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Atlanta Open to Host 300+ Competitors



The Atlanta Open will be held on June 11 - 13 at The Cooler. Please welcome our Chief Referee, **Rick Perez** of Mountain View, CA, our Chief Accountant, **Theresa Foley** of Philadelphia, PA, our Chief Announcer/Music, **John Richardson** of Atlanta, GA, and our distinguished panel of judges, technical specialists, and accountants.

Our vendors will be Straw Productions, Michael Lynch Photography, Sk8 Monkey, Del Arbor, and Eagle Sports.

Exhibitions will be offered during Club Ice on May 22 and 29 on a first-come, first-served basis. Please email John Richardson at letsicedance@aol.com by May 15 to secure a spot.

As always, we need volunteers, so please be generous with your time and talent. **This event is the last opportunity in the membership year to fulfill your service hours requirement.**

LOCAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

Registrar	Christi Fisher
Accommodations	Christ Fisher
Awards	TBD
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Competition Ice Monitor	Dawn Kisella
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Officials' Hospitality	Sharon Hyre
Officials Liaison	Jane Jud
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Program	Dana Forehand
Registration	Lori McGarigle
Runners	Teri Brzusek
Vendors	Christi Fisher
Volunteer Coordinator	Jan Brown

2015 - 2016 Board of Directors Election Results

Congratulations to our newly elected Board of Directors members: **Karen Crossen** and **Amy Moosbrugger** (both junior), **John Millier**, **Heather Phillips**, and **Kathy Shehee** (all senior).

Many thanks to outgoing Board members **Jane Jud**, **John Richardson**, and **Laurie Sanii** and to the Nominating Committee members Tami Mickle (chair), Judith Flair, Tea Junnila, Graham Payne, Leon Qiao, and Jamie Traylor. Remaining for one more year are Jan Brown, Christi Fisher, Judith Flair, Sharon Hyre, and Lori McGarigle.



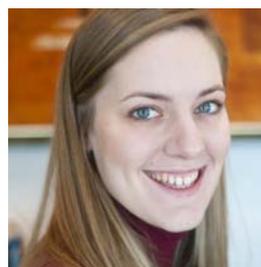
Karen Crossen



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Amy Moosbrugger



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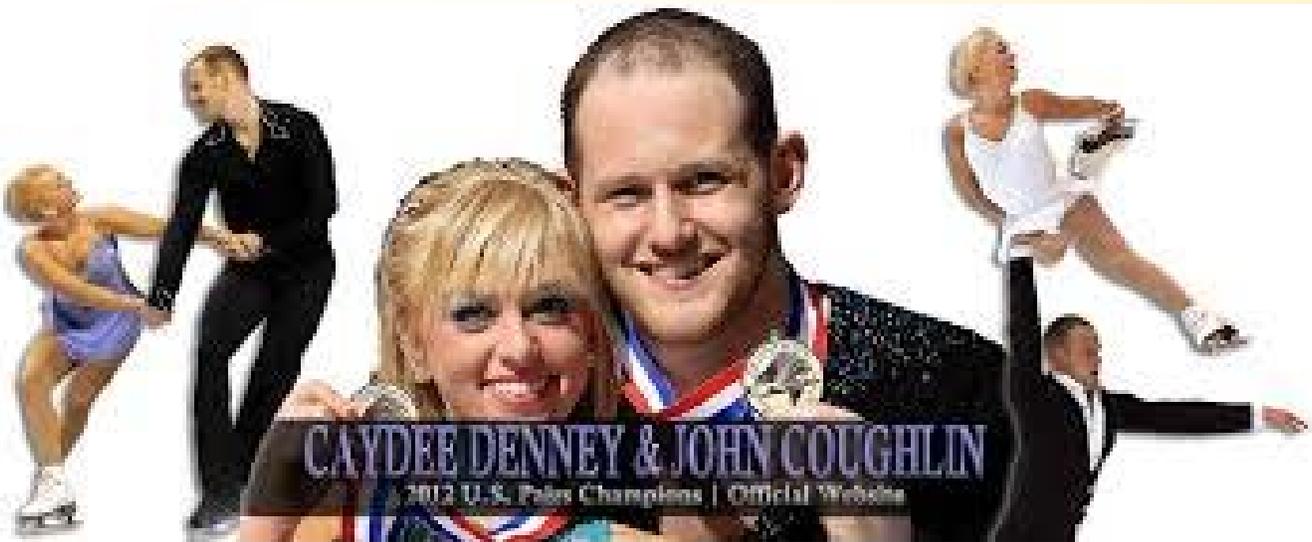
2015 AWARDS BANQUET



