

Thank You 2021 CPDSA New and Renewing Members
The CPDSA thanks these current 2021 members whose generosity allows us to keep rolling.

Table with 5 columns listing members: L L and Kay Gifts and Confection LLC, In Loving Memory of Alan Anders, Tanya Valle, Beatriz Pelaez-Martinez, Flourish Klink; Elizabeth Hurst, Betty Gonzalez, Nina Kulmala, Richie Spivack, Froilan Sunga; Ida Dupont, Leila Carbonell, Nancy Nacim Valdes, Rena Zager, Ute Kammerert; Robert Mattias, Lawrence Simmons, Lynna Davis, Kristen Dumanski, Bobby Morales; Heidi Schmidt, Sylvie Shaffer, Chris Burchsted, Connie Reynolds, Steve Antoniewicz; Vino Vinehaus, Robert Mattias, Rebecca Zaretsky, Chantal Dance, Tirissa Reid; Dalys 'Panama' Torres, Ileana Adamos, Dave Britton, Marisela Bolanos, Iman Barkhordari; David Britton, Kate Bieger, Ida Dupont, Robbin Ziering, Julio Collazo; Vino Vinehaus, The Mobile Notary, Viviane Tubiana, Regine Gilbert, Liza Chiu; Tom Goddu, Concierge, LLC, Val Brochard, Richard Epstein, Robert Sherman; Neil Meredith, Courtney Davis, Kyle Garne, Roz Reich; Suzi Soloway-Anders, Edna Davoll.



Fernando and Danuta



Young Sisters



Lillian

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CPDSA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name _____ Date ____/____/____ Member # _____

Work or Cell Phone _____

E-mail _____

Contribution:

☐ \$26 ☐ \$50 ☐ \$100 ☐ Other _____

☐ New Member ☐ Renewal

Please make a copy of this membership application and mail it, along with your contribution, to the CPDSA address below. You can get additional applications and more information from our staff members at the CPDSA Skate Circle, located mid-park, just west of the bandshell. To find us, enter Central Park at East or West 72nd street on weekend days between 3 and 7 PM and walk along Terrace Drive toward the center of the park. Listen for our dance music, you'll find us.

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DJ SCHEDULE

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

05/29 SATURDAY DJ Stormin' Norman
05/30 SUNDAY DJ KL
05/31 MONDAY DJ Q

06/05 SATURDAY NO SKATING
06/06 SUNDAY DJ Big Bob

06/12 SATURDAY DJ Dracula
06/13 SUNDAY DJ Duce Martinez Puerto Rican Day Parade

06/19 SATURDAY NO SKATING -> Adventures in NY
06/20 SUNDAY SKATING DAY Father's Day

06/26 SATURDAY DJ Stormin' Norman
06/27 SUNDAY DJ Frankie D

THE CENTRAL PARK SKATE CIRCLE

takes place most Saturdays, Sundays and major holidays in 2021 from April 10th through October 31st. The music plays from 2:45 pm to 6:45 pm, weather permitting.

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NOTE OF CORRECTION ON PAGE 2
On 6/1/21, caption under first photo from top left was corrected to read "Fiordaliza."

Boom Year For Roller Skating

The Pandemic may have been a boon to rollerskating. During that year of homebound social distancing and lack of exercise, roller skates were a passport out of the house. You could skate on your own or with a friend and feel free. It helped a lot of young people ride out months back in their parents house after losing the freedom and autonomy they would have had at college or in their own apartment.

Skating was covered in the media, which fed the resurgence. Skate companies started running out of stock. A lot of people started skating or took it up again.

In San Francisco, David Miles and his friends and followers are anticipating the work slated to begin the first week in June to add larger space with a smooth well maintained surface, dedicated to roller skating in Golden Gate Park. The official grand re-opening of the Venice Beach Skate Dance Plaza is scheduled to reopen on July 14; the area will be wider with a brand new smooth surface. Pammy and her skate friends are really happy.

