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April 2016











Fall Classes Begin September 10, 2016

Important Dates To Remember

April 17	Basic Skills Competition—Hagerstown Ice & Sports Complex
April 30	Basic Skills Competition –Capital Clubhouse, Waldorf, MD
June 5	Basic Skills Competition—Prince William Ice Center, Dale City, VA
July 11	Registration opens for Fall Basic Skills and KOI P.L.U.S. programming
July 11-15	Summer Skating Camp & Synchronized Skating Camp
July 25-29	Basic Skills Competition Team Camp & Speed Skating Camp

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Skaters Show Off Skills

FDIA Kicks Off Area Competition Series

Over 100 skaters participated in the 2016 Diversity Classic, competing in skills, compulsory, program, interpretive and speedskating events. We had a record number of Fort Dupont participants (77) and we had skaters come from as far as Virginia Beach and West Virginia. Also competing were skaters from Capital Clubhouse, Hagerstown Edge, Kettler Capitals Ice Plex, Tidewater FSC, and Prince William Ice Center. Special shout out to Ralliyah Self, a student at Cornerstone School, who participated in the Basic 2 elements event. She is the first participant in the Diversity Classic to come from our Schools Skate for Fitness program. She made FDIA and Cornerstone very proud. The next event in the series is on April 17 in Hagerstown. See you there!



A Capital Day at FDIA

Washington Team Provides Inspiration, Equipment and Fun For Kids

March 14 was a busy day at the Fort. The Washington Capitals arrived early for a full day of fun on the ice for DC area children. The activities began with the arrival of buses full of students eager to skate, many for the very first time. FDIA instructors worked with over 300 kids on basic skating skills. Many thanks to the Capitals for planning this fun event and providing extra equipment as well as transportation. Once the buses left, the day was far from over. Kids On Ice and Ft. Dupont Canons Hockey players were treated to a practice skate with Caps goaltender

Philipp Grubauer and forward Michael Latta. The players also posed for pictures and signed autographs! In addition MSE Foundation partner Leveling the Playing Field (LPF), whose mission is to give underprivileged children the opportunity to be involved in athletics, donated hockey equipment to Fort Dupont during the practice. This equipment was collected at several Capitals partner ice rinks during the course of the season. Thanks to everyone that made the event possible!



Now Accepting Camp Registrations



FDIA is excited to offer four different summer camp opportunities this year. In addition to Summer Skating Camp, now in it's 13th year, Synchronized Skating Camp returns for it's third summer. New this year, a Basic Skills Competition Team Camp, and Speedskating Camp! All camps are open to boys and girls entering grades 2-8. Some skill restrictions apply to Synchro and Basic Skills Competition camps.

All FDIA camps are led by highly qualified coaches and include both on and off-ice activities. Scholarships are once again available thanks to the Terri Ann Lowenthal "Kids Love To Skate" Fund.

For more information and registration forms visit our website www.fdia.org.

Synchro Sweetness

FDIA Fields Three Teams at Invitational

The Reflections Invitational was on February 15, 2016 at the Giant Center in Hershey, PA. We had 42 skaters over three teams compete in the Beginner 1, 2 and 3 divisions. Beginner 1 took 4th place skating to Cinderella, Beginner 2 took 2nd place skating to Blue Suede Shoes, and Beginner 3 took 3rd place skating to a swing medley including Sing Sing Sing. All teams had a great skate and wonderful experience bonding with their teammates. Congratulations **Dupont Freedom Skaters!**





KOI Alum Earns Scholarships

Huge congratulations to Katherine Baker, a former KOI skater and current Fort Dupont Canons Hockey player, who was recently awarded a \$10,000 college scholarship from the Monumental Sports & Entertainment Foundation — during intermission at a winning Caps

game at the Verizon Center no lesswhat an honor!

She also has been selected to receive a Scholarship from the NHL/Thurgood Marshall College Fund.

We look forward to hearing more of Katherine's future successes as she continues her education. Way to go KB! We couldn't be more proud of you. Katherine Baker with FDIA Exxecutive



Director Ty Newberry

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Donations Needed

Help Us Replenish Our Scholarship Fund

Our Terri Ann Lowenthal "Kids Love to Skate" scholarships are awarded on the basis of need to provide our participants an avenue to transform their lives and build brighter futures. Our summer programs are designed to help kids build character, instill leadership skills, and provide an appreciation of hard work through a multitude of on and off-ice activities.

Through your generous support we offered over \$30,000 in summer programming scholarships in 2015. As we continue to increase our impact on kids, alumni, and future Kids On Ice participants, we hope you will be able to help us achieve our 2016 summer scholarship goal of \$40,000.

We need your assistance to reach even more deserving kids and meet our ambitious goal! Your contribution to our summer programming effort will enrich each kid's experience and allow us to make an even bigger impact on our community.

Speedskating News



Congratulations to winners of the Kids On

- Snowflakes: Max Smudde
- Basic: Maya De Leon
- Hockey: Leo De Leon
- Speed A: Quinton Burns Speed B: Lyric Johnson
- Speed C: Devin Donker
- Speed D: Alessandro Topa
- Speed E: O'Conner Anderson III
- 26.2 Lap Skating Marathon: Speed: Nathaniel Casson Open: Maya De Leon

Congratulations to KOI Speedskater Nathaniel Casson, who won Ice Races, part of the 2016 Diversity Classic: the Shani Davis Trophy at the annual DC ICE-a-thon on March 13. Casson skated an impressive 208 laps in one hour, claiming the title held by former KOI Speedskater Henry Middlebrook, who won four straight years (2012-2015).

> KOI Hockey skater Noah Mitchell won the Open division with 155 laps, edging out defending champion Lawrent Chinhakwe, who skated 150.

> KOI Speedskater Lovell Walls, Jr. received the Kathy Cox Award for top fundraiser by raising \$325, narrowly edging out KOI Speedskater Alessandro Topa, who raised \$318! This year's ICEa-thon raised over \$2,000 for Kids On Ice!



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