

## USA Roller Sports Figure Sport Committee Bios



**Name:** Ed Harney (Chairman)

**USARS Title:** Figure Sport Committee Member

**USARS Year Debut:** 1966 as a Juvenile D speed skater

**Hometown:** Originally from Barrington RI, now resides in Antelope CA

**USARS Accomplishments:** Figure National Meet Director, "B" Figure Judge, "A" Figure Referee, and International Rink Hockey Referee. National Champion in Esquire A Team Dance/Solo Dance/Figures, National Rink Hockey Gold Medalist and selected to US Olympic Sports Festivals, 2004-as Referee, 2005-as player w/Bronze medal team.

**When not working on USARS Figure Committee work, you can find me doing:** Spending time with my wife Twiggy, playing hockey and cards with my buddies, shopping with my daughter, golfing with my son, and cheering on New England Patriots and Boston Red Sox.

**Coollest Skating Item:** Items from both U.S. Olympic Sport Festivals in St. Louis and Denver.

**Favorite USARS Memory:** Anytime I've stepped on the floor, either as a skater, a Coach or a Meet Director at Nationals, feeling the energy and excitement of all those around me. Indescribable.

**What makes USARS great:** The hard work done day in and day out by everyone involved in the sport, such as Coaches, Officials, office staff, the skaters and those families that support them.

**5 Fun Facts about me:** **1.** I've competed in Rink Hockey, Speed, and Figure at Nationals. **2.** Love to eat. **3.** Love to laugh. **4.** Enjoy watching just about any sport. **5.** Don't have a bucket list yet.



**Name:** Doug Adams

**USARS Title:** Figure Sport Committee Member (Vice-Chair)

**USARS Year Debut:** 1962 Freshman team dance, figures, singles skater. Later skated free dance and pairs.

**Hometown:** Lafayette, California; currently reside at South Jordan, Utah

**USARS Accomplishments:** Figure Sports Committee member, officer Northwest Pacific Region, Teacher-of-the-Year with Diane Adams in 2013, 3<sup>rd</sup> ranked club at Pan American Clubs Championships 2015 and 2016, trained over 50 National champions, trained several RSA Gold Medalists, judge, Advanced Certified coach in Artistic, Certified coach in speed, coached hockey and derby, top ranked club in Southwest Pacific Region in figures and loops 2013-2017, top ranked freestyle club 2015 in California.

**When not working on USARS Figure Committee work, you can find me doing:** Dojo owner of Utah Shorin-ryu Ota-kai karate dojo, instructor in Matsubayashi-ryu under Eihachi Ota, instructor of traditional Okinawan weapons; play pickle ball, published author of 4 books and numerous smaller works on genealogy; enjoy hiking, camping, RVing; owner of 11 rental units; work on technical team at church.

**Coolest Skating Item:** Have had the same skates for the last 40 years

**Favorite USARS Memory:** I was lying on the lobby floor at the auditorium in Bakersfield, California in 1967 when they announced the finalists in Sophomore (formerly Novice) team dance after having survived 4 elimination groups (132 dance teams), 2 quarterfinal groups (top 48 teams), and 1 semi-final group (top 24 teams) to qualify for the final against John Lehni (1<sup>st</sup>), Mike Fleming (3<sup>rd</sup>) and don't remember 4<sup>th</sup>. My partner and I got 2<sup>nd</sup>, but the most memorable part was when they announced that we made the final.

**What makes USARS great:** I'm still in this sport after 58 years because it's still a challenge and still brings a smile to my face. I think it's the people and the relationships that make this sport great.

**5 Fun Facts about me:** **1.** Owned and operated Skate City Ukiah, California from 1981 to 2017. **2.** Diane and I have been married 31 years. **3.** Father of 5 children and 2 grandchildren. **4.** Currently writing book #5 entitled *Double Agent: Dr. Samuel Adams*, about my 5<sup>th</sup> great-grandfather who was a spy. **5.** Graduated college from University of California, Berkeley, and attended John F. Kennedy University, Cal State University Hayward, Santa Rosa Junior College, Diablo Valley College, Mendocino College, planning courses at Salt Lake Community College.



