



# NEWS

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



## GEORGE GUASTELLO

**2019 Outstanding Kansas Citian**

November 6, 2019

Kay Barnes Grand Ballroom  
Kansas City Convention Center



President and CEO of  
Union Station Kansas City  
KC's 50 Most Powerful People  
Former President and CEO for  
the American Royal Association  
Kansas City Streetcar Authority  
Board of Directors  
Ability KC Board of Directors



RECOGNIZING THE  
Union Station



## Don't miss the Outstanding Kansas Citian Gala on Nov. 6!

**J**oin The Native Sons & Daughters of Greater Kansas City as we present the 47th Annual Outstanding Kansas Citian Award to George Guastello.

George Guastello II has served as President and Chief Executive Officer of Union Station Kansas City since December 31, 2009. Previously he was the CEO for the American Royal Association.

Guastello is a member of the Ability KC Board of Directors, Kansas City Streetcar Authority Board and Powell Gardens Board of Directors. He has served on the Boards of the Boys & Girls Club, Cristo Rey Kansas City, Rockhurst High School, Kansas City River Trails, KCMO Central Industrial District and Johnson County Parks and Recreation Theater Park.

**Please plan to attend the Annual OKC Event, Wednesday, November 6, 2019 at the Kay Barnes Grand Ballroom, Kansas City Convention Center. Reception and Silent Auction is at 6:00 pm, Dinner at 7:00 pm and Program at 8:00 pm.**

Table Sponsorships and single tickets are available. Reservations need to be received by Friday, October 25, 2019. Please RSVP and pay with credit card at [www.nsdkc.org](http://www.nsdkc.org) or mail your check payable to NSDKC, addressed to NSDKC, P.O. Box 26071, Overland Park, KS 66225. For information, call 913-207-3310. Proceeds support the NSDKC mission.

If you wish to make donations to the Silent Auction, please contact Linn Mills, 505-402-6630.

Please mark your calendar and plan to attend this Kansas City historical event. Join us in recognizing George Guastello, our 47th recipient to receive the NSDKC Outstanding Kansas Citian Award.



**J**oin us on Wednesday Evening November 6, 2019  
The Kay Barnes Grand Ballroom, Kansas City Convention Center  
Reception and silent auction 6 pm, Dinner 7 pm, Program 8 pm.

# The President's Message

**Dear members:**

Happy Fall Season to all of our members and friends. We have had strange weather this fall. Late September it was still in the 90s and a lot of rain. Mushrooms growing in the backyard - don't see them that often! This morning while writing this, it was 46 degrees outside. Old saying, "If you don't like Kansas City weather, just wait a few minutes."

Our hearts have been very heavy this past two months. We lost a very dear personal friend and strong supporter of NSDKC, Dr. Charles Eddy. He has served the organization faithfully for many years and will be sorely missed. Most recently he was serving as our business administrator for the group and leaves very large shoes to fill. It will take several of us to pick up what he was taking care of daily. Rest in peace, Dear Friend.

We want to ask you to encourage your friends and family to join NSDKC. You can go on-line and fill out the application and submit. If you need a sponsor, please use your own name if you are a paid member for 2019 or let me know and we will take care of it. Also it is important you consider purchasing a paver at the NSDKC Monument. Prices and how to purchase are also on the NSDKC website. Please take a look at the website. It has been updated and makes access much easier. Thanks to Frank McMillian for doing this work for us. If you have any questions please let me know.

Your Board of Directors sends you best wishes for the Fall/Winter and Holiday Season. Have peace in your hearts and enjoy good health and safety.

Sincerely,  
Nancy L. Elder,  
2109 NSDKC President



**Nancy Elder**  
**2019 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.

**2019 CALENDAR**

November 6 at 6:00 pm – Outstanding Kansas Citian Gala

December 14 at 11:00 am - Annual Holiday Brunch

# Historical Markers Committee Report

1. **Union Station** - Our OKC marker was shipped October 9 and will arrive shortly, well ahead of our November 6 OKC event. The people at Union Station wanted a back side different text and have paid us the \$450 for it.
2. **Board of Trade** - Text work is nearly done, working with former CEO Walt Vernon. Steve Noll is working with PortKC, which is the owner of the property where the Board of Trade was located years ago, to formally approve our marker on the site and where we think it ought to be placed. We will have a meeting with the owner's representative in the near future. The cost is being covered by Steve Noll.
3. **KC Fire Department** - Ray Elder is leading the work on the text along with Gary Hicks and Ross Marshall, and it is in the final stages. The cost is being covered jointly by the Kansas City Fire Department and Local 42 Union.
4. **Garrison School Museum** - The Museum people, Chris Sizemore, Gary Hicks and Ross Marshall are working on finalizing the two-sided text. We are getting close. Cost is covered by the Museum.
5. **Steptoe Neighborhood** - Sponsored by Whitney Kerr. Text work will begin soon.

