



# Zorra Skating Club

January 2019

## President's Message

Happy New Year! The holiday season was a busy one. It was great for Santa to find the time to visit us and spend some time with our skaters. A special thanks to our Program Assistants and Coaches for organizing a fun evening.

Our Holiday Ice Show was once again a success. Thank you to all our skating family and friends that came out to support our skaters.

Welcome to all skating families that have joined us for the second session. We look forward to helping you achieve your skating goals.

Our biggest fundraiser of the year is fast approaching. Mark your calendars for January 26<sup>th</sup> and plan on attending our annual dinner auction. Please try and think of businesses that you deal with, that you might be able to ask for a donation of goods or services. Donation forms can be printed from our website. It is a fun filled night with a great meal and lots of bidding fun. Tickets are available now.

As we begin January, we start thinking about carnival time. It is always a very exciting time for our skaters. Debbie Roefs, our Carnival Producer is busy with all of the planning. All registered skaters will be included in our carnival if they wish to participate. We are always in need of volunteers to help wherever possible at carnival time. It doesn't have to be a large commitment. If you can help for a couple hours, sewing or cutting, hunting down or making props, we always welcome the help. Hours spent on carnival preparation do not count for your bond as typically the carnival does not make money. However, all of the kids love carnival time, so we do our best to make it a special show. We will be posting information on the bulletin board as more information is available. Please check it often for updates.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to ask any of your board members.

HAPPY SKATING!

Suzanne McRoberts (ZSC President)

## Fundraising

The Elmira chicken order will be ready for pick up **Thursday, January 17<sup>th</sup>**. Please pick up your order between 5:30-6:20pm. Thank you for your support! Please keep an eye out for an upcoming MacMillan's fundraiser and Elmira Chicken order. Dates to be announced soon!

-Sarah Pletsch and Christa Minler (Fundraising Chairs)

# I Love my Skater Dinner and Auction



Zorra SC Members are amazing! Our Cheers on Ice fundraiser was such a success, and we have you to thank for donations and selling tickets!

Our second major fundraiser of the year is right around the corner, and we would love to lean on our members once again to help make it a success.

The Love Your Skater Dinner and Auction is coming up on January 26th. We are in need of donated items to auction off. You may have some items to donate to promote your business, or you can approach a business to ask for a donation, or maybe something that you want to regift from Christmas (we won't tell ;-). There are letters pinned to the ZSC bulletin board and on our Facebook page that you can take to local businesses to ask for donations. We truly appreciate any and all support! Please bring any donations to a board member.

We also want to see many of our members at the dinner! Consider taking a night off of making dinner and parenting, and come enjoy a delicious catered meal. Make a night of it, and bring some friends. Grandparents and extended family are also an ideal choice to bring to the dinner, as they do love supporting those tiny skaters!!

Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased from any board member.

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Kathy Dodd at 519-808-3088 or Angela Langlois at 519-536-6152.



## Carnival Report

Well skating families it's that time of year again, it's Carnival time.

We will be having information sessions February 13 & 15 to better answer any questions you may have. There will be a sign up sheet posted that if you choose to have your child participate in this year's carnival you will need to sign. Carnival will be held on Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup> with 2 shows at 2:00pm and 7:00pm. There will be a Carnival Picture night on Monday, March 4 for all skaters. There will be a Technical Rehearsal for the Junior/Intermediate and Senior skaters on Thursday, March 21. There will be a dress rehearsal for all skaters on Thursday, March 28. Please note that there will be no CanSkate on Friday March 29. This night will be used to adjust the older skater's routines. We ask that all skaters attend these dates. Carnival is a large commitment however it is the opportunity that allows the skaters to show their families how much they have improved.

Families that sign up for carnival will be receiving a more detailed information package in mid to late February showing exact times of events and what to provide for their child's costume. Most costume items will be provided to you to use by the Zorra Skating Club. A lot of these costumes are older and we ask that skaters do not eat or drink in them nor do they leave the facility. Please keep in mind that there are absolutely no additional costs for carnival or for your costumes. The only costs there would be is if you choose to purchase photos on the day of carnival or if you wish to order a DVD.

Carnival is strictly ran by volunteers and without the help of our parents we cannot hold such an event. Postings will be put up on the bulletin board looking for help from anything from dressing room helpers to ice painters. Without the generous help of parents the skaters of the Zorra Skating Club would not have the opportunity to showcase what they have accomplished this year. Please note that carnival volunteering does not count towards your bond hours. Carnival is totally separate and as previously mentioned cannot run without our parent volunteers.

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact us at [abgraves12@gmail.com](mailto:abgraves12@gmail.com).

Becky Graves & Kelly-Jane McKague-Rember (2019 Carnival Co-Chairs)



# Coaches Corner - Debbie Roefs



## **CANSKATE NEWS!**

Congratulations to all our Canskate A, Canskate B and Junior Skaters that completed their Badges or earned their Balance, Agility and Control Ribbons in the first half of our skating season! Report Cards are being handed out on January 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. If your skater did not receive their Report Card or you have questions please talk to one of the coaching staff after they are off the ice. Watch for a list of the Canskate achievements in the next Coaches Corner.

## **STARSKATE NEWS!**

Zorra Skating Club Skate Canada Test Day ~ January 7, 2018 was a huge success. Not only was there a 100% pass that evening but the participants passed with very high marks. There were several assessments done over the last couple of months with a 100% pass rate as well.

**Congratulations to the following skaters for passing the following tests!**

**Skills: Star 2 Skating Skills – Sadie McRoberts**

**Star 3 Skating Skills – Hailey Minler**

**Freeskate:**

**Star 2 FRSK Program – Hailey Minler, Sadie McRoberts, Ashley Hewitt, Sophie Pullen**

**Dance:**

**Canasta Tango (Star 2 b) – Lily Wijnker**

**Dance Elements (Star 3b) – Ashley Hewitt**

**Fiesta Tango (Star 4b) – Hailey Minler**

**Willow Waltz (Star 5a) – Sophie Pullen**

**American Waltz ( Jr Sil) – Lily Pullen**

**Starlight Waltz ( Sr Sil) – Emma Pullen, Justin Dodd**

**Interpretive Tests:**

**Bronze Interpretive Singles – Natalie Dodd**

## **Zorra Skating Club Holiday Ice Show ~ December 27, 2018**

Wow! Our skaters did a fabulous job debuting their new skating programs for this season. The coaching staff are so proud of each and every skater that performed that night.

## **Upcoming Dates**

Jan. 18, 2019	CanSkate Session One ends
Jan. 23, 2019	CanSkate Session Two begins (Register Online)
Jan. 26, 2019	I Love my Skater Dinner & Auction
Mar. 4, 2019	Carnival Pictures (All Skaters)
Mar. 21, 2019	Carnival Technical Rehearsal (Only for Junior/Intermediate/Senior skaters)
Mar. 27, 2019	CanSkate Session for all Wednesday and Friday skaters
Mar. 28, 2019	Carnival Dress Rehearsal (All Skaters)
Mar. 29, 2019	No CanSkate (Skating for Junior/Intermediate/Senior Skaters)
Mar. 30, 2019	ZSC Carnival
Apr. 24, 2019	Last Day of CanSkate
Apr. 26, 2019	AGM/Awards Night
Apr. 29, 2019	Last Night of StarSkate / Test Day

