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Welcome Back - Eat Pray Love SKATE!

Letter from Club President Kathy Shehee

Dear Atlanta Figure Skating Club Members,

I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you for allowing me to continue to serve on the Board of Directors and, to my fellow Board Members, for once again electing me as President. As I told the Board, it would be an honor for me to do so. The opportunity to give back to this most wonderful sport is a precious gift and responsibility not taken lightly.

Each Board Member – Terri Maurice, Sharon Hyre, Liang Qiao, Dale Haar, Judith Flair, Judy Williams, Anna Marie Champion, John Millier, Barry Johnson, Anya Martynenko, Jeannette Doney, Louise Szanto and Gloria Lewis – is a true asset to the Club. I recognize with gratitude their amazing enthusiasm and willingness to freely give of their time and many talents to our Club and to skating. The Board relies on the discipline, hard work and creativity of our Committees and their Chairs (below). Each of our Committee Chairs looks forward to meeting and working together with all of you.

To reach our goals, to conduct our Club activities, to successfully host events and the Magnolia Open and Atlanta Open, we need you, our members. Your volunteerism is the foundation and bedrock upon which we work as a club. We welcome back our returning skating family and all our new members.

Our mission in this new season remains the same: to promote, encourage and cultivate ice skating and a spirit of fraternal feeling among skaters. Our first Club Ice of the season was a Special Event party at which many of our planned events were presented. In addition to our usual agenda for the year, the Board will focus on broadening our skaters' experiences and introducing various aspects of skating through the venues of Club Ice, numerous Special Events, and a Club Ice Show this coming Spring. Your ideas, input and concerns are always welcomed.

The Board and I anticipate an exciting year of skating and look

Club Ice - August 13

Ice Cream and Clinics and Cookies Oh, My!



forward to working with all of you.

Sincerely, Kathy Shehee (kshehee@bellsouth.net)

Board of Directors Appointments

Club president Kathy Shehee is pleased to announce the following one-year appointments:

Anna Marie Champion Jeannette Doney Barry Johnson Jane Jud Anya Martynenko Peggy McCarthey John Millier Tami Mickle

Membership Chair Competitions Chair Athlete Representative Communications Chair Coach Representative Volunteer Chair Dance Special Events Chair

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Welcome Back Club Ice Party











More than 145 members attended our ice cream social and on-ice clinic Welcome Back Club Ice on August 13. Many thanks to **ALL** of our volunteers, especially Jan Brown, Anna Marie Champion, Jeannette Doney, Christi Fisher, Sharon Hyre, Alyx and Peggy McCarthey, Tami Mickle, Leon Qiao, John Richardson, Nancy Riggs, Laurie Sanii, Kathy Shehee, and Louise Szanto.



















South Atlantic Exhibitions. Send-Off Party

CHAMPIONSHIPS The 2011 South Atlantic Regional Championships exhibitions will be held during Club Ice at The Cooler on September 24 and October 1.

Please email Leon Qiao (lianggiao8888@yahoo.com) with your name and free skate level. The deadline for reserving a skating time is September 10th.

Music must be turned in to the monitor by 5:30 pm, and all skaters under age 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

The send-off party will be held upstairs at the rink immediately following the October 1 exhibition. Family members are invited to attend.

Please respond to the E-vite so that Special Events chair Tami Mickle can plan the menu quantities.



2010-2011

August 13, 20, 27

September 10, 17, 24

1, 8, 15, 22, 29 October

November 5, 12, 19

3, 10, 17 December

7, 14, 21, 28 January

February 4, 11, 18, 25

4, 18, 25 March

April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

6, 13, 20, 27 May

Club Ice is offered to all full skating members on Fridays at The Cooler from 5:45 - 6:45 PM. Off-ice conditioning classes are conducted at 4:45 - 5:30 PM.

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Holiday Ice Spectacular Tickets Now Heliday Jee Available at Ticketmaster!

The Holiday Ice Spectacular is a fun-filled journey into the winter holidays - a combination

of music, skating, dance and comedy - all presented in the context of a warm humorous story for the whole family.

Coming to Atlanta for the first time, it is one of many criticallyacclaimed productions created by Jeb Rand, a native Georgian and former (now current) Atlanta FSC member, who has achieved international renown as a professional figure skater and as a successful producer and director.

A block of orchestra seats have been reserved for Saturday, December 18, 2:00 PM at the Cobb Energy Performing Arts Centre. Atlanta FSC members will receive a \$10 discount on tickets (use promotion codelCE4 at checkout), a pre-show backstage tour, a post-show meet and greet with the cast, and a free program for under 12-year-olds. A special "credential" will be provided for those participating. This will make a fantastic holiday gift!

