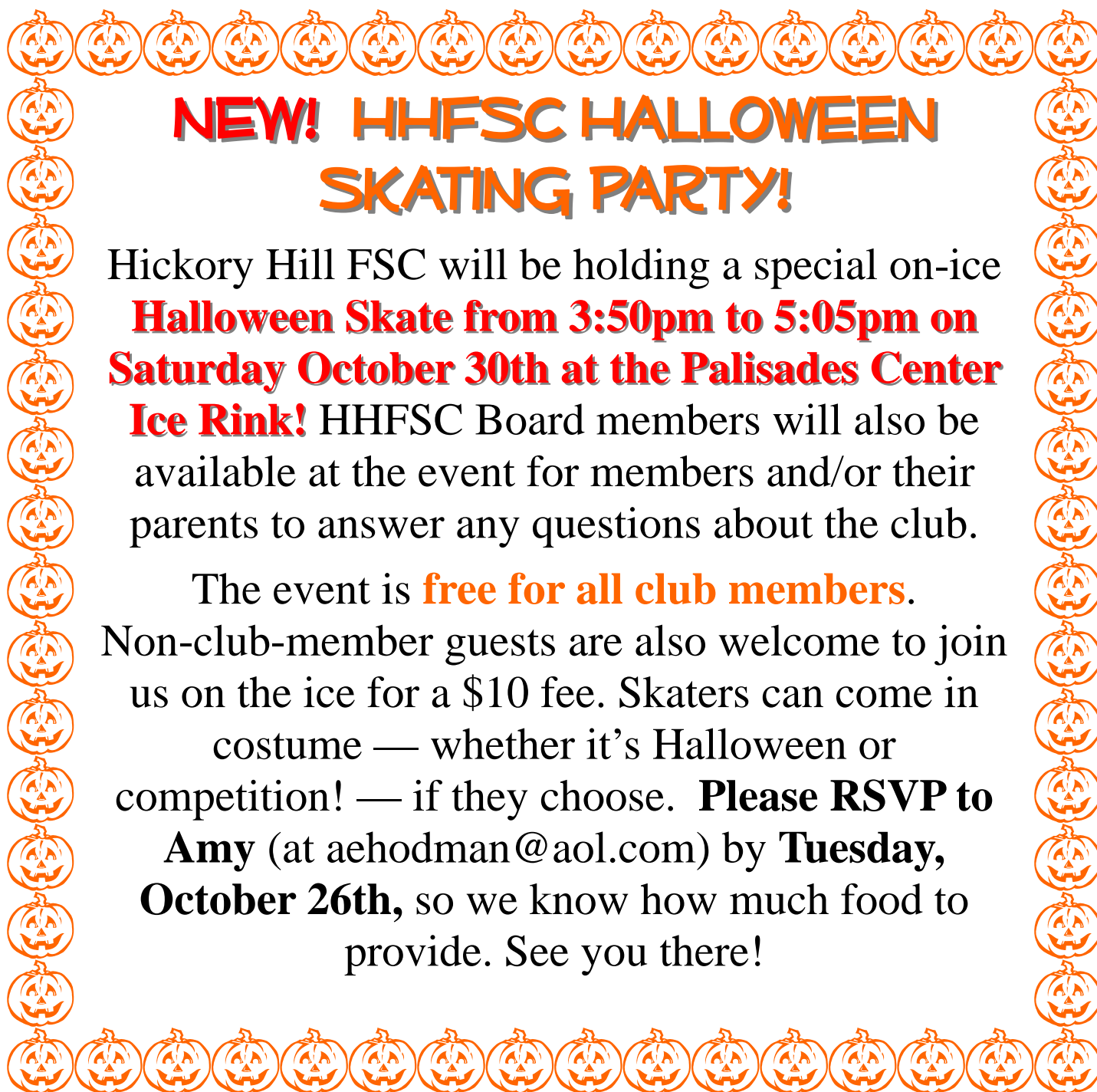


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Newsletter of the Hickory Hill Figure Skating Club



NEW! HHFSC HALLOWEEN SKATING PARTY!

Hickory Hill FSC will be holding a special on-ice **Halloween Skate from 3:50pm to 5:05pm on Saturday October 30th at the Palisades Center Ice Rink!** HHFSC Board members will also be available at the event for members and/or their parents to answer any questions about the club.

The event is **free for all club members**. Non-club-member guests are also welcome to join us on the ice for a \$10 fee. Skaters can come in costume — whether it's Halloween or competition! — if they choose. **Please RSVP to Amy (at aehodman@aol.com) by Tuesday, October 26th**, so we know how much food to provide. See you there!

CONGRATULATIONS SIMONA AND DAVID!!!



Club member Simona Lee represented our club in the Novice Ladies division at the 2011 North Atlantic Regional Championships this month, while David Cruikshank competed at the 2011 New England Regional Championships. Congratulations to both skaters, we are all very proud of you!



