

Sad News

Mike O’Gara – March 25, 2022



Longtime Entertainment Tonight Executive In charge of Production Mike O’Gara lost his battle with cancer on the evening of Friday, March 25, 2022.

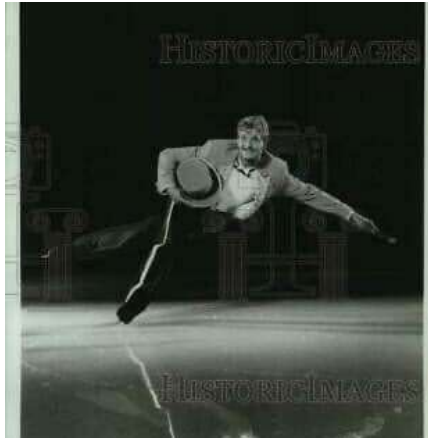
O’Gara was born at St. Vincent’s Hospital in New York City and joined the United States Navy, at the age of 17. He skipped across the country at various stations, winding up at Whidbey Island Naval Station, in Washington State and then aboard the USS Bon Homme Richard (CV-31).

Following his tour of duty, O’Gara returned home to New York, where he was sitting in a bar across from Madison Square Garden, where the Ice Capades traveling show was playing. Many people were applying for jobs and he got hired on the spot by owner John H. Harris.

In the 70’s O’Gara worked at KCET, the public television station in Los Angeles ,as a Property Master and Stage Manager on shows including ‘Incident at Vichy’, ‘Me’, ‘Steambath’, ‘The Way It Was’, ‘Stumpers’, ‘The Belle of Amherst’, and ‘Six Characters In Search Of An Author’. He also worked as a freelance stage hand at CBS on shows like ‘The Carol Burnett Show’, ‘The Smothers Brothers’ and various network specials.

Brad Doud – April 21, 2022

It is with great sadness we announce the passing of Brad Doud. There is no information on funeral arrangements yet, but here are two comments from people who were very close to him and are sharing their memories.



Cassie Turner - "For my Las Vegas friends and beyond, S&R and Ice Capades friends and family, it is with a heavy heart I share the news of Brad's passing this morning. This was one of my favorite photos of a moment when I had hope. Hope that this kind hearted and generous soul would be able to beat his addiction, and find the capacity to love himself as much as he loved others - both 2 and 4-legged.

To Brad, we can be solaced with the knowledge he is no longer in pain. Wherever you are, I hope your blades are sharp, the ice is gleaming, and the applause is loud with standing O's!"
FYI -- No drug or alcohol abuse/overdose. Simply, his body couldn't take it anymore. Thank you again Sonya for your love, caring heart, and generous soul. We all love and appreciate all you did for him, in his last year.

Sonya Shewchuk - I have been trying to get myself together to let you all know about Brad. My heart is very heavy today losing my friend.

I found Brad last August living on the streets of Las Vegas. As most of you know I worked with him to get him off the streets and get some medical help. It was a battle at the beginning but by the end of November he was in a safe place and getting help. He continued to improve and was on a good road. He actually just moved into his own rented place 3 weeks ago and was very excited to finally have a place to call home. I had taken him on a shopping spree the end of March and he looked like a kid on Christmas morning. I was so happy to see him like this. He was happy and had many plans for the future.

His drug use with heroin ended a year and a half ago and he never went back to it. He had a blood disorder that was very painful and he was on doctor prescribed pain medication. He was to have an operation on his eyes next month. He didn't drink but enjoyed his Big gulps! He had the kindest heart I have ever met.

I received the phone call this morning, no overdose no suicide.

I do believe that the blood disorder that was shrinking his veins took his life today.

I want to thank all of you that reached out to him over the last 8 months. He was so happy to know that his Ice Capades friends were still there. He didn't feel alone anymore.

Thank you all so much for helping me as well with Brad. I will miss him so very much. Love Sonya

It's time to create new memories



It started here in Los Angeles 50th reunion - 1989 with over 700 attending



60th Reunion- 2000— a big skating party in Las Vegas



65th Reunion - 2005 at the Flamingo in Las Vegas



70th Reunion 2010 at Treasure Island in Las Vegas

Click here - [Relive that fabulous Flash mob](#)



75th Reunion 2015 in Las Vegas at the Flamingo

Click here - [Another great Flash mob](#)

75th Ice Capades anniversary Vimeo - <https://vimeo.com/130949837>

REUNION UPDATE - May

The Ice Capades Reunion party is quickly approaching - JUNE 14, 15 and 16! We are getting so excited to see everyone!!!

