from 1994! He was a very active leader here for at least 15 years and knew a lot about the Historic Trails that went through Kansas City. He and his wife have been living in South Carolina for the past decade, but he has stayed in touch with us. Every year or so he comes to the Kansas City area to be a part of a local Trails Head event and to join up with old friends.

**Craig** is a great researcher and writer. We were delighted to have him here to dedicate his great book on Wild Bill Hickok!

***The Wanderer: James Butler Hickok and the American West***

Caxton Press

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Retail Price: \$27.95

## ROSS MARSHALL

### NSDKC Board Member and Past-President

**R**oss, standing right, was born January 27, 1939, the first child of his parents. He was named **William Ross Marshall** after his two grandfathers. He grew up on a farm in southern Iowa with his parents. He learned a lot on that farm: land, crops, animals, tools, buildings and how to work!

He went to college at Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa and Graduated in 1961 in Civil Engineering. Companies came to universities looking for Civil Engineers! He got hired by a very large national company (CECO) and they assigned **Ross** to an office in Kansas City, so he and his family moved down here. The company built large concrete buildings. It was a great job and he traveled all over the western part of the U.S. to assist with their construction jobs.

**Ross** did very well and was able to retire after 30 years in 1991 with lots of bonuses, stocks, etc. He never had to work again.

In the 1990s, he began to get interested in the history of our country and especially with the westward movement. He began to travel all over and follow the historic trails, such as the Santa Fe, Oregon, California and Lewis and Clark trails. Kansas City is truly the Gateway to the West! **Ross** has been national president of many of those



organizations including the Partnership for the National Trails System, which he helped to found.

He has led bus tours for 40 years locally and all over the nation and still is! In fact, he led many bus tours for NSDKC from 1993 to 2019 locally and into Kansas, Nebraska and Missouri. Ross has published quarterly newsletters for several decades for three organizations including NSDKC.

Past NSDKC President **Gary Hicks** invited **Ross** to join NSDKC about 15 years ago and he has served as President and has been on the Board of Directors for many years. He also has chaired the Historical Markers Committee for many years. He loves history, sports, going to meetings and all those friendships, especially with his wife **Shirley**, who is also active with NSDKC.

**Ross** enjoys working with this wonderful NSDKC organization!