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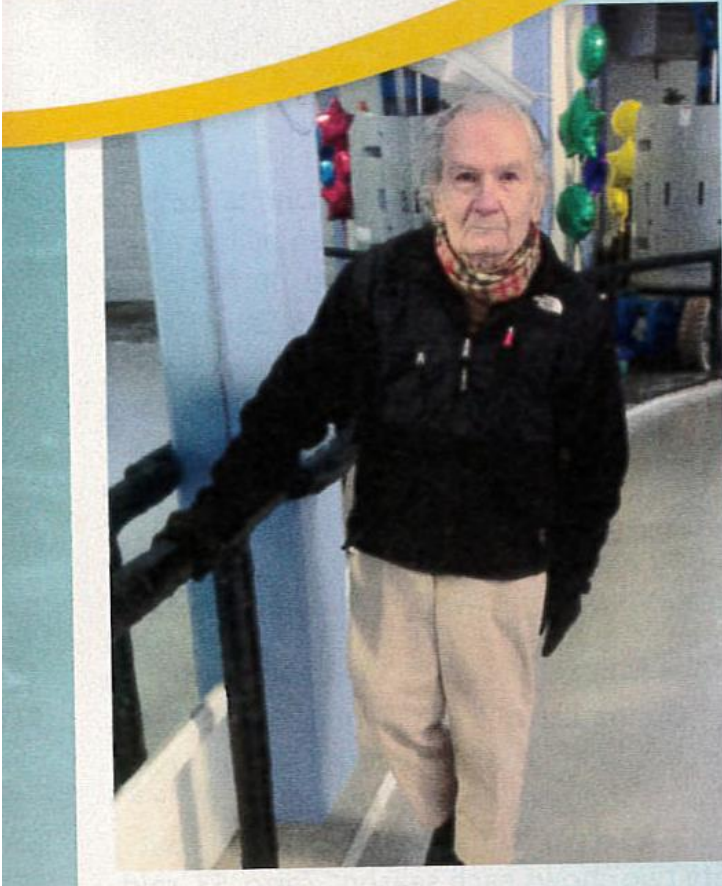


Figure skating really is a lifetime sport. Just ask Art Tatios, who celebrated his 90th birthday in December at the Philadelphia Skating Club and Humane Society in Ardmore, Pennsylvania. He joined the Philadelphia Skating Club in 1947 after making the switch from roller skating, and has been on the ice ever since. He was devoted to ice dance and took his last test in 1957. These days he spends four mornings a week sharing the ice with adults of all ages. He spends a fair amount of time off the ice chatting, too, he said. Tatios is always ready to help skaters with tips and talk about figure skating. He's also a regular at the Saturday teas and exhibitions and other social events at the club. In mid-December, skaters from near and far gathered for a luncheon at the rink to celebrate his birthday. When asked what motivates him to keep skating, he simply said, "I never found that I couldn't do it anymore." Tatios is truly an inspiration and a reminder that skating is a wonderful activity at any age.