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## 2012 Atlanta Open To Host 250 Competitors



Chair, Registrar **Jeannette Doney** is pleased to announce that 250 skaters from 27 clubs and rinks in nine states will participate in the 2012 Atlanta Open on June 14 - 16.

Please welcome our Chief Referee **Rick Perez** (Mountain View, CA), Chief Accountant **Maxine Ganther** (Oakdale, PA), Chief Announcer/Music **John Richardson** (Atlanta, GA), and our distinguished officials.

This year's vendors are Brad Griffies Skate Wear, Skatergirl, Straw Productions, SK8Monkey, A' La Bing Designs, and Trudi Designs.

Area chairs will be contacting members for volunteer opportunities so please be generous with your time and talent. Questions should be directed to Volunteer Coordinator **Jan Brown**.

### LOCAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

Volunteers will be greatly appreciated for these areas:

Announcing/Music	John Richardson
Awards	Carrilyn Corbin
Coaches' Hospitality	Haley Osenbaugh
Donations	Peggy McCarthy
Ground Transportation	Peggy McCarthy
Ice Monitors	Christi Fisher, Dawn Kisella
Practice Ice	Cynthia Kornetzke
Princess Dressing Room	Jan Brown
Registration	Francesca Sichenze, Emily Dwyer
Runners	Jan Brown
Set-Up/Take Down	Robert Osenbaugh

### JUDGES

Lisa Boyer	Harvest, AL
Aristeo Brito	Miami, FL
Marcia Chaffee	West Chester, OH
John Cole	Hunt Valley, MD
Lori Dunn	Greensboro, GA
Jeannette Doney	Roswell, GA
Beth Graham	Denver, CO
Dana Graham	Smyrna, GA
Anne Greenthal	New York, NY
Catherine Hackney	Acworth, GA
Sharon Hyre	Atlanta, GA
Fran Jesel	Mooresville, NC
Susan Johnson	Atlanta, GA
Sonja Kaminski	Raleigh, NC
Richard Kern	Peoria, IL
Gloria Lewis	Lawrenceville, GA
Terri Maurice	Alpharetta, GA
John Millier	Atlanta, GA
Roberta Parkinson	McMurray, PA
Sara Stephens	Marietta, GA
Tony Torres	Huntsville, AL
Robert Wagner	Orlando, FL
Ginger Whatley	Atlanta, GA
Sharon Wiggins	Atlanta, GA

### TECHNICAL PANEL

Jacki Crugnola	Franklin, MA
Dana Graham	Smyrna, GA
Susan Johnson	Atlanta, GA
Richard Kern	Peoria, IL
Tracey Poletis	Baltimore, MD
Laurie Vieth	Atlanta, GA

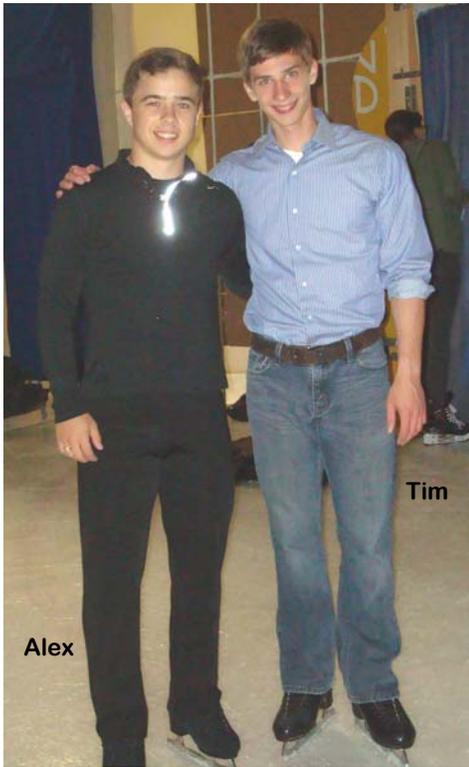


# WISH UPON A SKATING STAR

## APRIL 27 - 29

Congratulations to the fabulous cast and crew of the spring ice show! It was a smash!

