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KOI P.L.U.S. Enrollment Soars

Skating Skills Sharpened On And Off The Ice

Our Saturday morning Kids On Ice® Program started off strong this season, with a waiting list for fall basic skills classes for the first time ever! We are pleased to welcome more than 70 new students who are learning basic skills at FDIA with nearly 100 returning skaters. Our re-vamped P.L.U.S. programs, learn to play hockey, speedskating, advanced figure and synchronized skating, have seen a 40% rise in enrollments with over 100 students committed to training both on and off the ice. There has been a sharp increase in students taking both P.L.U.S. and Basic Skills Classes, bringing some families to the rink for more than 6 hours every Saturday morning. That's commitment!

Community Leaders Address Questions New Facility Plans Move Forward

The Friends of Fort Dupont Ice Arena is excited about the progress toward a new two sheet facility. There have been a number of meetings with the District of Columbia DPR and DGS, Kramer Consulting, Quinn Evans Architects, Sink Combs Dethlefs Architects and FDIA. Things are moving forward rather smoothly, and we are anticipating a rendering in the coming weeks. We are grateful for all the individuals who took the time to join us for a community meeting to share their ideas and support. A special thank you to FFDIA Board Members Vince Forte, David Julian and Willem Polak for their countless efforts, time and dedication to this project.



Off-Ice Training Coach, Joe Barlia, featured on page two, is working with our P.L.U.S. skaters to enhance strength, speed and agility skills and encourage daily physical training, nutrition awareness and good habits designed to boost both confidence and ability.

Special thanks to more than 25 volunteer coaches and skating instructors, and scores of parents who contribute their time week after week to keep everything running smoothly. We certainly couldn't do what we do without their help and dedication.



Figure Skating Competition benefits Kids On Ice®

Come watch figure skating's rising choreography stars as they compete to be named the champion of MK Young Artists Showcase 5 at FDIA on November 30 from 2-4pm. Special guests include Grammy winner MacKellmore's choreographer Anna Matuszewski as well as US Figure Skating Champions Madison Hubbell, Sarah Kawahara and Zachary Donohue and others to be announced. Competition finalists Anna Cobb and Katie Stewart will perform along with other nationally known artists. A panel of celebrity judges will select the winning performance. Other groups scheduled to perform include local

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EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Rink Roundup is pleased to spotlight the newest member of our programming staff, Off-Ice Coach **Joe Barlia**, pictured left. Every Saturday morning Joe works with our KOI P.L.U.S. students to *measure* and improve their speed, agility, balance, strength and endurance. A recent graduate of Rhodes College in Tennessee, the DC Native is currently awaiting acceptance into a physical therapy graduate school program. A lifelong Washington National's fan, Joe was a high school and college baseball player. He believes that every sport is more than what happens during play or practice on a field, court or ice. An athletes "grades, diet, exercise and sleep habits" all contribute to success, regardless of the sport you're playing, says Joe. Which perfectly aligns to our goal of teaching **Positive Living Using Skating**. Joe is being assisted on Saturdays by former KOI skater Tenaj Gueory, who is also working at Fort Dupont Ice Arena as a skate guard and weekend staff assistant.

GWU Freshman Give Day of Service to FDIA



More than 60 freshmen and student leaders from George Washington University converged at FDIA to complete a day of service on September 6. The volunteers did a great job weeding, raking, mulching and sweeping the grounds and parking lot, despite record high temperatures. Fortunately, we provided the best place in town to cool off between tasks. Thanks GW for including FDIA as one of your Service Day worksites. We hope to see you again next year.

MK Young Artists Showcase 5 Coming to Fort Dupont Ice Arena

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synchronized skaters from Team Ashburn, DC Edge and Fort Dupont Freedom, our very own, newly named Synchro team.

The guest list and details are still being finalized, but we will once again offer a Golden Ticket Package that includes an opportunity to skate with the stars. Last year dozens of people took advantage of this wonder-

ful opportunity and had an unforgettable time. Check our website for updates on the event and to order your Golden Ticket today. Admission at the door will be a suggested donation of \$20 per person. Watch for our e-mail updates and reminders, as well as a special edition of *Rink Roundup* with more details!

For now, mark your calendar and plan to join us!

✓ November 30, 2014

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 jrossi@fdia.org for more information.

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FUNDRAISING NEWS

'Tis the Season of Workplace Giving

Does Your Employer Support FDIA?

Each year, thousands of private and federal employers encourage employees to make charitable giving through automatic payroll deductions to United Way or The CFC (Combined Federal Campaign). Employers often limit the number of participating charities or recommend specific groups to which you can direct your donations. If your employer has a workplace giving program please ask them to include Fort Dupont Ice Arena in your program. For more information contact Ron Slomski, Director of Fundraising, rslomski@fdia.org or call 202-584-5007 ext. 21.

Capitals Players and Fans Gather at FDIA Brouwer Rangers Raise Big \$ for Kids On Ice®

Friends of the rink who stopped by on Saturday, September 6, including some of our learn to play hockey families, got to meet Caps star right wing Troy Brouwer, pictured right with his family, and the notorious Brouwer Rangers, who hosted a fabulous fundraiser to benefit Kids on Ice®. The event, heavily promoted by RMNB (The Russian Machine Never Breaks) raised nearly \$3,000 in just two hours! Lots of door prizes, donated by individuals and local businesses, were handed out and some truly unique items were offered in a silent auction. For example, one lucky person placed the highest bid and won a personalized voice mail greeting recorded by Caps Arena Announcer Wes Johnson. Go to <http://clvp.it/4py1k2u5> and listen to the recording — you'll wish you had been here to place that winning bid! Attendees snacked on Brouwer Pouwer Bars, Capscakes, Puck Bunnies, Craig Laughlin's Bouncing Biscuits and Karl Al-Linzer Tort Cookies from the bake sale table, while Troy and teammate Connor Carrick posed for pictures and signed autographs. Thanks to everyone who came out and supported Kids On Ice® at this marvelous event.



DONOR SPOTLIGHT



We are honored to spotlight **Bob McDonald** (pictured left) for his generous contributions of time, talent and \$\$\$ at the fundraiser hosted here September 6th by the Brouwer Rangers. Bob, the Anthem singer for the Washington Capitals, kicked off the event with a rousing rendition of the Star Spangled Banner **and** placed the highest winning bid on one of many silent auction items that helped raise money for Kids On Ice® programming. Thanks, Bob, for contributing to the success of this fun filled fundraiser. We appreciate your support.

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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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. using VISA, MasterCard or Discover



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Dates To Remember

Oct. 18	Holiday Show Registration Opens
Nov. 11	Veterans Day Public Skate 11 am—2 pm
Nov. 15	Winter KOI Registration Opens
Nov. 30	YAS Competition & Fundraising Event
Dec. 20	Holiday Show

Visit www.fdia.org for program information and public skating days/hours

Learn Your Favorite Ice Sport at Fort Dupont Ice Arena!



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Advanced Figure Skating



Synchronized Skating

Learn To Play Hockey



Speedskating