When: Sunday, May 17, 4:00 - 7:30 PM

Where: Country Club of Roswell

Registration Deadline: **May 9 (No Walk-ups)**



GUEST SPEAKER - JOHN COUGHLIN

2012 U.S. Championship Pairs Gold medalist JOHN COUGHLIN, with partner Caydee Denney, is also the 2012 Four Continents Silver medalist and 2014 U.S. Championships Bronze medalist. With previous partner Caitlin Yankowskas, John was the 2011 U.S. Championships Gold medalist and the 2010 Cup of China Bronze medalist.

Sideline this season by Caydee's injury, John serves as a commentator for IceNetwork, is a member of the coaching staff for the 2015 U.S. Figure Skating Program Components camp, and performs in ice shows and fundraisers throughout the country. He is also a part-time operations specialist at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs where he assists pair skaters with their off-ice lifts.

John was recently nominated for the prestigious Gustave Lussi Award by the Professional Skaters Association.

Register at www.atlantafsc.org.



Governing Council

John Millier Presented PSA Distinguished Official Award



John Millier

Congratulations to **John Millier** and Kathy Slack, who were awarded the Professional Skaters Association's Distinguished Official Award at the 2015 Governing Council meeting in Colorado Springs, Co. The award is presented to officials who, through the years, have given to the sport of figure skating through dedication, reliability, and integrity.

They have a combined 60 years of service with U.S. Figure Skating, including serving as team leaders at the 2014 Olympic Winter Games in Sochi, Russia.

Millier accepted the honor for the team. Slack, who is battling cancer, was attending the Skate for Hope show in Bowling Green, Ohio.

John and judge Dana Graham represented the Atlanta FSC at Governing Council in May.

New Membership Season Begins on July 1

The 2015-2016 membership renewal application will be available online through the EntryEeze link on the club website on June 15. EntryEeze includes links to our waivers, releases, consent for medical treatment, and volunteer areas. Please read through these documents carefully, as your processed application is your legal acceptance of these waivers and rules. When your membership is processed, you will receive an email notification from the club, and your U.S. Figure Skating membership card will be mailed to you directly by USFS. Please allow several weeks for processing.

If you do not received an automatic email regarding the registration process, your email address in our database is incorrect. Contact Membership Chair Francesca Sichenze-Bryant at membershipchair@atlantafsc.org as soon as possible.

If you plan to test or compete at a USFS sanctioned event that begins on or after July 1, you must renew your membership before the application deadline. **Please allow ample time for your membership to be processed.**

Please make sure that the information automatically populated on EntryEeze from your current membership, including spelling, is correct. It is also very important that you provide accurate home mailing and email addresses so that we can communicate with you in a timely manner. Please note that all financial obligations, including

payment of volunteer service fees, must be satisfied before your renewal will be processed for any club.

Thank you for your support of the awesome Atlanta FSC!

Atlanta FSC Ranks 2nd Among South Atlantic Clubs, 4th in Eastern Section

Through June 30, 2014, the Atlanta FSC ranked as the 2nd largest club in the Southeast Region, 4th in the Eastern Section and 11th among all clubs in the country, tied with the Hayden Recreation Center FSC. This year our membership total is 446!

1. Washington FSC	1122
2. SC of New York	841
3. Northern Ice	612
4. SC of Boston	589
5. DuPage FSC	583
6. Dallas FSC	569
7. St. Moritz	553
8. Skokie Valley SC	547
9. Onyx-Suburban Skating Academy	546
10. All Year FSC	533
11. Atlanta FSC	415
11. Hayden Recreation Center FSC	415

SALUTING OUR 2015 GRADUATES



WENDI HILLER



High School Activities, Clubs, Honors

I am graduating from Rivers Academy which is a half day school geared towards athletes and actors. I am also a member of National Honor Society at Rivers, so I have been able to experience many different volunteer opportunities from working with animals to helping out at homeless shelters.