Chair	Christi Fisher
Producer/Director	Tami Mickle
Announcing	Bill Roberts
Backstage Directors	Janet Payne, Graham Payne, Sydney Kosse, Barbara Wagner
Business Manager	Anna Marie Champion
Costumes	Christi Fisher
Creative Concept Team	Jeannette Doney, Tami Mickle, Nancy Ellis Riggs
Group Parent Coordinator	Emily Dwyer
Music	Jeannette Doney, Madeleine Brown, Graham Payne
Production Manager	Dale Haar
Program	Heather Heydet, Peggy McCarthy
Props/Stage Decoration	John Richardson, Robert Osenbaugh
Security/Ushers	Cynthia Kornetzke
Tickets	Jan Brown



Alex

Tim



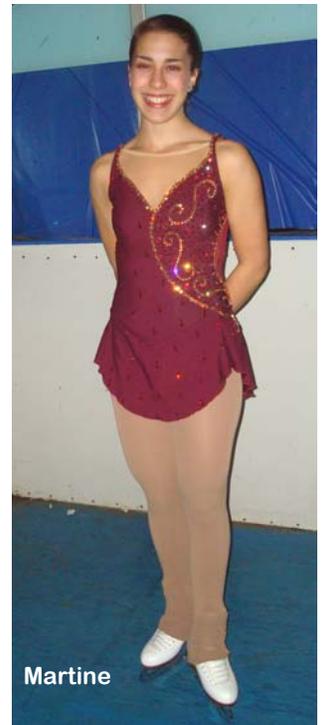
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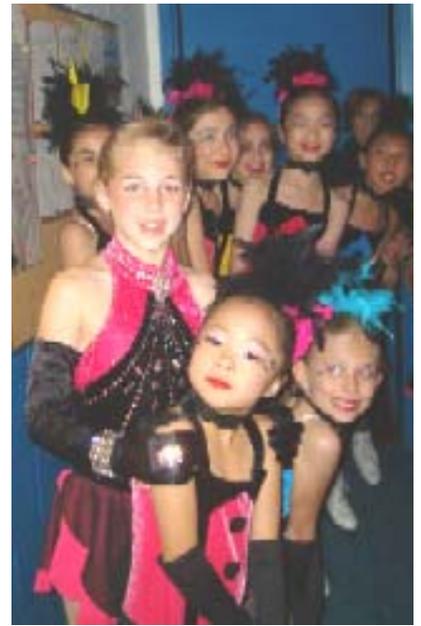
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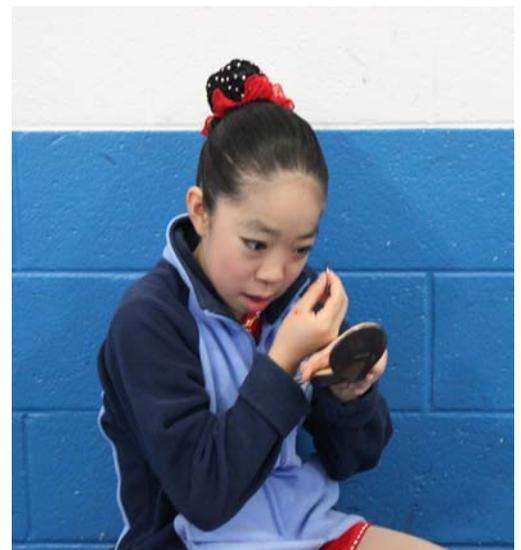
Alice



Martine



Thanks to Barry Johnson for the fabulous photos!







Wish Upon A Skating Star Cast





## Annual Awards Banquet

**When:** Sunday, June 10  
4:30 - 7:30 pm

**Where:** Country Club of Roswell  
2500 Club Springs Dr., Roswell, GA 30076  
770-475-7800

**Cost:** Adults (13+) \$15.00  
Children (5-12) \$10.00  
Children (under 5) NC

Join us for a fabulous chicken parmesan, pasta, salad, and ice cream sundae buffet as we present the annual awards to our outstanding members! Afterwards we challenge you to participate in an hour of line dancing instruction from two local pros.

*Don't miss it!*

Payment must be received by June 2. No walk-ups will be accepted. The order form is available online at [www.atlantafsc.org](http://www.atlantafsc.org).