**Name:** David J. Adamy II

**USARS Title:** Figure Sport Committee Member, Membership & Eligibility Committee

**USARS Year Debut:** 1966

**Hometown:** Centreville, VA

**USARS Accomplishments: National competitor in Figures, Freestyle, Pairs, Team Dance.** National placements and wins in Figures and Team Dance. RSA proficiency gold medalist in Team Dance, International Team Dance and Freestyle. Southern Regional Skater of the Year for 87 season. Southeast Region Hall of Fame. Northeast Region Achievement Hall of Fame. USA Roller Sports commissioned judge, referee, tabulator. Internationally commissioned judge, referee and calculator. National judge, referee and announcer. USA Roller Sports Meritorious Service Award.

**When not working on USARS Figure Committee work, you can find me doing:** Color Guard for Sons of the American Revolution, reenacting with the 1<sup>st</sup> Virginia Regiment of the Continental Line, Shotokan Karate, genealogy

**Cooler Skating Item:** too many items

**Favorite USARS Memory:** 1987 Nationals...1<sup>st</sup> Classic Team Dance, 1<sup>st</sup> Classic Mens Figures, and dance partner won Classic Womens Figures.

**What makes USARS great:** It is one giant family

**5 Fun Facts about me:** 1. Love history & Genealogy 2. Photography both camera and with drone 3. Boston Red Sox 4. Washington Capitals 5. Sailing



**Name:** Chris Baerg

**USARS Title:** Figure Sport Committee Member

**USARS Debut:** 1955 Nationals in Junior Fours (we won)

**Hometown:** Originally from Westchester, California. Currently living in Rossmoor, California

**USARS Accomplishments:** Elite Certified Coach; Inducted into the Coaches Hall of Fame in 2007; USA Olympic Committee Developmental Coach of the Year for Roller Sports (2010); Coached skaters at 14 World Championships in freestyle, pairs, and solo dance; Coached solo dance skaters who earned 4 Gold Medals, 1 Silver Medal, 2 Bronze Medals at the World Championships and a pairs team who received the Silver Medal at the World Games; Past President of the SRSTC.

**When not working on USARS Figure Committee work, you can find me doing:** Real Estate; going to my grandsons sporting and school events; traveling; and playing with Sadie, our Black Lab.

**Cooler Skating Item:** My souvenir shirt from my first World Championships in Bucaramanga, Colombia (1995). It has a few holes, but I won't part with it.

**Favorite USARS Memory:** Attended and coached Nicole Leonard Fiore at the 2010 World Championships in Portimao, Portugal when she won her fourth consecutive Gold Medal.

**What makes USARS great:** There are people involved who still have passion for our sport.

**5 Fun Facts about me:** **1.** I have my Gold Medal proficiency test in American Dance. **2.** Started skating when my Kindergarten teacher told my parents that I needed an outlet for all of my energy. **3.** Would love to go zip lining. **4.** Competed in the first Gold Skate Classic. **5.** I am very superstitious in all things involving roller skating.



**Name:** Joyann Barber

**USARS Title:** Figure Sport Committee Member (Athlete Representative)

**USARS Year Debut:** 2001

**Hometown:** Highland, CA

**USARS Accomplishments:** 6-time World Team member (2012, 2013, 2015–2018) in both Junior Freeskating, Senior Freeskating, and Quartet. I've earned 17 National medals across freeskating, figures, loops, and show events. I also have earned my RSA Gold Medal in both figures and freeskating.

**When not working on USARS Figure Committee work, you can find me doing:** Working in the lab at UCLA as a chemistry grad student, going to Disneyland, or spending time with my boyfriend, friends, and family.

