

Ice Returns June 30!

# Fort Dupont Ice Arena

The Coolest Place To Be In Washington, DC

June 2014

# Rink Roundup



## Glide Into Summer With Us

### FDIA Plans Unique Summer Activities For Kids

The excitement is building as we prepare to re-open with summer programs that are sure to create unique, long lasting memories. **There is still time and space** for children aged 7-16 to **register** and attend one or more sessions of FDIA's week-long summer camps.

In addition to our popular Summer Skating School and Figure Skating Camp, two new camps are being offered this year, **Synchronized Skating** and **Ice Dancing!** All camps are co-ed, and include on and off ice activities that are both healthy and fun. Summer Skating School is open to skaters of all levels, while other camps have skill requirements to ensure a positive experience for everyone. Details and forms are available on our website, [www.fdia.org](http://www.fdia.org) under the programs tab.

In July, FDIA chaperones will accompany several KOI skaters as they travel overseas to attend ice hockey camp — in Israel! This opportunity was made possible through a partnership with the Canada Israel Hockey School in Metula, Israel and funded by generous FDIA supporters. The group will visit historic sites and nearby cities, float in the Dead Sea, swim in the Mediterranean Sea and improve their hockey skills. FDIA has applied for a grant to fund future cultural exchange opportunities with Israel. Look for updates in future issues.

Finally, the community gardens out back continue to flourish. The harvest forecast is looking bountiful! Be sure to stop by and check out what's growing.

## Fourth Consecutive Year!

### KOI Speedskater Dominates at National Competition



Congratulations to former KOI skater Maame Biney who recently won her fourth national age group short track speedskating championship.

A Reston, VA native, Maame laced her first pair of skates at the young age of 5 after signing up at her local rink for figure skating lessons. Her coaches told her she was "too fast" and suggested she try FDIA's speedskating program. And the rest is history in the making.

Maame has dominated national competitions for the past 4 years and hopes to make the 2018 Olympic Team. Based on her times, her chances are more than good!

Maame continues to be a KOI supporter, volunteering at FDIA whenever possible. We are so proud of all she has accomplished and look forward to cheering her all the way to PyeongChang, South Korea in 2018.



### Who Pays For Free KOI Lessons?

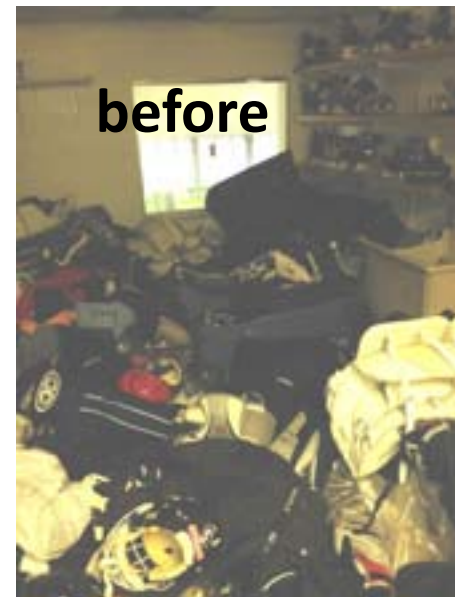
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### Dates To Remember

<b>June 19</b>	Make Donation to FDIA at <a href="http://www.DoMore24.Org">www.DoMore24.Org</a>
June 30—July 2	Synchronized Skating Camp
July 14-18	Figure Skating Camp; Summer Skating School Week 1
July 28—Aug. 1	Summer Skating School Week 2
Aug. 11—16	Ice Dancing Camp Summer Skating School Week 3

Public Skating Sessions will resume in July check [www.fdia.org](http://www.fdia.org) for dates & times

## VOLUNTEER NEWS



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### AU Women's Team Tackles Overflowing Equipment Room

Members of the American University Women's Hockey Team, pictured top right with student volunteer Manson Riley, recently converged on the hockey equipment room, sorting and organizing mounds of donated equipment in preparation for next season. The pictures tell it all...fantastic job! With luck, and lots of help from players and coaches alike, it will stay this way all season.



after

## Building Refreshed Inside and Out Capitals Fans Rally for Day of Service at FDIA

On Saturday, April 19, nearly 100 Washington Capitals fans joined defenseman Karl Alzner, mascot Slapshot, and members of the Red Rockers, for a day devoted to sprucing up FDIA inside and out. This is the 5th consecutive year that the group, organized by Elizabeth Wodatch of the Capitals and Monumental Sports & Entertainment Foundation, has come together to paint, wash, and generally tidy everything from the locker rooms to the parking lot. It's amazing how much they accomplished! Thanks to everyone who attended. We hope to see you again next year.



## FUNDRAISING NEWS

Free Doesn't Mean Without Cost

### How FDIA Funds Kids On Ice® Programs

For nearly 18 years the Friends of Fort Dupont Ice Arena (FFDIA) has been on a mission to enrich the lives of children by providing ice skating lessons, sports equipment and educational opportunities at little or no cost. And FFDIA has been highly successful, putting skates on more than 10,000 feet and watching KOI alumni go on to excel both athletically and academically in high school and college. Many of them would have never considered learning an ice sport were it not for our free programs.