The OMNI Las Palmas Resort & Spa, in Rancho Mirage/Palm Springs, CA, is the perfect property for this getaway Reunion. What better gift to give yourself after the last 2 1/2 years? So many of us are looking forward to having a chance to catch up with friends. Hoping we get to see you too!

[Click here for Registration form](#)

Register SOON, as reminder **Registration Fees go up on Sunday, May 8th** from \$375 to \$395, through June 10th. The Registration Fee At-The-Door, starting Saturday, June 11th will be \$405. **Please Register by May 7th, if possible!** Do you still need to register? Click here...

<https://www.eventinterface.com/ice-capades-2020-reunion/>

We have 3 main events for you to enjoy. Our **Welcome Party on Tuesday Night** begins at 5p. **Wednesday Night - Social & Dance Party**, begins at 6:30p. **Thursday Night - Our Gala**, the Reception starts at 6p. There will be plenty of opportunities for dancing too... of course.

After collecting your Registration package, you'll have a chance to collect a Raffle Ticket. We're having a **Delicious Raffle happening at our Welcome Party!** You'll have a *Chance to Win a Gift Certificate* from these generous businesses, *The Cheesecake Factory, Eight4Nine Restaurant & Lounge, P.F. Chang's, Babe's Bar-B-Que, ACQUA California Bistro, Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory*, or even a... 2 Nights Stay – at The OMNI Las Palmas Resort & Spa. (*Can be used for this stay.*)

Morning hours you'll have a chance to Walk with a group at 7a, or a different group at 8a, or take a 'gentle' yoga class instead out on the lawn at 8a. A little later in the a.m., we'll have a stretch class, which will be followed by an easy, fun dance class, taught by our own Lori Johnson. Or perhaps consider hitting the golf course (list of interested parties are on FB, but we can send you info), or borrow a racket and enjoying the tennis courts (list of those interested are also on FB). Of course, there are also spa treatments to consider taking advantage of.

Wednesday afternoon, we'll also be hosting a **SHOW & TELL – MEMORABILIA EXCHANGE PARTY**, so bring your travelable memorabilia items, jackets, photo albums, trinkets, programs - to trade, show, or sell, or giveaway. All \$ Yours from any sales. You Are Responsible For Your Own Treasures. Sign up for table space, after checking-in to event at Registration Area. Hoping to see some fun items.

Thursday late morning we'll be gathering for our **Group Shot**. Later, after the Group Shot, and your lunch, come join us near our Registration area – as we pay homage to the creators of the beautiful costumes that made the 60's and other years shine. We'll then present "**THE FABULOUS ICE AGE**" right after the costume designers presentation. So please come inside, and stay cool and relax with us, and watch the movie, or simply continue to socialize in our general area.

REMEMBER: If you have at least 6 of your friends excited about coming - and you all want to sit together for dinner (up to 8 or 10) - let me know, by Sunday, May 22nd. We will hold a Table, but understand we will also allow for others to join your Table at the event, if not a full table of 10 people.

To Reserve the Table: Simply designate a **Table Host**, and that person should email us (icecapadesreunion@outlook.com) your list of the 6, 8 or 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).

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! There will also be plenty of Open Seating too.

This luxury resort is very spacious and airy, and our events are mostly outside. There are lots of large sun umbrellas, and shade provided everywhere. **We have 4 Cabanas secured, as well as the pool has lots of chairs, and there's even a Floating River!** Please remember to bring sunscreen, and possibly a good hat!

REGARDING COVID: *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, just in case. We will also provide masks at check in, if you need one. Hoping you will be vaccinated, and boosted. But know, we will not be checking for vaccine status.*

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.

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.

Still need to book your hotel? Don't forget to use our **Discount code: 061420Capade**

<https://www.omnihotels.com/hotels/palm-springs-rancho-las-palmas/meetings/ice-capades-reunion-2022-06142022>

Looking forward to partying with everyone! It's going to be a fun-filled few days. Hope you will plan on joining us!



