Dallas TV Legend Gets an Overdue Moment: Beautiful Minds Struggling with Dementia Honored

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Lydia & Will Klise, Kristin Klise, Jim & Candace Krause
Television producer and media heavyweight, George Kline, who early in his career began working at Dallas’ KERA TV public media on a new show called Saturday Night Opry, which eventually became the iconic Austin City Limits, was honored recently at the Aging Mind Foundation Gala. The annual soirée pays homage to brilliant minds, which have shaped our city, and are now struggling with various types of brain health diseases such as dementia. Kline today lives in a memory care facility.

He is probably most noted for the George Kline Company, specializing in television production, which he ran for more than 20 years before venturing into wealth management. The evening, chaired by Laree Hulshoff, celebrated his more than four-decades of illustrious accomplishments. The AMF gala paid tribute to both George and his wife, Kristin Kline, while raising funds for the Baylor AT&T Memory Center.

The celebration got off to a ravishing start two days prior, with a posh preview party at Forty Five Ten on Main. Forty Five Ten president and co-founder Brian Bolke hosted a fashionable set of Aging Mind patrons for bubbles and bites in the store’s oh-so-popular penthouse restaurant, Mirador. He even tapped Sies Marjan creative director Sander Lak, who flew in from New York, to make a presentation of his Fall/Winter 2017 collection.

Over the weekend, even more attendees made their way back downtown for the gala at The Joule. Master of ceremonies and WFAA anchor Ron Corning (always as stylish as he is witty) welcomed the well-heeled crowd as they settled in for the program set in the glitzy Praetorian and Mosaic Ballrooms. After toasting to the Kline family, songbirds Denise Lee and Joslin Dsouza treated the crowd to a pair of powerhouse performances.
As for the after party? That was held upstairs — atop The Joule’s rooftop in the glassy Terrace, where favorable weather prompted al fresco revelry that lasted well into the wee hours.

**Who:** Honorary chairs *Carolyn* and *Greg Creed*, plus *Joyce Goss*, *Greg Patterson*, *Jennifer Clark*, *Cara Owens*, *Julie* and *Michael Tregoning*, *Barbara* and *Don Daseke*, *Ben Fischer*, *Lane Mitchell*, *Muffin* and *John Lemak*, *Shelle* and *Michael Sills*, *Jeny Bania*, *Lisa Schnitzer*, *Max Trowbridge*, *Kenny Goss*, *Debbie Ryan*, *Mai Caldwell*, and *Cindy Lefferts*. 