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# Rink Roundup



Basic Skills

Advanced Figure Skating



Synchronized Skating



Learn To Play Hockey



Speedskating

## Important Dates To Remember

October 15-29	Holiday Show Registrations Accepted
October 29	Winter Session Registration Opens
November 12&19 / December 3	Holiday Show Rehearsals
December 10	Holiday Show Dress Rehearsal Winter Session Returning Student Registration Deadline
December 17	Holiday Show Winter Session New Student Registration Deadline
January 7	Winter Session First Day of Classes

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## Hockey, Speed, Advanced Figure & Synchronized Skating KOI PLUS Starts New Season

Nearly 150 students are enrolled in a KOI PLUS class this year to learn speedskating, ice hockey, advanced figure and synchronized skating. First on the ice each Saturday are our speed skaters who are led by head coach **Suliman Abdullah**. Coach Suliman has been speedskating here for many years and also works in the gardens out back for DC Urban Greens. Next up is Learn to Play Hockey under the direction of head coach and FDIA Board Member **Billy Bryant**. We are happy to partner this year with the NHL and the Washington Capitals who provided brand new equipment for players aged 8 and under that are new to the sport. Once the nets are cleared off the ice our Advanced Figure Skaters and Synchronized Skating Team members hit the ice under the direction of former FDIA Program Director **Leticia Moreno Enos**. The "Fort Dupont Freedom" Synchro teams are practicing hard in preparation for a return trip to Hershey, PA for a competition in February. We are very proud of all our PLUS skaters and extremely grateful for our wonderful coaches.

## FDIA Names New Program Director

Join us in welcoming our new Program Director, **Melissa Newberry**, pictured right. The former general manager of Capital Clubhouse in Waldorf, MD, Melissa brings more than 20 years of skating and management experience to the position. If you haven't already, please stop by the programming office and say hello.



Melissa Newberry



## Fall Program Enrollment Soars Basic Skills Classes Filled to Capacity

Kids On Ice Learn To Skate classes began September 10th with a record number of students. Snowplow Sam through Basic 6 skaters get instruction from a great group of coaches pictured below. We can hardly wait for the holiday show on December 17th when they will show off the skills they have mastered. A special shout out to **Shelly Harris** and **Gloria Harris** who, along with daughter/granddaughter **Taniya Holton** routinely staff the registration table each week, making sure everyone gets checked in and on the ice or their lessons. Registration forms for Winter classes that begin in January starts at the end of October.



Basic Skills Instructors pictured above from left to right: Phillip Chu, Henry, Richardson, Abbey Hable, Lia Cattaneo, Meredith Simon, Megan King, Alex Allen, Cleo Rothman, Mitch Grunes, LTS Head Coach Mary Khandaker, and Tenaj Gueory. Not pictured, Lauren Mehler. Thanks for everything you do to make our programs a success!



Thank You GWU Class of 2020

# Freshmen Volunteer for Day of Service

Despite record breaking heat, nearly 100 freshmen from GW University showed up for a day of volunteer service at Fort Dupont Ice Arena on September 10, 2016. Together they cleared all the weeds, leaves and trash from the property in short order. Thanks to GWU site leader **Chloe Change** who coordinated this year's event, the sixth in as many years. We so appreciate your help and look forward to seeing a new group of Freshmen next year.



**The Staff**

Ty Newberry—Executive Director/GM  
 Melissa Newberry— Program Director  
 Janet Rossi—Business Office Manager  
 Ron Slomski—Director of Fundraising  
 Raymond Norman—Facility Manager

Brittany Greene	Mike Mullenex
Danny Mullenex	Neal Henderson
Darren Mack	Randy Cheek
Frank Mobley	Sharon McKay
Jermaine Stewart	Suliman Abdullah
Mary Khandaker	Tenaj Gueory
Mike Gunn	Vicky Ford
Tyree Henderson	Cleo Rothman



**Sydney Dondes**, pictured below, is 13 years old and an 8<sup>th</sup> grader at Lake Braddock Secondary School. She's been skating since age 5 and is currently a member of the Skating Club of Northern Virginia and competes at the Juvenile level. As part of Sydney's Bat Mitzvah project, Sydney combined her passion for ice skating with her desire to help the skating community. As such, she collected used skating equipment for the Fort Dupont Ice Arena. At the end of the project, she collected over 40 pairs of skates as well as lots of figure and hockey equipment. Outside of skating, Sydney enjoys art, viola, swim team, writing, nail art, drawing, and painting. Thank you Sydney!



## CareFirst Keeps On Giving Schools Continue Skating At FDIA

We are most grateful to once again receive a grant from **CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield** to support our Kids On Ice® Schools Skate for Fitness (SSFF) program. With the dedicated multi-year support of CareFirst, we impact over 1,200 school children each year, providing free, organized, ice-focused physical fitness activities to District school students in coordination with ongoing, school-based physical fitness programming. Students learn the techniques of recreational skating, gain self-confidence, and improve overall nutrition and fitness. Last year, 32 schools participated in SSFF programs and completed 88 visits, with nearly 25% of the students skating at least four times during the year.

## Climate Change Coming to FDIA Grant Covers Cost of Dehumidification

The **Philip L. Graham Fund** recently awarded FDIA an \$85,000 grant to fund the purchase of a much needed dehumidification system for the rink. A dedicated supporter of Fort Dupont Ice Arena and Kids On Ice, the Philip L. Graham Fund provides educational, social, community enrichment, and arts programs and services to communities in and around Washington, DC. The dehumidification system will lead to a drier, cleaner, more comfortable indoor environment *and* lower our energy costs. Preparations are underway for a spring installation.

Prior year grants from the Philip L. Graham Fund have been used to update our training room and upgraded our technology systems. Thank you, Philip Graham Fund for all your support!



## Have Your Party Here! Now on Saturdays AND Sundays!

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 and Sundays 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 2 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](mailto:jrossi@fdia.org) for more information. Reservations now being accepted for the 2016-17 season.



**Reservation dates tend to fill up fast. Call today!**



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

- \$60 Sponsors one child for an 8-week Learn to Skate session
- \$275 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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