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USING OUR GIFT

By Al Newsom, President



Much has happened since March of 1996 when I met with Frank and Betty Kenan to discuss Mr. Kenan's desire to build an interfaith Chapel for the Landfall community and greater Wilmington area. Unfortunately, Frank Kenan died three months later. After his death, Betty Kenan and the Kenan family decided to fulfill his wishes and proceed with the construction of the Chapel in his honor. A Board of Directors was elected to plan for and manage the newly formed nonprofit corporation. The Chapel would be used for weddings, memorial services, christenings, musical programs, special events, and for individual meditation and prayer. The site was selected, the Chapel built, and we received this gift to our community at a Dedication Service on August 5, 2001. Today the Chapel is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. unless a service or program is being held, and I hope residents and guests will visit.

During the past nine years, as stewards of the Kenan gift, we have overseen ongoing enhancements to our community Chapel, increasing its value to all. With the great support of Landfall residents, our Boards of Directors, past and present, and countless volunteers, new amenities and services have been added that contribute to the quality of life and enjoyment of our community. Here are a few examples:

✿ A Memorial Garden was established, designed and built under the direction of, and with much hard work on the part of, resident Jack Leister. Sculptures, created by residents Grace Napper and Ed Hearn, now adorn the garden

and labyrinth. The labyrinth -- suggested by board member Pat Bell -- was added in 2009 in a wooded extension of the original garden. The extended garden areas are now a peaceful, serene site for residents to use for contemplation, peaceful reflection, and meditation or prayer as well as use for the interment of cremains of loved ones.

✿ Under the guidance of former board member, Ken Garrett, an Endowment Fund was started with a goal to reach the significant level needed to help assure the financial future of the Chapel (see article on page 4).

✿ A fledgling Music Program has continued to grow under the leadership of Christine Farley, Dr. R.V. Fulk, Jr., and the late Care Heeks, now providing outstanding concerts for Landfall and area residents (see article on page 2).

✿ In 2009 a distinguished Opus 43 Pipe Organ was installed. Custom-made for the Chapel by Taylor and Booty Organ builders, this gift from Thomas Kenan and the Kenan family is an elegant extra amenity at weddings and addition for our music program.

✿ Weddings at the Chapel have evolved from a few in 2001 to about forty each year. The sure hand of Kate Keenan and her volunteers on the Arrangements Committee have made the Chapel a most desirable location for area weddings (see article on page 2).

All of the foregoing was made possible through the hard work of our tireless Board members and volunteers, and with the support of Landfall residents. If you would like information about the Kenan Chapel or would like to be a volunteer, please contact Al Newsom (tel. 910-256-5727) or any Board member or visit our website at www.kenanchapel.com.

EVENT ARRANGEMENTS

By Kate Keenan

Once again it has been a busy year at the Kenan Chapel. The 11 Arrangements Committee volunteers, along with the “chair” men who ensure proper seating and our scribe, all make certain that each event is carried out in a professional and timely manner to the delight of the 38 Brides who will have walked down the aisle by the end of 2010. Families from downtown Wilmington to California to China and points in between were welcomed at the Chapel this year. But each year as well, we are pleased to assist in weddings, renewal of vows, and christenings of Landfall residents, their children, and grandchildren.

In addition to our volunteers, over the years residents have donated their talents to enhance the experience of Bride and Groom. John Turpin painted a lovely watercolor of the Chapel, which we also use on note cards for correspondence. A branch of the Zimmer family donated a beautifully designed fabric canopy for a chuppah, and property owner Pete DeVita constructed a three-foot cross out of centuries-old river wood from the Cape Fear River.

The ongoing use by, and involvement of, the Landfall community enriches our Chapel, and to that end the Kenan Chapel Board is extremely appreciative.



Arrangements Committee (pictured above, L-R): Carla Schwerdt, Pat Rathburn, Kay Brockdorff, Kate Keenan (Chair), Dottie Kosicki, Jeanette Baker, Lynette Forrest, Judi Cody, (not shown Barbara Brooks, Suzanne Gram, & Judy Larson)



Harris-Root Wedding, June 19, 2010

Music at the Chapel

By Pat Bell

A Music Program, focusing primarily on emerging North Carolina artists, was an important part of the vision Frank H. Kenan and his family had when they donated the money for the Kenan Chapel and gave the Chapel to the Landfall community. Today the Chapel Board continues to honor that vision with a vital and immensely popular series of Sunday evening concerts, which are usually followed by a meet-the-artists reception at the Country Club of Landfall. Tickets to these events are complimentary and available on a first-come, first-served basis at the Northeast Branch of the Library two weeks prior to each concert. During this concert season attendees were entertained by a variety of music from chamber ensembles to jazz and including vocal, guitar, and flute performances.