### Board of Directors 2012 - 2013 Election Results

Congratulations to the newly-elected members who will serve two-year terms on the Board of Directors. Returning for a second term are **Judith Flair**, **Gloria Lewis** (both senior), and **Dale Haar** (junior). Also elected were junior candidates **Jan Brown** and **Christi Fisher**.



Jan Brown



Christi Fisher



Judith Flair



Dale Haar



Gloria Lewis

Remaining on the BOD are **Sharon Hyre**, **John Millier**, **Kathy Shehee** (all senior), and **Leon Qiao** and **Anna Marie Champion** (both junior). Many thanks to departing Board members **Jeannette Doney** and **Louise Szanto** and to all the candidates.

Officers for the 2012-2013 club year will be elected by the new Board of Directors in June. Committee chairs and other appointed positions will be announced at a later date.

The 2012 Nominating Committee, chaired by Barry Johnson, was comprised of Jane Jud, Tea Junnila, Tony Maness, Tami Mickle, and Kathy Shehee.



# SPOTLIGHT SKATER

## Emily Haar

### What do you love most about skating?

*The feelings of accomplishment after I master a new element!*

### What is your weekly training regimen?

*Before my surgery I skated five days a week and I had off ice training two times a week.*

### What are your favorite and least favorite elements?

*My favorite element is the double Salchow because it always came easy to me and my least favorite is footwork because I get tripped up sometimes!*

### Favorite program?

*My best year of skating was in 2010 when I placed second in both the Open Juvenile short and freeskate programs at the South Atlantic Non-Qualifying Regionals. Helena Fisher, my best friend, and I placed third for Teen Duets at National Showcase in 2011. My favorite program music was my Bollywood music! I loved it because you could really play up the choreography and have fun with it!*

### What is the most memorable event of your skating career?

*My most memorable event of skating was when I was at a competition when I was younger. I was skating through my program when all of a sudden I completely forgot what I was supposed to be doing! Then I had to go talk to the judges and my coach, Brittney Bottoms. I re-skated my program and ended up getting first! It was embarrassing but I was really happy because of it!*

### Whom do you admire most?

*I admire my friends and family because they are always there for me no matter what!*

### Who is your favorite skater?

*Alissa Czisny because she is so graceful and beautiful on the ice! She makes everything look so easy.*

### Tell us about your school and extracurricular activities.

*I am a ninth grader attending Pope High school. My favorite subject is biology. My extra curricular activities include playing oboe in my school's band and helping out in the Student Government Association. I've been on honor rolls and have received The Directors Award for band! I'm also in the band at my school, I've helped with the skating club, and I've participated in activities for my schools Student Government Association.*

### Best advice you have ever received?

*Don't stop practicing until it's perfect, stop when you do it perfectly every time.*

### Tell us about your family.

*I am an only child! I also have a dog named Biscuit whom I just adore! Some of my other hobbies include playing the oboe and reading!*

### What are your future skating and educational goals?

*My future skating related goals are to pass Senior moves in the field, skate after my surgery, and skate for as long as I can!*

*My career aspiration is to work as some sort of doctor to help people and I am planning to attend college. I plan to skate for life!*

### If I weren't a skater, I would have been

*Either a dancer or run cross-country.*

### Tell us something about yourself or your family that no one knows.

*We love to play dominos!*

### I would like to meet ...

*The five members of One Direction because I love their music and they are so funny and cute!*

### My three favorite things are

*Music, skating, and my friends!*

**Favorite word:** *Sparkle!*

**Least favorite word:** *: Can't*

**Favorite quote:** *"Your attitude determines your altitude" ~My biology teacher, Mrs. Cotton*

**What turns me off:** *Stinky smells and obnoxious people!*

**Favorite book:** *The Hunger Games series*

**Favorite movie:** *"The Hunger Games" or "Mean Girls"*

**Favorite TV show:** *"Glee"*

**Sound I love:** *Waves crashing on beaches*

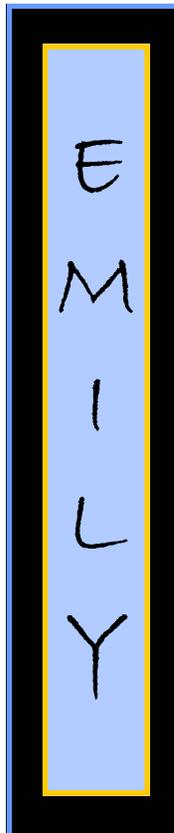
**Sound I dislike:** *Coughing*

**I would never want to be:** *A dishwasher in a restaurant*

**Three words that best describe me:** *Happy, easygoing, and creative!*

**If I were stranded on a desert island, I would have to have:** *My iPod, a drawing pad, and lots of yummy food!*

*P.S. I like to have fun!*



## Governing Council News



Congratulations to ...

