

## December Coordinator's Chatter

A month of anticipation! What will the holidays bring? A visit from family and friends perhaps. Or maybe sharing a cup of tea and a good conversation.

Of course, for the young ones – it's the anticipation of pageants, music, games and presents. The year I turned twelve my brother gave me a very special gift. It was a pair of ice skates – white – just the right size. No other gift mattered that year. AS soon as mom and dad gave me permission, I was off to the ice rink. I spent hours and hours on those skates for several years. I learned that ice skates are not hockey skates and made playing the game a little more difficult. I learned that just having ice skates did not make me a skater...but practice definitely improved my skills. I learned that I needed to try and try again to learn to use the skates both ice skating and playing hockey. Valuable life lessons.

The holiday season to me is about these life impacting moments – not the gifts – but the lessons learned, the conversations had and the reconnections made. The true blessing. Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays one and all – wishing everyone many moments of unexplainable JOY!