Future Plans

I will be attending Auburn University in the fall and plan to study nursing in hopes of one day becoming a neonatal or orthopedic nurse. Unfortunately, there is not a rink close by so my competitive days are over, but I am excited to start a new journey after fourteen wonderful years of skating.

Skating Career Highlights

In 2006, I was the Pre-Preliminary Regional Champion. I also placed fourth at the National Solo Dance Championships in 2012, and I have passed through my Senior Moves in the Field, Novice Free Skate, and Gold Dances.



High School Activities, Clubs, Honors

I've attended Georgia Cyber Academy (an online public school program) since 6th grade, and I'll be in their second graduating class ever. I've been in National Honor Society for two years and have been on Honor Roll multiple years.

Future Plans

I've been accepted to Full Sail University in Winter Park, Florida, and plan to earn my Bachelors in Film & Television there beginning in August. Full Sail runs an accelerated schedule, so I'll have my degree in 2 years, after which I plan to attend Florida State University for my Master's. I do plan to continue skating (the RDV Sportsplex is about a 20 minute drive from the Full Sail campus - I'll see you guys at Florida Open!), though not competitively. I want to get all my doubles.

Skating Career Highlights

Winning gold in my first competition, competing at Regionals, competing at Showcase Nationals, being remembered as the "All I Want For Christmas Is You/ Justin Bieber Girl," earning a solo in the ice show, attending Nationals 2015.

Extracurricular Activities

One of my passions outside of skating is videography/cinematography, and my favorite school projects growing up were always video projects. One of my videos has 15,000+ views on YouTube. I also have a part-time job as a birthday party hostess at The Cooler, which means I know how to list 9 drink options in under 10 seconds.

GABRIELLE KUSE



EMILY NOLAN



High School Activities, Clubs, Honors

Milton High School Principal's Honor Role; AP Scholar with Honor; National Honor Society; National French Honor Society; French Club; National Beta Club; founding member of the Milton chapter of the National Charity League, completing 75+ service hours and serving as VP of Programming, Publicity and Communications Chair, Corresponding Secretary and Sunshine Chair; team leader for Hosea MLK Feed the Hungry.

Future Plans

I will attend Florida State University in their honors program, studying business finance and accounting with a minor in psychology. I don't plan to skate in college as I'm not sure I will have enough time; if I do, I would skate only recreationally.

Skating Career Highlights

One of my proudest moments was when I landed my Axel. I landed it the first day I came back from a two week vacation so, it was unexpected.



Extracurricular Activities

I have skated since 2008, participating in two competitions per year, placing in the top three on average, and have tested through Pre-Juvenile Free Skate. I have also played the piano since I was five years old, performed in recitals, participated in the National Federation of Music Festival, and have received two trophies for my scores. I volunteer regularly for the Atlanta FSC and serve as a Cooler Basic Skills coach and camp counselor.



Silver Ladies I - Heather Phillips

Free Skate 3rd/18

Pre-Silver Solo Dance

First Dance 1st/7
Second Dance 2nd/7

Adult Gold Dance

Nancy Hoblack,
Michael Marcanio

Final 2nd/5
Free Dance 2nd/5
Argentine Tango 2nd/5
Quickstep 3rd/5



Silver Ladies I

Heather Phillips 3rd/13

Gold Compulsory Moves

Heather Phillips 1st/1



Congratulations, Christy!

Christy Cole passed her last gold dance to become a Dance Gold Medalist in March!

She has also passed Senior Moves, Junior Free Skate, and Juvenile Pairs.



Congratulations to **Brook Ziegler**, who earned her Bronze singles/pairs test judge appointment and to **Helena Fisher**, who received a provisional singles/pairs competition judge appointment.

Bobbe Shire Spins Clinic - April 25 - 26



Rashid

Thanks to Denise Freeman for the photos!



Judge Dana Graham



Bobbe, Dr. Dan Benardot and Lori McGarigle





Teresa Dale

Many thanks to Chair Lori McGarigle for organizing this training camp and to Dana Graham for her seminars!





SPOTLIGHT SKATER

Emily Zhang

What are your favorite and least

My favorite element is the triple Salchow (it feels like flying!) My least favorite is the top loop (it feels so awkward!)

Favorite program/music?

My favorite program is this year's long and short program because it fits my style the best and it is well-choreographed.