**Cooler Skating Item:** Items from both U.S. Olympic Sport Festivals in St. Louis and Denver.

**Favorite USARS Memory:** Being told I qualified for the World Team my first year was so surreal, and then to top it off, that year's Worlds was an incredible experience and my favorite year so far!

**What makes USARS great:** The tight knit group of people that I have come to be best friends with as a result of being a part of this organization and practicing day in and day out together!

**5 Fun Facts about me:** **1.** Ice cream is my favorite food **2.** Besides roller skating, both ice skating and gymnastics are my favorite sports and I absolutely love the Olympics! **3.** I'm currently studying to earn my PhD in chemistry at UCLA, and will be moving to San Diego in Summer 2019 after graduating. **4.** I love Disneyland and could never get sick of visiting. **5.** I love the zoo and elephants are my favorite!



**Name:** Anthony Berger

**USARS Title:** Figure Sport Committee Member

**USARS Year Debut:** Started skating in 1977, started coaching in 1987

**Hometown:** Originally from Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, now resides in Orlando, Florida

**USARS Accomplishments:** USARS Elite Coach, USA World Senior & Junior Team Manager 2013-2016, M.M. Shattuck Distinguished Service Award 2013, Southern Regional Championship Meet Director 2011-present, USOC Developmental Coach for Roller Sports 2003, International Roller Figure Skating Academy Figure/Dance Coordinator 2002-2003, Southern Region Coach of the Year (2014, 2010, 2004, 2001), Southern Region Artistic Vice President 2000-present, 7 students who were USA World Team members in figures, dance and pairs, 174 national championship placements by students.

**When not working on USARS Figure Committee work, you can find me doing:** Eating! I love traveling around the world finding new restaurants and discovering new cuisines.

**Cooler Skating Item:** Commemorative sports pins from various Olympics

**Favorite USARS Memory:** There are too many great memories but at the top of the list is when a student accomplishes their goals in skating through a combination of hard work, perseverance and a great attitude!

**What makes USARS great:** The passion that a diverse group of people bring to the sport that they love. Ultimately, we want to do what is best for our sport, honoring the legacies of the past while looking forward to the future.

**5 Fun Facts about me:** **1.** Achieved a Gold Medal in Figures & Loops (they were combined a hundred years ago).

**2.** Two national championship placements in figures. **3.** Competed in figures, dance & freestyle. **4.** Took ballroom

dance lessons. **5.** Choreographed a tango for a wedding.



**Name:** Curt Craton

**USARS Title:** Figure Sport Committee Member, USARS Membership Eligibility Committee Member, USARS Ethics Committee Member.

**USARS Year Debut:** 1965 as a Juvenile team dance and figure skater.

**Hometown:** New Orleans, Louisiana, now residing in Long Beach, California.

**USARS Accomplishments:** National Champion Junior (Freshman) Team Dance (1969), National Champion Senior Men's Figures (1978), National Champion Senior Team Dance (1979, 1982-1991, 1995), National Champion Junior World Class Team Dance (1993), USARS Athletes Hall of Fame (2000), National Champion Junior Team Dance (2007, 2009, 2011), National Champion Esquire Solo Dance (2012), National Champion Premier Silver Solo Dance (2012-2013), National Champion Esquire Team Dance (2013 & 2016), National Champion Premier Silver Team Dance (2017), National Champion Gold Division 2 Men's Figures (2018).

**When not working on USARS Figure Committee work, you can find me doing:** Running my law firm; Reading books on faith, philosophy, science, and math; Playing video games; Watching movies; Cheering for the New Orleans Saints, Los Angeles Kings, and L.A. Dodgers; Dining with family and friends; Supporting charities; Practicing at the rink as time permits.

**Coolest Skating Item:** Photo holding a former National challenge plaque for Junior (Freshman) Team Dance.

**Favorite USARS Memory:** The practice rink at the 1969 Nationals in Little Rock, AR, rolling up its metal side doors on all sides in response to a tornado warning.

