



Sad News

Janice Stengel – Feb. 21, 2022



Janice Marie Stengel, age 86 passed away February 21, 2022 at Frasier Meadows. Jan was born October 12, 1936, in Denver Colorado to Frank and Kathryn Helart. Jan graduated Boulder High School in 1954 and was a Boulder native most of her life. The one exception was her exciting adventure right after high school when she moved to California and worked for the **Ice Capades 15th Edition, 1955**. After returning to Boulder, she eventually worked for the City of Boulder in accounting and that is where she met her future husband, William Stengel. Jan married William Stengel in 1962 and together they built a very successful land surveying business. She spent the rest of her career manning the office handling the accounting while Bill was out roaming the lands in and around Boulder County. Their hard work and dedication paid off, when Bill was elected Boulder County Surveyor, a position he continued to hold until 2002. After 45 successful years they both retired in 2008. In 2011, they moved to Frasier Meadows and enjoyed their leisure years together, until Bill passed in 2018. Outside of doing the accounting for the business, Jan's passion was weaving. As an active member of the Handweavers Guild of Boulder you could be sure to find her in her weaving room, or busy planning for the Annual Sale that included guild members and local artists. She served on the Board and made many lasting friendships as a result. She was an avid reader and enjoyed being outdoors and tending to their large yard. Those that knew and loved Jan will always remember her for her sarcastic quick wit and explicit facial expressions. She is preceded in death by her parents, and husband William Stengel. She is survived by her brothers Ronald (Bobby) Helart, Richard (Dianna) Helart, niece Corelle Helart, sister-in-law Janet Lessor, and Bill's three daughters: Mona Pate, Marsha Hosner, Margo Wells along with their children and great grandchildren. Her family and friends will miss her dearly but are heartened that she has rejoined her beloved husband Bill, and mother and father. The family will hold a private celebration send-off and requests those who wish to express sympathy consider donating to their favorite charity in Jan's name.

Alain Herminjard- Feb. 22, 2022



Swiss adagio performer Alain Herminjard passed away of Alzheimers in a hospital with his dear friend Francisco Lozano by his side. Alain had performed as a principal act with Margaret Godfrey at Casa Carioca nightclub in Garmisch Germany, some European exhibition tours & a Puss & Boot Production in S. Africa before joining **Ice Capades West for the 1967-68 season**. On completion of the tour Alain & Margaret returned to Europe to complete the year with a Kurt Soenning Scandinavian tour. In 1968 they were in Dick Wittington's Wembley show in London where they performed a Royal Command Performance for Princess Alexandra & Angus Ogilvy & they became Silver medalists at World Professional Pair Championships in London. While performing in Buchmann's Deutsches Eistheater Operetta "White Horse Inn" where he met his life partner of 38 years – Chris Van Der Weerd of Holland. His career spanned throughout Europe with Vienna Ice Review/Holiday on Ice and numerous other ice shows until 1979 when he finally retired, doing occasional exhibitions. He will be remembered as a true friend, always willing to offer a hand & help in any way he could, a lover of dogs, a fabulous tailor & elegant performer. May he rest in peace.

Our Alumni in the News

Carolyn Michaels is one of six prominent women to be recognized and honored at a special reception and photo exhibition for their contribution in strengthening our community.



FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (January 13, 2022) – Returning during Women’s History Month to celebrate a new wave of leaders who strengthen our community, History Fort Lauderdale and Galleria Fort Lauderdale will present “Women Trailblazers: Champions of Change - Broward County,” a photography exhibition, March 10 - 31. Six prominent women of today who are proponents of change along with their historical female predecessors who helped to pave the way for our community will be honored during a ticketed preview and recognition ceremony benefiting History Fort Lauderdale on Thursday, March 10, from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m., at Galleria Fort Lauderdale (2414 East Sunrise Blvd).

This engaging 40-image exhibit will celebrate the contributions of six new outstanding women of today including Sebrina María Alfonso, music director for South Florida Symphony Orchestra, Alexandra Anagnostis-Irons, founder and owner of Total Marine Solutions, Kathleen Cannon, president and CEO of United Way Broward County, Melanie Dickinson, president and publisher of South Florida Business Journal, Bertha Henry, county administrator for Broward County and **Carolyn Michaels, executive vice president of the Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce.**

“South Florida is fortunate to be home to these passionate, driven and community-oriented Women Trailblazers who break boundaries, inspire and serve as role models to all of us,” said Patricia Zeiler, executive director of History Fort Lauderdale. “Once, again, together with Galleria Fort Lauderdale, it is an honor to celebrate our female leaders’ creativity and their commitment to building a stronger arts hub, economic engine, philanthropic home and forward-thinking city of the future during Women’s History Month and beyond.”