Whom do you admire most?

I admire my parents and my coach, Valentyn Nikolayev, most in skating because they have kept me going in many difficult situations, and they know how to keep me motivated. They are all so wise, and they are very strong to support me.

Most memorable event of your skating career?

My most memorable event of my skating career was the day Valentyn told me that I landed my clean double Axel.

Tell us about your school and extracurricular activities.

I am in 7th grade, and my favorite subject is science.

What famous person would you most like to meet?

I would like to meet Michelle Kwan because she is very courageous and she has a lot of perseverance.

Best advice you have ever received.

The best advice I have ever received was from my mom when she told me to just do it and have fun.

My family is most like the television show...

My family is most like the television show "Dance Moms" because we are all about my skating.

Tell us about your family.

I have two guinea pigs named Peaca and Pita.

If I were stranded on a desert island, I would have to have:

My iPhone, an endless supply of Chinese noodles, and my skates.

What are your future skating and educational goals?

I want to go to nationals at any level and try to go and win the Olympics.

I will try to become an Olympian and maybe become a coach. I will attend college and continue to skate.

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

I would have wanted to be an archer.

Who is your favorite skater?

My favorite skater is Michelle Kwan because of her determination, perseverance, courage, and good perspective.

My three favorite things are

My iPhone, shooting, my guinea pigs.

Favorite word: *Happy*

Least favorite word: *Discourage*

Favorite food: *Chinese noodles*

Least favorite food: *Garlic*

Favorite quote: *"Success is failure turned inside out. From the poem "Don't Quit" by Edgar A. Guest*

Favorite Book: *Tuck Everlasting*

Favorite Movie: *"The Hunger Games" series*

Favorite song: *"Style" by Taylor Swift*

Favorite TV Show: *"Dance Moms"*

Favorite color: *Baby pink*

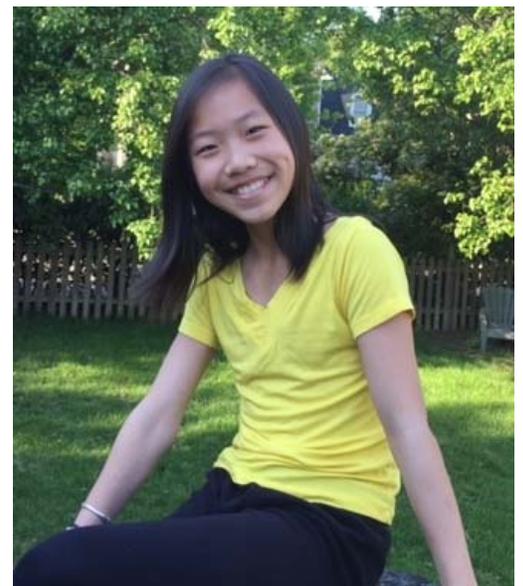
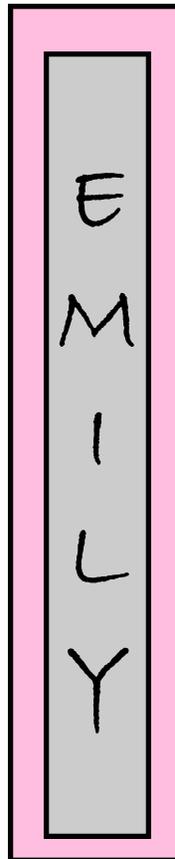
Sound I love: *Laughter*

Sound I dislike: *People crying*

I would never want to be: *In politics*

Three words that best describe me: *Perfectionist, determined, kind*

If you could have one question answered, what would your question be? *Will I go to the Olympics one day?*



2015 - 2016 Pattern Dances

Event	Regionals	Sectionals, Championships, Adult Championships
Novice		Westminster Waltz Kilian
Intermediate		American Waltz Foxtrot
Juvenile		Hickory Hoedown Ten-Fox
Pre-Juvenile <i>Initial Round</i>	Dutch Waltz Cha-Cha	
Pre-Juvenile <i>Final Round</i>	Rhythm Blues Fiesta Tango	
Championship Adult		Paso Doble Starlight Waltz
Adult Gold		Kilian Starlight Waltz
Adult Pre-Gold		American Waltz Paso Doble
Masters Open		Starlight Waltz Cha Cha Congelado
Adult Silver <i>Initial Round</i>		Foxtrot Tango
Adult Silver <i>Final Round</i>		American Waltz Blues
Adult Pre-Silver <i>Initial Round</i>		Willow Waltz Foxtrot

