



## Season's Greetings From META

Happy Holidays to you and yours! I trust you are having a joyous and blessed holiday season as we all prepare for 2017.

The year 2016 in review was successful for META and the META Members Clubs and all their individual members. SPRING FLING was a success again this year as folks turned out for a hot dog and drink and as much tennis as they could stand once again at Fort Lincoln tennis courts in Washington, DC. Those attending the 100<sup>th</sup> Celebration of the founding of the ATA in Fort Lauderdale, Florida included new faces and former players returning for the first time after a long period in between. META was represented at the historic display in Fort Lauderdale and we were responsible for the introduction to the ATA of the Sports Curator of the National Museum of African American History and Culture, Dr. Damion L. Thomas.

Baltimore players held up the META League and accepted awards at the Awards and Tennis Party in November at the Fairland Bubble in Laurel, Maryland. Special recognition awards were presented to Tennis at Shiloh for their 40 Anniversary and for the Active Aces Super Senior Tennis Club for their myriad of programs including arranging court time twice a week in summer and winter, for their Blue Jacket Club for octogenarians, sponsoring junior team tennis, supporting juniors at the ATA Championships and Arthur Ashe Day in New York City, and the fun filled after five attire Gala at Camelot among other programs. Again, "hats off to both clubs for an outstanding record of achievements.

Now it's time to turn our attention to 2017 and turn the knob tighter one more time. Let each player bring one more player to tennis and have them join as a member of the ATA, the oldest Black sports organization in America. Remember to renew your club membership to META/ATA and individual membership to the ATA. Volunteer and support your local club activities and become an active member of the few who do so much for the good of us all. Finally, please sponsor and support our youth tennis activities -- they are our future after all.

Thank you for making 2016 a success and stay tuned for more META news and updates. I wish good health, happiness, peace, and blessings to each of you in 2017.

Happy New Year!

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