



# META Newsletter Fall 2021

Mid-Eastern Tennis Association  
A Section of the American Tennis Association

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- **Active Aces Super Seniors Tennis Club** (AASSTC)  
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- **Washington Tennis Association**  
*Stephanie Marshall*, President
- **Washington Tennis and Education Foundation**  
*John Borden*, President and CEO

## As We Turn the Corner on COVID-19 ...

Yesterday, I got my booster shot and two days before I got my flu shot for the season. Did you get yours? I encourage each of you to get fully vaccinated. Getting vaccinated is the only way to put the COVID-19 monster down. I don't know how to process the fact that more than 700,000 U.S. citizens have died due to COVID-19. That is just unimaginable! I can't seem to wrap my mind around it knowing much of it could have been prevented by wearing a mask, social distancing and getting vaccinated.

I understand some of you are stuck on the negativity and distrust in the government caused by the Tuskegee Experiment. There have been more people of color and more critical eyes around the world watching the creation and rollout of this vaccine. Thomas Parran, U.S. Surgeon General, oversaw the cruel syphilis experiment on nearly 400 black men later went to Guatemala to perform the same study on prostitutes, once again preying on those without voices. It's a new day!!! Oversight, clinical trials, multiple pharmaceutical manufacturers, world-wide usage and the success rate of survival in the vaccinated population are all testimonials supporting the vaccines. Maryland's Governor Hogan says, "get the damn shot." It's not too late to do so!

Covid-19 case numbers and deaths are dropping but, we have not turned the corner yet.

Locate a Vaccine Site:  
Call 1-800-232-0233 and enter your Zip Code  
OR  
Text your zip code to 438829  
(Message & data rates may apply. [CDC](https://www.cdc.gov))

Please be safe and stay well!!!

*Cheryl Sloan*  
META President



## Ladies and Gentlemen!

It's fall and soon will get dark early so be sure to fill up your gas tank and lock your car doors prior to nightfall. Also, keep an extra phone charger with you at all times.

Here are some other helpful reminders:

- ☞ sign up for roadside assistance
- ☞ check your tires, oil and other fluids
- ☞ no ATM runs in the evenings
- ☞ park in well lit areas
- ☞ pay attention to your surroundings
- ☞ only unlock your car doors when you are about to exit



**HEADS UP PHONES DOWN!!!**





## Active Aces 20 Year Anniversary Fish Fry



Octogenarian Hall of Famers



Horace Carpenter



Pictured left to right:

- David Merriwether, AASSTC President
- Balloons Anyone?
- Chef Miller
- Horace Carpenter, Louzenia Morehead, George Oliver, Alice Lee, Ruby Stevens
- Otelia Redman and Carolyn Felder-Hines
- Redis Floyd and John Oubre
- Toni Hamlin
- Alice
- Horace
- Frankie Robinson and Otelia

*Photos provided by Redis Floyd and Sandra Diles*





## Active Aces 20 Year Anniversary Fish Fry



Pictured left to right:

- David and Carolyn
- Percy, Charlie Gross and friend
- Venera Busby, Alice, Myron Davis, Rubye, Rebecca Washington
- Mamie Young and Carolyn
- Sandra Diles, Alice Lee, Andre Lee, John Oubre, Redis Flyod
- Alice and Venera

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## ATA Celebrates Dedication of Lucy Diggs Slowe Way

Founder of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Lucy Diggs Slowe was celebrated with a dedication of a campus street renamed in her honor on the campus of Howard University, October 22, 2021. She was a Social Work student at Howard University and later, worked there. She was the first female Dean. Besides being an academic, Lucy was a participant in several sports including tennis and was an activist for females and people of color.

**Little Known Fact:** Lucy Diggs Slowe graduated from high school at the age of 21 because of her activism.

American Tennis Association (ATA) President Roxanne Aaron was on hand to add the ATA's accolades for Dean Slowe as she was the singles winner of the First ATA National Championship in 1917 held in Druid Park in Baltimore, Maryland. Dean Slowe went on to win a number of other ATA championships. Tennis players and ATA Life Members were also on hand for the ceremony while Walter Moore of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania participated with the assistance of his daughter via Face Time.

*Activist, academic, sports person did it "her way" and is now remembered by the naming of Lucy Diggs Slowe Way, at the corner of Howard and 4<sup>th</sup> Street NW on the campus of Howard University.*



**Pictured left to right:**

- Lucy Diggs Slowe Sign
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- Roxanne Aaron, President American Tennis Association
- Dean Phyllicia Rashad, Chadwick A. Boseman College of Fine Arts
- Dean Sandra Crewe, School of Social Work
- Bruce Williams, Bison Express President, Accepting Proclamation
- Attendees
- Mistress of Ceremony Molette Green, NBC4 Washington
- Alice Lee, Bob Rhodes, Cheryl Sloan

*Photos provided by Cheryl Sloan and Ralph Harris.*