



Sad News



It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Sandy (Norwall) Phillips on June 4th, who had been battling cancer for the last two years.

Her family has released the following statement: This final update comes with the very sad news that Sandy passed on Thursday, June 4th just after 6:00 p.m. Her health took a sudden turn for the worse. We, her family, are so thankful she is no longer suffering, and we will miss her greatly.

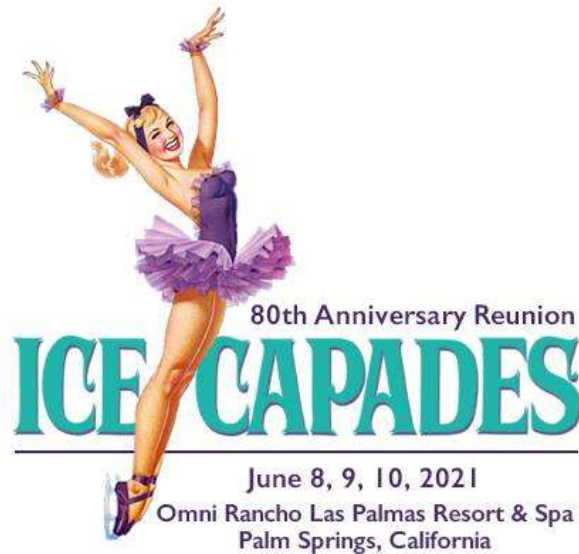
Sandy will be cremated and her ashes scattered in the Pacific Ocean. There she will join her husband Steve, our mom and dad, and a whole host of others who loved the ocean and cruising. We are honoring Sandy's request to not have a service. She has so many family and friends around the country and even outside the U.S. Please select your own way to remember Sandy, e.g. donate to a cancer organization, sing a Beatles or Barry Manilow song, eat fettucine alfredo or a bowl of clam chowder, adopt a cat, whatever you know will bring a smile to Sandy's face.

Sometime in the future, we may have a get-together to remember Sandy. So much will depend on the Covid-19 situation and the restrictions in place in Los Angeles County. I'm guessing, though, there will be no gathering unfortunately until next year.

Grace and Darrin, Shenny and Kevin, and Ted and I have appreciated all you have done for Sandy these past 2 years. Your cards, gifts, emails, text messages, and thoughts and prayers brought Sandy a lot of joy and hope. And now we thank you for sending your condolences and fond memories of Sandy our way. Sandy was a great big sister to us and a great friend to you. Gratefully – Sandy's Family

New Reunion Information

New Dates – June 8, 9, 10, 2021



EVENT UPDATE: In an effort to excite some of you to get your friends signed up, we are offering a drawing for an upgrade to a Suite to those that encourage their friends to join us. Have your friends registered yet? If you can get 7 other friends (total 8 ppl) to register for the Reunion, all 8 people will be *eligible to win a 1 Bedroom Suite Upgrade at the OMNI Resort and Spa* for your Reunion stay. If friends are already registered, yes, they can count as a part of your total of 8 to be eligibility for the drawing. At least one of the 8 must write me, with the names of the confirmed 'registered' attendees to be in the drawing.

Deadline for this Suite Upgrade Giveaway drawing will be December 30, 2020.

If you want those same 8 people at your Table at the Gala – now is the time to get a jump on reserving a table too. For those not participating in this promotion, know that there will be a "limited number" of table sign-ups available in registration area, when you check in!

Remember - We Are Also Offering our EARLY BIRD pricing through June 30th. \$355 (a \$20 savings per ticket). Consider registering now, and save.

Click here to register: <https://www.eventinterface.com/en/ice-capades-2020-reunion/>

The OMNI LAS PALMAS RESORT & SPA is now taking reservations, and can be made by [clicking here](#) or by clicking the link on our Reunion Registration Web page, or from the link on our Facebook Reunion event page, or by phoning (888) 444-6664. REMEMBER: You must use Our Code to get the Discounted Rate: 061420CAPADES .

