



Bruce Snead, Thank You!

Bruce Snead was one of the original visionaries, conceiving and then helping design and build the Flint Hills Discovery Center. This Kansas landmark led to extensive development on the south side of downtown Manhattan and it now serves as a gateway into south Manhattan. Others played key roles in the creation of this remarkable community asset, however, it was Bruce who organized and launched the Flint Hills Discovery Center Foundation which serves as the charitable arm of the Center. His leadership has been paramount in our success.

Like the Friends of the Manhattan Zoo or the Good Shepherd Foundation in Manhattan, the FHDC Foundation secures charitable support from individuals, foundations, and businesses. During the first ten years of the foundation more than \$4.5 million was raised including \$3.2 million for the NEXT VISTA Campaign which concluded in 2022. Working with the Center the Foundation funded, among many things, the \$1.3 million Prairie Playscape which was opened in 2022. Updates to the Horizon Ranch Immersive Theatre, funding of education classes and activities, and community programs like the Flint Hills Festival to a new tour van and more have all been funded by the Foundation during Bruce's time as president.

If you know Bruce, he quickly points to others and their involvement when these successes are discussed. As he ended his tenure as president, Bruce specifically expressed his thanks and gratitude to Foundation Board members, the Center's leadership and staff, and the donors and friends of the Foundation. "Its always a team effort. I'm proud to be part of the team." We begin 2023 by extending our heartfelt thanks to Bruce. The Foundation and Center are grateful for his vision, determination, dedication, time, and endless support.

Jack Lindquist, President

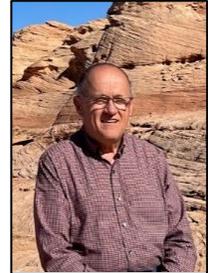
Jack Lindquist of Manhattan has been elected Foundation President. In recent years many of you may know him as the executive director of the Flint Hills Regional Leadership Program since 2016, a cooperative effort among Geary, Riley, Pottawatomie & Wabaunsee counties, which identifies and motivates leaders in the area to ensure growth in the northern Flint Hills region. Jack retired from K-State after working 36 years in agricultural education and rural leadership development.



Embracing his own philosophy of volunteerism and servant leadership Jack joined the Foundation Board of directors in 2019. A member of the NEXT VISTA Campaign Committee, Jack's volunteerism includes service on the Bethany College Board of trustees and its Advancement and Student Committees. (continued)

Jack was a co-founder and long-time director of the Kansas Agriculture and Rural Leadership Program (KARL) and has also served on the Kansas 4-H Foundation's Rock Springs Advisory Board. Jack is married to retired State 4-H Specialist and National 4-H Hall of Fame Inductee Lindy (Richardson) Lindquist, who is a Flint Hills Discovery Center volunteer for over 10 years!

Ken Wold, Vice President



Living and breathing the tallgrass prairie for 23 years, Ken sees great value in the work and opportunities provided by the Flint Hills Discovery Center. Not everyone can spend a week exploring the Flint Hills. The Discovery Center is the perfect introduction for many to this unique place. It educates children and adults on the importance of the prairie and the grasses found in these hills. "It encourages and inspires visitors to experience the grassland and its community up close. The key to success for the Center is to remember that we are not a cookie cutter science center, but a place that concentrates on the value of the Flint Hills and Tallgrass Prairie." He and his wife, Mollie, now live in Manhattan and are still highly involved in advocating for the Flint Hills.

Ken retired after 32 years with the YMCA. During his last 23 years, he served as CEO of Camp Wood YMCA near Elmdale in Chase County, KS. During his time, Camp Wood updated and added facilities and programming and increased enrollment to 2,000 youth campers, annually, with more than 5,000 annual participants. He oversaw three campaigns raising more than \$30 million for the 100-year-old Kansas institution!

Pat Orazem, Secretary/Treasurer



Pat is now retired but owned her own business for 16 years and worked in retail/management for 10 years. While her kids were growing up, she was an active volunteer for USD 383 libraries and was a substitute teacher in the district. She also worked for the Manhattan Parks and Recreation Department as a Sr. Activity leader and continues to do various small jobs for Orazem & Scalora Engineering.

A native of Marshall County, Pat moved to Manhattan in 1981. She now lives with her husband Tom on their own piece of the Flint Hills, northwest of Manhattan, just outside city limits. She has been an active volunteer for the Flint Hills Discovery Center since the year it opened its doors in 2012. Out of the career jobs that she has experienced, she has found that helping educate adults and children about the Flint Hills has given her the most satisfaction. "The Flint Hills may not be the mountains or the Grand Canyon, but it's our beautiful stretch of land and I'm proud of it!"

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