



## Our History

During the winter/spring of 2000, Rose Hobson, President of the Washington Tennis Association (WTA) provided tennis classes through WTA for seniors 65 years and older, called "super seniors." Riddick Vann volunteered as instructor for the class and mentor for the group.

The group of about 25 seniors enjoyed and benefited from the experience so much they felt the need to continue the activity. Alice Lee, a retired teacher, who was re-energized and inspired to play the game as a result of those sessions, immediately began organizing the club as a way to meet new friends, remain active and have fun. Her dream became a reality in February 2001, when the first meeting of Active Aces Super Senior Tennis Club (AASSTC) was convened at the Washington Fitzgerald Tennis Center and Alice assumed its presidency.

AASSTC was organized to provide an opportunity for "super senior" tennis players to remain active. In addition to tennis, AASSTC includes fitness, nutrition, crime awareness and social interaction that ultimately enhance the health and spiritual well being of "super seniors."

In 2002, the AASSTC reached its pinnacle as a registered Community Tennis Association under the auspices of USTA/Washington Tennis Association. We are also proud to be affiliated with the ATA/Mid-Eastern Tennis Association. In August 2003, the club was incorporated in the District of Columbia. We received 501c (3) status in February 2004. Total membership exceeds 100 players whose ages range from 60 to 86.

Since 2002, AASSTC has held a "Sport of a Lifetime Luncheon." Members who have reached the young age of 80 are inducted into the club's "Octogenarian Hall of Fame," and awarded our signature Blue Jacket.

May 2005, was the date of our Inaugural Super Senior Tournament. The tournament is unique to this area in that it includes singles and doubles competition for both genders. This tournament is part of the UWTA Grand Prix Adult Tournament Series.

As a precursor for the summer outdoor tennis season, the AASSTC sponsors an annual tennis clinic at Sweet Briar College located in Amherst, Virginia. The popularity of this clinic continues to grow.

Among our numerous community service programs undertaken by the AASSTC, our Inter-generational award winning "Summer Granny Clinic," has been established as a premier youth program in the metropolitan area.

AASSTC launched its first "Evening of Elegance," in December 2004. This Black-Tie Affair has emerged as an annual event and the place to be in setting the stage for a joyous holiday season.