Other parks around the USA are opening or improving roller skating areas for this

joyful and healthful activity. It is especially helpful for those of us who want to lose the weight that a year of COVID-19 inactivity added to our body. Roller skating is a workout that doesn't feel like work.

Central Park is not completely left out of the improvements to skating areas in parks around the Nation. Funds were allocated by Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer, for resurfacing the area in Central Park where we skate. That appropriation was made in the summer of 2020, just before the worldwide pandemic ruined a lot of plans.

Having the Skate Circle resurfaced with a smooth recreational surface would be a major improvement for us. It is a dream we have had since the very first years of the CPDSA and all through the twenty five years we kept dance skating alive in New York. Even when the asphalt was new, it was a little coarse, now it is pretty rough.

Right now, we are holding our breath, we're cautiously optimistic that the work will be done before the end of this year, but maybe we are dreaming. If we are, at least it is a good dream.



Skate Family—2021 Opening Day

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Fiordaliza



Curtis & Tanya



Edna

SKATERS, DO YOU HAVE SKILLS THAT COULD HELP THE SKATE CIRCLE?

...Or just someone genuinely willing to be a part of the group that keeps the skate circle rolling? Would you like to contribute stories or photos for consideration in our next newsletter?

Please contact: info@cpdsa.org

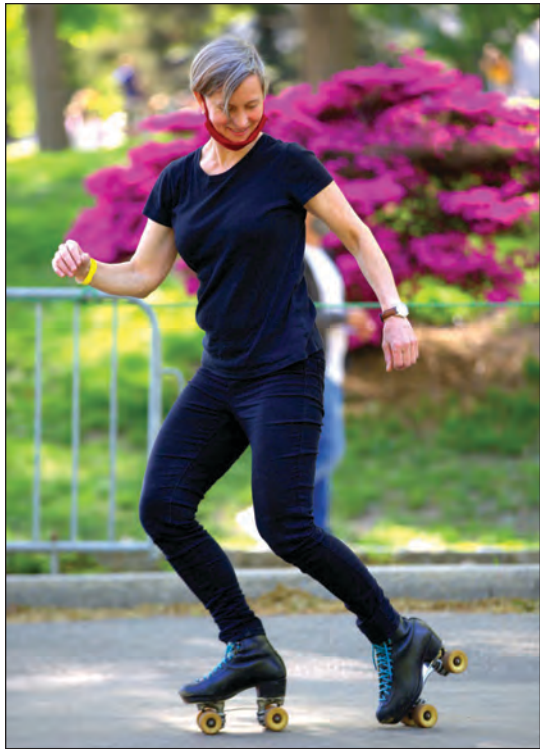


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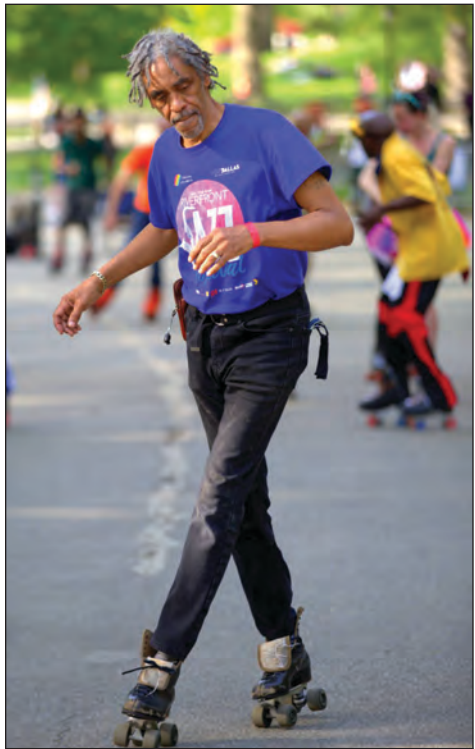
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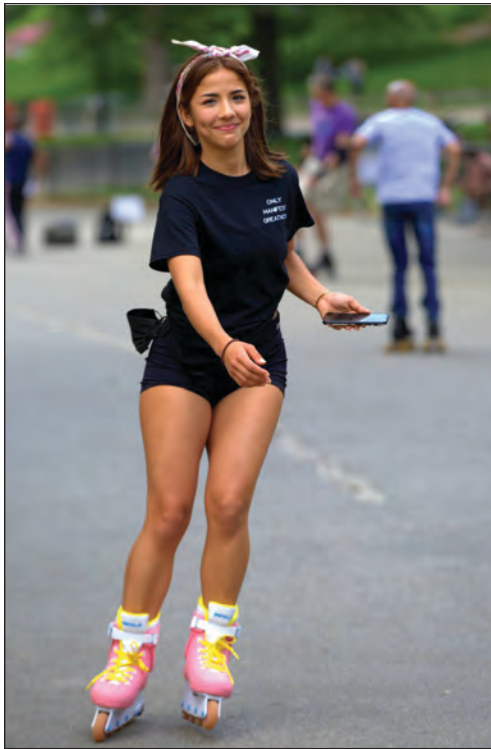
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Ida



