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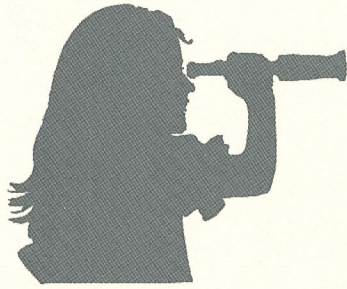


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Overview

National Museum
of Roller Skating





Curator's Column

By Deborah L. Wallis,
Director and Curator

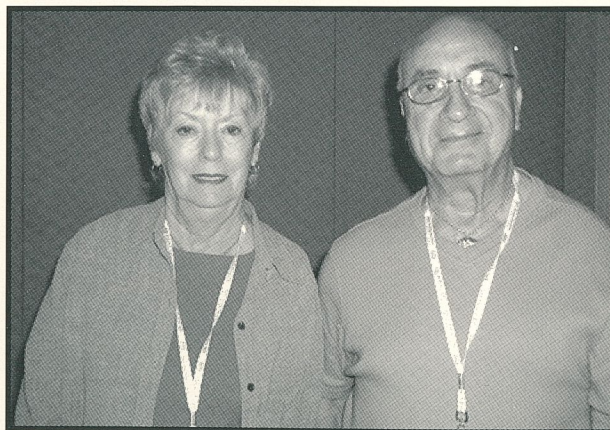
The months of April and May were very busy around the museum as our annual fundraiser, the raffle, drew to a close and the museum board of trustees held their annual meeting. The raffle was a great success with 527 tickets sold. The results can be found on page 4. The board meeting was held in Reno, Nevada at the start of the Roller Skating Association's Annual Convention and Tradeshow. After serving for 23 years as president of the museum's board of trustees, Bert Anselmi stepped down as an officer of the board. He received a rousing round of applause and standing ovation in appreciation of his service. Annelle Anderson was unanimously voted as the new president. Annelle vowed to do her best but could not guarantee serving for 23 years. Annelle has been on the museum's board since 1998 and has served for numerous years on the USA Roller Sports board of directors and on the RSA's board of directors as well as their president from 1984 to 1986. The board also welcomed Deborah Torries as a new member to the board. Deb will serve as one of the RSA's representatives on the board. Deb has served on the RSA board of directors for several years and was their board president from 2000 to 2002. Deb and her husband own and operate the Skate Zone rink in Lafayette, Louisiana.

The cover photo on the last issue featured a gentleman holding up a pair of roller skates. A photography studio in Chicago took the photo but we were unable to find any other information on the gentleman or on the photo. The cover photo on this issue is of Adelaide D'vorak a speed skater in the early 1900s and a favorite on the vaudeville circuit in the 1910s.

Last issue's trivia question was asking for the founder of the Transcontinental Roller Derby. The answer was Leo A. Seltzer in 1935. Unfortunately, we did not receive any correct answers for the question.

In the last newsletter, we printed a memorial article on Irwin Rosee. We accidentally printed Irwin's birth date incorrectly. It should have been 1909 and not 1919. We apologize for the misprint.

Thank you for your continued support of the museum.



Present and Past Museum Board Presidents
Annelle Anderson and Bert Anselmi at the RSA
Convention in Reno, Nevada, May 2003

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9 am to 5 pm, Monday - Friday
Closed holidays and weekends.

Mission Statement: The museum exists as an autonomous entity, to acquire, preserve, research and interpret the history of roller skating through its collection of artifacts, photographs, archival material and other skating memorabilia. It strives to document roller skating's historical progression, current status and its future development in context of the associated people and events.

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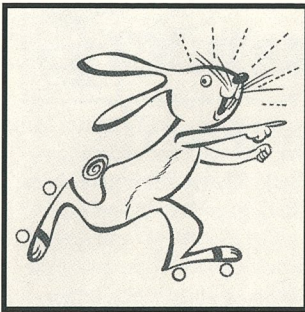
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FEATURE ARTICLE



Skate Goes To College

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When Michigan's Macomb County Community College decided to expand its physical education program in the fall of 1965, it had to do so without a gymnasium, or any of its own physical education facilities. Their activity skills program expanded by utilizing the community resources which were found to be appropriate. Bowling lanes, golf courses, golf driving ranges, archery ranges, local public school gymnasiums and tennis courts were typical of the facilities utilized.

