



Party of the Century

35 years of Kadon | 75 years of Kate



May 10, 2014—our big day to celebrate the 35th Anniversary of the founding of Kadon Enterprises, Inc. Close by was also the birthday of one of the founders, Kate Jones, so we threw a big party in Pasadena, MD, with 42 guests and a special celebrity, Sergei Novikov, who entertained us with fabulous piano music all afternoon and into the night. You can hear excerpts and read all about this incredibly talented Russian-born composer on his website, www.SpeakingMusic.com. Here are some photos of the ballroom and Sergei at the piano. Note that this was a no-shoes affair.



The guests included Kadon's board of directors, several of our shareholders, our helpers, supporters, friends, neighbors, and kindred minds, many of whom have known us for over 30 years. Folks came from Canada, New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia and Maryland. A wondrous surprise was when two of the ladies turned out to be singers who knew the words to some of Sergei's music and gave us an impromptu performance (right). Thank you, Liz and Marilyn. Guests ranged in age from 3 to 84.



Kate had cooked a huge pot of Hungarian-style stuffed peppers by popular demand, and a local Indian restaurant delivered a superb alternate menu, a complement of spicy chicken, rice, sauces, potato dumplings and the fabulous warm dessert, *golab jamun*. Served buffet style, the meal was highly approved by all. We had set up long tables the length of the ballroom and managed to squeeze all 42 people around them.



A large banner displaying "35 Years" that we had rescued from the Maryland Renaissance Festival a few years earlier hung along one wall. The output of 35 years of design, development and production decorated the ballroom on two sides, with a few open to play with. Our youngest guest had a ball with those.

The display panels from our traveling art show booth were put to work to hold the colorful acrylic sets. In the photo at right, hanging on the window in the center is the 30th anniversary banner we made for our 30th year at the Renaissance Festival.

After dinner, Kate put on a PowerPoint slide show, projected on the large white wall, about her life and how it led to the start and growth of Kadon. You can view just the visual parts of the slides, minus

the hilarious spoken commentary, here: www.gamepuzzles.com/75yearsofKate.pptx





Sergei has a fantastic repertoire of music, from classical to standards, movie themes and jazz, as well as his own excellent compositions. Kate met him originally at one of the many art shows in which they both participate, and she booked him two years in advance for this once-in-a-lifetime event.

Guests could make themselves comfortable in the spacious living room, even nap in the life-size polar bear's lap.



The guests each received a souvenir of Kadon's print catalog, a custom flashlight pen, and a polished piece of jade, commemorating the 35th anniversary. Their name tags included little icons representing their special fields, interests, and connections to the Kadon *oeuvre*; that way those who did not know each other could have some fun deciphering the images and start a conversation.

Guests also received a paper puzzle to cut out and solve. The puzzle, titled *11 Magic Cubes*, showed 11 of the 35 hexominoes (shapes made of 6 squares joined) that can fold into a cube. But first the numbers 1 through 6 are entered into the squares of each shape to form equations. Then they are cut out, folded, taped, and become cubes with which to solve another group of 3D challenges. You can see (and print out, if you wish) this puzzle here: www.gamepuzzles.com/g4g11cubes.pdf

We thank you all for sharing this landmark moment with us, and we look forward with eagerness to the next 35 years. Creating beautiful things that celebrate the mind, and that represent the wonderful systems that pervade the Universe, has become a way of life for me, and I am more grateful than I can express in words for the friendship and support of all the dear people who have made it all possible, many of whom were present for this party. Most of all I thank my husband, Dick Jones, whose participation in this enterprise has been invaluable and indispensable, and who has been the wind beneath my wings for 44 years.

— Kate Jones