FALL FESTIVAL

By Phil Bloedorn

Warm weather and dazzling sunshine greeted Landfall's 9th Annual Fall Festival and its hundreds of attendees. The October 9th Festival featured activities and events for kids of all ages.

A sampling of this year's offerings included: a Food Center with "Spooky Meals"; a scrumptious Bake Sale; Fall planting materials and pumpkin sale; hay and pony rides; kids face decorating, pumpkin painting, sand jar art, and chipping contest; "free money" from our bank tellers; a Root Beer Float Saloon; Mr. Magic, the ever-popular Balloon Man; UNCW's Sammy Seahawk; Landfall's Bluebird Project; a great vendors' market, including the wildly popular "duck duct dezing!"; over 20 quality Silent Auction items offering goods and services; a 50/50 Raffle--with Carole Russo being the lucky winner; and more.

Congratulations to all the winners; and a BIG Thank You to all attendees and the dozens of volunteers and COA staffers whose efforts made this year's event a memorable success. Mark your calendars for October 8th, 2011, when we'll celebrate our 10th year. The Fall Festival...a great Landfall event where all proceeds benefit the Frank H. Kenan Chapel and the Great Oaks Club.



CHAPEL MUSIC CALENDAR



December 6, 2010

*Holiday Program - Elaine Funaro,
Contemporary Harpsichord*

January 16, 2011

*Philip Furia & Laurie Patterson
present Johnny Mercer*

March 6, 2011

Atlantean Trio

May 8, 2011

Tallis Chamber Orchestra

June 12, 2011

Third Annual Port City Music Festival

October 16, 2011

Annual Benefit Concert & Dinner

December 4, 2011

Barbershop Christmas Show

Once a year the Chapel holds a gala fund-raising concert and dinner, and the 2010 event featured an outstanding performance by the Alisei Trio (right), comprised of Danijela Zezelj-Gualdi (violin), Chris Johns (cello), and Paolo Andre Gualdi (piano). The dinner that followed at the ballroom of CCL offered an additional musical treat: a rousing rendition of "Five Guys Named Moe" (left) with an ensemble of Opera House Theatre Company artists under the direction of Ray Kennedy.

Behind the scenes of the Chapel Music Program is a hard-working Music Committee chaired by Chris Farley, R.V. Fulk, Jr., and Al Newsom. Members include Betsy Balas (tickets), Pam Bradley (receptions), Barbara Burdett (programs), Blake Cardwell (operations), Dick Hopper (operations), Anne Leister



(UNCSCA liaison), Jim MaGee (operations), Frances McMillan (website & historian), Stan Nawrocki (accounting), and Leon Socha (operations). The Chapel's exceptional series of free concerts is made possible only because of the dedicated efforts of our volunteers, supported by a generous grant from the Landfall Foundation and individual contributions from community members. Visit our website (www.kenanchapel.com) for a regularly updated concert schedule; and, for further information, call Chris Farley at 910-256-7475 or e-mail christinefarley@mac1.com.

We greatly appreciate your continued support, which allows the Chapel to give back a gift of music to the greater Wilmington community.

