

META Quarterly Newsletter

Winter 2019

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

META Member Clubs

- Active Aces Super Seniors Tennis Club (AASSTC)
- Baltimore Tennis Club
- Deanwood Tennis Association
- Fort Lincoln Tennis Club
- The Mall Tennis Club
- Netmen Co-Ed Tennis Club
- S.A.F.E. of DC
- Tennis At Shiloh
- Tennis Champions
- Virginia State University Men's Tennis
- Washington Tennis Association

META Family Members,

HEALTHY HAPPY NEW YEAR!!! We welcome 2020 and may it be the best year ever for each of you. Let's plan for this to be a year of increased communication, an increase in tennis programs and greater participation in everything we do. I encourage you to volunteer!

This is our second newsletter and we invite your comments and contributions. Whenever there is a large undertaking like a newsletter, it is easier done when there are more hands to assist. So, let me know what you would like to contribute, whether it is a one-time offer or it is to take on a special section because it's a subject near and dear to your heart. Don't hide your talents under a bushel!

ATA 2020 National Championship plans are still in the making and we will get word to you as soon as they are finalized. As we move forward, let's do so enthusiastically and with a willingness to serve. Let's make sure 2020 is the best EVER!

Again, have a prosperous and **HEALTHY HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

Best Wishes,

Cheryl Sloan
META President



Founder and creator of the Active Aces Super Senior Tennis Club, affectionately called the Active Aces, Alice P. Lee, steps into another role as President Emeritus, as the gavel was passed to Cornell Chappelle the Active Aces new President. Cornell spoke as President at the December 10, 2019 Aces *An Evening of Elegance* gala held at the Camelot in Upper Marlboro, MD. As you may know, the Aces gala is a black tie affair where folks get dressed up, have a sit down dinner and dance to musical harmonies of the Old School Singers, brought back by popular demand this year.

The Mid-Eastern Tennis Association (META), a Section of the American Tennis Association, wanted to applaud and recognize Alice's transitional role so META presented her with a beautiful commemorative vase during the META Tennis Party on November 2, 2019. This award is by no means the first from META and it stands in good company with numerous other awards Alice has received including:

- Washington Tennis Association Coordinator of the Year
- Mid-Atlantic Volunteer of the Year
- USTA National Senior Service Award, 2011
- META Volunteer of the Year
- ATA Presidential Ward, 2017
- ATA Plaque – 2019 Letter of Appreciation

META President, Cheryl Sloan played a little Alice Lee trivia game with the attendees:

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| Q. Where was Alice born? | A. Brunswick County, NC near Wilmington. |
| Q. What vocation did Alice have? | A. A Math and Science teacher for over 30 years. |
| Q. When did Alice start playing tennis? | A. After she retired in 1993. |
| Q. What does the middle initial P stand for? | A. Parker. |

Story 1: Did you know Alice had to fight each day after school? Well she never did, cousin Retha Parker did all the fighting for her.

Story 2: Dr. Loyce Pailen told the story of how Alice would look directly at you when she asked for volunteers so you could not turn her down.

Members of the Active Aces were well represented at the META Tennis Party where Alice P. Lee was honored. We all wished **CONGRATULATIONS** to Alice in her new role as President Emeritus.



THERE'S AN AUTHOR AMONG US!



Currently, there are 6 books in the Cybersecurity series featuring, *Super Cybersecurity Grandma* who is none other than our own *tennis lovin* Dr. Loyce Pailen.

Each book is an amazing story about Justin and his super cybersecurity grandma working through the problems of being online and staying safe. In each of the series, they tackle the ever-present issues plaguing all of us who are active in the digital arena.

Can you figure out who JASTIN is??? Follow the links below for more information on this series and more.