One of their unique developments included the use of the Motor City Roller Rink in Warren, Michigan. The rink is owned and operated by the Hakim family and is located within commuting distance of the college's South Campus. The students are thus able to drive to the rink for their instruction and return to campus in time for their next classes. Total enrollment at the college is 10,000 students.

After a series of meetings between college and rink officials, a pilot eight-week instruction course was established in the spring of 1966.

Thirty-five students enrolled in the course with SRSTA Teacher Joseph Blavatt providing the instruction. Class supervision was provided by a member of the college physical education staff.



"Professor" Blavatt lecturing

The roller skating class proved so successful and popular that in the fall of 1966 the college offered two class sections of roller skating instruction, each to be conducted for the full eighteen week semester and each providing one credit hour for successful completion. With the continuing popularity of these classes, officials from the college are now studying the possibility of expanding roller skating classes further by developing an intermediate class for those student who master the beginning techniques and who desire more advanced skating instruction. Two classes of physical education are required for graduation from the college. The student selects his or her own sport from a listing of those available within the college programs. The student pays regular college credit hour fees up enrollment and experiences no further costs at the rink site. The school contracts for the cost of facilities skates and specialized instruction.

The college handles the administration of these classes, although Blavatt is in charge of the setting up the program and the actual instruction. A physical education teacher is assigned by the college to assist at the rink with each class. The students are given two types of examinations, written and practical (skating). While perhaps all of the students have skated at one time or another during their childhood, 95% can be considered inexperienced skaters upon entering the class. Instructor Joe



Students practicing their skating techniques.

Blavatt relates that he is continually amazed and impressed by the students' enthusiasm and attentiveness.

Physical education is not looked upon as a recreational pursuit by the college. It is considered a foundation for broadened interest and for the acquisition of knowledge and is advanced by the college for these instructional purposes. The school is completely satisfied that roller skating is a meaningful activity within the scope of its sports program.

Commenting about this program, the Supervisor of Physical Education for Macomb County Community College, Mr. Daniel Jaksen says, "At a time when our American society is becoming more successful in diminishing the physical activity of a person's daily life, it becomes vitally important for people to find outlets which will enable them to be physically active. This is one of the basic purposes of the college's physical education program. The cooperative effort between Motor City Roller Rink and Macomb College is an example of how two county agencies can work together to provide wholesome activity which will lead to more vigor, better vitality and good health and enable people to function more effectively in their daily lives."

2003 Raffle Round Up

The National Museum of Roller Skating's 2003 raffle was a success. The raffle drawing took place during the President's dinner at the Roller Skating Association-International's annual convention on May 14. Six lucky ladies, Shelia Atkins, Sue Dooley, Jo Anne Honeger, Stephanie Magliato and Beverly Ann Morelius, drew the twenty-four prize winning tickets from the raffle drum and thirteen of the winners were present at the dinner to pick up their cash prizes. Sylvia Haffke won the \$1,000 prize and Gordon Budd Van Roekel won the \$5,000 grand prize. Van Roekel graciously donated \$2,500 of his winnings back to the museum. Bert Anselmi, board member, sold the most tickets and was awarded the Robert Bollinger Ticket Seller Award.

The \$100 winners were: Nancie Nemanich, Kristi Anderson, Jeffrey Higgins, Curt and Kerry Metts, Bo Trotter, Leita Couey, Jane Wojnarowsky, Todd Rendfrey, Kathi Deitz, Sophia Disney, Chris St. Germain, Ava Couey, Linda Miner, Harold Wieselthier and Charles Manning. Leita Couey generously donated her winnings back to the museum. The \$250 winners were Becky Engbrecht, Gladys Kelly, Jim McMahan and Bob Householder. The \$500 winners were Tim Mitchell, Chester Fried and Clark Brown.

