



2016 ANNUAL REPORT



MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRWOMAN

It's hard to believe, but the CT RollerGirls has officially closed out its first decade. When the original skaters gathered together to form Connecticut's first roller derby league in 2006, I imagine that some of them wondered if the sport would survive, let alone thrive. Well, I hope I speak for everyone — including those original athletes *who are still skating with us!* — when I say that we are so proud of what CTRG has accomplished over the past 10 years.

In many ways, the evolution of CTRG has kept pace with roller derby as a whole. Once an underground sport that achieved notoriety more for its spectacle than for its athletic value, women's flat-track derby today is full of some of the most dynamic female athletes in the world. As the more outrageous parts of roller derby have faded (penalty wheels, anyone?) in exchange for CrossFit routines and nutrition plans, the sport has forged an identity that is unlike any other — and CTRG is pleased to be part of this continuing progression.

In addition to looking back on where we've been, it's also important for us to look toward the future. Under the guidance of our Coaching and Training staff, the skill level of our league has continued to improve. Earlier this year, some of our league's junior skaters attended their first scrimmage to great success. And the Connecticut All-Stars, our travel team, continues to look for opportunities to improve its WFTDA rankings.

In July, we awarded our annual Cindy Luberto Scholarship for Women Athletes to Teyah Green, a member of the Brien McMahon High School class of 2016 where she served as the senior captain of the track team. Though there were many worthy applicants, we were inspired by Teyah's description of how athletics transformed her from a shy freshman to a confident leader.

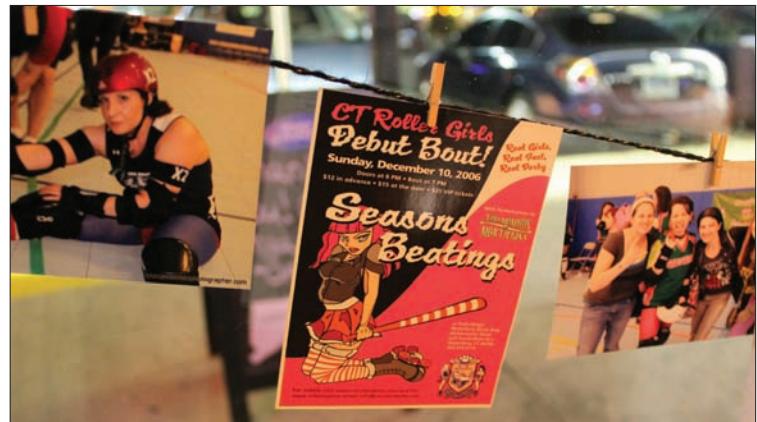
Looking inward, CTRG once again closed out the year on firm financial footing. Though our end-of-year balance decreased from the previous year, we ended with \$15,125, which is enough to responsibly meet both routine and unforeseen expenses.

Furthermore, our relationship with our bout venue, InSports in Trumbull, Conn., remains strong. The sports center and its staff continue to be welcome partners in bringing Connecticut roller derby to area crowds.

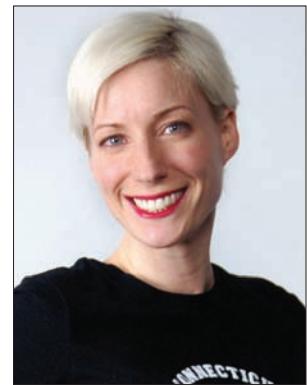
Finally, it wouldn't be a 10th anniversary celebration without a party. At the beginning of October, skaters, volunteers, and officials — past and present — gathered at the Orange Ale House for an evening of laughs, embarrassing photos, and a tribute to all we've built together. The first 10 years are behind us; now we look ahead toward an incredible future.

Sincerely,

Crystal "VelociSlapHer" Cassetori



(Clockwise from far left) Photo booth fun at CTRG's 10th anniversary party. • A flyer from CTRG's first bout, Dec. 10, 2006, is surrounded by photos from throughout the league's history. • Michele "Black Cherry" Peruzzi cuts an anniversary cake while Jennifer "C. Mya Rage" O'Brien goofs around.



BY THE NUMBERS

2016 End-of-Year League Membership

Active skaters:	36
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Volunteers:	08
Rookies/transfers:	06
Officials:	08

2016 End-of-Year Treasury Balance



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Always Excavating ♦ Boys and Girls Club of Milford
Connecticut Men's Roller Derby ♦ The Cookie Jam ♦ DeMatteo Legal Solutions
DJ Lokash ♦ The Girl Spot ♦ ENCON ♦ The Hampton Inn, Milford
Hardcore Sweet ♦ Hello Sweetie Bake Shop ♦ Much Kneaded Wellness Therapies
OEM Sources ♦ Orange Ale House ♦ Pabst Blue Ribbon ♦ Shock & Awe Smoke Shop
Sports Center of Connecticut ♦ Subway ♦ The Sweet Spot ♦ Tony's Bikes
True Health Family Chiropractic ♦ Whitie Bensen

2016 BOARD MEMBERS

Chairwoman: Crystal Cassetori
Vice-Chairwoman: Amie Aragones
Treasurer: Kayla Brasile
Secretary: Becky Wescott



Founded in 2006, the CT RollerGirls is a skater-owned, skater-run organization and 501(c)(3) non-profit whose mission includes: operating as a financially sustainable non-profit, all-female flat track roller derby league that fosters community, sportswomanship, and athleticism; representing the state of Connecticut in the Woman's Flat Track Derby Association (WFTDA) in local, regional, national, and international competition; serving as a role model to girls of all ages through its strength, health, and diversity; and instilling a sense of family, loyalty, hard work, and competitiveness in all of its skaters.