A Look into a New York Times Review from 1985

Ice Capades: A Tribute To Show Biz

by Richard Shepard

Feb. 1, 1985

SOMETIMES it's almost as though the Olympics are an out-of-town tryout for the Ice Capades. One moment you are watching graceful and personable young skaters you have never seen before, describing incredible arcs in ice and space on your television screen. Soon after, they are gliding right in front of you in the Ice Capades, which came to Madison Square Garden Wednesday afternoon.

And they do send up a shower of silvery flakes, those acclaimed amateurs-turned-professionals, among them Scott Hamilton and Elaine Zayak, and the brother-sister team of Kitty and Peter Carruthers. They are ice dancers whose choreography takes them from the most romantic long sweeps to the fastest spins and whirls that have ever dazzled the eye. They fit very well into this year's production, "Hooray for Ice!," a theme that revolves around some sort of tribute to show business.

It doesn't really matter what theme, because the theme is always ice and skating and that is what the fans relish. The beauty of the ice show is that it recognizes the virtue of variety. When the great skating acts come on, they work on a bare stage, because they are all the props that are needed. But with the production numbers, it's hang the expense while the arena is immersed handsomely in flamboyant lighting, colored smoke, even pyrotechnics. Somehow, the two concepts don't get in each other's way.

One of the most effective big numbers is "The Spirit of the Waltz," an "iridescent" ballet, in which skaters clad in luminous greens and reds on a darkened stage are even wafted into the air, producing a mysterious, eerie mood. The first-act curtain rings down with Ravel's "Bolero" and the skaters, wearing dark red costumes, build up in numbers and intensity to a smashing crescendo as the tempo of the music accelerates.

It is not all art, or high art. Mike Course and Titch Stock give us the highest of low comedy on ice, with their satires on state-of-the-art skating artists and pie-in-the-face pratfalls. Paul Heath, that lithe, fast artist who skates to jazz, makes an amiable host. Lorna Wighton and John Dowding evoke the Presley days with an eye-catching "Trash Flash" dance.

There is a precision dance number, magnificent in its coordination of a regiment of skaters, but the term precision dancing might apply to this entire production because the Ice Capades does not admit of any imprecision at all. As ice shows go, this one is a real good skate.

On the Rocks - ICE CAPADES, produced and directed by Robert Turk, with Shirley Costello and George Foster; assisted by Clifford MacGraham; original music, lyrics and orchestrations by Don James and Tom Worrall; additional music by Bruce Glover; musical supervision by Paul Suter; costumes designed by Paul Lopez; additional costumes designed by Cheryl Daniels; production

design by Brian Bartholomew; choreography by Mr. MacGraham and Karen Grobba; vocals by Jimmy Bryant Singers. At Madison Square Garden, Four Pennsylvania Plaza. WITH: Scott Hamilton, Kitty and Peter Carruthers, Elaine Zayak, Mike & Titch, Paul Heath, Lorna & John, Catarina Lindgren, Tom Dickson and Tommy Miller.



REUNION UPDATE - April

The Ice Capades Reunion party is finally approaching - **JUNE 14, 15 and 16!**

So looking forward to having us all together. It will be so nice to catchup with friends, while enjoying a relaxing and fun getaway. What better gift to give yourself after the last 2 1/2 years? Will be wonderful to really laugh again with friends, and create some fun new memories!

Please note the Registration Fee will go up, on Sunday, May 8th to \$395.00, through June 10th. The Registration Fee At-The-Door, beginning Saturday, June 11th will be \$405. *Please Register before May 7th, if possible!*

We have *extended* the **Table Reservation deadline *again***, as people are still reconnecting with friends, and have asked for an extension... **Our new final deadline for putting a Table together will be *Sunday, April 14th!*** This gives you a bit more time, to get your friends excited about connecting, and making their way to Palm Springs. ***I encourage those of you with a 'group' of friends who you want to attend, to arrange a Table - so you can easily sit with your friends – and/or your friends, friends.*** Hoping more will want to take advantage of this Pre-Seating opportunity. Please remember, each Table must have a minimum of 8 people, up to 10.

To Reserve the Table: Simply designate a **Table Host**, and that person should email us (icecapadesreunion@outlook.com) your list of the 8-10 "paid/registered" attendees.

The **Table Host** will be the designated (only) person to change the names at the Table. **Hosts** - please remember to check with each person to be sure they know they are sitting at your specific Table (to avoid being placed at two tables).

The Table Reservation also puts each person in a ***Drawing for a 1 Bedroom Suite UPGRADE at the Omni Resort*** for your Reunion stay, Tuesday through Friday. The drawing will happen on Monday, April 15th!

For those not participating in this promotion, there will be a *"limited number" of Table Sign-ups available* in the Registration Area at Check-In! Plenty of Open Seating as well.