Thanks to the tireless support of thirty-three individuals, the museum surpassed our goal of selling a total of 500 tickets. The museum would like to express our sincere appreciation the following individuals for supporting the museum by selling raffle tickets: Rock Allman, Annelle Anderson, Cindy Anderson, Bert Anselmi, Kevin Baker, David Breen, Dan Brown, Ed Caldwell, Frank Cernik, Phyllis Cernik, Joe Champa, Christian Chin, John Chrien, Bud Engle, Gary Englund, Marvin Facher,

Dave Fleming, Nancy Fleming, Chester Fried, Nellie Lillie, Mills Lynn, Caroline Mirelli, Larry Owens, George Pickard, Randy Ray, Dave Schafer, Art Snowden, Vicki Tharp, Deborah Torries, Budd Van Roekel, Charles Wahlig, Douglas Warren and Ed Young.

The museum's raffle would not have taken place without the generosity of all the individuals who brought tickets. On behalf of the museum's board of trustees, thank you to the entire 2003 raffle ticket buyers. We greatly appreciate your support and we extend to you our sincere gratitude.

More than twenty years of support from many individuals and companies are behind the National Museum of Roller Skating. The lives of grandparents, parents, daughters, sons and friends are celebrated in the museum in both quiet ways and lasting ways. When you make a gift to the museum, you and those you love are taking part in a vital tradition of generosity that will provide the sustaining support for the museum. Contributing to the museum would be giving back to the sport and business that has treated you so well and will help to preserve the life long work of so many individuals, including yourself, that have competed in or work in the roller skating community. It is a living testimony to your life's work and would bring appreciation and recognition for you and your business. Please consider including the museum in your Will, Living Trust, Gift of Property or to name the museum as beneficiary of an insurance policy or IRA.

Recent Donations

Ampersand, Paris, France, *videotape of documentary "Rollers" on inline skating*

Annelle Anderson, Fort Worth, Texas, *American Heart Association "Skate for Heart" clothing and accessory items*

Coca-Cola, Cincinnati, Ohio, *pen given out to delegates attending the 2003 RSA Convention tradeshow*

Chester Fried, South River, New Jersey, *Moonlight Rollerway Skating Center rink sticker*

Richard Hawkins, Lincoln, Nebraska, *newspaper clippings, magazines, photo album, program, archival items, pins, key chains, patches, toy, banner and posters*

Cecelia Kelley, Bloomfield, Michigan, *2003 Great Lakes Artistic Regional Championship program and pin*

Fred Nash, Fort Wayne, Indiana, *items from Korte Paper using Roller Roo and Kookie Bird and other party themes on party supplies*

Joe and Nancie Nemanich, Zanesville, Ohio, *archival collection of Roller Skating Rink Operators Association items*

Stephen Press, Englewood, New Jersey, *rubber stamps from the Paramus Roller Dance and Figure Club*

Don Ritchie, Denver, Colorado, *1991 National Junior Olympic videotapes*

Roller Skating Association, Indianapolis, Indiana, *"Skating Center Games Book"*



Gerald Sabol/SunRamp Solutions Inc, Duluth, Minnesota, *models of SunRamps and associated archival product information*

Bonnalyn Salomons, Lincoln, Nebraska, *circa 1973 Chicago custom men's skates used in a local rink*

Southwest/Pacific Region-USA Roller Sports, Redwood City, California, *2003 Gold Skate Classic program*

Rod and Duane Trembath, Auckland, New Zealand, *programs from New Zealand Roller Sports Championships and a ticket and poster from a New Zealand rink*

Randy Utterback, Lincoln, Nebraska, *circa 1974 tennis shoe quad skates*

Wally Vestecka, Lincoln, Nebraska, *one pair of Globe street skates with skate key and original box*

Deborah Wallis, Lincoln, Nebraska, *items given out to exhibitors during the Roller Skating Association's 2003 Convention and items give to attendees at the convention's tradeshow*