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2011 Competition Dates



Magnolia Open March 11 - 13

June 16 - 18 **Atlanta Open**



WELCOME

NEW MEMBERS!

Barbara Landon Reina Abernathy Mingda Liu Amy Abernathy Sarah Zhu Robert Abernathy Shifu Liu Stephanie Amodeo Aspen Ono Elizabeth Wells

Erika Ono Frank Amodeo Ken Ono Stephanie Brimeyer Rahly Osenbaugh Regina Brimeyer

Haley Osenbaugh Dennis Brimeyer Robert Osenbaugh Annika Carter Anna Harriette Pittman Kirsten Svenson

Susan Pittman Grace Crossen Bill Pittman Karen Crossen Jeb Rand **Melody DeMerchant** Jennifer Rand Julie DeMerchant Laurie Sanii David DeMerchant

Korina Shapiro Lily Dwyer Morgan Sliker Tiffany Hatzikoutelis Brenda Sliker Donna Hatzikoutelis Charles Sliker Nancy Hoblack Laurie Vieth Michael Marcanio Allison Wang MacKenzie Kisella Nile Ziegler Dawn Kisella

Senthian Ziegler Gary Kisella Friedrich Ziegler Athena Landon

Special



Events



Club Ice Dance Night

September 10. The Cooler



2011 South Atlantic Regional Championships Exhibitions/ Send-Off Party September 24 and October 1, The Cooler



Pre-Holiday Pot Luck Dinner

November, The Cooler



2011 Eastern Sectional Championships Exhibition

November 15, The Cooler



Holiday Ice Spectacular

December 18, 2:00 PM
Cobb Energy Performing Arts Centre
\$10 Discount for all Atlanta FSC
members



2011 U.S. Figure Skating Championships Exhibition

January 14, The Cooler



U.S. Figure Skating Film recounting the story of the 1961 U.S. World Figure Skating Team that perished in a plane crash

February 17 Premier



Spring Show Extravaganza Annual Awards Banquet

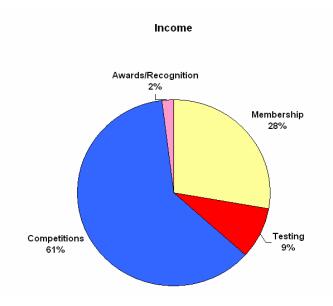
April 29 - May 1, The Cooler

Georgia On My Mind

How Club Income Benefits Members (or where does my money go?)

2010-2011 Atlanta FSC Operating Budget Allocations

Just like any non-profit organization, the Atlanta FSC develops an annual budget based on projected income and expenses. Our zero-based approach relies on the estimates of various committee chairs and is adjusted to ensure that the budget is fiscally responsible. The Board of Directors is charged with financial stewardship that benefits the entire membership.



Income is sourced from four main categories: the annual Magnolia Open and Atlanta Open competitions, membership dues, testing fees, and the annual awards banquet.

INCOME		
Membership:	Dues, club jackets, volunteer fees	
Testing:	Test fees	
Competitions:	Entry fees, practice ice, vendor commissions, program ads, program sales, results sales	
Awards Banquet	: Luncheon and activities admissions	

Just as competitions are the club's largest revenue producer, they are also the greatest expense. Profits from these events fund special events, awards and recognition, communications, and skater financial assistance as well as monthly fees for the storage facility, insurance, bank fees, and the post office box rental.



Membership: USFS dues, club jackets, Club Ice, off-ice training,

supplies, Governing Council delegate stipends

Testing: Ice rental, judges' hospitality, USFS fees,

patches, supplies, postage

Competitions: Officials' travel, lodging, meals; ice rental, medals,

equipment rentals, program printing, credentials, area

supplies

Special Events: Ice cream social, spring show, ice dance night,

regional/sectional/national exhibitions and parties

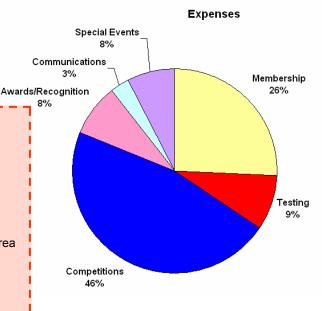
Awards/

Recognition: Scholarships, competitor gifts, awards banquet and

awards

Communications: Website hosting, Freestyler printing, club directory

printing, supplies





Detroit SC, Bloomfield Hills, MI

JUVENILE GIRLS FREE SKATE Amanda Bao

Final Round 3rd/ Grp. A 4th/



2010 Lake Placid Ice Dance Championships

Lake Placid, NY August 4 - 7, 2010

NOVICE SOLO

Pattern Dance

Tatiana Kozmava 2nd/7

Original Dance

Tatiana Kozmava 2nd/7





National Showcase 2010

August 5 - 7
The Bourne SC, Cape Cod, MA

<u>Ariel Collins</u>		Nancy Riggs	
Teen Extemporaneous	3rd/11	Adult Extemp	

Teen Extemporaneous 3rd/11 Adult Extemporaneous 1st/2
Teen Light, Grp. A 6th/11 Adult Light 3rd/10
Teen Dramatic, Grp. B 4th/10 Parade of Extemporaneous