This luxury resort is very spacious and airy, and our events are mostly outside. Lots of large sun umbrellas, and shade provided everywhere. Floating River too!

This Reunion will not be cancelled unless the Canadian border closes again. Only then, may the date get moved.

OMNI Resort COVID requests and guidelines, must be respected. Please bring quality face masks to wear, whether the resort requires it in public spaces or not. We will also provide masks at check in, if you need one. *Hoping you will be vaccinated, and boosted. At the moment ... we will not be checking for vaccine status, but we will keep you informed of any local or resort rules.*

Please respect that some of our registrants may not want to take off their masks, shake hands, maybe even hug. Please respect their wishes. And of course, please... *if not feeling well, please do not come. To feel confident of your own health, we recommend you get a COVID test at home a few days before heading out. Please reach-out to us to prior to the event, if you need to cancel due to illness.*

The OMNI Resort and surrounding areas, are beautiful. If you have never been to Palm Springs, it's very special... and Rancho Mirage is even prettier. You may want to consider coming in a day or two early, or even staying an extra day or two. It's so relaxed there, with stunning, beautiful views, and of course wonderful shopping and sights to see... and yes, gambling nearby as well. This promises to be a fun get-away, from everyday life.

Looking forward to partying with everyone! It's going to be a great few days. Hope you will plan to join us.

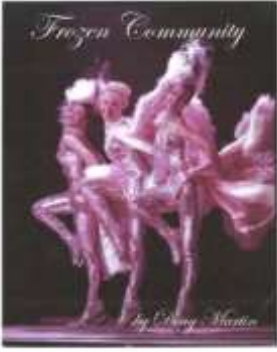
So looking forward to getting this party started!

Questions: -- Stephanie Perom, Event Producer, (310) 962-5908 -Cell, IceCapadesReunion@outlook.com

[CLICK HERE TO FIND OUT WHO'S COMING TO OUR REUNION...](#)

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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.

Francine Plummer has a few memorable stories to share.

Weigh-ins were the pits, especially since they could lead to fines. I only had one experience with my weight being out of balance, and that was a time when my weight was too low. We were playing in Utica, New York in 1966, and I remember Ed Pierce bringing me donuts constantly, saying, "Eat, eat! Enjoy! This may never happen again!" And he was right, it didn't, to this day, every time I step on a scale those memories of 'surprise' weigh-ins flood through my head like it was yesterday.

We were skating in Oklahoma City. The number was 'New York, New York' Per Larson played the role of a photographer, and six tall girls were 'models'. We were in leopard costumes, with high brown leather boots and tall leopard hats. As Per skated to each model, she would strike a pose with her black hat box extended in front of her, and with full spotlight on her, she would give her famous Ice Capades smile. When he came to me, I felt so elegant in my role – until my foot went out from under me, and BAM, down I went. My hat went flying across the ice, exposing my hair which was tucked under a pink pucker net. Lovely. The spotlight never left me, but followed me as I gathered up my belongings. Per kept 'staking pictures' while the audience laughed and laughed. I think they thought the number was going to turn into a comedy. I wish!

Another time we were in Shreveport, Louisiana, during Halloween. After our annual Halloween party, some of us decided to check out the city. I guess you could say we were feeling 'happy', when, suddenly, a guy in our group decided to climb up the flagpole in front of one of the government buildings. That stunt got us in trouble, for bad behavior and being rowdy. We didn't get fined, but we sure came close.

We were in Victoria, BC at the Empress hotel. What a great place to say! Some of us were wandering around the hotel and noticed there were sections blocked off on the upper floors, with No Trespassing signs posted. Well, the allure was too great, and one night after the show a few of us decided to see what was hidden away behind the doors. Ghosts? We just knew it had to be haunted ...wouldn't you? We found a way in and started our investigation. Every corner we went around we started spooking ourselves, certain we were going to run into a ghost. It was dark and creepy, which only added to the fun. Unfortunately, the only thing we ran into was Security, who quickly and firmly 'escorted us out of the area.

USFA is Looking for Skaters



US Figure Skating for the Centennial Year is reaching out to find and connect former and current members who skated any time in USFS history to reconnect. Please consider registering!!! Share with those skating friends you stay in touch with!!

I can imagine some fun reconnecting events!!!

[Click here for more information](#)

Memories - Cast Pictures



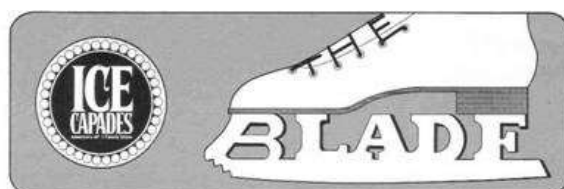
1978-79 East Co.



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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 **2022 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



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