**What makes USARS great:** USARS offers skaters the opportunity to develop athletic skills, build discipline, maintain good health, fulfill competitive goals, display good sportsmanship, and enjoy social relationships.

**5 Fun Facts about me:** 1. Angela and I have 25 pets. 2. We own a winery (Dark Star Cellars) in Paso Robles, CA. 3. My Scotch collection encompasses about 50 distilleries. 4. I love progressive rock music. 5. I am an eternal Optimist.



**Name:** Jessica Gaudy

**USARS Title:** Figure Sport Committee Member (Athlete Representative)

**USARS Year Debut:** 2002 Figure National Championships, J.O. 1B Solo Dance and J.O. 1B Figures

**Hometown:** Melbourne, FL

**USARS Accomplishments:** Dozens of National titles from 2002-present, including 2006-2008 National Champion in JWC Team Dance, 2013-2015 National Champion in WC Team Dance, and 2013-2017 National Champion in WC Ladies Solo Dance. Three-time World Medalist in Junior Team Dance (2006-2008). USARS Certified (AC2) Figure Coach. USARS "C" Figure Judge.

**When not working on USARS Figure Committee work, you can find me doing:** Skating, training off skates, coaching, choreographing, cutting music, doing course work, playing video games.

**Cooliest Skating Item:** I have a modern printing of *Henley's Manual of Roller Skating*, originally published in 1885. It contains diagrams and descriptions of all movements known to be performed on roller skates at that time.

**Favorite USARS Memory:** In 2005 I competed in five events, which is the most I ever competed in one season. I earned four gold medals and one silver medal, including my only two National medals in figures (silver in Freshman A Girls Figures and gold Open A Women Loops).

**What makes USARS great:** The volunteers that keep USARS going are some of the most dedicated people I have met. So many people donate their precious time to the sport they love while most also have full-time jobs elsewhere. The dedication of those volunteers is the most inspiring thing about USARS.

**5 Fun Facts about me:** 1. I rescued two cats, Sarge (born 2013) and Pumpkin (born 2018). 2. I have a B.A. in Digital Media from the University of Central Florida, and I am currently pursuing a B.A.S. in Software Development from Eastern Florida State College. 3. I like studying languages and am fluent in Spanish and intermediately proficient in Italian. Other languages I have studied include French, Portuguese, Mandarin Chinese, and Japanese. 4. At time of writing, I have attended 20 World Championships as either a spectator or competitor, including attending 15 consecutive World Championships since 2004. 5. I have channels on YouTube and Twitch where I record and stream video games as a hobby. My YouTube channel has accumulated over 2000 subscribers.





**Name:** Lawaun Modrich

**USARS Title:** Figure Sport Committee Member, Great Lakes Regional Representative

**USARS Year Debut:** 1968 Juvenile Team Dance

**Hometown:** Warren, MI, where I still live

**USARS Accomplishments:** first female chairperson of the Michigan Speed Coaches Assn (1984), achieved Advanced coaching status

**When not working on USARS Figure Committee work, you can find me doing:** Spending time with my husband Larry and my family, gardening in the summer, reading year-round

**Coollest Skating Item:** My test receipts from my first two RSROA figure tests in 1967.

**Favorite USARS Memory:** Skating Sr. Pairs at Nationals in 1972 against my heroes, the Robovitskys; having a skater qualify for the World Championships, every time I have a skater on the National floor (especially first-timers!).

**What makes USARS great:** People. People who understand the rich history of our sport, people who are working to revive it, people who work every day to help athletes reach their goals.

