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Team Atlanta Ranks Among Top Skaters in Eastern Section

Congratulations to all three of our Eastern Sectional competitors on their outstanding accomplishments! Although they narrowly missed qualifying for the national championships, they are still among the 36 best skaters in the country in their respective levels and disciplines and rank as the 5th and 6th best on the East Coast in their disciplines. We are so proud of their talent, resilience, spirit, hard work, and sportsmanship!



Competing with a stress fracture, **Tim Dolensky** (Senior Men) successfully landed a double Axel, triple loop/double toeloop combo, and a triple Lutz in his short program, receiving positive grades of execution on six out of seven elements. His free skate included two double jumps and five triples, two in combination. Tim is the 2012 U.S. Championships Junior Men's silver medalist.

In her free skate program, **Alice Qiao** (Intermediate Ladies) landed eight double jumps, three in combination, as well as two double Axels. She received positive grades of execution on seven of nine elements, and missed winning the free skate by less than one point. She was this year's Intermediate Ladies gold medalist at the 2013 South Atlantic Regional Championships and finished 12th at the Juvenile level at last year's U.S. Junior Figure Skating Championships.

**Jabe Roberts** (Juvenile Boys) landed four double jumps, including double Lutz, double flip, and double loop. and surpassed his South Atlantic Regionals score by almost three points. He was this year's Juvenile Boy's bronze medalist at the South Atlantic Regional Championships and finished 14th at last year's U.S. Junior Championships at the same level.



<b>TIMOTHY DOLENSKY</b>	
<b>Senior Men</b>	
Final Standing	6th/10
Free Skate	6th/10
Short Program	5th/10

<b>ALICE QIAO</b>	
<b>Intermediate Ladies</b>	
Final Standing	5th/12
Free Skate	2nd/12
Short Program	7th/12

<b>JABE ROBERTS</b>	
<b>Juvenile Boys</b>	
Final Standing	5th/12

Approximately 90 members participated in our annual potluck dinner on November 16! Thanks to our volunteers, Social Committee Chair **Tea Junnila**, and ice games coaches **Eric Bohnstedt**, **Graham Payne**, and **Nancy Ellis Riggs**.



Nokia phone prize winner Katherine Zhang with John Richardson





## Annual Turkey Relay!





Photos by Denise Freeman and Tea Junnila



# Spooktacular Club Ice November 2







# SPOTLIGHT SKATER

## Lily Xie

**What motivates you to continue skating?**

*My friends, family, and coach.*

**What is your weekly training regimen?**

*I'm on ice six days a week, and I do off ice as often as I can.*

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

*I like jumping because it feels really free and awesome when you're spinning in the air. I hate front camel spins because I feel like I spin soo slow.*

**Competitive accomplishments**

*At my first out of town competition, I got first place in all of my events.*

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

*One time I fell on an Axel and I was so humiliated because I landed everything else.*

**Whom do you admire most?**

*My coach, Ms. Barbara because she is older than most coaches and she can still do things better than me! Also she is nice, motivating, and SMART!*

**Who is your favorite skater?**

*Yu-Na Kim because she is so graceful and pretty and it's just pleasing to watch her.*

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

*I attend Autrey Mill Middle School. I'm in sixth grade, I like language arts, and I'm a straight A student. I also play the violin and do ballet three times a week.*

**Tell us about your family.**

*I have a brother who is 15, and I have two pet frogs that are really small.*

**Best advice you have ever received?**

*Get on with life because life gets on without you.*

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

*I like to play Minecraft on the Xbox 360.*

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

*I hope to make it to Sectionals at least. I think I want to become a doctor. Of course, I will attend college (hopefully at Harvard University). I will definitely try to continue skating.*

**My three favorite things are**

*My phone, skates, and the beach*

**I would like to meet ...**

*I would like to meet One Direction because they are amazing and funny!*

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

*Probably a basketball player or a ballerina*

**P.S. I hate carrots. Never make me eat carrots.**

**Favorite word:** *Ah-dorable*

**Least favorite word:** *Carrots*

**Favorite quote:** *You can't possibly land a jump if you're thinking about all the possible ways you can fall.*  
~Unknown

**What turns me off:** *People who are really lazy*

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

**Favorite movie:** *"The Hunger Games"*

**Favorite Song:** *"Kiss You" by One Direction*

**Favorite TV Show:** *"Big Bang Theory"*

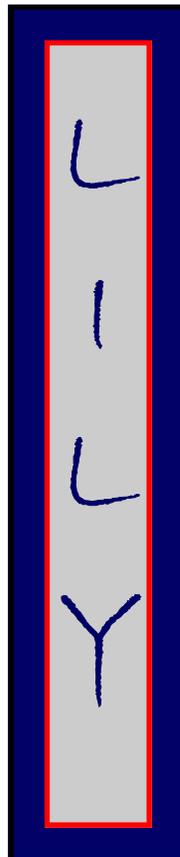
**Sound I love:** *One Direction singing and also rain*