- ★ **Brittney Bottoms** who was elected to serve as coaching member of the U.S. Figure Skating Board of Directors
- ★ **John Millier**, who was appointed national dance referee
- ★ **Marie Pearce**, who was appointed National Showcase judge and national synchronized skating judge

## Dolensky Named to USFS Team

Tim Dolensky, the 2012 U.S. Championships silver medalist has been named to U.S. Figure Skating's 2012 -2013 Team C.

The envelope level is primarily determined by the athlete's performance in international and U.S. Figure Skating qualifying competitions during the previous season, and is used to determine funding levels.

Way to go, Tim!

## Skating Beyond the Rink: A College Girl's Reflection About the Sport

By: Kristin Hiller



Once a skater, always a skater. That's how I feel about the sport of figure skating. It is a lifelong passion, an activity that is both comforting and challenging. Now, as a sophomore in college, I've realized that a lot of my success is probably due to the work ethic instilled in me from skating.

In a way, skating is the best teacher. There's nothing quite like the dedication and discipline you acquire when getting up for those 6 a.m. practices. In order to succeed in these early mornings, there has to be a lot of motivation. In addition, skating requires a lot of concentration and a positive mindset. You have to be both athletic and artistic. But most importantly, skating teaches you to believe in yourself and work hard to achieve your goals. In my opinion, these very important qualities for life are lacking in a lot of college students today. The procrastination, the carefree attitudes and lack of motivation leave me wondering if people would be more dedicated if they had pursued a difficult activity like skating in their childhood.

So my advice to you young skaters? Keep it up as long as you can. Try to pass as many tests as possible. Don't skate for results; skate for yourself. I have continued to skate every few weeks, despite being at a school without a rink. It's such a great feeling to stroke around the rink, with the breeze hitting my face. When I skate, I'm free. There is no stress and I can just enjoy myself. I'm glad I have

kept skating in my life after all these years, and I honestly don't know how I would live without it.

I am grateful for the experiences I've gained and the people I've met through skating. I'm really excited that I am judging now because it's a great way to stay connected and is my pleasure to give back to the sport that has impacted my life so greatly. I know I'll always have a pair of skates with me throughout life because skating has truly earned a place in my heart.

