

## REMODELING TO THE HIGHEST STANDARDS

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### Letter from Jan Burchett

#### NARI...the Gift that Keeps Giving!

It is time for me to say goodbye after 27 plus years of amazing memories, friendships and success as Kansas City NARI has grown to become the 2nd largest chapter in the U.S. How did we do that? With our gifts of community, communication, and connections.

**Community:** Kansas City NARI has created a strong community of amazing volunteer leaders, active members, and the ongoing desire to give back to both the professional remodeling industry and the communities in which we live and work. We created an ongoing community focused event for ready-to-remodel consumers by hosting a Remodeled Homes Tour for the past 23 years, for completing community service projects for both charitable organizations and families in need, and for using public relations and social media to educate consumers about NARI and the professional remodeling industry. Oh, and let's not forget the radio shows we hosted as well as the 2013 NARI National meeting that we produced with an amazing party at Boulevard Brewing Co.

**Communication:** So, I know you will not miss the myriads of emails from me...but I felt that reaching out to busy remodeling professionals took some repetition and reminders for events and activities. And we are still the buzz among other NARI chapter execs when they hear what our monthly chapter lunch meetings attract attendance-wise...especially before COVID. But more than anything, I

loved the communication that was just between you and me...where we talked about family and vacations and amazing remodel projects... and even about those not so pleasant topics of economic downturns, workforce issues, COVID environment challenges, material delays and more.

**Connections:** the beauty of this competitive industry is that in NARI, all members are on an equal playing field, knowing that experience, ethics, and craftsmanship can easily set NARI members apart from Chuck in a truck. It has been humbling to watch competitors help each other out, give sound input, share business advice in certification study groups and at roundtables, and to celebrate with each other at the REMY awards where the competition is fiercest. But what was great for me was the many members that never said no, but instead asked...how can I help?

I look forward to the next chapters in my life: more time in the RV, uninterrupted reading, volunteering, more time with the grandkids, and for sure, staying in communication and keeping the connections with all my NARI friends.

Take care,

Jan Burchett  
Executive Director  
October 1, 1994-December 15, 2021

# The President's Message

Hard to believe but this is my final month as President of KC NARI. I must admit that KC NARI means so much more to me today than it did even a year ago. I loved KC NARI before, but this year has changed me into a KC NARIan for life. This year of sitting in on various committees and trying to listen to membership as best as I could, I've heard new ideas, disappointments, and everything in between. Some were big items and some not so much but I hope everyone had a chance to be heard. Through this whole process I've seen up close and personal, the passion and dedication that our committees have for KC NARI. We are truly an exceptional chapter and it made me want to be a bigger part of it.

I've also had the opportunity for more than a year now to sit in on an incoming president/sitting president ZOOM calls with NARI National and other chapters. I'm pleased to report that I've seen huge strides in how our chapter and national are starting to work together. Over the last few years, National has added staff to help with education, marketing, etc. I've seen these national staff members reach out to our local chapter for help, ideas, questions, and more. I believe national staff is just as energized and excited to create, develop, and enhance what NARI is all about. I was very excited to see Anthony Lopez

and Doug King from HQ and National join us for our Holiday Happy Hours and Jan's Retirement Party.

I'm also happy to report that I truly feel that KC NARI has some great growth potential in the years to come. We are very fortunate to have some good leaders in queue to be future Presidents of our chapter. Kansas City NARI also has a very favorable reputation with HQ and National. Both organizations have told me that they look to Kansas City as a chapter on the move with a lot of enthusiasm and great networking. This is something they would like to promote to other chapters!

As we move forward with our new Executive Director, Laurie Weber-Manning, and as National looks to hire a new permanent CEO, let's not forget that foundation laid by the previous folks. Jan Burchett has done so much with the Kansas City chapter over the last 27 years to get us to where we are today. NARI HQ has spent considerable money and hours of time on phone calls reaching out to Kansas City to help ramp up programs that will benefit other NARI chapters. This is truly a "family" type organization from top to bottom. Sure, there has been time that we will disagree, but we all bleed NARI blue!

I will be forever grateful for the opportunity that has presented to me, and I will do my best to continue to help KC NARI and NARI National any way I can.

God Bless,



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Kelly, Fireplace & BarBQ Center

## Board Minutes

On December 1, the Board of Directors approved the 2022 budget. The 2022 new board members that were approved by the membership at the November 18 annual meeting and luncheon, attended the board meeting and after the meeting participated in a presentation that outlined the fiduciary responsibility of a board member. The committee chairs also were invited to attend. 2022 President, Nick Shepard, CR, then led the attendees through a team building exercise called "A Penny for Your Thoughts".



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## KC NARI MEETINGS:

All meetings will be held in person at the  
NARI office or via Zoom...your choice!