Jalen, Dr. Pailen and Justin

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<https://www.jastinenterprisesllc.com/copy-of-services>

Link to video about careers

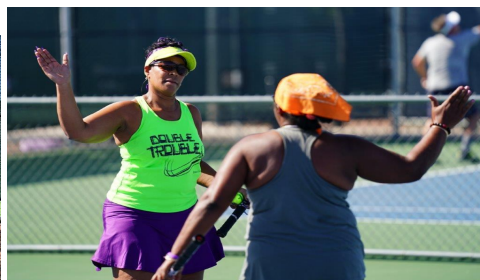
<https://www.jastinenterprisesllc.com/cybersecurity-career-day-at-school>

MID-ATLANTIC 55 AND OVER WOMEN CHAMPIONS WIN THIRD PLACE

By Tamara Williams, TieBreaker Divas

On September 22, 2019, the TieBreaker Divas became the Women's 55 and Over 4.0, USTA Mid-Atlantic Section Champions. This means we have the honor of representing DC, VA, MD and eastern and southern WV so on October 31, 2019, the team headed to Surprise, AZ to compete in the National Championships. Our team was one of 1,069 teams in the country competing to be the No. 1 team in the country for "55 and Over Women's Champions." At Nationals we were one of 17 teams to compete. We lost only once, in the semi-finals, to the eventual champions. So we came in Third Place!

In 2014, Coach Dion Williams started the first TieBreaker Divas tennis team. Currently, Charlene Collier is the captain and Tami Williams is the co-captain. TieBreaker Divas is a group of 55+ year-old ladies who love tennis. The team consists of 12 women living in the metropolitan Washington, DC area. The team has been together since 2017 and every year our results get better and better and we are very proud of our accomplishments. To get ready for the National Championship, our coach works us out with drills and teaches us doubles strategy; we do strength and cardio training; and even though we spend a lot more time trying to recover and nurse our injuries, LOL! -- our love for the game keeps us going.



Members Club Spotlight!



Tennis At Shiloh (TAS) is an organization of the Community Outreach Ministry of Shiloh Baptist Church, in Washington, DC. It was organized by 18 members of the congregation under the guidance of Reverend Henry C. Gregory, III for the purpose of providing physical and spiritual development through recreation and fellowship in a Christian atmosphere for youth and adults.

Our logo features the DC city skyline and highlights the historic edifice of Shiloh Baptist Church. The banner celebrates our founding in 1976. The church, now led by Reverend Dr. Wallace Charles Smith recognizes *"...that your body is a Temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God. You are not your own, you were bought at a price. Therefore, honor God with your body."* 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

TAS promotes "Tennis Fundamentals, Fitness, and Fellowship." Tennis At Shiloh offers instructional, social, and competitive tennis play to all - beginners, intermediates and competitive players. The organization is a strong, programmatic partner with the DC Department of Recreation and a long-standing member of the Mid-Eastern Tennis Association (META), the American Tennis Association (ATA), and the USTA.

Every Thursday evening and Saturday morning from April through October, over the past 40 years, dedicated volunteers, certified instructors and recreation staff ensure center city families and area players can participate in youth or adult tennis lessons, drills, and competitions. This year in June, TAS will host a revamped USTA Shiloh Open and recruit the best amateur athletes on the east coast to compete in our LeDroit Park/Columbia Heights neighborhood.

Truly, it is a dynamic, long-standing DC institution happening at the Banneker Tennis Courts across from Howard University in downtown Washington. While our goals are promoting fundamentals, fitness and fellowship, most participants report just having a lot of fun.

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2020 UPCOMING EVENTS

January 18-19
NBC4 Health & Fitness Expo – Washington, DC 2020
Walter E. Washington Convention Center
Washington, DC

Sunday, February 9, 3:00 p.m.
META Board Conference Call

Saturday, March 28, 7:00-11:00 p.m.
The Netmen's Annual Tennis Party
Sponsor: Netmen Co-ed Tennis Club
Contact: Val Parker, 410-952-9026

Sunday, April 5, 3:00 p.m.
META Board Conference Call

Saturday, April 18, 12:00 noon to Dusk
META Spring Fling
Fort Lincoln Tennis Courts, 3300 Fort Lincoln Drive
Washington, DC

June 5-6, 10:00 p.m. AND June 6-7, 8:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.
USTA Shiloh Open
Banneker Recreation Tennis Courts, 2500 Georgia Avenue NW, WDC
Contact: Richard A. King, Jr.
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Sponsor: Tennis at Shiloh

Sunday, June 14, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
META Annual Meeting
Location: TBD
Contact: Cheryl Sloan, csloan5@verizon.net ▪ 301 589-6815

July 22
ACES Team Tennis Finale/Cookout (Fort Lincoln)

August 29
Arthur Ashe Kids Day
(Bus Trip to US Open, NYC)