*Editor's Note: Kristin is a journalism major at the University of Georgia.*



## 2012 Florida Open Citrus FSC, Orlando, FL April 13 - 15

### INTERMEDIATE LADIES

#### Free Skate - Final Round

Alice Qiao 6th/12

#### Free Skate, Grp. A

Alice Qiao 3rd/10

#### Short Program, Grp. B

Alice Qiao 3rd/12

Grace Rathbun 12th/12

### JUVENILE GIRLS

#### Free Skate, Grp. A

Grace Rathbun 12th/12

#### Free Skate, Grp. B

Lily Xie 7th/12

### PRE-JUVENILE

#### Jumps, Grp. A

Nile Ziegler 4th/5

### PRELIMINARY GIRLS

#### Free Skate, Grp. A

Nile Ziegler 4th/7

#### Free Skate, Grp. D

Gabrielle Kuse 7th/8

#### Spins

Nile Ziegler 6th/10

Gabrielle Kuse 8th/10

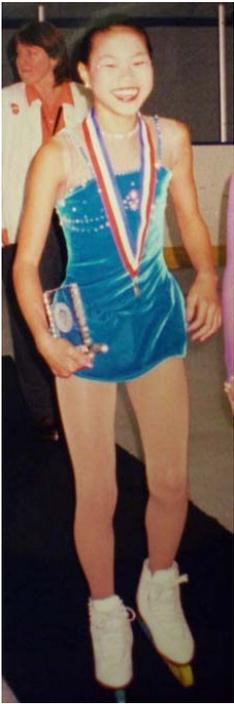
#### Compulsory Moves, Grp. D

Gabrielle Kuse 6th/8

#### Showcase

Gabrielle Kuse 8th/8

Let's take a trip down memory lane, shall we?...It always brings a smile to my face to think back on the wonderful time of my life I spent skating. I first stepped on the ice for my friend's brother's birthday and all I remember was loving it from the start. I was only 5, so I've been told that after that day I started skating consistently and then began taking lessons with the lovely



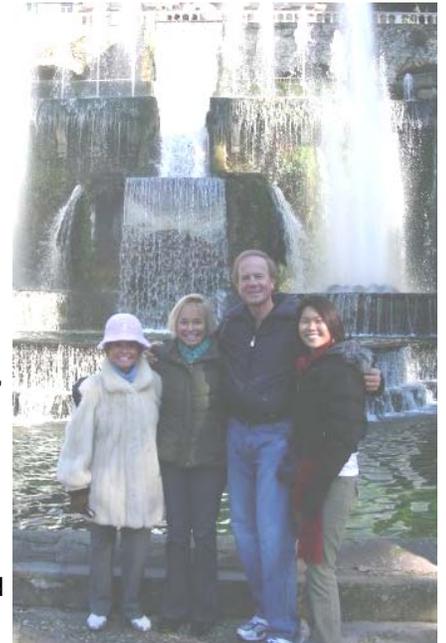
Tami Mickle, who remains one of my closest friends to this day. By the time I was 11, I had placed 12th in Intermediate in the final round of Regionals at none other than The Cooler. The following year, I became the Intermediate Regional Champion and took my first trip to Junior Nationals, placing a disappointing 18th place.

Throughout my freshman and sophomore years of high school I took up home-schooling. Under the lure of Ice Castles training center and coaching I began to fly between Lake Arrowhead, CA and Atlanta to train with Rafael Arutunian and Tami, respectively. At Regionals my Junior year I placed 4th at Regionals and 9th at Eastern Sectionals. The following year, as a Senior, I again placed 4th and 9th at Regionals and Sectionals, respectively. Soon after, my family and I decided that I would move to Lake Arrowhead to train permanently. After moving, months went by and I realized that my love for competition had faded and I no longer wanted to continue skating...

It was such an abrupt transition and a foreign life to live without skating, but I spent two years at St. Francis High School and graduated. I headed west again, this time for college at San Diego State University! I ended up graduating with a double degree in Journalism and Women's Studies. I did one amazing year abroad in Edinburgh, Scotland, where I traveled western Europe and befriended some of the most amazing people I know today. Before graduating I also participated in a life-changing program in China. I traveled to Beijing and from there, traveled to a rural part of China to teach English to high school students. I met some of the most spirited and kind people and

completely changed my outlook on life.

In addition to my travels, I developed my passion for journalism and began writing for an arts/music online magazine and interned at an independent news station in San Diego. Just about a year ago, today, I had one of my proudest moments and graduated from university with my parents present in San Diego. While unemployed and looking for a job, I lived in West Palm Beach, FL, and Atlanta before I received a call that I was hired at the local Fox 5 news station, in New York City, the greatest city in the world! Have I mentioned that I wouldn't have been able to do any of this without the relentless support of my parents and grandma? It has truly been a group effort to get to where I'm at today...



I'm currently working as an Assignment Desk trainee and will soon be promoted to a Production Assistant job. I've also been involved with the Investigative Unit at the station. I've done research, written stories and gone undercover thus far, and I'm really enjoying this aspect of the news. I think it just might be my niche! Since moving to New York I have delightfully found my way back into skating, but this time as a performer. Back in January while skating at a local rink, I was approached by the founder of Ice Theater of New York, a non-profit organization that puts on skating shows throughout the city. As a member of the organization, I've gotten to perform at Rockefeller Center, skate with some amazing skaters/choreographers, and teach young students who come to watch us perform. I'll be participating in my first fund-raising benefit this week!