### Board Meeting

**Wednesday, January 12 - 3:00 p.m.**

Nick Shepard, CR, 2022 President  
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### Advocacy Committee

Peggy Bruce, Chair  
913-827-9952, peggy.bruce@vwealth.com

### Education Committee

**Wednesday, January 12 - 11:00 a.m.**

Co-Chairs - Derick Shackelford, CR, CRPM,  
CLC, 913-544-4819, dericks@shackbuilt.com  
John Bruce  
913-859-9150, jbruce@outdoorlights.com

### Ethics & By-Laws Committee

Karl Dunivent, Chair  
816-343-8887, kdunivent@choicecabinetkc.com

### Marketing/PR Committee

**Tuesday, January 11 - 9:00 a.m.**

Co-Chairs - Phil Steinle  
913-696-9758, Phil@centurymarketinginc.com  
Joanna Schiller  
913-321-4100, joanna@abcosupplyus.com

### Membership Committee

**Wednesday, January 19 - 1:30 p.m.**

Ryan Christopher, Chair  
816-965-8655, ryan@svbwoodfloors.com

### Remodeled Homes Tour Committee

**Tuesday, January 11 - 11:30 a.m.**

Charlie Schloegel, CR, UDCP, Chair  
816-361-9669, Charlie@remodelagain.com

### Social Committee

**Tuesday, January 4 - 11:30 a.m.**

Christine Hawkins, Chair  
913-915-9140, Christine.hayes@ferguson.com

### Workforce Development Committee

**Thursday, January 20 - 8:00 a.m.**

Nick Shepard, CR, Chair  
913-780-4498, nick@kchomesolutions.net



# SAVE THE DATE!

## 2022 Events

**Wednesday, January 5** – NARI Next, Hump Day Happy Hours, Sharks on Shawnee Mission Parkway at 5:30 p.m.

**Thursday, January 20** – REMY Awards Evening with Joel Nichols, Doubletree by Hilton in Overland Park

**Friday, January 21 – 23** – We will have a booth at the Johnson County Home + Garden Show.

**Thursday, January 27** – Luncheon, Chris Kuehl

**Friday, February 4 – 6** – We will have a booth at the KC Remodel + Garden Show.

**Friday, February 11** – NARI Next, Poker Night

**Thursday, February 24** – Luncheon

**Thursday, March 31** – Luncheon

**Thursday, April 21** – Luncheon

**Saturday April 30** – May 1 – 24th Annual Remodeled Homes Tour

**Thursday, May 19** – Luncheon

**Thursday, June 23** – Luncheon

**Thursday, July 28** – Luncheon

**Thursday, August 25** – Luncheon

**Thursday, September 29** – Luncheon

**Thursday, October 27** – Luncheon

**Thursday, November 17** – Luncheon

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# We are pleased to announce the 2022 KC NARI Board of Directors

During the November chapter annual meeting and lunch, on behalf of the Nominating Committee, President Jonathan Kelly introduced the 2022 Board of Directors. The 2022 Board of Directors was approved by the members and later by the Board of Directors on December 1. Please join us in congratulating them.

### President

Nick Shepard, CR, KC Home Solutions  
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mproctor@ckfco.com, 913.599.5492

### Director (through 2022)

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ryan@svbwoodfloors.com, 816.965.8655

### Director (through 2023)

Derick Shackelford, CR, CRPM, CLC, Shack Built  
dericks@shackbuilt.com, 913.603.9903

### Director (President Appointee 2022)

Bill Ruisinger, CRPM, Paint Pro  
bill@paintproinc.net, 913.685.4089

### Director (President Appointee 2022)

Christine Hawkins, Ferguson Bath, Kitchen & Lighting Gallery  
christine.hawkins@ferguson.com, 913.915.9140

### Chair of the Board

Jonathan Kelly, Fireplace & BarBQ Center  
jkelly@fireplacecenterkc.com, 913.383.2286

## Newest Members to KC NARI!

Welcome them to NARI, give them a call, shoot them an email, agree to meet them at the next local NARI event.

### **Cates Heating & Cooling Service Co.**

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# 2021 Holiday Happy Hours and Celebrating Jan!

On December 9th Kansas City NARI came together to acknowledge our 2021 accomplishments and celebrate the retirement of our long-standing Executive Director, Jan Burchett. This year acknowledgements are:



National NARI Chairman of the Board, Doug King, CR MBA of King Contracting in St. Petersburg, FL, Jan Burchett and Anthony Lopez, Membership Relations Coordinator of NARI Headquarters.

## Ambassador Award

The Ambassador Award is given to a member who has consistently recruited new members into Kansas City NARI during the past 12 months.

We had many members who helped us recruit 27 new members this year and one member recruited 2 of those new members in 2021. **This year's Ambassador Award winner is Graham Power, CSW.**



President Jonathan Kelly presents Joselin Power with Graham Power's Ambassador Award.

