

## MEET BOARD MEMBER KAREN KAUFMAN



Karen Kaufman, the Board Treasurer, is a people person. President and CEO of The Kaufman Partnership, Ltd., which she co-founded with husband Don in 1985, Ms. Kaufman has a Masters of Science in Organizational Design, is an executive coach, speaker, and author. Her career has always been about developing leadership skills in talented women and men.

A long-time resident of the Washington Square neighborhood, she enjoys the dual benefits of life in a national park and in a city. Inspired by the founders, Karen never passes Independence Hall without stopping to reflect.

At Friends events, then-board-chair Tom Caramanico and Joyce Walker encouraged Karen to get involved with

the Trust. In 2009, Independence Hall Tower needed repairs requiring scaffolding and a safety scrim. The Park wanted to improve the visitor experience using a scrim that displayed pictures of the tower and asked the Trust to help. So Karen was persuaded to chair the project. Under her leadership, a decorative scrim was funded, installed on time and under budget with enough money left to restore the weather-vane on the steeple.

That success led her to accept board membership. Her next project was the Trust's (then Friends) 40th Anniversary Gala, which Karen and Don co-chaired along with Ed and Karen D'Alba and Bill and Randi Marrazzo.

When the Board asked Karen to become Treasurer, the position offered another learning opportunity. She accepted and formed a finance committee with two other board members.

Together they streamlined reporting, developed an effective structure, and improved communications.

Karen believes that a board member should be an advocate and an ambassador for the Trust, enable good governance, and provide access to and share resources. She wants to see the completion of the Bicentennial Bell Garden and hopes the Board can be expanded nationally.

It's no surprise that Washington Square is Karen's favorite site in the park. She and Don often sit on the benches by the fountain or watch the activities from their dining table. Karen's dad was a Lt. Colonel in the Marines, so the military commemorations on the Square have special meaning.

Karen is passionate about fitness and fashion. She loves golf, spinning, yoga and Pilates and sees herself as a connector of people, projects, and resources both professionally and personally.