All in all I've been blessed with an amazing life thus far, so many great people and so many wonderful opportunities. After an adjustment to the chaos that is New York City, I've come to realize that the fast pace and the youthful, professional environment is a place where I thrive. I look forward

to progressing in the media and hope to continue skating with the Ice Theatre of New York in the future!



# VOLUNTEER Movers & Shakers

## Haley and Robert Osenbaugh A Family Affair!

**When did you join the Atlanta FSC, and how did you first become involved as a volunteer?**

*We first joined the Atlanta FSC in July, 2010. Our daughter Rahly first put on skates over Christmas break in 2009. She saw the Disney movie Ice Princess and asked her Dad to take her to an ice rink to learn to skate. Over Christmas break Robert took her to all the rinks in town. One day at The Cooler, Rahly kept standing within earshot of coach Eric Bohnstedt during one of his lessons so she could "eavesdrop." She then tried to do everything he was teaching the other student. Robert talked to Eric that day to sign her up for lessons and she has been going strong since that day. She's now skating at the pre-juvenile level and we are here at the rink at least five times a week.*

**Describe your past and current positions as well as any other contributions to the club.**

*The figure skating scene is a whole new world for all of us. We have only been Atlanta FSC members for two years so we've had to ramp up pretty fast. We both got involved as volunteers by simply trying to fulfill the required hours for membership. I volunteered to help out with Coaches Hospitality for Atlanta Open, and Peggy McCarthy was the first person I met on my first volunteer assignment. I mentioned that I really enjoyed working in Coaches Hospitality, and now I'm working closely with her to chair that area.*

*Robert "stumbled" into it much the same way by volunteering for set up and break down. Volunteer dads are in high demand at the club, and there was no shortage of things for him to do. As a child he didn't have a lot of help and support from his parents for his athletic aspirations. For this reason, he's made it his mission to be highly involved in all aspects of our kid's sports and extracurricular activities. In his two years of membership, he has run lights, built props, and worked set up and break down for virtually every event at the club. He's now working with Dale Haar to chair that area.*

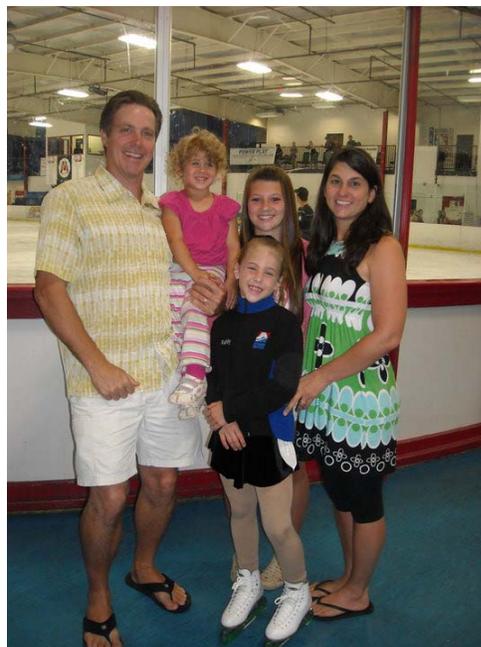
*And hey, while we have the forum..... Please volunteer, we could both use the help in our respective areas!!*

**Please describe your accomplishments as a skater or your participation in other sports.**

*Neither of us have any history or prior experience with this sport. I was a competitive gymnast as a child, and Robert played some baseball and ran track when he was younger.*

**Tell us a little about your background, profession, hobbies, and family.**

*As far as our home and family life goes, we are married with three girls: Emmerson (15), Rahly (10), and Marley (4). As you can imagine, there is never a dull moment around our house. Robert and I also both work full time. Robert is a small business owner and has had his own IT business for over 15 years. I'm a sales rep for a large IT company and work with hospitals and healthcare systems. We are both blessed with careers that offer us the much needed flexibility to balance work and family. For the most part our days are spent trying to simply "keep our heads above water," but we have a wonderful life and wouldn't change a thing!!!*



### Off-Ice Classes To Focus on S.T.A.R.S. Camp Preparation

All off-ice classes in May will concentrate on various elements in the S.T.A.R.S. Program Exercise Guide which may be downloaded at [STARScombine.org](http://STARScombine.org).