Paul



New Skater

The View from Skaters Road

by Bob Nichols, President, CPDSA

This is the first Newsletter we have published since October of 2019, just before the whole world turned upside down and our lives turned inside out. As 2019 ended, the CPDSA was making plans for the 2020 season: a new compact sound system; a revamped CPDSA.org website and the Skate Circle finally getting a smooth recreational surface.

In March of 2020, the brakes went on and everything went into a slow motion lockdown. One could stand in the middle of 8th Avenue at 56th Street at the traditional rush hour and not see a car for miles. Refrigerated trucks were lining up next to hospitals for the victims. A few of us would venture out to the park to skate in our own socially distancing manner.

By mid March of 2020, our Special Events permit applications were pending and our webmaster was finally available to revamp our site after having to take care of personal issues due to the pandemic. Things didn't look so bad. Then our permits were put on hold and the new NYC COVID-19 Protocols were announced, putting up hoops for us to jump through and setting them on fire. It was a lot for us to handle and provide a safe environment. The park reverted to its original native state with DJs competing and no rules.

This year, we have been rolling out slowly, but we are back. Our engineer, Chris Burchsted, put together a new version of our main system, a small efficient Class D Amp and our FM transmitter that sends a signal to the outlying speakers. We also added new lighter Lithium Ion batteries which are easier to transport. It's a stripped-down modular system that works with individual DJs' equipment, and it sounds good.

Our webmaster, Val Brochard has given our website a total makeover. It is now up and running. Bob Dea's new weekly photographs are being uploaded automatically so check it out. We plan to showcase more videos, so skaters, start making them! Skating is the thing, it's what we do and who we are. That's why we

are here and keep coming back.

There is a natural pushback from those with whom we share the Skate Circle: the non-skating dancers and those who just hang out. We bring order and organization to make a 200-foot stretch of road into a well-functioning skating rink with a separate area for dancing off skates, hooping, flagging and other cool feats of physical motion in time with the music. Unfortunately, a few of those dancers refuse to dance in their dedicated area.

Please know that we have worked out this tactic after years of having onlookers run into the center of the rink to dance with us, causing dangerous situations with skaters who are not all experts. We created a good place to roller dance and keep the skaters safe and we try to keep the good vibe, the easygoing atmosphere that we strive for at the Skate Circle.

The most important thing right now, is for us to keep the Circle rolling. WE NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS to help us with the gear. It's not complicated, but there are a few nuances to putting the antenna together. The more of you who are interested in helping and understanding the way it all fits together with the DJs' gear, the more secure we will be knowing we have a competent crew.

We also need a few people to help at the beginning of the day and when we pack up. IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE THE SAME PEOPLE who open and close. IF EVERYONE GIVES A LITTLE OF THEIR TIME—whatever they are comfortable with—the easier it gets for all of us volunteers.

Right now, the first two goals we set for ourselves have been accomplished: the equipment and the website. Now it is up to the city whether we get our new recreational surface. City funds have been allocated and the project is waiting for final approval.

The Skate Circle Lives!



DJ Rob Scott



DJ Frankie D



DJ Jay Stewart