



Winter 2015

Flash Update

GOGGIN-CARROLL SCHOOL FEIS – SUNDAY APRIL 26

Annually, the OIDA hosts a school feis for all of our Goggin Carroll dancers. This feis is very unique for a number of reasons:

- only dancers from our club compete
- it is the only opportunity you have to video tape your dancer (this is against rules at official feises)
- judges at this feis are focused on providing as many comments as possible to help your dancer improve
- it is a wonderful first opportunity for new dancers to compete in a friendly, relaxed environment in order to prepare for your first official feis
- in a short period of time, you can see dancers at all levels within the club, providing your dancer with motivation and a glimpse into the future
- there is no cost to participate in this feis, nor is there a cost for your family and friends to attend the feis
- a great social event for all our families
- we do ask that everyone bring a non-perishable food item to support our local community in need

DETAILS

WHEN	SUNDAY, APRIL 26
WHERE	St, Volodymyr Cultural Centre, 1280 Dundas Street West, Oakville
WHO	All members of the OIDA in good standing (fees paid) will be able to participate for free

For the past few years, the OIDA has collected an annual fee of \$80 per dancer rather than run various fundraising approaches throughout the year. These fees are used to fund the various events the OIDA runs throughout the year, all of which are to enhance each family's experience at Goggin-Carroll. **An envelope**

2015 OIDA Fees are Due

is attached and is being given to every dancer this coming week. **Note that beginner dancers are exempt from this membership fee for the first year and can still participate in all the events. Advanced Beginners and above **please submit \$80 payable to "OIDA" in envelope and return to Barb by March 31, 2015. Everyone (including beginners) please update your contact information on the envelope.**

GOGGIN-CARROLL MOVIE NIGHT – FRIDAY MARCH 13

Dancers and siblings are invited to wear their PJ's and watch a movie right in the Dance Studio. Bring a blanket and a pillow. Whilst the movie plays, the OIDA will host a wine and cheese mixer for the adults. Please join us for an opportunity to network with other GC families. All welcome. See the attached Movie Night Flyer.

WHAT IS THE OIDA?

The Oakville Irish Dance Association (OIDA) is the organizing body that plans and runs events and activities that benefit the community of dancers and families that are registered in the Goggin-Carroll School of Irish Dance. The OIDA is run by volunteer parents who work in cooperation with the teachers of Goggin-Carroll (GC) to ensure coordination amongst school and association activities. Our mission is to support every dancer and the dance school to be the best they can be. Our vision is to create a vibrant, healthy and sustainable Irish dance school and school community that is committed to bringing out and supporting each person's individual best.

WHAT DOES THE OIDA DO?

- Co-ordinates events including the Summer BBQ, Waterpark Days, Christmas Party, Ceili/Social/Pub nights
- Organizes and runs a school feis for Goggin-Carroll dancers only to provide a unique competitive opportunity for our dancers
- Maintains the dancer recognition wall at the studio and rewards grades dancers with badges
- Supports school bus trips
- Co-ordinates a dress rental program to support dancers beginning to feis
- Provides a spirit wear program allowing dancers and parents to purchase Goggin-Carroll logo'd wear
- Provides a working Chair for the Claddagh Ball Parent Group
- Holds meetings at least twice per year, open to all OIDA members

HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?

Membership is available to adults of all families who are enrolled or have dancers enrolled at the Goggin-Carroll. All adults are welcome to get involved in the OIDA in many different ways including

- COMPLETING THE MEMBERSHIP DATABASE UPDATE FORM ATTACHED
- Attending OIDA sponsored events with your dancer and family
- Volunteering your time to help plan, support or run events
- Attending OIDA meetings to share your ideas
- Joining the executive team

Who are your 2015 OIDA Executives?

Chairperson	Rob Simms	simmsrobb@gmail.com
Past Chairperson	Brian Cousins	bcousins4@cogeco.ca
Vice Chairperson	OPEN	
Secretary	Tracy Hennessy	thennessy1120@gmail.com
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Communications Co-ordinator	Michelle Micuda	mmicuda@outlook.com
School Feis Co-ordinator	OPEN	
Inventory/Costume Committee	Anne Hill	annechocohill@hotmail.com
Parent/Volunteer Co-ordinator	Carolyn Hambly	
Merchandising Co-ordinator	OPEN	
Members At Larger	James Fletcher, Bev Legare	
Teacher Liaisons	Barb Goggin, Ryan Carroll	

OIDA Database Update

complete database we will be able to ensure event communications reach you. **Please note, that for privacy reasons, Barb does not share dancer family contact information with the OIDA. You must provide this information to the OIDA in order for the OIDA to communicate directly with you.**

In order to ensure our database of dancers and contact information is current and complete, we would ask each dancer family **complete the details on the label included on your fee envelope or email Michelle Micuda (mmicuda@outlook.com)**. With a