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Our Alumni in the News

How I Got There: Otto Jelinek

As told to Lan Anh Vu



Otto Jelinek is currently Canadian Ambassador to the Czech Republic. As a former refugee from Communism, he has a high-level track record. Jelinek was a world championship figure skater, winning the 1962 pairs title with his sister Maria. After becoming a world figure skating champion, Jelinek was also successful in his next venture as a skating goods manufacturer. That was followed by a political career with the Progressive Conservative Party of Canada that included a sequence of ministerial positions concerned with amateur sport, supply and services, and national revenue.

Jelinek left politics in 1993 and moved to the Czech Republic and became chairman of Deloitte Central Europe, among other positions. Lan Anh Vu found some time in his busy schedule to talk to him about his professional journey, the challenges he faced and his advice for young people.

My Career in Sports, Business, Politics and Diplomacy

My sister and I never thought when we skated that one day we could be the world champions. We had the determination to do our best and work towards being the best in whatever we did. We went from competitive scaling to professional scaling, performing in a professional live show. This led to the opportunity to make some money in professional skating. I used that money to invest in business and manufactured figure and hockey skates.

As I was running my business, and because Canadians recognized my name quite well from my role in the World Championships, I often spoke at local Rotary clubs, Lions Clubs and organizations of that nature. When I gave talks, I sometimes complained about how small- and medium-sized business owners like myself faced a lot of red tape thrown at us by all levels of government and political parties. So I was then singled out as someone who could express that point of view on the floor of the House of Commons. I served twenty-one years in the Canadian government. I never planned to go into politics.

After I left politics, I held the Chairmanship of Deloitte Central Europe, and spent more than a decade in the Czech Republic before returning to Canada in 2012. And in 2013, I was appointed as ambassador of Canada to the Czech Republic.

My life had little to do my planning it; it unfolded this way because of the circumstances I found myself in, and I took advantage of them. I then did the best I possibly could. Sometimes, whether it's sports or business, politics or diplomacy, the conditions are the same: you must be driven, and have self-discipline and commitment. If you want something bad enough, you can always get it. If you really commit yourself to something, and if you are in the right situation, then one can succeed.

To read the rest of the article, click here:

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/lan-anh-vu/how-i-got-there-otto-jeli_b_8732446.html

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Olympian JoJo Starbuck Shares Joy of Skating with Newark Students

By CHRIS ANDERSON

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WEST ORANGE, NJ - On Dec. 8, two-time Olympian pairs figure skater JoJo Starbuck hosted a free holiday skating party at New Jersey's Richard Codey Arena for 37 students from the Newark Christian Academy. The students, ages 8-15 years old, arrived at the rink filled with excitement, eager to skate--many for the first time.

Once the students stepped onto the ice, Starbuck and three skating coaches: David Lipowitz, Laura Klinger and Marc Fenczak were ready to help them learn the basics.

Though most of these young skaters started the session by clinging to the rinkside wall, by the end of two hours of thrills and spills, many were traversing from one side to the other WITH big smiles on their faces.

Before they left the ice, Starbuck and the three coaches gave the students a brief skating exhibition that was met with gasps of appreciation and spontaneous applause.

After the party, the children returned to school with treat-filled goody bags and wonderful life long memories

This year's skating party marks the sixth year Starbuck has invited the Newark Christian Academy students to skate. It's become a holiday event both the students and JStarbuck said look forward to every year.

"I love hearing the squeals of laughter as the kids take to the ice," said Starbuck. "For most, it's the first time they've put on ice skates, yet they take to ice with such determination. I think I enjoy the morning as much as they do. The students are always so well mannered, enthusiastic and so very appreciative."

Pairs figure skater Starbuck skated in the 1968 and 1972 Olympics with her partner Ken Shelley. During their competitive career, Starbuck and Shelley won two bronze world medals and three national championships. Starbuck also enjoyed a successful professional skating career, headlining for ice capades with Shelley, skating on Broadway and producing major ice events.

Today [Starbuck](#) teaches adult ice skating lessons at Codey Arena and Rockefeller Center and produces corporate ice skating events.

<https://www.tapinto.net/towns/west-orange/categories/news/articles/olympian-jojo-starbuck-shares-joy-of-skating-with-1>

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Upcoming Events

Skating with the Stars – hosted by Tai & Randy

6 day Caribbean Cruise – March 26 – 31, 2016 – Fort Lauderdale – Belize – Cozumel – Fort Lauderdale



http://travelwest.com/trip/?page=caribbean_skating_0316

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Ice Show Gypsies Cruise Reunion 2016



September 24, 2016. 7 nights, Sailing on the Norwegian Escape from Miami, Florida.
Itinerary: Miami, sea day, sea day, St Thomas - US Virgin Islands, Tortola, sea day, Nassau - Bahamas, Miami.

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For more information, go to www.icecapadesreunion2015.com

Or

<https://www.facebook.com/events/501694283332385/>

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Website Update

The reunion website – www.icecapadesreunion2015.com is still there. Even though the reunion is over, the plan is to continue to use this site for alumni updates so please keep checking back from time to time as news will be added periodically. Don't forget, there are also show rosters for your reference, updated obits and upcoming events.



Ice Capades Reunion Update

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and access the archived tabs

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