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The 2019 PASADENA PARTY
celebrating
40 years of Kadon Enterprises, Inc.
1979-2019

Saturday, May 4, 2019
at Kadon headquarters
1227 Lorene Drive, Pasadena, MD 21122

**A special day for celebrating life, love, happiness,
and creative minds and appreciating all our friends, helpers,
customers, and supporters who have made these incredible
and productive first 40 years possible, fascinating, and
soul-satisfying. Thank you, one and all!**

Here are some photos of the festivities. If you were there, enjoy again. If you missed it, see it now.



All people photos by Art Blumberg

Kate greets the guests with shortest speech ever.

Cathedral-ceiling ballroom was decorated with 17 large posters of every product Kadon has made since 1979.

*Room photos by
Dick Jones*



The music corner of the ballroom, with arched window opening to living room. Large painting in center is by our guest singer, Patric Hale. Mosaic at upper left is by Kate's son, Eric Bare.

More posters all around. Tables are set up for dinner and for gaming. Kristin Looney (scarf) shows Looney Labs' cool new card game, *Get the MacGuffin*.





The show booth served for dispensing snacks on the patio. Thanks to Elijah and Krystal (below) for helping to set up the tent and counters. They became expert at it while helping out during the 3-month Florida art show season this winter. Good job, you two. Thanks!



Souvenir

Each guest received an individually handpainted disk suitable as coaster, spinner, bookmark or place-card, commemorating the event, personalized with their name on the back. All disks were painted by Kate's daughter, Sue Bare (below right). Thanks, Sue! Many jokes went around about what the XL stood for—extra large? Oh, right, it's the Roman numeral for "40". And short for "excel", Kadon's goal.



The concert by meistersinger Patric Hale (aka Caranza)

Patric Hale is a classically trained singer who can perform everything from Grand Opera to country to Elvis to Broadway musicals. Trained in Europe, where he lived and performed for 28 years, Patric can sing in 8 languages. He has recorded 300 tracks on 25 CD albums. See his showcase on our website, www.gamepuzzles.com/Caranza/caranza.htm, where you can also order them for your own enjoyment. For our 40 years of Kadon celebration, Kate selected a program of 10 songs representing a large cross-section of Patric's repertoire, including songs in 4 languages and both tenor and baritone arias, all meaningful in her life. Patric generously included one additional song as a crowd sing-along. Patric, as Caranza, has performed widely in both Europe and the U.S. and is equally at ease in large concert halls and in intimate private settings like ours. Here are the songs he delivered with sensitive and dramatic styling:

1. Cabaret
2. Die Forelle (in German)
3. Edelweiss
4. Music of the Night
5. I've Gotta Be Me
6. That's Amore (sing along)
7. Toreador Song from "Carmen" (in French)
8. Vesti la giubba from "Pagliacci" (in Italian)
9. Song Sung Blue
10. We Didn't Start the Fire (sing along)
11. The River (dedicated to Dick Jones)

At right: Patric setting up his sound system.



Patric belts it out, no microphone needed.



Kate introduces Patric Hale, meistersinger.





Patric enchants the audience, who also sing along with "We didn't start the fire."

The concert was followed immediately by a catered Indian dinner, including vegetarian dishes for our vegetarian guests. Sorry, no photos of the feast. For dessert there was a special cake friends had custom-ordered to fit the theme (below left). Here the XL did not just mean "40" and "excel" — it represents two puzzle pieces out of one of Kadon's most popular puzzles, the Poly-5 set. And the "good, true, and beautiful" words are Kadon's manifesto of quality. Sue skillfully cut the cake into serving sizes (below right). We didn't mind having leftovers!



More about the 40th anniversary

Commemorative brochure: www.gamepuzzles.com/40yearsofKadon.pdf

Product posters, 17 pages: www.gamepuzzles.com/party2019streamer.pdf

Here's to the next 40 years!



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