

President's Note

By Cheryl Williamson



Members, Friends and Associates,

As the former Financial Secretary of Motor City Tennis Club from 1999 thru 2002, I would like to express my gratitude for being elected as MCTC President for 2003-2004.

One of my visions is to see at least a twenty percent increase in membership each year. I cannot stress enough how important your membership is to us. Membership is one of the lifelines of the Club, as well as the volunteer work. Without these two factors, there is no Motor City Tennis Club. If you want to see a difference, then please make some form of contribution to the

Club. We welcome and value your ideas in helping us to continue moving forward. In addition, we would like to make accessible other ways for people to socialize. Below is a list of possible events.

- Karaoke
- Ballroom or Hustle Lessons
- Golf
- Outside Summer Tennis Party

Motor City has been in existence since 1929. It is time for members and non-members to demonstrate some form of unity and make a positive change in our community. It is imperative that we all understand the importance of working together as a team. We should recognize Motor City Tennis Club for the positive impact it has had on our community. I look forward to working with all of you to continue in this tradition.

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Kenneth Bailey	1st Vice President
Jesse Cleary	2nd Vice President
Elaine Price Donaldson	Secretary
Janice Banks	Assistant Secretary
Burrell Shields	Treasurer
Vacant	Financial Secretary
Richard Billings	Sergeant at Arms
Leslie Timothy	Junior Development Rep.
Yvonne Malveaux	Elected Executive Board Member
Brian Ruben	Elected Executive Board Member
Gail Lewis	Immediate Past President

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Next Meeting

Wednesday, March 5, 2003

6:30 p.m. at 12th Precinct
Detroit Police Department
1441 W. Seven Mile Road
please plan to attend-we need your input!

Topics:

- MCTC Website
- Junior Winter Program

Topics:

**"Spring Fever"
Tennis Party**
Saturday, March 22, 2003
8:00 p.m. - Midnight
Wimbledon Racquet Club
20250 E. Nine Mile
St. Clair Shores, Michigan

NEW LEADERSHIP FOR 2003

Motor City Tennis Club begins 2003 with new leadership. In case you weren't there on December 14, 2002 for the election of officers and don't have the full scoop, here it is! The 2003 Motor City Tennis Club Officers and Executive Board Members are:

Cheryl Williamson, President
Kenneth Bailey, 1st Vice President
Jesse Cleary, 2nd Vice President
Elaine Price Donaldson, Secretary
Janice Banks, Assistant Secretary
Burrell Shields, Treasurer
Richard Billings, Sgt. at Arms
Leslie Timothy, Junior Development Representative
Yvonne Malveaux, Elected Executive Board Member
Brian Ruben, Elected Executive Board Member
Gail Lewis, Immediate Past President

The Treasurer and Financial Secretary's positions were vacant and had no candidates. However, the Treasurer's position was later filled by Presidential appointment with Executive Board approval. Burrell Shields will continue as Treasurer. The Presidential appointment for the office of Financial Secretary will be done later.

CONDOLENCES TO MOTOR CITY MEMBERS IN THEIR LOSS

Amy Parker,
in the loss of her father
Cheryl Williamson,
in the loss of her sister
Al Harris,
in the loss of his brother
Elaine Price Donaldson,
in the loss of her sister
Kane Hunter,
in the loss of his father.



MCTC Executive Board Members

• Spring Fever

Baby, it's cold outside – really cold. This is the time of year when it seems that spring is so far off. But wait!!! There's going to be a tennis party that will heat up the coldest night. Don't miss out. Join us at Motor City's "Spring Fever" tennis party on Saturday, March 22, 2003, from 8:00 p.m. until midnight at the Wimbledon Racquet Club, 20250 E. Nine Mile Road, St. Clair Shores. You can anticipate the usual — plenty of food, fun, and TENNIS! Come early and receive special door prizes. Ticket prices are the same – Social members - \$8 - Player members - \$16; Social non-members - \$10 – Player non-members - \$18; at the door – Social - \$12; Player - \$22. See any Executive Board Member for tickets. Tickets also available at Professional Racquet Services (PRS) – see Michael Banks, 19444 Livernois, Detroit, Michigan.

Due to difficulties with the camera, the pictures that were taken at the last tennis party are not available for this newsletter. We apologize.

