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Elections!

Clinton Figure Skating Club

proudly announces our

2020 Election Nominees!

Executive Board:

President: Brenda Torruella

Vice President: Peter Potasiewicz

Secretary:

Treasurer: Dan Haggerty

Board Positions available - Nominees:

Michelle Batson (Incumbent) Tina Bolos (Incumbent) and Andrea Rice (Incumbent)

**The election will be held on Tuesday, March 24, 2020, at 6:30 p.m.,
upstairs at The Arena.**

Thanks to all of you who have stepped up to participate in the election process.

Thanks to all of you who expressed interest and cared enough to inquire.

Our club is only as good as the people who volunteer to help!

The St. Patrick's Parade



Our Club will have a float in this years St. Patrick's Day parade on Saturday morning, March 14th in the City of Utica, which commences with a cannon kickoff at 10 am.

If any member, coach, skater, parent or guardian wants to walk or potentially ride (spots on the float are limited) please contact Jason D. Flemma at

315-542-5523/ jdflemma@gmail.com or Peter Potasiewicz at Potas99@aol.com

The parade starts at 10 am, but our Club Float representatives will meet at the staging area around Oneida Square - the exact location and street will be provided as soon as possible. Please try to carpool. At the conclusion of the parade, all participants will need to be picked up at the Utica Police Department parking lot on the corner of Lafayette St. and Cornelia St.

This is NYS's 3rd largest St. Patrick's Day parade and will be great exposure for our Club and a great experience for all who attend. We will travel along Genesee St. from the Round About on Genesee St. (Oneida Square) north to Downtown. This will be an exciting event for our skaters and the Club. All who attend will have the opportunity to wave to the crowd, toss candy along the route and represent our Club in this CNY event.



If you do plan to attend please try to wear CFSC logo wear and bring at least 1 large bag of individually wrapped candy to distribute to parade attendees along the Genesee St. route.



2020 CFSC Banquet

Our annual banquet will be held this year on

April 24th from 6 - 9pm at Harts Hill Inn in Whitesboro. The cost will be \$16 per ticket.

The banquet is so much fun for our skaters! Any skater that moved up a level in Learn To Skate or passed a Freestyle / Moves In The Field test will be recognized as well as our seniors, student volunteers and of course our Sportsmanship award will be presented.

Good food, awards + music and dancing

What more could you ask for!!

A sign up sheet will be posted by the doors to the ice!



Ice Show News

IMPORTANT ICE SHOW INFO

The Ice Show is just days away! We want to say thanks in advance to all the skaters and parents for all of your extra effort, patience, cooperation and hard work. You're the ones who make this show happen! We hope this newsletter will help tie together all the preparations for ice show week. Enclosed you will find Ice Show Week Schedule, Rules of Conduct, and important information regarding our show. We hope that this year's show is as much fun for everyone as past shows have been.

Tickets: If you need additional advance sale tickets, see Brenda Torruella at the rink or contact her at 315-404-3196 to make any special arrangements for ticket pick up.

In the Lobby during each show:

Flowers & Gifts: Buy your skater a beautiful bouquet, balloons or stuffed animal for a job well done.

50/50 Raffles: Take a chance at some fast cash.

Auction: Buy raffle tickets to win some great gifts.

Program Books: Cherish the memories, sign some autographs.

DVDs: Recordings will be available for purchase. Visit the lobby table for pre-orders.

Ice Show week Concession stand:

Pre-ordered meals are available for skaters, coaches, parents and volunteers from the Arena concession stand Monday through Friday. Please see the concession stand to place your advance orders. A menu will be made available. Skaters will be at the rink long hours this week, please plan accordingly. Do not bring in food from outside vendors. Do not eat in dressing rooms or in costumes.

Elevators:

Elevators are available for guests needing assistance.

Ice Show Admission Guidelines:

Ice Show tickets (purchased in advance or at the door) are required for admission to EACH Ice Show performance. General seating is on a first-come basis. Skaters are not allowed in the stands during the shows.

Volunteer Passes:

Complimentary admission passes will be provided to persons who have signed up in advance to assist with specific duties and whose assignments have been confirmed by the Committee Chairpersons. The Club extends this token of appreciation for the extended time and services that many volunteers provide.

Parking Guidelines:

We ask ALL parents of skaters to park at the designated lots where **free** parking is available at The Clinton Central School. **Paid arena parking is for audience members ONLY.** Paid parking will be available in the Arena Lot on a first-come basis for a charge of \$5.00. The front of the arena will be used for Handicapped parking and Drop-off.