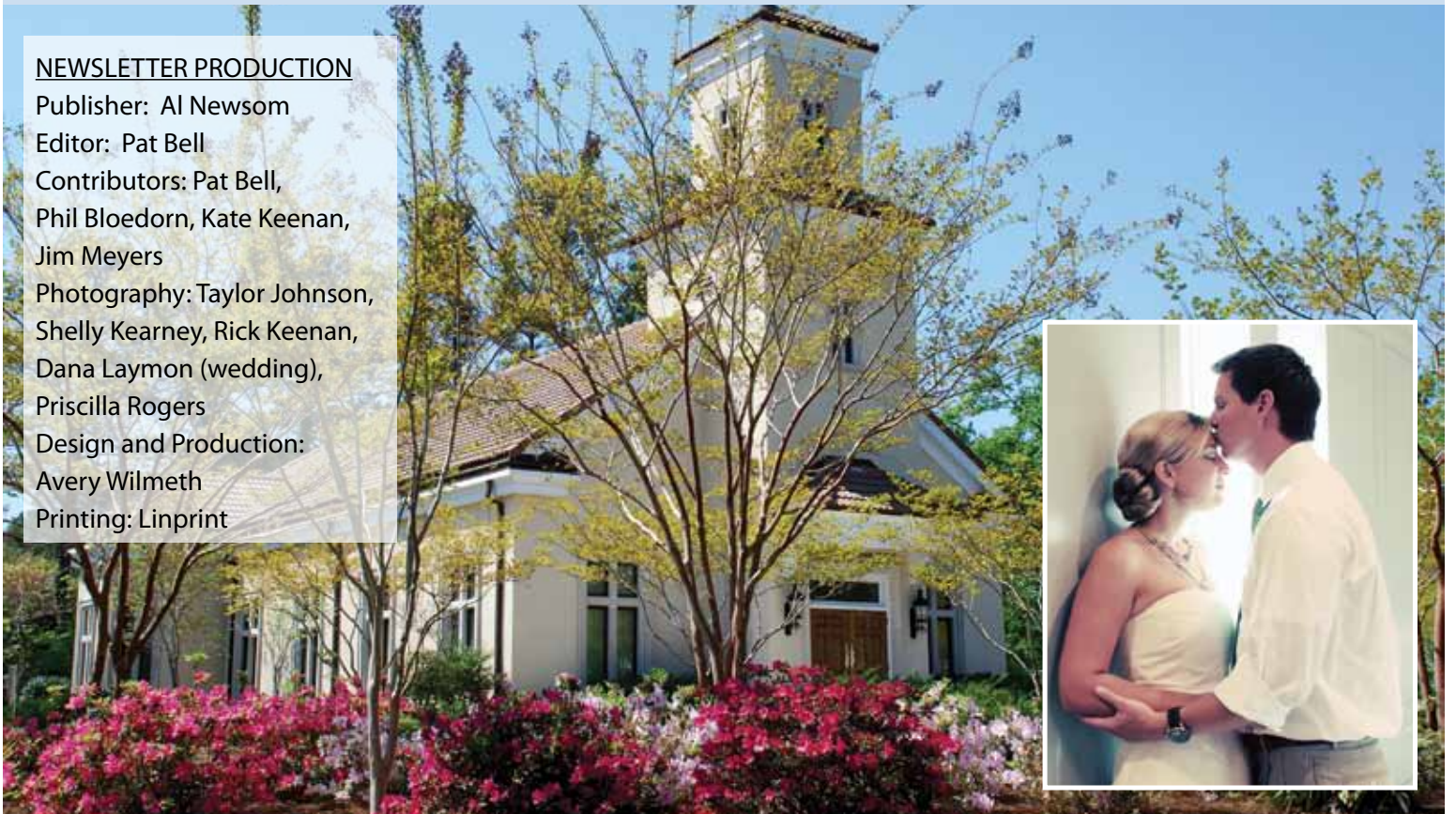
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By Jim Meyers

An Endowment Fund for the Frank H. Kenan Chapel at Landfall was created approximately five years ago with a very generous seed contribution from the Kenan Family Foundation. The Board of Directors set a goal of \$300,000, with the plan that the principal amount be invested and remain untouched to increase over time while generating income to help cover ongoing Chapel expenses. The Fund will thus go a long way in ensuring that the Chapel will continue to be a strong, positive benefit for Landfall and the greater Wilmington area into the future.

Through your generous gifts the Endowment Fund is growing, but contributions are still needed in order to reach our goal. Four ways you can support the Chapel are by 1) sending a check to

the Kenan Chapel along with the contribution form included in this newsletter, 2) donating publicly traded stock, 3) making an initial contribution together with a pledge to make additional contributions over time up to a certain amount, and 4) using a distribution from your IRA if you are eligible. The Chapel is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

For donations to the Endowment Fund of \$1,000 or more a recognition area of engraved brick markers has been established on the grounds at the rear of the Chapel underneath the stained glass window. If you pledge \$1,000 or more over four years or less, a marker will be engraved and installed upon fulfillment of the pledge.

Please contact Al Newsom (910-256-5727 or e-mail alnewsom@earthlink.net) or any Board member if you wish to discuss a gift.

We greatly appreciate your generosity.



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