

Letter to the Editor of KC STAR

Loss for Rockhill area

The Rockhill Tennis Club last month had its last dinner. It feels like a death in the family for Rockhill residents. I have been in the neighborhood 54 years and a member of the Rockhill Club for 53 years.

Most people think of a "club" as an exclusive environment. Most of the members of the Rockhill Club are in it because it is indeed not exclusive. It has been our oasis.

We choose to own homes in the city in spite of poor schools, tax increment financing, security issues, and so on. We celebrate our diversity, and for years have met, solidifying our support for the arts and just enjoying community.

William Rockhill Nelson, a man of vision and also a lover of good neighborhoods, founded both the Rockhill Tennis Club and the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art. It is so sad that the Nelson museum does not have his vision. The museum does not see that the end of the club here diminishes it as well as us.

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