Congratulations to club member Alexandra DiNardo, who won the Bronze Medal in her No-Test Girls FS event at the recent 2010 Middle Atlantic Figure Skating Championships!

The results for the competition can be found at <http://skatingclubofny.com/results>.

Be sure to send in your Mids photos, news and results to us so we can share them with the rest of the club!

Two of our club's youngest members, Stephanie Logue and Sam Hodman, competed at their first ice dance competition in Lake Placid this past August. Thank you to Stephanie for a great report and to ice-dance.com for the photo! If you have a competition report or photos you'd like to share with the club, be sure to send it in to us for publication in the newsletter at aehodman@aol.com.

COMPETING IN MY FIRST ICE DANCING COMPETITION

By Stephanie Logue

On August 4, my family packed the car and we drove to Lake Placid for our first ice dancing competition. My partner's name is Sam Hodman and we have been dancing together about 6 months. We met at the ice dancing club and we both enjoyed the kid's class. One day, our coach named Jonathan, said, "Stephanie and Sam, skate together." We both looked at him as if he had two heads. Then we looked at each other and slowly backed away. Jonathan then said how to hold each other in the proper ice dancing hold. We were hesitant at first, but after that, we were fine.



Lake Placid was really fun and a little scary to be in our first ice dance competition. The other teams were really good and they looked very graceful. I don't think that we expected to win, because we have only been skating together for about six months and had not even learned the "swing dance" until one month before the competition. It looked as if the other teams had been skating together for maybe a year or more. Also, because it was our first competition, we didn't have that much experience in front of the judges. Skating in the 1932 rink and the 1980 rink was really fun and it was fun to compete, just for future experience.

I would like to thank all of the following people that helped us make this possible:

Igor-Sam and I are grateful to Igor because he volunteered to help us during the practice periods.

He was also very funny when he said to Sam, "Hey Sam, how about next time, less talking, and more listening."

Parents- Our parents were a big part of this first move towards our goal of being able to go to the Olympics in the next eight years and for that, we are thankful.

Club-The most important part of this competition was the big support given from our wonderful club members, including Wendy, who was there as one of the judges.

Coaches-We are very thankful to the coaches who helped us along the first part of our long and hard journey, and their names are Jonathan, Igor, and Cathy.

Karen Markham is a 3-year member of our club's Ice Magic Adult Masters team who is asking all club members to help the Wild Bird Fund win \$250,000 in the Pepsi Refresh Challenge. The charity, which Karen works with, has been selected to roll over into October and voting will continue all this month for the Wild Bird Fund. You can vote every day at <http://www.refresheverything.com/wildbirdfund> and also by texting 102533 to Pepsi (73774). You can also vote via Facebook.

The "[Wild Bird Fund](#)" is a non-profit organization that Karen's boss began almost eight years ago as a way to give medical care to the wildlife of New York City. New York City is the only major US city without a wildlife rehabilitation center, so the Wild Bird Fund and the work that happens through it fills this need for the entire metropolitan area. When a seagull is hit by a truck on the Van Wyck Expressway, or a pigeon is attacked by a dog in Central Park, or hundreds of baby birds are orphaned every year due to construction, weather, and illness, the Wild Bird Fund is the place that every city agency calls. 311, the ASPCA, Humane Society, Audubon Safe Flight, and the NYPD, all depend on the small group of devoted volunteers at the Wild Bird Fund.

For more information on the Wild Bird Fund, please check out the following:

<http://www.wildbirdfund.com/>

<http://www.facebook.com/wildbirdfund>

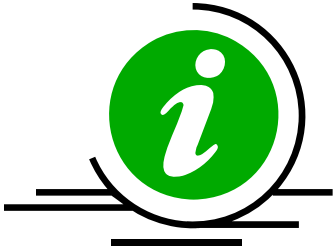


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CLUB MEMBER INFORMATION EXCHANGE!

Do you know of a skating-related service, organization or business that you would like to recommend to other club members? If so, please be sure to email it to us to share it in the newsletter!



Our first recommendation from one of our club members is **Caleco Ballet Studio in North Salem, NY**. The studio is under the direction of Maria Calegari and Bart Cook, who were both former principal dancers with the New York City Ballet and have worked with the famous George Balanchine and Jerome Robbins.

If you are interested in off-ice dancing classes to help improve your skating, you can check out their website and www.CaleCoBalletStudio.com.

MOVING?

Whether it's a move to a new apartment, house, or town, or even if it's just an email address move, please be sure to keep Hickory Hill FSC in the loop! Send us your new information to theboard10@hhfsc.org, and also don't forget to log into the 'Members Only' section of the US Figure Skating website to ensure that all your skating membership correspondence and 'Skating' magazine reaches you!