WELCOME RECEPTION *Tuesday Night, 5p*
SOCIAL & DANCE PARTY *Wednesday Night, 6p*
GALA PARTY *Thursday Night, Reception 6p*

MORNING ACTIVITIES

GOLF - GOLF FEES (\$29 PP) & 'GOLF CLUBS' RENTALS (\$20 PP)

TENNIS - 10% DISCOUNT ON TENNIS FEE

EARLY WALKING (APPROX. 45-60 MINS.)

YOGA – ON LAWN OUTSIDE (60 MINS.)

STRETCH CLASS (25 MINS.)

FUN AND EASY DANCE CLASS (50 MINS.)

4 CABANAS FOR US TO GATHER & ENJOY!

2 POOLS TO RELAX & ENJOY!

LAZY RIVER TO FLOAT THE DAY AWAY...

GROUP PHOTO: Thursday Morning

AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES

SHOW & TELL – MEMORABILIA EXCHANGE PARTY, Wednesday

Bring your travelable memorabilia items, jackets, photo albums, trinkets, programs - to Show, Trade, Sell, or Giveaway.

All \$ Yours from any sales.

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MOVIE: THE FABULOUS ICE AGE, Thursday

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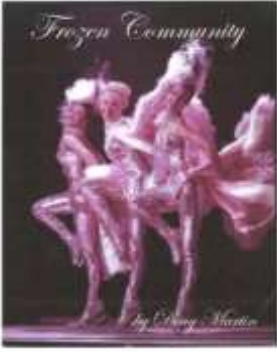
- **SPA SERVICES – 10% DISCOUNT**
- **ACCESS TO BEAUTIFUL FITNESS CENTER**
- **COFFEE/TEA SERVICE IS PROVIDED IN EVERY ROOM**
- **TURN-DOWN SERVICE DAILY UPON REQUEST**
- **COMPLIMENTARY VALET & SELF-SERVICE PARKING**

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

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

Updated 4/24/2022

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.

Michael Garren recalls this wonderful memory during the taping of our NBC Special and meeting up with our guest stars, Jimmy Dean, Jimmy Durante & the Supremes.

One of Michael Garren's favorite memories with Ice Capades was the television special we did with Jimmy Dean, the Supremes and the great Jimmy Durante. My first TV special was filmed in Rochester, NY, in 1967. I was going to be on TV. In the chorus, yes, but, hey, how much more exciting could life get for a 20 year old? The opening number featured the Supremes. Autographs! I want autographs!

Lights, camera, action! So the cliché went...and went and went again. We did the scenes countless times, until I wondered, would this ever be over? But I met the Supremes and got their autographs, including Miss D herself, so I couldn't really complain.

Later in the evening I gathered up my nerve to introduce myself to Jimmy Dean, a fellow Texan. He was a huge star in those days. Not as big as the Supremes in my book, but I still wanted his autograph to add to my growing collection. He kindly obliged, adding his signature to my autograph book.

Next I went in search of Jimmy Durante, but as the evening wore on, there wasn't an opportunity for me to introduce myself to him. I was really disappointed. With the taping of the TV special complete, I headed to the airport early the next morning, still harboring major disappointment. I couldn't believe I'd done the entire show with Mr. Durante without managing to get his autograph.

Well I was sitting in the counter on a swivel stool, ready to order breakfast, when I heard that unforgettable voice ask, "Is dis seat taken?" Can't you just hear him? I turned to answer, and sure enough, there he was by himself, on his way back to LA, so we ordered breakfast together and I told him I'd done the show with him the day before. We chatted during our meal, me asking about his career, and he asked about mine, such as it was. I knew I wasn't going to let him go without asking for his autograph. I had tucked my autograph book in my carry-on bag, so I pulled it out and he signed on the page right next to Jimmy Dean. When the check came, both our orders were on one tag so he paid for my breakfast. And as for the television special, when it aired I managed to get a glimpse of myself, which lasted all of two seconds. Ah, the wonders of show biz!

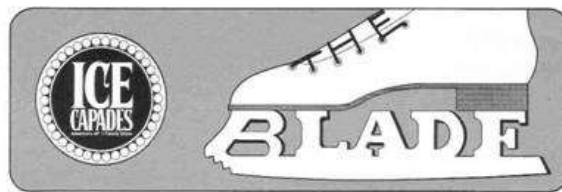
USFA is Looking for Skaters



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](#)



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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