**Sound I dislike:** *Styrofoam squeaking*

**I would never want to be:** *A computer scientist because I would get really confused and get headaches all the time.*

**Three words that best describe me:** *Loud, mischievous, caring*

**If I were stranded on a desert island, I would have to have:** *A boatload of books, my phone, and my laptop*





# VOLUNTEER Movers & Shakers

**Cynthia Kornetzke**  
*Notre Rêve: Au patin à Paris*

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

*Our family joined the Atlanta FSC in 2008 when my daughter Julia (now an 8<sup>th</sup> grader) started skating in competitions.*

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

*I began volunteering with the club by helping out during competitions in order to fulfill my requirement for volunteer hours. However, I quickly realized that the reason the club is so well run is because of the countless club members who serve tirelessly for the good of the club. Over the years, I have served in Coaches Hospitality, Registration, and as a Practice Ice Monitor during competitions. At last year's Spring Ice Show, I served as the Usher /Security Chair. I am currently the Practice Ice Monitor Chair for the Magnolia Open and the Atlanta Open.*

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

*Growing up in Wisconsin, I learned how to ice skate at a young age and enjoyed pond skating during the long (and cold) Midwest winters! I grew up as a swimmer, and swam competitively from age five through high school. When neither of my kids took an interest in competitive swimming, the search was on for an alternate sport. Over the Christmas holiday in 2006, Julia first stepped onto the ice. She truly loves the sport and has been skating ever since. We currently come to The Cooler for on and off-ice instruction four days a week.*

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

*I was born and raised in Wisconsin, moved to the Atlanta area after graduating from college, and have lived here for almost 20 years. I have degrees in Finance and Marketing but gave up my career in banking when I had my first child, Julia. I also have a son, Joshua, who is 10 years old and loves all sports, but spends most of his time playing soccer (and video games). Thankfully, I have a husband who works from home so Joshua doesn't often have to step foot in the rink!*

**What three items are on your "bucket list?"**

*To tell the truth, I am not much of a bucket list person. I prefer to be led by whatever God is calling me to do. That said, we often talk about taking a family trip to France once Julia becomes fluent enough in the language to act as our tour guide. That would be a family trip of a lifetime, which I would love to be able to take in celebration of all of Julia's hard work in learning a second language. Who knows...maybe we'll bring our skates along and be able to say that we skated in Paris! If we do, I'll make sure the picture gets in the **Freestyler**.*



## 2012 Bronco Challenge

Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI  
November 3



Miami University of Ohio, Oxford, OH

Final Team Standings	1st/15
High Team Maneuvers	1st/11
Intermediate Solo Dance	
Alexandra McCarthy	1st/5
Senior Championship Ladies Free Skate	
Alexandra McCarthy	4th/6

Alexandra McCarthy (1st row, second from left) with her team.



# POTPOURRI

Jan		HAPPY BIRTHDAY		Jan	
Monica Kantor	1	Kelly Mi	14		
Sarah Zhu		Lily Xie	15		
Senthian Ziegler		Nile Ziegler	16		
Shifu Liu		Dianna Hellmann	17		
Susan Johnson	2	George Song			
Samantha Reese	3	Maurice Davila	20		
Samantha Wang	6	Harry Flair	22		
Fatheia Ahmeda	9	Jia Mi	23		
Melissa Rainey		Shahla Mashinchi			
Aubrey Alkhazraji	11	Zoe Dellaert			
Susan Choe		John Richardson	24		
Sherri Martin	12	Leon Qiao			
Andy Linn	13	Shayla Jolliffe	25		
Paris Mashinchi		Jingqian Jiang	28		
Chloe Rutter	14				

Feb		HAPPY BIRTHDAY		Feb	
Kristen Rausch	1	Alice Qiao	17		
Olivia Linn	2	Emily Hwang	18		
Julia Kornetzke	4	Kim Kaloyannides	19		
Michiyo Nonaka	5	Kristin Hiller	21		
Rahly Osenbaugh	6	Charles Liu	24		
Megan Jester	8	Eric Bohnstedt	25		
Bill Roberts	9	Evelina Bobrik	27		
Chip Morgan	12	MacKenzie Kisella			
Natalie Mueller					

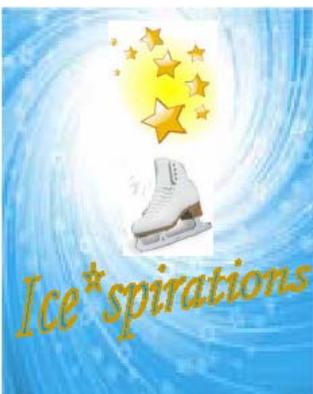


Haley Blankenship	Charlotte Lichtenfeld
Elsa Cole	Madison Mueller
Elizabeth Douglas	Vivi Nguyen
Isabella Giordano	Richard Woods
Pari Ghosh	Rucsandra Woods
Pinaki Ghosh	

## Spring Ice Show Update

The theme of this year's spring show is Ice\*spirations - what inspires us in life, what inspires us to work at expressing ourselves on the ice, and how we inspire others through skating. We are very excited about exploring this theme and hope you will all join us in bringing it to life!

