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## HONORING COACH BROWN



On Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, the members of the Holla Eagles Tennis Club celebrated our own Coach Brown at the Taste of the South Restaurant off W. T. Harris Blvd.

Many persons were there telling their stories of how Coach Brown impacted their lives.

A letter from Charlotte City Councilman Al Austin was read. He represents District 2 and sent his regrets that he could not be in attendance. He also sent a City Council pin acknowledging Coach's 30 years of service to the community.

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We were welcomed by Shondra Redfern, who Coach referred to the tennis coach at Livingstone and just graduated this year thanks to tennis.

Most of the people were talking about how he had helped their children, but one person stated, he has been a blessing to a lot of adults also.

Brown let them know that they are never too old to learn the game of tennis and that it is great exercise for people as they get older.

The financial officer from the American Tennis Association, Roxanne Aaron, gave accolades to Coach Brown as well as offering all junior players a FREE one-year membership to ATA.

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## DISTRICT CONFERENCE

**District Convention:** Thursday,  
Friday, Saturday August 24<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> -  
Marriott Meadowview, Kingsport  
Tennessee \$119+Tax

Tentative District Meeting Format:  
Saturday:

8AM	Registration
9AM	General Session
10:30	Break
10:45-12:30	General Session
12:30-1:30	Lunch
1:45-3PM	General Session

Please plan to attend this quarterly conference. The convention in **Kingsport, TN** should be interesting.

## HAPPY JUNE BIRTHDAYS!

**10** Aisha Lide  
**25** Franklin Butler  
**30** Betty Parker

**May all of your Optimism come true!**

## FUNDRAISERS

If you have any ideas for additional fundraisers that can help us with our budget for this year, please let our President know.

We have several goals that must be met and need everyone to pitch in and help.

Thank you.

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## Monthly Meeting

(Please note our new meeting location)

Our next meeting will be **on Tuesday, June 6th at 6:30pm** at the **IKEA Store Community Room** (2<sup>nd</sup> floor - turn right off elevator or escalator). See you there!

## STREET CLEAN-UP

### NOTICE

Since the NCDOT still has not been able to get our recognition signs up, we have decided to postpone the street clean-up until we get this resolved.

## Bank of America Stadium 2017-18 Panther's Schedule

**Please let us know what days you can work at the Stadium as soon as possible.  
We desperately need people for the Wednesday & Thursday evening games.  
Remember, they do not have to be an Optimist member to help us.  
Contact President, Betty Parker.  
Thanks.**

DATE	GAME TIME	ARR TIME	TEAM PLAYING	SIGN-UP
Wed 8/9	7:30	3:30	Houston	
Thu 8/31	7:00	3:00	Pittsburg	
Sat 9/2	TBD	TBD	Wolfpack	
Sun 9/17	1:00	9:00	Buffalo	
Sun 9/24	1:00	9:00	New Orleans	
Thu 10/12	8:30	4:30	Philadelphia	
Sun 11/5	1:00	9:00	Atlanta	
Mon 11/13	8:35	4:30	Miami	
Sun 12/10	1:00	9:00	Minnesota	
Sun 12/17	1:00	9:00	Green Bay	

**Our Summer Tennis Camp will start on June 12<sup>th</sup> and run through August 18<sup>th</sup>. We will need volunteers to check on the camp from time to time. The hours are 7:30am until 6:00pm daily. Any time you can drop by to check on things will be greatly appreciated. The camp will be held at West Charlotte High School. Tennis courts are behind the gymnasium.**



Gwen Jackson, Head Tennis Coach at Livingstone College makes presentation



Letter from Councilman Al Austin being read



Man of the Hour



Coach Slade congratulates Coach Brown



Certificate from the YM CA for over 25 years of service presented by Curtis Artis

The guest speaker was **Coach Calvin Davis** of the Tennis Advancement Program (TAP). He gave a great history of tennis in the Charlotte area.

He explained that we are closer to greatness than we realize. Venus and Serena Williams' dad had been a blessing to some of our youth especially when it was difficult for a black person to play the game of tennis.

Coach Slade spoke of how she, Coach Brown and Coach Davis kept black tennis alive in the Charlotte area.

**Alex Gaddy**, the sponsor of the program, praised Coach Brown for stepping up to help the youth of the Holla Eagles Tennis Team.

They presented him with a plaque.