Featured Exhibit

Stuck on Stickers

With the rise in popularity of both competitive and recreational roller skating in the first half of the 20th century, came an increase in the sales of roller skates and their accompanying skate boxes. Although some skate boxes came with decoration, many skaters found it fun to further adorn their cases with stickers that were collected from various roller rinks across the country. It was also an easy way for someone to make their skate box distinguishable from all the others. A hobby that has been compared to stamp collecting, the collection of roller rink stickers became a passion for many skaters, so much so that a sticker exchange club was formed in 1948. A variety of sticker styles existed ranging from simple one-color images to intricate multi-colored designs. Some rink owners chose to utilize a stock image for their sticker then add the individual rink name and address to the existing image, while other rink owners chose to create unique stickers with designs and slogans specific to their rink. A rink may have had several different stickers. During

World War II many rink owners chose to promote the



Stickers from rinks in Michigan, Minnesota and Ohio.

purchase of war bonds with patriotic rink stickers. The National Museum of Roller Skating has hundreds of different rink stickers in its collection from all fifty states and various countries throughout the world.

URSSE

In 1948 the Universal Roller Skating Sticker Exchange (URSSSE) was founded. The URSSE was an organization that formed to bring together people with a common interest in collecting roller rink stickers and trading them with people across the country and the world. Members traded stickers exclusively with other members after stamping, typing or writing their name and



Introduction panels for the rink sticker exhibit.

address (and sometimes even the date) on the back of each sticker in their collection. Members would keep one or more copies of an individual sticker for themselves and trade any extras with other members through the mail. The name and address on the back of the sticker would let members know who had which sticker and where the sticker had been. The goal of most URSSE members was not necessarily to gather the most stickers, but to maintain diverse collections. A value collection consisted of stickers from all over the world including stickers with unique shapes, many colors and specialized designs. Since its inception the URSSE held annual conventions throughout the United States so that members could meet one another and exchange stickers. The first convention was held at the Gay Blades Roller Rink in New York City. These conventions were an integral part of the URSSE and continued to be held until July 29, 1989 when the URSSE officially disbanded.

Ed and Winnie Young's Skaters Reunion

Ed Young has played a part in the roller skating business for over 60 years. Ed and Winnie, his wife, have been in the roller skating business since 1938 with the Ventnor Athletic Center, Lake Lenape Park Skating Center, Mays Landing Roller Rink and Young's Regency Skating Center as managers, owners and skating coaches. They joined the Roller Skating Association in 1942 and Ed was named a lifetime member in 1998. Ed's wife Winnie has worked alongside him throughout his career as his life partner and head bookkeeper. In 1995 they both retired and sold the rink business to their daughter and son-in-law, Judy and Jim Link. Ed and his wife Winnie along with their three daughters, Judy, Hazel and Edwina have all played and continue to play a large role in the roller skating business at their rink in Mays Landing.

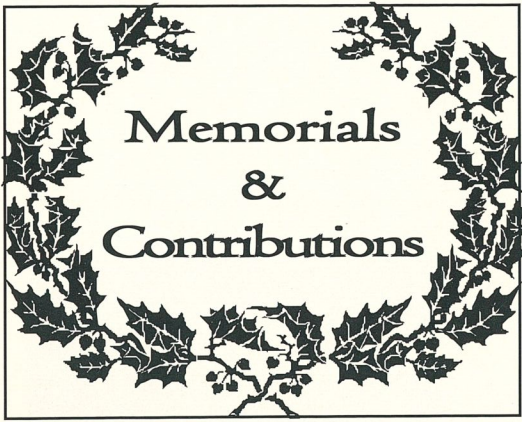
Ed and Winnie Young literally touched thousands of youth throughout their life's work, providing fun, caring and well-disciplined environment in their facilities and always inviting the youth into their skating family.

Judy and Jim Link will host a skater's reunion in honor of Ed and Winnie Young to be held on Saturday, August 2 from 4:30 pm to 9:30 pm. Interested skaters and retired skaters that skated at the Ventnor Athletic Club or Young's Skating Center in Mays Landing and who were familiar with Ed and Winnie Young asked to call 609/625-1191 and ask for Olivia or write Young's Skating Center, PO Box 988, Mays Landing, NJ 08330 for more information.

