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Fort Dupont Ice Arena

Rink Roundup

September 2017



KOI Learn To Skate

KOI PLUS
Advanced Figure Skating



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Synchronized Skating

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KOI PLUS
Speedskating

Important Dates To Remember

September 6	First KOI LTS New Parent Meeting at 6 pm in FDIA Classroom
September 9	First day of classes for KOI LTS Second KOI LTS New Parent meeting at 9:30 am in FDIA Classroom KOI PLUS Hockey Equipment fitting 10 am—11 am
September 16	First day of KOI PLUS classes
December 16	Theatre on Ice Holiday Show Performance
December 23	12th Annual DC Open Meet—Short –Track Speedskating Races
December 26-31	25th Annual Purple Puck Tournament hosted by Gonzaga College High School

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Summertime Fun at FDIA Camps Offer Cool Break from Heat



Celebrating 20 Years Anniversary of KOI Programs Attracts Big Crowd

Nearly 300 people joined us on July 29th to celebrate **20 years of Kids On Ice** Programming. Many thanks to our Board of Directors who planned this fun event that brought together past and current skaters with many of our financial and political supporters, including council members **Mary Cheh** and **Vincent Gray**. Guests were treated to a fabulous performance by our synchronized skating teams and a delicious lunch, followed by free

skating to music provided by volunteer **DJ Walter Alston**.

We look forward to holding the next big anniversary party in our brand new two-sheet facility, drawings of which were on display for everyone to see. Look for more details on this major project in future issues of Rink Roundup. Special thanks to **Lisa Charles** for all the wonderful pictures of the event! It was great to see so many of our alumni sharing memories. Thanks for coming!



Well Deserved Recognition Inaugural Polak Award Presented At Event

Former Secretary of the Friends of Fort Dupont Board of Directors, **Joan McKenzie**, was presented the Inaugural **Willem Polak Award**, in recognition of her countless hours of service and her unyielding dedication to the Rink and its Kids On Ice programs. Joan, pictured between Board Member Vince Forte and Board Chairman Willem Polak to the right, has 2 daughters who were part of the first class of KOI skaters. In 2004 Joan joined the Board of Directors and only recently stepped down from that role. A constant presence at the rink, Joan rarely missed an event, showing up to support our skaters at nearly every competition and show for over 15 years. We can't think of a more deserving recipient of the Polak Award as she encapsulates everything it stands for. **Congratulations, Joan!**



Pictured from left above: Vince Forte, Joan McKenzie and Mr. Willem Polak

KOI Alumnae Closing In On Olympic Dreams

With the Winter Olympics just six months away, former KOI speed skater, **Maame Biney**, is taking the sport by storm, handily winning the America's Cup at this month's U.S. Speedskating Short Track World Cup Qualifier competing against former Olympians and athletes more than 10 years her senior. Over three days, Maame won three of six trials with record times. At just 17 years of age, she is only the second American female athlete in more than 20 years to medal at the at the World Junior Short Track Speed Skating Championships. Being hailed by many as the future of US Speedskating, Biney is moving closer than ever to her Olympic dream. There are still a few more steps to making the 2018 Olympic Team, but we are confident we'll be hosting a viewing party at Fort Dupont Ice Arena in February to watch her go for gold!



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Making New Friends Exchange Program Takes Kids On Ice To Israel



Once again this summer a handful of **Kids On Ice** skaters traveled to Israel for Hockey Camp. FDIA Board member **Craig Middlebrook** was thrilled to join **Ty and Melissa Newberry** to chaperone the group this year. New on the itinerary of events was exploring a live archaeological site where activities included digging, sifting, pottery examination and touring underground complexes dating from the Hellenistic period.

Nazareth is always a highlight of the trip, but this year it was made even better through the warm hospitality of local families who hosted the group for two nights before they left for camp in Metula. The stay was capped off by a spectacular outdoor barbecue dinner with many of the families from the Nazareth Tigers hockey club. FDIA hopes to host a group of Israel's young athletes in Washington for a hockey camp this spring. Stay tuned for ways you can help make their trip as memorable as ours.



In the Spotlight



We are pleased to welcome Alex Lee, pictured below, who joined the FDIA staff as a special projects assistant. Alex, who used to skate at Fort Dupont Summer Camps as a child, is a **VISTA volunteer** who is already making a difference. Be sure to look for Alex, introduce yourself, and make her feel at home here at



Jordan McCreary, pictured above, is a familiar face with an updated role at FDIA. A former KOI student and instructor, Jordan has recently completed the Up2Us Sport's Coaching Training program and will be working with all of our Kids On Ice Programs.

FDIA Staff

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

Alex Lee	Brittany Greene
Danny Mullenex	Darren Mack
Frank Mobley	Jermaine Stewart
Jordan McCreary	Mark Mulligan
Mary Khandaker	McKenzie Whitley
Mike Gunn	Mike Mullenex
Neal Henderson	Randy Cheek
Sharon McKay	Tenaj Gueory
Tyree Henderson	Vicky Ford

Congratulations to **Mary Khandaker**, pictured above, who recently accepted the full-time position of assistant program director. Mary, who has been a part-time member of the staff for more than 3 years, is looking forward to her expanded role working with our schools and our Saturday Kids On Ice skaters.



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 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 for more information. Reservations now being accepted for the 2017-18 season.



Available dates fill up fast. Call today!



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- \$240 Sponsors a school group of up to 30 children for 2 visits
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