Teen Dramatic Final 8th/8 Improvisation Champions 10th/11

Helena Fisher Angela Smith

Juvenile Dramatic6th/9Masters Dramatic1st/4Juvenile Light9th/14Masters Light1st/6Parade of Champions6th/10

Tim Dolensky's IceNetwork , Interview At Liberty



U.S. Collegiate FS Championships

August 12 - 15 Lansing SC, E. Lansing, MI

Jamie Kim Short Program 13th/45
Jamie Kim Free Skate 13th/44
Jamie Kim Final Standing 13th/44

Interview At Liberty

Atlanta's Timothy Dolensky is forming an annual tradition: each birthday brings a new Liberty title. Last season, the U.S. novice bronze medalist, who turned 18 on Sunday, treated himself to a win in Liberty's novice event. This year, the Atlanta skater -- who is coached by Debbie Prachar and Brittney Bottoms -- won juniors with an elegant free to "Warsaw Concerto."

Dolensky recovered from a shaky start, doubling his second jump, an intended triple Lutz, but came back strong in the second half with four other triples, two in combination. "I thought it was pretty good," Dolensky said. "Of course, I made mistakes in the beginning, but I tried to put them behind me and skate rest of program."

Dolensky's program component score, 52.16, was by far the highest of the junior men.

"I've grown a lot in maturity; I'm trying hard to get into the music more and finish all the moves I am doing, instead of just throwing an arm up," he said.



Liberty Summer Competition

July 13 - 17 Liberty FSC, Aston, PA



JUNIOR MEN NOVICE LADIES

Free Skate (Final)		Free Skate (QR), Grp.E	
Tim Dolensky	1st/9	Martine Szanto	5th/10
Alexander Aiken	3rd/9	Short Program (Final	Round)
<u>Free Skate</u>		Martine Szanto	15th/20
Tim Dolensky	2nd/17	Short Program (QR),	Grp. E
Alexander Aiken	8th/17	Martine Szanto	2nd/10
Short Program		Breanna Voyce	5th/10
Tim Dolensky	8th/16		
Alexander Aiken	9th/16		

SPOTLIGHT SKATER * Taylor Johnson



What keeps you motivated to continue skating?

I love, love, love learning new elements and being able to do them well.

What is your weekly training regimen?

I skate 4-5 days a week and work out off ice. I take from the Ah-mazing Randy Trabing and dance with Graham Payne.

What are your favorite and least favorite elements?

My favorite element is my newly landed double Axel and my least favorite is my sit spin because of my bad knees.

Competitive accomplishments; favorite music/program.

I really like my long music right now. It's like a Spanish two guitars kind of song and is just really engaging.

Tell us about your school and extracurricular activities.

I am a freshman at North Cobb High School. My favorite classes are Honors Psychology and Honors Biology. I volunteer at my brother's football games working concessions, and with my little brother's Boy Scouts.

Whom do you admire most?

I admire my mom most because she works so hard to give me and my brothers everything we need and want.

Tell us about your family.

I have two brothers - Nicholas, 16, and Nash, 11. I don't have any pets, and I love sports.

What are your future goals?

In skating, I would like to go as far as I can and be the best that I can be. I will definitely attend college. always continue to skate, but as far as my career aspirations go, I'm not really positive about what I want to be.

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

A gymnast or basketball player.

Favorite word: Smile

Least favorite word: Yuck

What turns me off: Long fingernails, and people with no personality

Favorite quote: "People would do better if they knew better." ~ My Grandma

Favorite book: Monster by Walter Dean

Myers

Favorite movie: "A Walk to Remember" Favorite song: Anything from Glee

Sound I love: Rain

Sound I dislike: The sound of someone

chewing gum, ewww

I would never want to be: A dentist, because I get nauseated when I see people brush their teeth.

Three words that best describe me: Loving, crazy, chill

If I were stranded on a desert island, I would have to have: Bert's Bees pomegranate lip balm, a hair tie, and something to remind me of my family.