Of course free doesn't mean without cost, and our programs don't pay for themselves. We rely on grants and donations to cover expenses inherent to free programs. Unfortunately, costs are going up, grant money is getting harder to find, and individuals that can afford to pay for programs they use often don't. "We are committed to our mission and are doing everything possible to raise enough money to support it," says Ron Slomski, Director of Fundraising. Ron may have contacted you recently about making a donation. We hope you will consider reaching deep and giving generously (see donor spotlight below).

There are many ways to make a donation: **mail a check**, make a secure, **online donation** at [www.fdia.org](http://www.fdia.org), use an employer sponsored giving program such as **United Way, CFC or America's Charities**, or give through the **Catalogue for Philanthropy**. In lieu of paying fees, parents are asked to make a **tax-deductible** donation when they register their children for KOI classes; and each year we host free events asking those that attend to make a donation at the door.

But the fact is, despite fundraising efforts we never raise enough money to support our programs. Which is why we sell the majority of our ice time to local schools and clubs—leaving less ice time for public skating and expanded programming.

We currently have about a dozen monthly donors but hope to see that number grow as more people make a commitment to support Kids On Ice®. We need everyone's help to keep our programs going and growing. So spread our story and ask your friends, employers and fellow skaters to join you in making a donation **today**.

**DONOR SPOTLIGHT**

We are honored to recognize **Stuart A. Freudberg**, who responded to our most recent fundraising letter by making one of the **largest, single, individual donation ever recorded** in our donor database! His enormously generous donation will be used to cover the expenses of skaters embarking on the upcoming Israel trip, and to bolster the Terri A. Lowenthal scholarship funds available to KOI program participants. Mr. Freudberg, we can't thank you enough!

Many thanks to the Foundations Corporations and Individuals who made donations last year. Look for your name on the 2013-14 Donor Wall coming soon  
Please continue to give ♥

*"For it is in giving that we receive."*  
— [Francis of Assisi](#)

Anticipated 2014-15 Expenses	
KOI Programs	\$287,000
Electricity	\$180,000
Insurance	\$20,000
Repairs/Maintenance	\$78,000
Cleaning Supplies	\$18,000
Skating Supplies/Equipment	\$15,000

**United Way's DoMore24 event raised \$4,135 for FDIA last year  
With your help on June 19, 2014 let's double it!**

**The Staff**

Ty Newberry—Executive Director/General Manger  
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**Have Your Party Here!**

If you're looking for a fun, affordable, and COOL way to celebrate a birthday, anniversary or special occasion, reserve our party room for the event. Available most Saturdays September—March., first come first served. A non-refundable fee of \$125 is required to make a reservation. The fee includes use of the party room for 4 hours, as well as admission and skate rental for 12 people to skate during the public skating session. Additional skating guests cost just \$5.00 each. There is no charge for non-skaters. Call 202-584-5007 or e-mail [jrrossi@fdia.org](mailto:jrrossi@fdia.org) for more information.

**NOW ACCEPTING RESERVATIONS FOR 2014-15 SEASON**





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Donate to FDIA on **JUNE 19** at [www.DoMore24.ORG](http://www.DoMore24.ORG)  
 A 24 hour fundraising event sponsored by United Way

**REGISTRATION OPEN FOR EXPANDED SUMMER CAMP PROGRAM !**

Forms available in the lobby and online at [www.fdia.org](http://www.fdia.org) ♥ All camps are co-ed

Now Offered  
 3 weeks



**11th Annual  
 Summer Skating School**

July 14-18  
 July 28—Aug. 1  
 Aug. 11—16

For all skill levels

Must be entering grades 2-8 in Sept.



**5th Annual  
 Figure Skating  
 Camp**

July 14-18  
 For basic 6 and up



**Just Announced**

**Ice Dancing Camp**

Aug. 11-16

For Freeskate 1 and up



**1st Annual  
 Synchronized  
 Skating Camp**

June 30—July 2  
 For Basic 3 and up

See registration forms for details!

Scholarship funds may still be available. Call for Information.

**Help Support Kids On Ice® With Your Tax-Deductible Contribution**



- \$50 Sponsors one child for an 8 week Learn to Skate session
- \$250 Sponsors two children for a year of KOI P.L.U.S.
- \$500 Sponsors for 60 students in our Schools Skate For Fitness Program
- \$1000 Covers the cost of 10 new pairs of skates
- \$\_\_\_\_\_ Any amount you can send today helps keep our programs going!

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Yes, please add me to your mailing list!

Please make checks payable to Friends of Fort Dupont Ice Arena and mail to 3779 Ely Place SE, Washington, DC 20019. Or, make a secure donation online at [www.fdia.org](http://www.fdia.org).