IMPORTANT ICE SHOW INFO Continued...

Important Information:

- Program books will be available the week of Ice Show the reduced amount of \$3.00. Normal price is \$4.00. One program book per skater.
- T-shirt orders will be passed out Ice Show week.
- Sign up to attend the annual Cast Party on March 27th following Friday's show at The Clinton VFW. Check for the poster at the Arena for details.
- Tights are available to purchase from the Pro Shop on Dress Rehearsal night or as needed.
- No over the boot or to the boot tights. Low/Middle/High Freestyle skaters must wear nude colored undergarments.

Backstage Personnel:

Room monitors have been assigned for each group. We are still in need of a few moms to help out! Our little Snow Plow Sam kids should have a parent or guardian backstage with them for each show each night. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Brenda Torruella at 404-3196.

No one will be allowed backstage without a volunteer pass starting Wednesday, March 25th.

Rules of Conduct for Skaters and Volunteers

- No one is allowed backstage or on the ice, except skaters and volunteers who have signed up in advance. This starts on Wednesday, April 3rd No exceptions.
- Be prepared to stay for extra practices if the coach feels it is necessary. All skaters must be out of the arena by 10:00pm on rehearsal nights. All skaters **MUST** attend school on Friday, March 27th.
- Food and drink are **not** allowed backstage to protect costumes and keep rooms clean. Water is OK.
- Please bring crayons, coloring books, or games to pass the time in the dressing rooms, but **absolutely no markers or chalk**.
- NO skaters will be allowed upstairs in their costumes or skates.
- Costumes are club property and must remain in the arena at all times.
- Makeup will be applied for each show by our makeup staff.
- **Only** our feature skaters will be able to carry one small bouquet of flowers for the finale.
- All skates should be clean and polished with clean laces.
- Alcohol is strictly prohibited in the Arena.
- No bobby pins are allowed in hair as they are hard to see on the ice if they fall out and pose a hazard to skaters. Barrettes Are Allowed.
- If your skater is ill, do not bring them to the shows. Rooms are small and germs spread quickly.
- **Do not leave** personal belongings in the dressing rooms overnight.
- Please send your skater in with their tights and skates each night.

We hope you enjoy this year's production of Fantasy on Ice. We sure have enjoyed putting it on!

Want to have input in next year's show? Contact any Ice Show Committee member for more information.

Preparation and planning starts in August 2020.

Volunteers Needed!

Below you'll find a description of some of the ways we need help in making our Fantasy On Ice show run smoothly. **Sign up sheets are posted on the board next to the well** - please sign up and make your child proud!



Costumes Designing, adding embellishments, sewing, fittings, labeling and organizing for show nights. We welcome anyone who can sew to volunteer, but you do not have to know how to sew to help with costumes!

Make Up Applying Make Up to our skaters on dress rehearsal and show nights

Props constructing, locating, painting, or revitalizing

Backstage We need Room Monitors to help kids put on skates, change costumes, keep costumes organized and off the floor, enforce rules, and generally attend to kids' needs while back-stage. We need a few people working the front gate to control traffic back stage and pass out identification badges to volunteers on show nights.

Snow Plow Sam & LTS Hockey level parents: Since these kids are pre-school age, we expect a every child to have a parent/volunteer with their child. Please plan on having someone available to volunteer on show evenings.

Lighting Runs a spot light during the shows. Must attend certain rehearsals prior to show night to practice. No prior experience necessary. We can show you what to do.

Ushers One usher is posted at each stair well in the rink. You assist patrons who are moving around during black outs between numbers with your flashlight and help to direct them to bathrooms and the concession stand.

Parking Lot Attendant Attendants assist with directing traffic for the paid parking at the arena during the show and provide alternative parking options if people ask for help.

Silent Auction Collecting donation gifts and baskets, recruiting others to donate gifts and baskets. Labeling and organizing the donations for presentation at the auction. Identifying winners and contacting them.

Sales Working the tables during Ice Show weekend to sell flowers, program books, Chuck-a-Puck, 50/50 raffle or other fundraising ideas. Most sales happen prior to and after the show, and during intermission, but the tables must not be left unattended during the show.

Cast Party Organizing the venue and food arrangements for the annual Cast Party for skaters, volunteers, and family members.