During the reunion the Winnie Young Memorial Scholarship Fund will be established with the goal to award it to competitive roller skaters that are currently attending college.



Ed and Winnie Young, 1948



Memorials have been received in honor of the following individuals:

For Charlotte Groves
From
Susan and James Means

For Donna LaBriola Peterson
From
Bob and Annelle Anderson and family

Contributions have been received by the museum from the following individuals and organizations:

Bob and Annelle Anderson and family donated to the museum the total amount collected from the sale of centerpieces from the Roller Skating Association's 2003 Life member dinner in May.

John Chrien, museum board member, graciously donated another 100 shares of BP Amoco stock to the museum. Over the past few years, John has given the museum 200 shares of BP Amoco stock in honor of his late wife Ruth.

In support of the museum, the Roller Skating Association's board of directors made a very generous contribution to the museum during their board meeting in May.

Thank you to all of our memorial donors and contributors. We gratefully appreciate your donations and support of the museum.

MEMORIALS

The Patron Memorial Plaque was created to honor those individuals who have contributed to the growth of roller skating as a sport, recreation or business. A plaque may be purchased for a minimum contribution of \$250. Please fill out the information below if you are interested. All other donations are recognized in the newsletter.

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Amanda is helping to spruce up the museum before Nationals with our annual cleaning of the exhibits.

The Museum has been fortunate this summer to have an intern. Amanda Ray, a graduate student in the Museum Studies program at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, is spending the summer volunteering in the museum. Amanda is a former high school teacher that enjoys the unstructured learning environments of museums. She is working on re-making our scavenger hunt activity that we do with our general museum kids tour as well as working on an exhibit on roller skating in the city of Lincoln. Amanda is also working on other educational activities that children and families could experience in the museum.

Membership

The National Museum of Roller Skating would like to thank these members who have either joined or renewed their membership with the museum since our last issue. Thank you for your support!

Patron (\$250)

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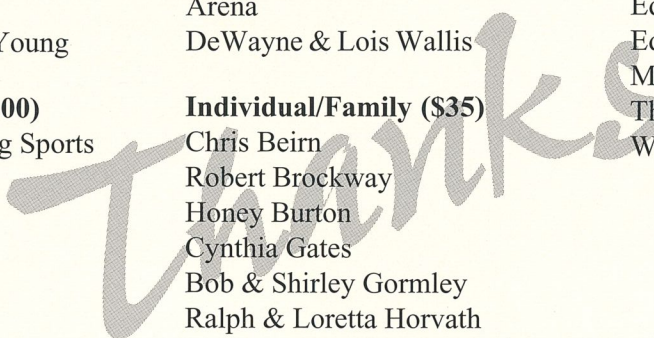
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*Also made an additional cash donation.

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Just For Fun

Can you complete this word scramble? Try to unscramble the 20 words associated with the 2003 National Championships. If you need some help, the answers are listed below the puzzle.

Word Scramble

- 1. cadne _____
- 2. srugife _____
- 3. elgssni _____
- 4. irspa _____
- 5. cnresipio _____
- 6. edpes _____
- 7. nielni _____
- 8. sqdau _____
- 9. ajm _____
- 10. knebda ctkar _____

- 11. ondroi _____
- 12. fehfuls _____
- 13. yhhmtr _____
- 14. etma _____
- 15. delma _____
- 16. trasat topnoisi _____
- 17. ptso ctwha _____
- 18. gjdue _____
- 19. fereere _____
- 20. alp _____

- Answers
- 1. dance
 - 2. figures
 - 3. singles
 - 4. pairs
 - 5. precision
 - 6. speed
 - 7. inline
 - 8. quads
 - 9. jam
 - 10. banked track
 - 11. indoor
 - 12. shuffle
 - 13. rhythm
 - 14. team
 - 15. medal
 - 16. start position
 - 17. stop watch
 - 18. judge
 - 19. referee
 - 20. lap

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