## Best of Tour Award

A new award was created this year called the Best of Tour award. The Remodeled Homes Tour Committee partnered with interior design students from Johnson County Community College to go on the tour and judge the projects on aesthetics, quality craftsmanship and overall presentation. Thanks to the creative work of Joe Thompson, Architectural Craftsmen, we have a traveling trophy for this award as well as a plaque. **This first year award, with a perfect score of 60 out of 60, goes to Brackmann Construction.**



President Jonathan Kelly presents Tony Gonzalez with the inaugural Best of Tour Remodeled Homes Tour traveling trophy on behalf of Brackmann Construction.

## Foundation Award

The Foundation award recognizes the efforts of a supplier/sub/business partner. Nominees for this award are companies who consistently support Kansas City NARI with attendance at functions as well as financial support where appropriate and being active on the committee level. This company also strongly supports the remodeling industry in their day-to-day business.

The winner of this year's Foundation Award has

- Supported Kansas City NARI's corporate sponsorship by being a sponsor for the past 6 years and has moved up a level to diamond sponsor for 2022
- The company has been a chapter member for almost 10 years and actively participates in most of the chapter's events, both educational and social
- They have been active on the Marketing/PR Committee for many years and on Finance Committee and Workforce Development Committee.
- One of their employees has served on the Board for the past 7 years.

**This year's Foundation Award is presented to Fireplace & BarBQ Center.**

## **Plumb, Square & Level Award**

The Plumb, Square & Level Award winner is nominated by the members. This is a traveling trophy given to a member that is active at various levels in NARI. Many thanks to Dennis Clark, Pacific Mutual Door, for creating and building this amazing traveling trophy.

Nominees for the award this year included the following individuals:

- Lauren Balestrieri, UDCP
- Gene Bosley
- Steve Brattin
- Christine Hawkins
- Jonathan Kelly
- Mike O'Connell, MCRS, GCP, CAPS
- Bob Quirk
- Nick Shepard, CR

Here are some comments about this year's recipient from other members—

- He is always the first person to invest in NARI and advocate for others to do the same.
- His optimism and persistence have really helped lead more people getting back to being involved with NARI. He also dedicated countless hours in helping the Staffing

Committee get a new executive director in place.

- I have been absolutely astonished by his leadership skills and dedication to KC NARI.
- He has helped our chapter create better relationships, innovative solutions, strategic planning, professionalism, goal setting and outstanding leadership skills.
- He has driven conversations forward and has elevated the entire chapter by his leadership.

**This year's Plumb, Square & Level Award winner is Jonathan Kelly.**



**President Jonathan Kelly receives Plain Jan's Cookies and a NARI coat from 2022 KC NARI President, Nick Shepard, CR.**



## President's Choice Award

The President's Choice Award is presented by the current president to individuals and/or companies that have been instrumental in helping make this past year a success. This year Jonathan Kelley recognized two individuals:

- Jason Wright, CRS
- Jan Burchett

## The Jan Burchett Legacy Award

Given to someone who shows genuine care and empathy toward each member and the organization. Jan, please come up to claim your award.



President Jonathan Kelly presents Jan Burchett with an inaugural award, The Jan Burchett Legacy Award.



Jan Burchett, her husband Tom and her two grandkids Brooklyn 1 year 9 months and Henry 2 weeks old.



Jan Burchett and Social Committee Chair, Christine Hawkins.



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**Kansas City NARI Vision:** Kansas City NARI is the premier resource for the remodeling industry and its consumers. All remodelers will want to be part of Kansas City NARI and customers will insist on contracting with our members.

**Kansas City NARI Mission:** Support member-focused education and encourage business relationships. To fulfill this mission, Kansas City NARI will serve its members by:

- Providing education and certification programs
- Offering networking and marketing opportunities
- Creating a public awareness that makes NARI a household name
- Growing a dynamic organization

**Kansas City NARI Value Statement:** Improve the perception of the professional remodeling industry by creating positive remodeling experiences.

**Kansas City NARI Motto:** Business built together.

### Kansas City NARI Values:

- Kansas City NARI is committed to the following values as a measurement of all our actions:
- Member-focused-- Continually expand and/or improve quality services for NARI members.
- Financial Responsibility--Exercise sound financial management in the best interest of our members.
- Community Service—Foster a sense of community within the NARI membership as well as give back to the community in which we live and work.
- Cooperation—Provide an environment in which the members and leaders work cohesively for the betterment of NARI.
- Integrity—Demonstrate ethical business practices by following our Code of Ethics and showing respect for fellow members and the organization.
- Recognition—Honor the traditions that have been established of recognizing members, their companies and their employees for contributing to the professionalism of the remodeling industry.

