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# The Chapel Bell

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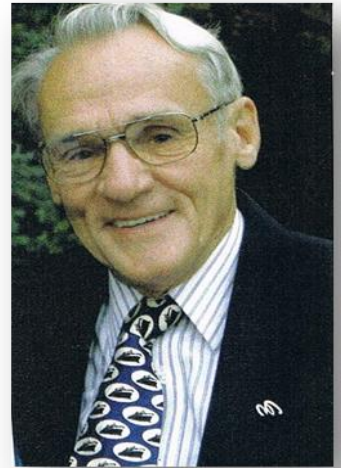
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## A GREAT MAN HAS PASSED

by Charles Kreichelt

Dr. Thomas R. Scott, founder and President of the Maple Street Chapel Preservation Society for over thirty five years passed away on October 2, 2024, at his home in Beacon Hill Senior Living in Lombard, Illinois. It is safe to say that “if not for Tom Scott’s leadership for all of these years, the Maple Street Chapel would not be here today”.

Tom Scott was a student and educator all of his life and he was a major philanthropist during his lifetime. He was raised in a log cabin built by his father 25 miles into the woods in Alberta, Canada, on land provided by the Dominion Land Act of Canada. Tom’s formal education began by riding a horse to a one room school nearby, and continued after grade nine in a public high school in a small town 25 miles away, where he worked for his tuition, room, and board.



After graduation from high school, Tom attended Garbutt Business College in Calgary, Alberta for one year. He then worked as an accountant and volunteered at the local YMCA. He loved the comradeship of this work, and when a director’s position opened up there he asked if he could fill it, only to learn that it took a full college degree. Tom only had a certificate.

To further his education, the local YMCA president suggested that Tom attend George Williams College in Chicago, so Tom took a train to Chicago and enrolled at George Williams, where he again worked for his tuition, room, and board while attending classes. Tom earned his degree, and began working as Dean of the evening program at the YMCA. This led to his being elected as President of the Illinois Adult Education Association. He later earned his first doctoral degree in Adult and Continuing Education at Northern Illinois University. Tom then became Associate Dean of Adult and Continuing Education at NIU and later taught there.



AND he met Shirley! Two years later they were married. They bought their first house in Lombard while Tom continued to work at the YMCA. Tom and Shirley were married for over 50 years until her passing in 2013. He lost his best friend and the love of his life. He continued to celebrate Shirley’s memory in every charitable endeavor.

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Tom's interest in the Chapel began in 1962 when he and Shirley joined First Church of Lombard. The Chapel had not been used for several years and was falling into disrepair. Plans were being considered to tear it down. When Tom and Shirley heard this, they went to look at it, and immediately fell in love with its beauty and history. Tom asked for time to raise money for repairs, and an auction raised more than the cost of demolition. The Chapel was saved!

This started a period of over 35 years during which Tom Scott's generosity helped bring the Chapel back into its former glory. There were many projects like refurbishing the windows, new roofing, painting, a fire suppression system, all of which Tom generously supported.

His philanthropy didn't stop there. Tom and Shirley funded scholarships at their alma maters of Elmhurst College (now Elmhurst University) and at Northern Illinois University. They assisted in refurbishing the Barsema Alumni and Visitor Center at NIU. George Williams/Aurora University's library on campus is now the Thomas R. and Shirley Klein Scott Library.

It goes without saying that Tom Scott's legacy will live long after his passing.



In 2019, Tom Scott was thrilled to become a benefactor of the famous Olive Goyle monument on NIU's campus. *Photo courtesy of NIU Foundation*

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# Meet Deb Zelman, a Friend of the Maple Street Chapel

by Suzanne Bruce Arndt

Deb Zelman was born in Lombard and is the daughter of Doris and Dave (deceased) Schertz. She is the middle child with two younger and two older brothers. Her mom grew up in Chicago and her dad grew up in central Illinois. Her dad was drafted into the army and served in the Korean War. After returning home from his tour he began attending Illinois State University where he obtained his degree in Mathematics. There he met her mom and they married after she received her degree in English also from ISU. Her family moved to Lombard in 1965 when her dad accepted a position with Glenbard East as a mathematics teacher. Once the family was situated they soon began to attend services at First Church and her parents joined the choir. Around the age of 8 she began to sing in the children's choir. The church offered various youth activities which Deb enjoyed participating in, whether it was a canoe trip, mission trip or a retreat.