P.S. I am a super chill girl, very easy going, love meeting new people, and I like just being able to be with my friends and completely be myself.

What is the most memorable, thrilling and/or embarrassing event of your skating career?

The most memorable event of my skating career so far would probably be when I made it to final rounds at Regionals for juvenile girls.

Best advice you have ever received?

If you want it, it's yours!

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

Most people don't know that I cracked my front tooth in half learning how to do an Axel. I now have a porcelain veneer.

Who is your favorite skater?

I don't have a favorite skater, but I really like Evan Lysacek, Johnny Weir, and Kim Yu-Na. Watching their skating is so amazing and breathtaking.



US Figure Skating 2010-2011 Competition Appointments - Atlanta FSC Officials

<u>2011 South Atlantic Regional Championships</u> Wake Forest, NC October 15 - 19, 2010

Marie Pearce Judge Sara Stephens Judge

Miho Yoshioka Technical Specialist

<u>2011 Eastern Sectional Championships</u> Aston, PA November 9 -13, 2010

Alison Arnold Judge

Dana Graham Technical Controller (Leader)

Susan Johnson Judge

<u>2011 U.S. Figure Skating Championships</u> Greensboro, NC January 22 - 30, 2011

Dana Graham Technical Controller

Susan Johnson Judge Terri Maurice Judge John Millier Judge

<u>2011 Eastern Synchronized Skating Championships</u> Lake Placid, NY February 3 - 5, 2011

Marie Pearce Judge Sara Stephens Judge

2011 U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships Ontario, CA March 2 - 5, 2011

Sara Stephens Judge

2 - 5, 2011

2011 Academic Scholarship Revised Requirements

This year the club academic scholarship requirements have changed to eliminate a commitment to future figure skating involvement and to expand past and current volunteer requirements to include both figure skating and community service.

The scholarship is available to all Atlanta FSC members in good standing who have been full members for at least two consecutive years and who are/will be full-time students pursuing a degree at an accredited four-year college/university, junior or community college, or graduate school. Academically, the applicant must have achieved a 3.0 GPA (on a 4.0 scale) or 3.75 (on a 5.0 scale).

In 2011, a maximum of four grants of varying denominations, but no less than \$500, may be awarded. The maximum individual grant is \$1,000.

The application will be posted online in the next few weeks. The deadline is **April 11, 2011.**

Lee Mallory - Consignment Sales Manager

Many thanks to Lee Mallory, who has accepted the responsibility of managing the club's consignment sales throughout the year. Proceeds from these sales are used to support club members and activities.

Lee can be contacted via e-mail at lee.a.mallory@gmail.com.



Atlanta Ice Dancers Facebook Page

New member Lauri Sanii has created a new Facebook page -Atlanta Ice Dancers. Check it out and join!

facebook.



September, 2010



OUNTER Movers & Shakers

Jeannette Doney -A Role Model On and Off the Ice

(Judge, Board Member, Competitions Committee Chair, and much more!)

Multi-talented, energetic, and creative aptly describe one of our most prolific volunteers - Jeannette Doney. Both on and off the ice, Jeannette displays a passion for figure skating that, combined with her professionalism, enables her to serve as a terrific role model to our adult and junior members. During the past decade, Jeannette has cheerfully served in significant leadership positions...

For her continued dedication and service across so many areas, the Atlanta FSC gratefully acknowledges her as our feature volunteer for September.

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

I joined the Atlanta FSC on my birthday in 1998 in order to submit my application for my first Pre-Preliminary MIF test later that same month. I remember serving as Ice Monitor Chair early on, but I really became involved in the club after investigating the possibility of becoming a judge. Initially I saw Jeannette sporting a broken arm! that as a way to help me learn more about the rules and requirements, and hopefully further my own on-ice skills, but it quickly developed into a passion.



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

I was recently elected to a 2-year term on the BOD, and I also served on the Board from 2005-2007, during which time my duties included Editor of the Freestyler. I've Co-Chaired the Magnolia Open 3 times (in 2005, 2008 and 2010), and have been invited to judge every Magnolia and Atlanta Open since 2001. In addition to test sessions too numerous to count, I've also cooperated with coaches to judge quite a few Pre-Preliminary and Preliminary tests on morning freestyle sessions at both The Cooler and The MIC. Additionally, I assist with IJS system set-up and testing, and put my A/V crew talents to work on numerous occasions – such as producing the 50th Anniversary DVD, Award Banquet slide presentations, and cutting music CDs for club special events. This year I am serving as Competitions Chair and will continue as a Trial Judge Monitor.

Describe your accomplishments and goals as a skater.