## NSDKC website markers pages are getting improvements

The installation of new markers research information and new pictures of the markers onto our website is being handled by Frank McMillian. Ross Marshall and Frank have met and Frank will be starting the work shortly at a reasonable fee. It should not take long, because he already has a model setup that will work for each marker.

Ross Marshall, Chair Historical Markers Committee

## Dr. Charles A. (Chuck) Eddy passes away



Our very dear friend and long-time leader in NSDKC, Dr. Charles "Chuck" Alan Eddy, passed away on September 5, 2019 after battles with several ailments. Chuck Eddy served NSDKC as a Board member and officer for many years including being our president in 2013. He currently was our Business Manager and leaves a void that many of us are trying to fill.

Chuck was very active in the Kansas City area, having served as a Captain of the reserve unit in the KCMO Police Department for 24 years, City Councilman of the 6th District in 1999-2007 and many other important positions within City Hall. He played a key role in budgetary decisions that helped pave the way for Bartle Hall, Sprint Center, the Power and Light District and other downtown businesses.

One of Chuck's many passions was music. He loved to sing, play the drums and be a DJ. His band played at many NSDKC key events for many years including the Annual Outstanding Kansas Citian Gala and the Annual Holiday Brunch.

Chuck was a practicing Chiropractor for 50 years in his own office, graduating from Cleveland Chiropractic College.

Chuck touched a lot of people and organizations in Kansas City in his 71 years and will be sorely missed by them and by his wife Donna, other family members and all of us at NSDKC.

A graphic announcement for the Annual Holiday Brunch. The background is green with a repeating pattern of small green triangles. At the top center is a stylized green outline of a bird with its wings spread. Below the bird is a white scalloped-edged oval. At the bottom is a large red oval containing white text.

**Annual Holiday Brunch**

Mark your calendars for the annual NSDKC Holiday Brunch. Saturday, December 14, 2019, Indian Hills Country Club, 6847 Tomahawk Road, Shawnee Mission, KS

Cocktails at 11:00 AM (cash bar)  
Holiday Brunch 11:45 AM.

Watch your email for more information.  
Early bird prices on reservations received by December 6

# Annual Membership and Board Meeting held October 9

After a wonderful dinner, President Nancy Elder called the Annual Membership meeting to order at about 7:00 pm. One of the NSDKC Membership responsibilities is to elect Board members at this Annual Meeting. The following are the names voted in and the ones continuing to serve their term.

Name	Term Exp. Date	Term Limit Date
Marsha Daley*	12/31/2022	12/31/2028
Ross Marshall	12/31/2022	12/31/2028
Linn Mills*	12/31/2022	12/31/2028
John W. Forbes	12/31/2022.	12/31/2025
John Dunnewind	12/31/2022	12/31/2028
Richard Retrum	12/31/2022	12/31/2022

The current list of additional Board members, with their respective Current Expiration Date and Term Limit Date are as follows:

Name	Term Exp. Date	Term Limit Date
Carl DiCapo	12/31/2020	12/31/2020
John Hess, Jr.	12/31/2020	12/31/2023
Sharon Smart	12/31/2020	12/31/2026
Ray Elder	12/31/2020	12/31/2026
Stephen E. Noll	12/31/2020	12/31/2023
Tom Platt	12/31/2020	12/31/2026
Joe Vaughan	12/31/2021	12/31/2027
Nancy Elder	12/31/2021	12/31/2024
Jim Flanagan	12/31/2021	12/31/2024
Karl Roscoe	12/31/2021	12/31/2027
Paul Christiansen II	12/31/2021	12/31/2027
Bryan Flanagan	12/31/2021	12/31/2021

\*These Directors were appointed by the Board on Sept 12, 2018 to fill vacancies as stipulated in Article V Board of Directors, Section 1. They filled out the current term ending 12/31/2019 which does not count toward their term limit of 3 terms. The "Term Limit Date" is the date they may serve to if reelected to all 3 terms.

After the Annual Membership meeting, President Nancy Elder called the Annual Board meeting to order at 7:30 pm. One of the annual responsibilities of the membership is to elect the officers for 2020. The Nominating Committee, chaired by immediate Past President Steve Noll, submitted the following nominations: President Dick Retrum, 1st Vice President Linn Mills, 2nd Vice President (momentarily vacant), Secretary Paul Christiansen II, Treasurer Jim Flanagan and Historian Ray Elder. The slate was approved unanimously.

To fill the various vacancies left with Chuck Eddy's passing,

several actions were approved by the membership. One was to expand the duties and salary of Linda Dillon, our Administrator. Also approved was NSDKC member Frank McMillian coming aboard to update our website plus installing the historical markers information and pictures collected in 2018 by Ross Marshall and Gary Hicks, which will be a magnificent addition to our website.