**5 Fun Facts about me:** **1.** I play the flute in a church Praise Band. **2.** I can ride a unicycle. **3.** I hold five licenses in personal finance. **4.** I've started writing a book. **5.** I started skating at 18 months old



**Name:** Janet Pavilonis

**USARS Title:** Figure Sport Committee Member and Finance Committee Member

**USARS Year Debut:** SRSTA and USARS Coach Since 1979

**Hometown:** Greenacres, Florida

**USARS Accomplishments:** Meet Director for the Americas Cup and other League and Invitational Meets

**When not working on USARS Figure Committee work, you can find me doing:** Seems all I do is work...and read and answer emails. My favorite thing to do is spend time with my family and friends

**Coollest Skating Item:** I have so many skating related items it would be impossible to choose one.

**Favorite USARS Memory:** My first sissy in 1981 Primary Girls Singles!

**What makes USARS great:** The skaters, the coaches, the Officials, the Staff in Lincoln, and the parents (supporters) make out sport great.

**5 Fun Facts about me:** 1. I love Roller Skating. 2. I have attended every National Championship since 1976. 3. I love Coaching Kids of all ages 2-80. 4. I spent the first 20 years of my coaching career focused on Singles and Pairs. 5. My Mother was my hero and my inspiration.



**Name:** John Peck

**USARS Title:** Figure Sport Committee Member

**USARS Year Debut:** 1973 speed and art skater

**Hometown:** Tinley Park, IL

**USARS Accomplishments:** 2014 Junior World Coach, 2018 Elite Figure Coach, I have coached over 300 National Champions in all disciplines, and 8 Placements at the World Championships.

**When not working on USARS Figure Committee work, you can find me doing:** Working at my business, Lynwood Sport Center, home of the Motion Picture Roll Bounce. Spending time with my family and watching sporting events Go Blackhawks, Bears, Sox, No Cubs! lol

**Coolest Skating Item:** Collecting Antique Skating Cases and Stickers displayed in our gaming room at the Rink.

**Favorite USARS Memory:** When my son, Tony Peck received his first medal at Worlds.

**What makes USARS great:** The amount of people around the country coming together to make our sport great.

**5 Fun Facts about me:** 1. Enjoy spending time with my grandchildren. 2. Teaching with my daughter Rachel. 3. Traveling with my wife Lori. 4. Enjoy watching Chicago sports with friends and family. 5. Eating Pizza.



**Name:** Jodee Viola

**USARS Title:** Figure Sport Committee Member

**USARS Year Debut:** 1976 Primary girls figures, freestyle and Juvenile team dance

**Hometown:** Born in Waltham, Ma., currently resides in Raynham, Ma.

**USARS Accomplishments:** 1988 National Bronze medalist & World Silver medalist. World Class team, 1989, 1990, 1991 U.S. & World Gold medalist World Class team. 2 time Olympic Sports Festival gold medalist, 1990 World Games Silver medalist & named Female athlete of the year by the U.S.Olympic Committee. 1991 Pan Am gold medalist & U.S. Sportsmanship Award recipient. 1995 Athlete Hall of Fame recipient. 2016-2019 Figure sports committee member. 2014-current Northeast regional chairwoman. 2018/2019 elected U.S. coach for world skate training

**When not working on USARS Figure Committee work, you can find me doing:** A million things that relate to being a skating teacher. I am also very actively involved in the lives of my five children and aside from that, am an avid Boston Sports Fan!

**Coollest Skating Item:** I have pieces of the National Floor from the 80's!

**Favorite USARS Memory:** Qualifying for the world team in my first year of World Class dance! Totally unexpected!

**What makes USARS great:** So many significant coaches and officials who have dedicated their lives to perfecting their crafts and building champions on and off of the skating floor.

**5 Fun Facts about me:** **1.** Just before my World class career, I took a three year break from skating to play basketball, soccer and softball. **2.** I owned my own Interior Decorating business for 8 years. **3.** ny chance I get to sneak away from daily chores and work, I LOVE playing pool! **4.** I'm a musical theater geek! **5.** The Wizard of Oz is my all time favorite movie.