

A Message from the President and Board

Please accept our appreciation for your support in helping AASSTC celebrate its 10th anniversary. Many of you have been with us since the beginning, and others have joined us recently but have jumped right in to help—by participating in our activities, by making donations, by providing moral support, or by giving advice. With your help we will continue to pursue our primary goal of growing the game of tennis with active super seniors who are committed to:

***Enjoying** the game of tennis by playing with mature/older adults for fun and exercise;*

***Improving** their playing skills by participating in drills, clinics, and friendly competitive play;*

***Playing** tennis regularly with others of equal or similar ability and skill;*

***Developing and supporting** a super senior league for those who prefer competitive play;*

***Representing** the Washington Tennis Association (WTA) in the United States Tennis Association (USTA) Super Senior Championships;*

***Participating and assisting** in the annual ATA National Championships Tournament; and*

***Supporting and participating** club activities such as tennis instruction and drills for beginning and intermediate players; round-robin and intramural tournaments; USTA league sectional, regional and national competitions; and programs for youth.*

If you are not a tennis player, we urge you to consider becoming one. AASSTC players range from beginning players to advanced players. Some run like the wind, some wear braces, and some have had joints replaced. The common threads are that we love tennis and we all are there to have fun. We continue to prove that

Tennis is the “Sport of a Lifetime.”

An Evening of Elegance To Celebrate the 10th Anniversary of The Active Aces Super Senior Tennis Club, Inc.



Tuesday, December 20, 2011

7:00pm – 11:00pm

Camelot by Martin's

Upper Marlboro, MD



Who We Are

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 that they felt the need to continue such a program. Alice Lee, a retired teacher, was one of the participants who was re-energized and inspired to play the game as a result of those sessions. Alice immediately began organizing the club as a way to meet new friends, remain active, and have fun. Her dream became a reality in February of 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 charter members, in addition to Alice Lee, included: Geneva Ables, Rachel Banks, Jesse Berry, Juanita Cross, Beverly Hurst, John Jackson, Henry Jiles, Oliver Johnson, Clarence Pearson, Hubert Robinson, Marie Shaw, Sally Thornton, and Riddick Vann.

The club evolved from a group of 25 members in 2001 to more than 100 current members ranging in age from 60 to 89. 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." AASSTC is a registered Community Tennis Association under the auspices of USTA/Washington Tennis Association; is affiliated with the ATA/Mid-Eastern Tennis Association; and is incorporated in the District of Columbia with 501c (3) status. The AASSTC Fredericksburg, VA, chapter, established in 2006, hosts more than 40 additional members and has a special focus on youth and first-time senior players. AASSTC held its first "Evening of Elegance" in 2004. In addition to this event, the club hosts a Sixty-and-Over Tennis Tournament; conducts an annual tennis clinic at Sweet Briar College in Virginia; sponsors members in local, regional, and national competitions; and provides free tennis instruction and educational activities for local youth.

For additional information, please visit our website at www.aasstc.org



10th Anniversary Committee

A special thank you is offered to the following members who made the 10th anniversary celebration possible: Jesse Berry, Eula Best, Carmen Cannon, Patsy Fitzhugh, Ed Gore, Shelia Handy, Alice Lee, and Pattie Patrick.

Appreciation is also extended to JoMaKa Creations for the beautiful decorations, to Johnny Steele for his timeless music, and to the staff members of Camelot for their excellent service.



As we enjoy our seventh holiday celebration, we also recognize the members who have been chairpersons for previous AASSTC holiday celebrations:

2004	Mamie Young
2005	Carmen Cannon
2006	Frankie Robinson
2007	Frankie Robinson
2008	Frankie Robinson
2009	Carol Graves
2010	Alice Lee

Officers and Board of Directors

The following offices form the foundation of AASSTC's governing board:

<i>President</i>	<i>Alice Lee</i>
<i>Vice President</i>	<i>Raymond Johnson</i>
<i>Secretary</i>	<i>Carmen Cannon</i>
<i>Treasurer</i>	<i>Patsy Fitzhugh</i>
<i>Resident Agent</i>	<i>Patsy Fitzhugh</i>
<i>At-Large/DC</i>	<i>Riddick Vann</i>
<i>At-Large/VA</i>	<i>Amos Best</i>

AASSTC recently expanded its governing board previously consist-

By increasing Board membership, the club hopes to achieve a more representative understanding of members' needs, desires, and concerns and to groom new members to fill positions as officers. The newly expanded Board's first tasks are to:

- complete the revision of the club's mission, vision, and values statements;*
- identify and develop initiatives for the year 2012; and*
- develop a strategic plan that will ensure AASSTC's viability.*

Raising a racquet for health and fitness.