Deb remembers her parents telling the story that when they were first married the only piece of furniture they both wanted was a piano. Her dad played the piano by ear and music was a constant in their house. Everybody learned to play the piano. She loved music and began piano lessons in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and clarinet lessons in 4<sup>th</sup> grade.

She and all of her brothers were in the marching band at Glenbard East H.S. After graduating from H.S., Deb went to the University of Illinois to become a member of their marching band. She spent three years in several of the schools' bands, but by senior year she wanted to focus on joining the symphonic orchestra for which she auditioned and was accepted. Deb then began working on her Master's degree in Clarinet Performance which allowed her to teach at the college level.

After she received her MA, Deb spent the first 6 years or so as a General Music & Choir Director at several schools in the western suburbs. During that time she married and had their daughter, Natalie. She stayed at home to raise Natalie, but worked part time at First Church as the Assistant Music Director. When she had their second child John, Deb started teaching private clarinet lessons. After the children were old enough, she began to perform more frequently and resumed playing in the Wheaton Municipal Band for over 25 yrs. In 2008 she also started playing with the DuPage Symphony. Since music is her passion she expanded her repertoire and took several jazz classes at the College of DuPage. There she and several students started their own 4 piece jazz group, **Zazz Jazz Combo**, and currently perform at various venues including Cantigny, First Church, fine art fairs, and libraries. To learn more about the group visit their website at [www.zazzjazzcombo.com](http://www.zazzjazzcombo.com).

The Chapel has played a significant role in her life as she was baptized and married there. "I find it to be a very peaceful place and from a musical standpoint, I certainly appreciate the wonderful acoustics not to mention the history of the Chapel". In the photo above, Deb is seated at the piano she has graciously loaned to the Chapel.

In her spare time she enjoys yoga, reading, cooking, teaching, and just being outside.

# Maple Street Concerts presents...

by Vicki Webb

We end 2024 with our annual Holiday Sing-along led by **KILTY PLEASURE!** Denise and Ron are back by request for year two, and will help lead us in song.

**Saturday, December 7, 2024 5:30 - 7:00 PM.**

**THIS IS A DROP IN EVENT AND IS A PART OF LOMBARD'S JINGLEBELL JUBILEE. DONATIONS ARE APPRECIATED!**

Come sing with us after the park lighting event.



We ring in 2025 on **Sunday, January 7 at 3:00 PM.** with an annual tradition featuring **THE SPECIAL CONSENSUS.** Special C has Two GRAMMY nominations and multiple IBMA awards, and is celebrating 50 years as a band with their 19th performance at the Maple Street Chapel!



Advance tickets are \$26.50 online (includes processing fee) at [maplestreetconcerts.org](http://maplestreetconcerts.org) with pre-sales ending at noon on the day of show. Door sales are cash or check only, pending availability. ALL SALES ARE FINAL – NO REFUNDS OR EXCHANGES.

The Special Consensus is a bluegrass band renowned for their contemporary sound, honed over four decades of performing making their music a modern classic. Comprised of four talented vocalists and instrumentalists, they follow their creative vision while staying true to their bluegrass roots. Led by Greg Cahill – banjo player, recipient of the IBMA’s Distinguished Achievement Award, and inductee into the Society for the Preservation of Bluegrass Music in America Hall of Greats – the band also includes Dan Eubanks (bass), Greg Blake (guitar), and newest member Brian McCarty (mandolin).

The latest album, “Great Blue North” (Compass Records, 2023), the 21<sup>st</sup> Special C recording, is a tip of the hat to their Canadian friends and fans made throughout nearly four decades of touring the country.

# Chimney Finished!

by Ken Bohl

**We have nothing but good news about this project:**

- There were *no* cost overruns. The flue was in good condition, and there were no other problems.
- We had a number of generous donations, enough to pay for the total cost of the project!

This is how the chimney looked as it had deteriorated so badly.



Work was done from a hydraulic boom which was placed adjacent to the chimney on Main St.

The old chimney was completely dismantled down to the roof line, and a new identical chimney was built back up.



The old, deteriorated bricks were removed so a new chimney could be built.

The new chimney does not look any different than the original, and that's just the point. The intention was *not* to create a new feature, but to preserve the Chapel as it has always been. Actually, *this* chimney does not date back to 1870. In the beginning, the Chapel was heated by coal-burning stoves, each having its own chimney. *This* chimney dates back to whenever the first *central* heating boiler was installed. But this is how the Chapel has looked for as long as we remember it!



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- Endowment Fund. Money is invested and earnings provide for preservation of the Chapel
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