Look for an email in the next few weeks with registration information, participation/costume fees, and volunteer opportunities. Please note that practices will be conducted during Club Ice on the dates noted (right). Dress rehearsal is scheduled for Sunday, April 21.



### PERFORMANCES

- Friday evening - April 26
- Saturday evening - April 27
- Sunday afternoon - April 28

## IMPORTANT! Club Ice Changes

The Club Ice sessions listed below will be reserved for the Spring Show practices:

March 15, 22, 29

April 5, 12, 19

Club ice remains OPEN to all members, but they MUST give right of way to show practice groups and not disturb any participants.

Off-ice classes are also cancelled for the above dates.

# Tests Passed

## July, 2012

MacKenzie Kisella	Novice MIF
Kaitlyn Plaziak	Preliminary MIF

## August, 2012

Stephanie Niu	Intermediate Free Skate
Natalie Martin	Intermediate MIF
Stephanie Brimeyer	Pre-Bronze Dance Test
Elvira Junnila	Dutch Waltz Canasta Tango Rhythm Blues Preliminary Dance Test

## September, 2012

Wendi Hiller	American Waltz
Julia Kornetzke	Preliminary Free Skate
Libby Bickford	Preliminary MIF
Melody DeMerchant	Preliminary MIF
Olivia Garrett	Preliminary MIF
Caroline Riley	Preliminary MIF
Abigail Hellmann	Pre-Preliminary Free Skate Pre-Preliminary MIF
Rachel Lichtenfeld	Pre-Preliminary Free Skate
Olivia Linn	Pre-Preliminary Free Skate Pre-Preliminary MIF
Shaunya Noble	Pre-Preliminary Free Skate Pre-Preliminary MIF

## October, 2012

Laurie Sanii	Adult Ten Fox Adult Hickory Hoedown
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## November, 2012

Aspen Ono	Junior MIF
Melody Wang	Junior MIF
Grace Elowe	Novice MIF
Hannah Carleton	Intermediate MIF
Mingda Liu	Intermediate MIF
Nile Ziegler	Intermediate MIF
Alexa Davila	Juvenile MIF
Tiffany Hatzikoutelis	Juvenile MIF
Gabrielle Kuse	Juvenile MIF
Natalie Mueller	Juvenile MIF
Hannah Carleton	Pre-Juvenile Free Skate
Renee Wang	Pre-Juvenile Free Skate
Katie Sanyal	Pre-Juvenile MIF
Claire Sosnow	Pre-Juvenile MIF
Sarah Suh	Pre-Juvenile MIF
Ashley Catanzarite	Preliminary MIF
Madeline Freeman	Preliminary MIF
Athena Landon	Preliminary MIF
Mathilda Zimmerman	Pre-Preliminary Free Skate Pre-Preliminary MIF
Zoe Dellaert	Pre-Preliminary Free Skate Pre-Preliminary MIF
Olivia Kaloyannides	Pre-Preliminary MIF
Eva Salter	Pre-Preliminary MIF
Samantha Sanyal	Pre-Preliminary MIF
Isabel Schaum	Pre-Preliminary MIF
Bailey Snead	Pre-Preliminary MIF
Helena Fisher	Tango & Solo
Wendi Hiller	Tango & Solo
Aspen Ono	Fiesta Tango

### Moved? New E-Mail or Phone Number?

If you have moved, have a new telephone number or new e-mail address, please advise Jane Jud at [Jjudalex@aol.com](mailto:Jjudalex@aol.com).



Happy Holidays!

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# Upcoming Events

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATES</u>	<u>SPONSOR/LOCATION</u>	<u>DUE DATE</u>
<b>HOLIDAY SKATE (Club Ice)</b>	<b>December 14</b>	<b>Atlanta FSC</b>	
Winterfest Competition (Basic Skills - Preliminary)	December 15	The Cooler	
<b>TEST SESSION</b>	<b>January 11</b>	<b>Atlanta FSC</b>	<b>December 20</b>
U.S. Championships	January 20 - 27	Omaha, NE	
<b>TEST SESSION</b>	<b>February 15</b>	<b>Atlanta FSC</b>	<b>January 25</b>
<b>VALENTINE SKATE (Club Ice)</b>	<b>February 15</b>	<b>Atlanta FSC</b>	
<b>MAGNOLIA OPEN EXHIBITION</b>	<b>February 22</b>	<b>Atlanta FSC</b>	
<b>MAGNOLIA OPEN</b>	<b>March 8 - 10</b>	<b>Atlanta FSC</b>	
Eastern Adult Sectional Championships	March 8 - 10	Southwest Florida FSC, Ellenton, FL	
Florida Open	April 5 - 7	Central Florida FSC, Orlando, FL	
U.S. Adult FS Championships	April 9 - 13	Coyotes SC of AZ, Scottsdale, AZ	
<b>TEST SESSION</b>	<b>April 14</b>	<b>Atlanta FSC</b>	<b>March 24</b>
National Technical Panel (Singles, Pairs, Dance)	April 18 - 21	USFS, Skokie, IL	February 17