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Rink Roundup

March 2017

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July 10	First Day of Summer Skating Camp
July 29	20th Anniversary Celebration at FDIA
July 24	First Day of Synchro Camp
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Rink Roundup

HAVE A GREAT SPRING!

It's That Time of Year Again Improvements Planned for Next Season

We're very excited about this year's plans for spring at FDIA. Most of you know why we remove the ice for the spring — to prevent the formation of perma-frost under the facility, and eliminate the danger of cracking and buckling to the cement slab that is the foundation of our ice. What you may not realize is that we also use this time to

make general repairs and improvements to the building. This year, in addition to routine maintenance such as cleaning, painting, and equipment inventory and repairs, we have a special project planned — **Installation of our new, state-of-the-art, dehumidification system.** So next year, no indoor fog or rain at Fort Dupont Ice Arena!

Hershey Competition Results Hard Work Yields Medals for Freedom

Kids On Ice® Synchronized Skating Teams, *Fort Dupont Freedom*, participated in its 3rd Reflections Synchronized Skating Invitational Competition at the Giant Center in Hershey, PA on February 20th. This year, 40 KOI skaters made up the three *Fort Dupont Freedom* teams that participated in the Synchro Skills Level 1, 2, and 3 divisions.

Fort Dupont teams had a great showing at this event. Our level 1 team, skating to a diamond medley, including "Diamonds Are a Girls Best Friend" and Rhianna's "Diamond," shined their way to a 4th place finish. Our level 2 team demonstrated ultimate girl power skating to "Anything You Can Do" from *Annie Get Your Gun*, "Just A Girl" by No Doubt, and the theme song to *Wonder Woman*. With their clean skate and powerful message they

earned **Fort Dupont Synchronized Skating's first ever gold medal.** Skating to music from *Wicked*, our level 3 team maximized its seasonal effort and rallied together for a 2nd place finish. We are extremely proud of all of our teams this season and are looking forward to the season finale at the *Diversity Classic*.

Are you a Basic 6 level skater or above and interested in synchronized skating next season? Contact **Melissa Newberry** at mnewberry@fdia.org or **Leticia Moreno Enos** at lmoreno@fdia.org for more information. Fort Dupont Freedom's 2017 season begins this summer!



Congratulations DC Special Olympics Speed Skaters

After three months of instruction, our **Special Olympics skaters** were ready to race. The competition began with a parade of athletes and, of course, the Olympic Flame made its way to center ice. The bleachers were filled with family and friends, many with signs of support. After the races the athletes made their way to the podium to receive medals to commemorate their accomplishments. Special thanks to all the coaches, teachers and volunteers for helping both on and off the ice! We look forward to seeing everyone again next year.



Blinded Veterans Practice Skills at Fort Dupont

We were honored to partner with the **Blinded Veterans Association Hockey Team** of DC this year when their practice rink, Tucker Road, was forced to close due to fire damage. The team of 20 players, formed in October 2016 thanks to grant funding, is led by Coach Bruce Porter, Jr. and supported by a great group of volunteers. The players use special sound emitting pucks to guide them. We admire their determination, positive attitudes and awesome stick skills.



CONGRATULATIONS!

Kids On Ice® Alumna **Lia Cattaneo** and her **DC Edge Adult Synchronized Skating** Teammates took home the Gold at the 2016 US National Championships this year!

Lia grew up in the Fort Dupont Ice Arena and has become one of our most reliable volunteers and an outstanding mentor to our Kids. She and her teammates have been dedicated supporters of Fort Dupont's synchronized skating program, donating dresses, team jackets and most importantly time.

Way to go ladies!



The Staff

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KOI Hockey Skaters Meet Former Pro Players



Special thanks to former Washington Capitals players and current CSN color analysts **Craig Laughlin** and **Allen May** who took time out of their busy schedules to come workout on the ice with some of our kids this season. "It brings back a lot of great memories I have of playing here" said Laughlin. "The smiles on [the kids] faces throughout this hour were incredible. It's why I love doing it!"

Employee Spotlight



Tenaj Gueory and **Mark Mulligan**, pictured above, recently completed Up2Us Sports' Coaches Training in Chicago, IL. Up2Us Sports is an organization that is dedicated to transforming the lives of our nation's most vulnerable youth by hiring and training coaches who can inspire success on and off the playing field, or in our case, ice. The slogan for Up2Us is "one more kid, for one more day." Tenaj and Mark will be working with all the Kids On Ice® programs the rink offers, including Schools Skate for Fitness, Speed Skating, Ice Hockey, Advanced Figure Skating, Synchronized Skating, Basic Skills Classes and summer camps.



A Fond Farewell

Many thanks to **Mr. Willy Meaux**, head coach of the Georgetown Titans and 10 year member of FFDIA's Board of Directors. Through the years Willy has contributed to our facility and families in so many ways. While he is stepping down from his Board duties we expect him to remain a close Friend of Fort Dupont. See you on the ice Willy!

A Warm Welcome

We are pleased to announce that **Ms. Terri Ann Lowenthal** has accepted an invitation to join the Friends of Fort Dupont Board of Directors. A former Skating Director at Fort Dupont, Terri Ann has remained a steadfast supporter of our programs for more than 20 years.



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