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2016 5th Annual Fundraiser Awards Banquet!

MRTC's 5th Annual Banquet is a "Party with a Purpose" and it did not disappoint! The children were the featured presenters: Kofi Hawley welcomed everyone, Kendal Green gave the blessing to the food, and Jazmine Davis introduced our guest speaker – Ms. Sallie Elam!

Awardees included: MRTC Adult captains: Valerie Jones, Edward Thornton, Carolyn Hawley. JTT certificates were presented to the JTT participants: Jazmine Davis, Kendal Green, Kofi Hawley, Monique Hunt, Otis Hunt, Yusufu Ibrahim (William Wilkins, Charlesten Freeman, Isaiah Timmons, Kendyl Berry, Brittney Smith, Jamani Jones, Carrington Hepburn, Makkijha Brown, Tori Donaldson, Mary Walker, Marcara Wright). Our MRTC JTT Captains are the committed MRTC parents: *Jonathan Davis, Madeline Berry, Carolyn Hawley!*



Ms. Cierra Turner is the proud recipient of the MRTC JTT Player of The Year! Cierra did an outstanding job! Cierra played on every MRTC JTT 18U teams. She always came prepared and ready to play! She's a hard worker, has a great attitude, a serious net game and is a team player! She played singles and doubles. She played wherever the Captains needed and most of the time bought home the win for the team! She is a high school senior and plays #1 for Highland Springs HS. Cierra will be attending college in the Fall of 2017!! Good Luck Cierra!!!

This year's guest speaker was Richmond's very own Ms. Sallie Elam! The dynamic and trail blazing Ms. Elam is a blue-print of what our youth need to do to be successful. Tennis, education, giving back, and hard work! All of which MRTC is all about and strive to instill in our youth! In her speech Ms. Elam stressed these concepts to the children. As she said, just like on the tennis court, always be prepared, put the work in, but you need to be flexible - have a "Plan B", sometimes that strategy may not work out! Be ready, life sometimes changes your prepared plans! MRTC sincerely Thanks Ms. Elam for taking time from her busy schedule to speak at our banquet!



And our Outstanding Youth of the Year: YUSUFU IBRAHIM!!

He's the epitome of what MRTC is all about!!! He was raised in Gilpin court a housing area in Richmond. He attended Open High HS graduating with a 4.2 GPA. He played varsity tennis for Armstrong High School, three years conference player of the year, three years conference singles and doubles champions and in his senior finishing with a record of 16 and 2. He has volunteered numerous hours with MRTC working with kids in teaching tennis, reading to kids, talking to kids about decision making, and the up keeping of city tennis courts. He is a freshman at VCU College and truly a role model for all. In one word he is simply AWESOME! CONGRATULATIONS YUSUFU! He is the next generation! What a bright future!!





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2016 AUTUMN CUP Sept 30 – Oct 2nd

MRTC is competing at Autumn Cup for the 3rd year! Karen Jones is the coordinator, along with Val Jones and Ed Thornton! Eight clubs send teams to compete for the Cup! Last year MRTC came in 3rd, this year 2nd (by one point!). Next year's goal: Winning the Cup ☺ Major kudos to Bill Carli for being the event's Head Coordinator!! Excellent job!



From our adults to our juniors, MRTC reps at the USTA!!

MRTC teams include: 65+adult, 18+ & 40+ (3.0. 3.5/4.0 ladies; 4.0/4.5 men); 6.5 ladies; 7.5 mixed; 8.5 mixed; 8.0 mixed; 9.0 mixed. Captains: Ed Thornton, Val Jones, Stephanie Williams, Peter Finn, Carolyn Hawley, Bernice White, Lloyd Arnold. JTT teams 14U(summer) and 18U (winter/summer/fall). Captains: Madeline Berry, Jonathan Davis, Carolyn Hawley.



MRTC Men's 65+; Men's 55+ Capt: E. Thornton



18U (Fall/Winter) JTT; Captains: M. Berry, J. Davis



 * **UPCOMING EVENTS:** *
 * DEC 11-FEB 19, Winter Clinic (Sundays) *
 * MAR – Adult league; JTT League begin *
 * MAY date TBD - BPJO *
 * JUL 30-AUG 6– ATA Tourney! *



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