• Motor City Welcomes New and Returning Members

A sincere welcome to the following new and returning members: Austin Amene, Elaine Carter, Diane Crawford, Reggie Davis, Lavonia Dixon, Tony Hines, Debra Hunter, Floyd Joyner, Gail Lewis, Yvonne Malveaux (lifetime), Anthony McDonell, Linda Morisseau, Craig Myles, Amy Parker, Karen Pigford, Michael Reese, Betty Riggs, Langston Ross, Robert Taylor, Helen Thompson, Kelli Thompson, Sonya Thompson, Kyra Watts, David Williams and Cheryl Williamson.

Apologies to Cheryl Petties and Sheila Trice who were omitted from a previous listing.
Welcome!

Congratulations all — and thanks for your support. Enjoy tennis!!

• March Membership Special

During the month of March, the cost of adult membership will be thirty dollars. New members will have a year membership beginning in March. Current members will have one year membership beginning on the month the current membership expires. For example: If your renewal is not due until November of 2003 and you paid thirty dollars in March, your new year will begin on November of 2003 and end on November of 2004. Please take advantage of this special offer. For complete information on all membership specials, please contact Roberta Williams at (313) 945-8996 or Cheryl Williamson at (313) 892-7947

• MCTC Junior Lessons Program Begins New Session

Juniors, planning to play for your high school team? Or just want to experience the fun and excitement improving your tennis skills? Motor City encourages you to register for its next indoor lessons session beginning Sunday, March 2 at the Redford YWCA. Under the expert instruction of Craig Myles and his staff, the program emphasizes stroke production and conditioning. The session will run Sunday evening from 6-8 pm through April 27 excluding Easter. Cost is \$80 per student, due upon registration. MCTC and YWCA memberships are required and may be purchased upon registration. For complete information, please contact Burrell Shields at (248) 358-3658 or Leslie Timothy at (248) 231-8532

• Motor City Members Achieve District and Sectional Rankings

The Following MCTC members have achieved district and/or sectional rankings for tournament participation in 2002:

Boys' 16 Singles - Langston Ross (#33 SEMTA)
Boys' 18 Singles - Donovan Mitchell (#35 SEMTA)
Men's 45 Singles - Burrell Shields (#2 SEMTA, #26 MIDWEST)
Men's 55 Singles - Jerry Butler (#4 SEMTA, #16 MIDWEST)
Men's 60 Singles - Ivy Hunter (#9 SEMTA)
Men's 70 Singles - Kenneth Hunt (#2 SEMTA)

Congratulations and have a successful 2003!!

If you are not listed and feel you have achieved a ranking, please contact the Midwest Section Office at (317) 577-5130

• USTA Website Salutes Black History Month

There is a very informative Black History Month Salute on the USTA website at www.usta.com. It can also be reached via the USTA link from the Motor City website at www.mctc1929.org. Featured are profiles of African-Americans past and present who influenced and continue to impact the game of tennis. Also listed are the accomplishments and contributions of current players. Please check it out and spread the word!!

• Indianapolis Hosts 9th Annual Coaches Workshop

Please mark your calendars to attend the 9th Annual USTA/Midwest Section Multicultural Participation Committee Coaches' Workshop to be held April 4-6 in Indianapolis. Additional information is available on the USTA Midwest Section website www.midwest.usta.com or by contacting Roberta Williams at (317) 945-8996

• Motor City Forms New CTA Development Committee

Motor City announces the formation of a new committee designed to develop and promote the organization as a CTA (Community Tennis Association). CTA status provides eligibility for USTA funding under the legal protection afforded to incorporated businesses. The responsibilities of this committee will include exploring and securing grants to support the MCTC summer and winter lessons programs, interaction with local support organizations, representation of MCTC at CTA forums sponsored by USTA, high school outreach and identification of promising Juniors for scholarships, and publication and promotion of MCTC instructional programs. Burrell Shields, MCTC Treasurer, will serve as Chairperson of this committee.

A complete listing of committee members will be published at a later date. Anyone interested in participating, please contact Burrell Shields at (248) 358-3658. The first CTA forum meeting is scheduled for Saturday, March 1st in Lansing Michigan. Future articles will address committee goals and achievements.

• Ken's Korner By Ken Bailey, Tournament Director

ATA National Championships will be in Silver Springs, Maryland in August. Details will be forthcoming.