Event	Sectionals, Championships, Adult Championships
Adult Pre-Silver <i>Final Round</i>	Hickory Hoedown American Waltz
Adult Bronze <i>Initial Round</i>	Cha-Cha Ten-Fox
Adult Bronze <i>Final Round</i>	Hickory Hoedown Fourteenstep
Adult Pre-Bronze <i>Initial Round</i>	Dutch Waltz Cha-Cha
Adult Pre-Bronze <i>Final Round</i>	Rhythm Blues Swing Dance
Adult Centennial <i>Initial Round</i>	Fourteenstep Rocker Foxtrot
Adult Centennial <i>Final Round</i>	American Waltz Blues
Adult Gold <i>Solo Dance</i>	Starlight Waltz Argentine Tango
Adult Pre-Gold <i>Solo Dance</i>	American Waltz Paso Doble
Adult Silver <i>Solo Dance</i>	Foxtrot American Waltz
Adult Pre-Silver <i>Solo Dance</i>	Willow Waltz Fourteenstep
Adult Bronze <i>Solo Dance</i>	Fiesta Tango Willow Waltz



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Florida Open
Central Florida FSC, Orlando, FL, April 10 - 12

JUNIOR LADIES

Alice Qiao

Free Skate	1st/5
Short Program	4th/6

NOVICE LADIES

Mingda Liu

Free Skate	6th/16
Short Program	12th/18

INTERMEDIATE LADIES

Short Program, Grp. A

Elvira Junnila	12th/12
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JUVENILE

Free Skate, Grp. A

Erin Brzusek	5th/10
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Free Skate, Grp. C

Elvira Junnila	10th/10
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Compulsory Moves

Triniti Fong	4th/5
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OPEN JUVENILE

Free Skate

Gabrielle Kuse	3rd/3
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PRE-JUVENILE

Free Skate, Grp. A

Triniti Fong	5th/11
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Free Skate, Grp. B

Madeline Freeman	8th/9
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Compulsory Moves, Grp. B

Madeline Freeman	1st/7
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PRE-PRELIMINARY

Free Skate, Grp. B

Melanie Schael	5th/10
Elizabeth Douglas	8th/10

Test Trk. Free Skate, Grp. A

Audrey Latham	3rd/7
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Compulsory Moves, Grp. A

Audrey Latham	5th/7
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Jumps, Grp. A

Elizabeth Douglas	4th/7
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NO TEST

Free Skate, Grp. B

Cristanne Goodwin	2nd/6
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Free Skate, Grp. C

Katie Palmer	5th/6
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Free Skate, Grp. D

Samantha Bean	2nd/6
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Compulsory Moves, Grp. A

Regan Tingley	4th/6
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HIGH BEGINNER

Free Skate, Grp. A

Regan Tingley	3rd/7
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SENIOR COMBINED DANCE

Helena Fisher

Final	1st/2
Free Dance	1st/2
Short Dance	1st/2

JUNIOR COMBINED DANCE

Soucci Taylor

Final	1st/2
Free Dance	1st/2
Short Dance	2nd/2

NOVICE COMBINED DANCE

Breelie Taylor

Final	3rd/5
Free Dance	3rd/5
First Dance	3rd/5



SOLO PATTERN DANCE

GOLD

Helena Fisher

Final	2nd/3
First Dance	3rd/3
Second Dance	2nd/3

PRE-GOLD

Soucci Taylor

Final	3rd/5
First Dance	3rd/5
Second Dance	3rd/5

SILVER

Breelie Taylor

Final	1st/2
First Dance	1st/2
Second Dance	1st/2

PRE-SILVER

Amanda Bao

Final	4th/4
First Dance	3rd/4
Second Dance	4th/4



PRE-BRONZE

Triniti Fong

Final	2nd/6
First Dance	1st/6
Second Dance	2nd/6

PRELIMINARY

Final

Madeline Freeman	2nd/4
Audrey Kate Johnson	3rd/4

First Dance

Madeline Freeman	1st/4
Audrey Kate Johnson	3rd/4

Second Dance

Madeline Freeman	2nd/4
Audrey Kate Johnson	3rd/4

Tests Passed

March

Bryn Miller	Novice Moves
Vandana Krishnan	Juvenile Free Skate
	Juvenile Moves
Campbell Young	Pre-Juvenile Moves
Katie Palmer	Preliminary Moves
Christina Cole	Westminster Waltz
Tiffany Hatzikoutelis	Bronze Dance Test
	Ten Fox
Amanda Bao	Bronze Dance Test
	Ten Fox
Emily Zhang	Willow Waltz
Christina Gaalema	Cha Cha