Chairing the camp is **Erica Ono**, assisted by committee members **Dorothy Burns** and **Sara Calvert**.

# Tests Passed

## April/May

Tim Dolensky	Senior Free Skate
Wendi Hiller	Novice Free Skate
Sydney Kosse	Novice MIF
Alice Tang	Novice MIF
Alice Qiao	Intermediate Free Skate
Dezarae Vazquez	Intermediate Free Skate
Madeleine Brown	Intermediate MIF
Renee Wang	Intermediate MIF
Catherine Yen	Juvenile Free Skate
Megan Joseph	Pre-Juvenile Free Skate
Christine Yen	Pre-Juvenile Free Skate
Emily Zhang	Juvenile MIF Preliminary Free Skate
Lydia Choe	Preliminary Free Skate
Sarah Suh	Preliminary MIF
Stephanie Brimeyer	Pre-Preliminary Free Skate Cha Cha, Swing Dance
Alexa Davila	Pre-Preliminary Free Skate

## March

Martine Szanto	Senior Free Skate
Helena Fisher	Intermediate Free Skate
Ally Chebuhar	Juvenile Free Skate Juvenile MIF
Sydney Jiang	Juvenile Free Skate
Maria Son	Juvenile Free Skate
Charles Liu	Juvenile MIF Pre-Preliminary Free Skate
Mingda Liu	Juvenile MIF
Rahly Osenbaugh	Pre-Juvenile MIF
Natalie Mueller	Preliminary Free Skate
Katie Sanyal	Preliminary MIF Pre-Preliminary Free Skate
Claire Sosnow	Pre-Preliminary Free Skate
Elise Heydet	Preliminary MIF
Trinity Fong	Pre-Preliminary MIF
Madeline Freeman	Pre-Preliminary MIF
Regan Williams	Pre-Preliminary MIF



The Atlanta FSC is the 4th largest club in the Eastern Section and the 11th largest in the country!

1. Washington FSC	906
2. SC of New York	790
3. All Year FSC	669
4. SC of Boston	654
5. DuPage FSC	589
6. St. Moritz ISC	565
7. Dallas FSC	549
8. Onyx-Suburban SA	520
9. Starz of Houston FSC	497
10. Skokie Valley SC	450
11. ATLANTA FSC	436



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Julia Wittosch	1	Barbara Landon	17
Haley Osenbaugh	3	Jason Rainey	18
Aren Nielson	5	Stephanie Niu	
Scott Mueller		Tim Dolensky	20
Sophie Burkus		Catherine Hackney	21
Anne Malacrea	6	Claire Sosnow	23
Cynthia Kornetzke	7	Miranda Corbin	
Margaret Butlin		Tiffany Hatzikoutelis	25
Regina Brimeyer	9	Sharon Hyre	
Melody Wang	10	Vladimir Vacariuc	28
Dale Haar	13	Emily Stark	
Nancy Hoblack		Fendi Mi	29
Nicole Strain	15	Cheryl Faust	
AnnaHarriette Pittman	16	Sydney Kosse	
Allen Fong	17		

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# Upcoming Events

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATES</u>	<u>SPONSOR/LOCATION</u>	<u>DUE DATE</u>
<b>ICE DANCE WEEKEND</b>	<b>June 1 - 3</b>	<b>Atlanta FSC</b>	
<b>AWARDS BANQUET</b>	<b>June 10</b>	<b>Atlanta FSC, Country Club of Roswell</b>	
<b>ATLANTA OPEN</b>	<b>June 14 - 16</b>	<b>Atlanta FSC</b>	
<b>S.T.A.R.S CAMP</b>	<b>June 17</b>	<b>USFS/Atlanta FSC</b>	
Liberty Summer Competition	July 17 - 21	Liberty FSC, Aston, PA	May 31
Lake Placid Ice Dance Champ.	July 25 - 29	SC of Lake Placid, Lake Placid, NY	June 25
Charleston Open	July 28	FSC of Charleston, Charleston, SC	
2012 National Showcase	August 9 - 11	Escondido FSC, Escondido, CA	
Rocket City Classic	August 17 - 18	SC of Huntsville, Huntsville, AL	