Pictures Assist during picture week when the photographer takes pictures for the program. Collect order forms for the photographer. Help gather groups of skaters for the photographer. Log skater names as they are arranged for the photograph.

ICE SHOW WEEK SCHEDULE**ALL REHEARSALS ARE MANDATORY**

March 23rd – March 29th

This is a very busy week! Please be sure skaters are at the rink and ready to practice on time.

Monday March 23rd

2:30 – 5:30 Open Freestyle
5:30 – 6:00 Thriller
6:00 – 6:10 Resurface
6:10 – 6:50 Opening “Let’s Rock”
6:50 – 7:30 Closing “Platinum Jubilee”
7:30 – 8:10 Aquarius

Tuesday March 24th

Run through the entire show
EXCEPT SNOW PLOW SAM & LTS HOCKEY
Report time: 5:15pm
Start time 5:30pm

Wednesday March 25th

Run through the entire show
Report 5:15pm
Run through start: 5:30pm

Thursday March 26th

FULL DRESS REHEARSAL – DON'T FORGET YOUR TIGHTS!
Report at 5:00pm

Ice Show Report Times:

Friday Night March 27th

Report at 6:15pm (Show at 7:00pm)

Saturday Night March 28th

Report at 6:15pm (Show at 7:00pm)

Sunday Matinee March 29th

Report at 12:15pm (Show at 1:00pm)

Congratulations to Freestyle skater Katelyn for passing her Senior Moves In the Field making her a U.S. Figure Skating Gold Medalist!

What a great accomplishment!

USFSA Gold Medalists

"The test structure is the backbone of U.S. Figure Skating. Passing skill tests presided over by official judges advances the skater to the next level. Skaters test in moves in the field, free skating, pairs and ice dancing. As a skater advances, the tests become more difficult. The highest achievement in each discipline is passing the senior, also called "gold," test. When a skater passes a gold test, he or she earns the designation "U.S. Figure Skating gold medalist."

Becoming a U.S. Figure Skating gold medalist is the culmination of many years of hard work and dedication to the sport. In a typical year, approximately 40,000 U.S. Figure Skating test levels are completed by athletes; of those, about 1,300, or 3 percent, are at the gold or senior level.

When an athlete passes the senior test, he or she receives a congratulatory letter from the president of U.S. Figure Skating, a gold certificate and a gold lapel pin to commemorate the accomplishment, and is eligible to purchase the gold test medal and the U.S. Figure Skating Gold Medalist jacket. It is also an accomplishment that goes on the skater's permanent U.S. Figure Skating record, and can be used on a resume or college application."



Spring & Summer Ice!

Since our ice is melted down each year shortly after our show we team up with *The Skating Club of New Hartford* for Spring and Summer Ice. Lessons are run out of the Whitestown arena.

Sessions offered:

Spring Ice - April 1st - May 20th

June Bridge Ice - June 1st - June 26th

Summer Ice - July 8th - August 12th



Skating throughout the summer helps our skaters stay sharp and gives them opportunity to build new skills and continue through the Learn To Skate badge level assessment process.

An email was previously sent with the full information, but if you have any questions or need the info again, please let us know ASAP!

We'd be happy to help you get registered!

Upcoming Dates

Shooting Stars Comet Game - February 28
 Skate Challenge of CNY—March 14 & 15
 CFSC Elections - March 24
 CFSC Fantasy On Ice - March 27, 28 & 29
 Cast Party - March 27
 Spring Ice Begins - April 1
 CFSC Year End Banquet - April 24
 June Bridge Ice - June 1
 Summer Ice - July 8

Committees

We have various club and Ice Show committees that could always use volunteers. If you are interested in helping out in any capacity please let us know! We Love Help!

Club Committees:

Learn To Skate
 Communications/Publicity
 Club Events
 Competitions/Sanctions & Tests
 Governance
 Homeschool
 Ice Show
 Membership
 Monitors/Volunteers
 Parent/Skated Education
 Special Olympics
 Synchro/Theater On Ice
 SafeSport /Injury Prevention

"I absolutely love ice skating because it makes me feel free, happy, and peaceful ! It allows me to escape into a fairy wonderland and helps me forget my difficult challenges in my life. My favorite place to be is on the sparkling ice with my friends at the Clinton Arena!"



- Cassidy Zwiefach, age 7

We do our best to keep you informed of EVERYTHING you need to know so check your email regularly, follow us on Facebook and our website has a lot of information