April

Hannah Carleton	Senior Moves
Jeslyn Choi	Novice Moves
Libby Bickford	Intermediate Moves
Julia Kornetzke	Intermediate Moves
Emily Moosbrugger	Intermediate Moves
Madeline Freeman	Juvenile Moves
	Pre-Juvenile Free Skate
Katie Kelley	Juvenile Moves
Athena Landon	Juvenile Moves
Melody DeMerchant	Juvenile Moves
	Hickory Hoedown
Chloe Rutter	Juvenile Moves
Sydney Rude	Pre-Juvenile Free Skate
Ying Yip	Pre-Juvenile Free Skate
Emily Hwang	Pre-Juvenile Moves
	Preliminary Free Skate
Elizabeth Jester	Pre-Juvenile Moves
	Preliminary Free Skate
Madison Long	Pre-Juvenile Moves
	Preliminary Free Skate
Bailey Snead	Pre-Juvenile Moves
Vanessa Vaughn	Pre-Juvenile Moves
Regan Williams	Pre-Juvenile Moves
Hannah Durham	Preliminary Moves
	Pre-Preliminary Moves
Madison St. John	Preliminary Moves
Anna Harriette Pittman	Preliminary Moves
Lauren Kaplita	Pre-Preliminary Moves
Emily Zhang	Fourteenstep
	European Waltz
	Foxtrot
	Juvenile Free Dance



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



George Emmert	1	Pinaki Ghosh	16
Eva Schaum		Peihuan Lee	
Elsa Cole	3	Brittney Bottoms	17
Sarah Goldenthal		Robert Osenbaugh	
Maureen Halloran	6	Lei Bao	20
Chen Hu	8	Elvira Junnila	
Donni Jester		Lisa Middlekauff	
Emily Moosbrugger		Aspen Ono	21
Qing Song		Alexa Phillips	
Peggy Rydberg	9	Valeria Kochengina	22
Jennifer Herndon	11	PJ Whalen	
Kierra Higgins		Chuck Miller	23
Charles Sliker		Scott Wieler	25
Gloria Barsuhn	12	Abigail Lee	27
Lori Douglas		Chris Nolan	28
Stephanie Brimeyer	13	Mindy Sellers	
Mykala Green	15	Jan Brown	30
Jennifer Metherell		Gayatri Krishnan	
Nicole Li			



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Haley Osenbaugh	3	Tim Dolensky	18
Aren Nielsen	5	Soucci Taylor	
Anne Malacrea	6	Rena Hugh	19
Margaret Butlin	7	Catherine Hackney	20
Cynthia Kornetzke		Shirley Isom	
Candace Goodwin	8	Claire Sosnow	21
Regina Brimeyer	9	Miranda Corbin	23
Nancy Hoblack	13	Tiffany Hatzikoutelis	
Nicole Strain		Kerry Batchelor	24
Anna Harriette Pittman	15	Sharon Hyre	25
Trewcci Taylor		Meredith Scafidi	26
Allen Fong	16	DJ Bassett	27
Lori McGarigle		Cheryl Faust	29
Dana Graham	17	Rachel Hanson	
Barbara Landon		Sydney Kosse	
Raul Moreira			

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Upcoming Events

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATES</u>	<u>SPONSOR/LOCATION</u>	<u>DUE DATE</u>
Awards Banquet	May 17	Atlanta FSC, CC of Roswell	May 4
Atlanta Open Exhibitions	May 22, 29	Atlanta FSC	
Ice Dance Weekend	June 5 - 7	Atlanta FSC	May 22
Atlanta Open	June 11 - 13	Atlanta FSC	May 3
Grassroots to Champions Clinic	July 18, 19	Atlanta FSC	June 1