Our Financial Review Committee, chaired by Nancy Elder will continue to oversee these transitions.

The Annual Membership meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.



**Diane Boos Pickman (Past President) and Steve Pickman.**



**President Nancy Elder**

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(l-r) 2nd Vice President Linn Mills, Historian Ray Elder and Administrator Linda Dillon



(l-r) Norm Besheer, Nancy Yuelkenbeck, Secretary Paul Christiansen II, John Hess, Jr., Linn Mills, John Hess, Sr. and Erma Hess.

**MEMORIALS**  
Chuck Eddy  
Ellen Zimmer Darling

**Welcome New Members!**  
Darlys Dennert  
Katherine Kaltenbach

## Rainy year at the Monument!

Yes, 2019 was a tough year at the NSDKC Monument! We had three Monument Programs scheduled during the summer, but all were cancelled – two because of rain and one with a scheduling problem. Too bad we could not find an evening like the picture below!

We are extremely proud of this remarkable Monument that salutes the history and heritage of the Greater Kansas City area. We will take a shot at programs next year and hit some good weather.

In the meantime, stop by the Monument at Ilus Davis Park at 10th and Main downtown, and read the ten plaques that are on the marker which tell about the history and heritage of our great city! And consider getting your names on a paver – consult our website at [www.nsdkc.org](http://www.nsdkc.org)

We will keep you informed about Monument Programs for 2020.

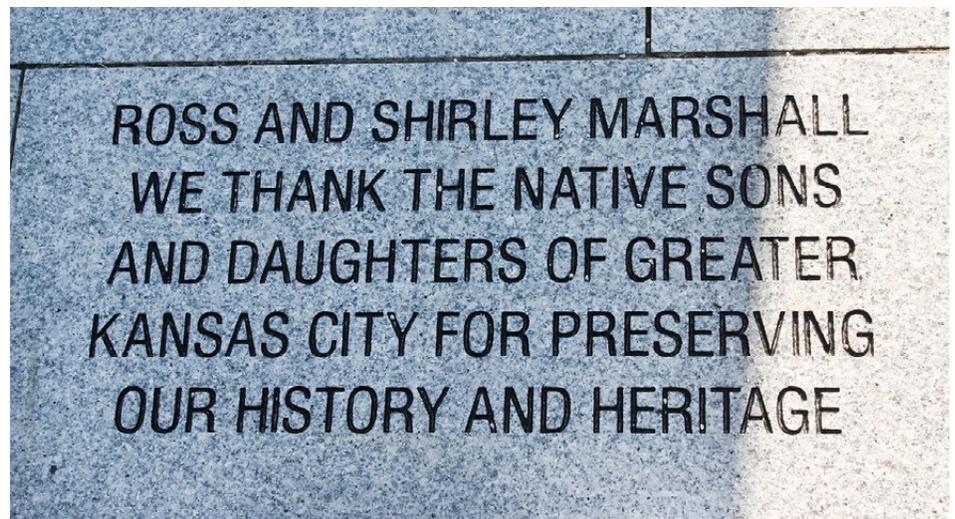


## Put your mark on Kansas City history!

Support NSDKC by ordering your Monument Inscription!

In the design process of the NSDKC Monument, the use of large granite pavers was selected for lasting distinction and correspondence with nearby granite surfacing of a reflecting pool located in Ilus Davis Park.

Springtime through fall in Kansas City are the best seasons to accommodate field inscription work at the Monument! Have you considered ordering an inscription in tribute to your parents, or early family settlers of our region? Or as a tribute for a special achievement? Or simply to note with your name an appreciation of the history and heritage of our greater metropolitan region. This is the season to get your order placed for an inscription at the Monument.



Above is a sample of one of the many existing paver inscriptions

**Be a part of our Greater Kansas City History!  
Add your name inscription on the NSDKC historic Monument.**

**Level 1 \$250.00:** 5/8" Text. Text Zone Size: 6" x 9", 3 Rows Maximum, 18 Characters per row Maximum

**Level 2 \$500.00:** 1" Text. Text Zone Size: 12" x 18", 4 Rows Maximum, 24 Characters per row Maximum

**Level 3 \$1,000.00:** 1-1/4" Text. Text Zone Size: 12" x 27", 5 Rows Maximum. 31 Characters per row Maximum

**Level 4 \$5,000.00:** 1-1/2" Text. Text Zone Size: 18" x 27", 5 Rows Maximum. 25 Characters per row Maximum

**Level 5 \$10,000.00:** 1-3/4" Text. Text Zone Size: 24" x 36", 6 Rows Maximum. 30 Characters per row Maximum

Phone Linda at 913-207-3310 to purchase.