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[Click here to make revised Omni hotel reservations](#)

Discounted Rate: 061420Capades

[Click here to see who's coming](#)

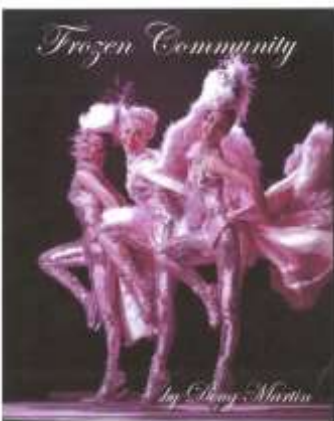
Our Alumni in the News

Stretching with Richard Dwyer



Our very own Mr. Debonaire took on the stretching challenge by the Adult Committee Stretch Challenge. This is why he can still do those amazing spread eagles. [Click here.](#)

RELIVING FOND MEMORIES



Doug Martin had published two books called 'Frozen Community' where he wanted to have skaters tell funny stories about their time on the road. Stories were posted before but worth sharing again. Read on.

For those of you who worked with John Harris, here is a classic story.

John Harris came unannounced to watch the show in Hershey. The place was packed and he went right up to the light booth to watch the show. The lighting director at the time was **Mike Crawly**, and so you can imagine, it made him a bit uncomfortable to have John sitting there in the booth with him. In recalling that performance, Mike says that all of a sudden Mr. Harris jumped up and yelled to Mike, “Why do you have so much green lighting out there? It looks awful?” Mike looked around to see which of his crew had green lights on, as he hadn’t given the order for green lighting. But he couldn’t find *anyone* with green spot lights on. Meanwhile, Mr. Harris continued to yell at him to “get them off!” Frustrated and frantic, Mike was doing everything he could to fix it. That’s when he noticed Mr. Harris still had his sunglasses on. He indicated that Mr. Harris should take them off, and when he did, the problem was solved. Mike really got a kick out of “fixing” that light snafu.

John Bates recollected this story. One of the stops was Dallas and we stayed at the Cliff Towers. We had a party in Barb Olson’s room (O’Gara) and everyone was having a good time. Claudette Croal, who roomed with Barbara, came out of her bedroom in her pajamas and told everyone it was time to leave. Mike O’Gara and I grabbed Claudette and put her in a rollaway bed, folded it up so she couldn’t get out, rolled it down the hallway to the elevator, pressed the lobby button and sent her on her way. What a greeting for the people milling about downstairs. She turned out to be a real “Sleeping Beauty “. Does anyone remember that?

Life on the Road isn’t all that Glamorous

Candy, Poems...but Little Love

By Jean Sprain Wilson – Free Press Staff Writer



Gloria Lor, Terri Wedell, Glenda Brenner, Jan Wood, Ann Gardhouse

In Rochester, N.Y., a young man invariably sends boxes of candy and writes poems to all the 32 lovelies in the ballet corps of the Ice Capades.

In New Haven, Conn., an impartial fan always sends 32 roses individually wrapped. And in Springfield, Mass., a jewelry merchant thoughtfully dispatches inexpensive little trinkets backstage.

But these vestiges of the once-glorious era of Stage-door Johnnies never lead to love. Indeed, romance is pretty much on ice while you're an Ice Capades glamor girl. So lamented a handful of good skates who arrived here Tuesday loaded down with ironing boards, TV sets, and sewing machines for two weeks of housekeeping in this town.

Along with 75 others, they opened Tuesday night at Olympia and will glide regularly across the ice in ten pound hairdos and spectacular costumes until March 22.

And chances are their male companionship will be confined to the boys in the company.

"And they're spoiled rotten, because the competition is just awful," protested Jan Wood, 25, who was a registered nurse before joining the show four years ago.

"True, we outnumber them two to one, and they're babied to death," sighted black-eyed, black-haired Gloria Lor, 24. She was the second of five young ladies participating in an impromptu bull session about 'love on ice,' shortly before their first show.

"We cook, sew, do their laundry, just about anything," added Gloria who was once a bank teller in Brockville, ON and is now the 'mini-boss' of the 'corps line' which is the ice word for chorus.