I literally started in a Basic Skills class when The Cooler first opened, and am currently an Adult Silver level skater working on my Gold MIF test. My proudest accomplishments are a Silver medal in free skating at Adult Nationals, and two National gold medals in interpretive. I've always joked that I wanted to be finished working on anything with the word "Juvenile" in it by the time I reach 60, but my most consistent goal has always been to just try to make everything I do a little bit better and never settle for "good enough".

Why do you stay involved as a volunteer with the Atlanta FSC?

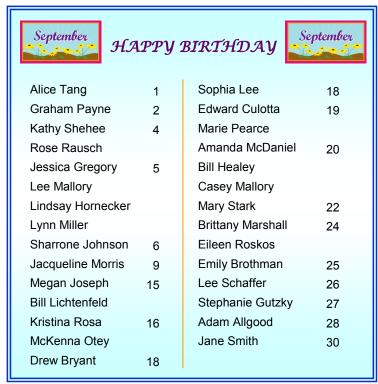
There is nothing more personally satisfying than having the opportunity to do things you truly enjoy and which helps others in areas they would not necessarily have the time or training to do. You get to meet some truly amazing people along the way, and the food is awesome too (thanks hospitality)!

Tell us a little about your background, education, profession, hobbies, and/or family.

I'm a 25 year veteran at Hewlett Packard, and relocated to Atlanta in 1992 from Southern California. I received a B.A. in Information Systems Design with honors in just 3 years, and during my college years I worked at Disneyland as well as volunteered as a part time tutor in the engineering computer science lab.



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2010 - 2011 TEST DATES			
TEST DATE	DAY	APPLICATION DUE DATE	
<u>2010</u>			
September 26 October 29 December 3	Sunday Friday Friday	September 5 October 8 November 12	
<u>2011</u>			
January 7 February 11 March 20 April 17 May 15 June 26 July 24 August 21	Friday Friday Sunday Sunday Sunday Sunday Sunday Sunday	December 17 January 21 February 27 March 27 April 24 June 5 July 3 July 31	

Tests Passe

JULY, 2010

Madeleine Brown	Preliminary Free Skate
Lydia Choe	Preliminary Moves
Kaia Culotta	Preliminary Moves
Bonnie DeCarlo	Intermediate Moves
Julia DeCarlo	Preliminary Free Skate
Casey Mallory	Juvenile Moves
	Swing Dance
Alexandra McCarthey	Senior Free Skate
Grace Rathbun	Pre-Juvenile Moves
	Preliminary Free Skate
Rachel Sinclair	Pre-Preliminary Moves
Silva Stewart	Senior Moves
Alice Tang	Juvenile Moves
Elena Vagner	Adult Pre-Bronze Moves
Nile Ziegler	Pre-Preliminary Moves

AUGUST, 2010

Helena Fisher	Junior Moves
	European Waltz
Megan Floyd	Junior Moves
Emma Hardymon	Pre-Preliminary Moves
Emily Haar	Intermediate Moves
	Ten-Fox
Kristin Hiller	Senior Moves
Taylor Johnson	Senior Moves
Alice Qiao	Novice Moves
Jabe Roberts	Pre-Juvenile Free Skate
Naomi Shneibaum	Pre-Juvenile Moves
Emily Stark	Juvenile Moves
Dezarae Vazquez	Juvenile Free Skate
	Junior Moves
Lily Xie	Pre-Preliminary Free Skate
	Pre-Juvenile Moves

New Moves in the Field Manual Now Available

The club **Moves in the Field** manual has been revised to incorporate the new requirements.

The books are now available for purchase at a cost of \$10 (members) or \$20 (non-members). Order forms are provided online at atlantafsc.org.



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Upcoming Events

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATES</u>	SPONSOR/LOCATION	DUE DATE
Peach Open	September 4 - 5	Georgia FSC	
Peach Classic (Adult)	September 4 - 5	Georgia FSC	
Magic City Ice Classic 2010	September 10 – 12	Birmingham FSC, Pelham, AL	
John Smith Memorial Competition	September 17 – 19	Carolinas FSC, Indian Trail, NC	August 25
2011 South Atlantic Championships (Non-Qualifying)	October 8 - 10	Triangle FSC, Wake Forest, NC	September 1
2011 South Atlantic Championships (Qualifying)	October 15 - 19	Triangle FSC, Wake Forest, NC	September 1
2011 Eastern Sectional Championships	November 9 - 13	IceWorks SC, Aston, PA	
2011 U.S. Junior FS Championships	December 14 -18	Salt Lake FSC, Salt Lake City, UT	
2011 U.S. FS Championships	January 22 - 30	Greensboro FSC. Greensboro, NC	