Acknowledgements and Awards

Octogenarians

When members reach the age of 80 they are acknowledged at an annual luncheon and receive special Blue Jackets. During the past 10 years, more than 20 members have achieved this status. Current Octogenarians are still active:

Rachel Banks, Sue Barnes, Clarence Branson, Sam Burroughs, Charles Coleman, Alita Dixon, Jasper Ford, Patricia Giles, Louise Hall, Clarence Pearson, Marjory Powell, Ernest Ransom, Hubert Robinson, and Riddick Vann.

President's Award

This award is presented annually to the member who, during the current year, has worked closely with the AASSTC President has provided invaluable advice and assistance and has been the "go to" person for the President. Past recipients have included:

<i>2010</i>	<i>Carmen Cannon</i>
<i>2009</i>	<i>Shelia Handy</i>

Service Award

Although many members provide invaluable service to the club, this award is reserved for the member who has assisted with club activities as a chairperson, leader, messenger, or in any role that needs to be filled. The recipient of this award has demonstrated exceptional commitment and dedication to AASSTC programs and activities. Past recipients have included:

<i>2010</i>	<i>David Merriwether</i>
<i>2009</i>	<i>Rick Jiles</i>
<i>2008</i>	<i>Beulah Alexander</i>
<i>2007</i>	<i>Rebecca Washington</i>
<i>2006</i>	<i>Frankie Robinson</i>

Highlights and Milestones (cont'd)

Program

Raymond Johnson, Master of Ceremonies

Welcome

President's Greeting and Acknowledgements

Invocation

Dinner

7:30pm

Dancing

Acknowledgements

Special Awards

Entertainment

Dancing until 11:00pm

2010 Junior Tennis Program established

2009 Sponsorship from the Lake Arbor Foundation

2010 Inaugural Team Tennis competition

2010 "Active Images" photography group formed

2010 After school program at Thurgood Marshall began

2011 Tennis instruction at Hillcrest Rec Center began

Remember when . . . ?

- *The club's Christmas Party was held in the SETC Round Room (Thanks, Mamie for getting us out of there!)*
- *We played tennis at 13th and Van Buren NW at 10am.*
- *Dues were \$10 per quarter*
- *We had a fabulous AASSTC newsletter (Thanks, Frankie)*
- *Rachel tap danced at the Sport of a Lifetime Luncheon*
- *The DJ's sound system blew up at our gala.*
- *We tried to teach the Van der Meer pros how to line dance*
- *The power went off at Sweet Briar during the party*
- *The power went off in the Watkins bubble during play.*
- *We played tennis in Fredericksburg for three days at Loriella Park.*
- *We sang the 12 Days of Christmas—tennis style (and off key)*
- *Tina Tennis and her backup singers sang "Rollin Down the River."*
- *Alice Lee recited the poem "Billy Grimes"*
- *The Tennistations sang **BLAH** at Cameron Grove*
- *The Four Topspins performed "Me and My Tennis"*



Highlights and Milestones

2001 AASSTC founded by Alice P. Lee
2001 Community Tennis Association (CTA) membership
2002 Outreach program for juniors at Parkside Rec Center
2003 Club of the Year (USTA/WTA)
2003 Certificate of Incorporation
2004 Granted 501C3 status
2004 Granny Clinic is Program of the Year (USTA)
2004 First Annual Tennis Retreat at Sweet Briar
2004 First Evening of Elegance
2005 Club of the Year (USTA/WTA)
2005 Inaugural Sixty and Over Tournament
2006 Fredericksburg Chapter established
2007 Annual charity outreach began
2007 Tennis instruction for "Sassy Seniors" at Greenleaf began
2007 Tournament of the year (USTA/MAS)
2007 League Coordinator of the Year (USTA/MAS)
2007 DC Special Olympics
2007 NBC4 Fitness Expo
2009 Sectional Organization of the Year (Fredericksburg)
2009 Program of the Year (USTA/MAS)
2009 Sweet Briar clinic named after founder Doris Harrison

Menu

Martin's House Salad
With Ranch and Balsamic Vinaigrette Dressings

Italian Meatballs Parmigiana
Herb Encrusted Salmon
Supreme Chicken
Pasta a la Martin
Turkey and Prime Rib Carving Stations

Assorted Salads
Seasonal Mixed Vegetables
Yukon Gold Potatoes

Assorted Desserts
Coffee and Tea