They all agreed that this pampering probably ruined these lads as potential husbands. But one of the girls in the bull session, Glenda Brenner, said she took a chance and married one anyway. And she isn't worry. He is Tommy Litz, World's Free Style skating champion.

But getting Tommy to settle for a partner instead of a chorus wasn't easy, Glenda admits.

"I admired him from afar for three years because I couldn't get near him. Then on a Sunday night he asked me to go to a movie and dancing. And that was it."

"Sunday night is usually our night to let down because we have pretty tough schedules of performances on Fridays and Saturdays," explained 21 year old Terry Wedell, who was once a doctor's receptionist in Redondo Beach, CA.

Platinum-haired Anne Margaret Gardhouse, 2, from Vancouver, BC, explained what that big night out is like. "We usually go out in groups so that nobody really needs to pair off."

That ought to suit the boy from St. Louis, who has been wooing skater Jan Wood by mail. "He's jealous of the show," says Jan who met her beau at home, not through the ice show.

Where to go is a problem in most towns because, as Gloria explained, by the time they have finished their last shows and are ready for fun, the community has gone to sleep. That leaves late movies and discotheques.

“But on most nights we just grab a bite to eat, go home and do our laundry and watch Johnny Carson or the late late show on TV.” We’re really pretty ordinary,” added Glenda.

At any rate, the very ordinary ambition of these unmarried ladies who cut such cute figures on ice is to get married and have a family, and being an Ice Capades beauty is a definite handicap.

They whiz by potential Stagedoor Johnnies too fast, they say, to form any lasting impressions. The stage doors are guarded, and busses whisk them in to their hotels or apartments.

“If we do meet somebody nice at a party.’ Said Gloria sorrowfully, ‘we’re packing and off to the next town before we find out what he’s really like. No we definitely do not have beaux in every port.

And yet, somehow, every spring time there is a rash of engagement parties and showers, and weddings every June. Despite the glacier-like blocks on their icy road to romance, love finds a way.

Videos of the Month

This is why Ice Capades had the best of the best -



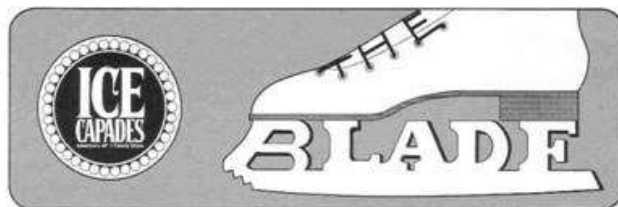
Tim Wood - 1969 Worlds

[Awesome Tim!](#)

Tai & Randy – 1979 Worlds

[Perfection](#)





The website, www.icecapadestheblade.com has been revamped and more information has been added. It's still a work in progress. If you have something to add, please send them.

Look here for **2021 Ice Capades Reunion** information, including the list of **who's coming**

Cast, Precision & Production Pictures – Relive some memories.

Past reunion Pictures – Check them out for some you may have missed.

Rosters – Looking for someone or remembering who you skated with in the show?

Video links – have been collecting skating 'You Tube' links from the early years.

Program Covers – we had the most beautiful covers

Past Issues of The Blade – just in case you missed an issue

Past Reunion Pictures – relive the times you attended the reunions

In Memorium – remembering those who have left us too soon

Check it out!

Upcoming Events



<https://proskaters.org/>

[ProSkaters Facebook Page Link](#)

2020 ProSkater Open Live Competition in Sun Valley - July 26, 2020

*A new concept in Pro-Skating. A competition and theatrics rolled in one.

link to event: <https://proskaters.org/events/2020-proskater-open-live-competition/>

Sun Valley 2020 Live Auditions - July 27, 2020

Link To Event: <https://proskaters.org/events/2020-proskater-open-live-competition-2/>

Sun Valley ProSkater Workshop - July 28, 2020

Link to event: <https://proskaters.org/events/2020-sun-valley-proskater-workshop/>



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