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Dear META Family,

Businesses, churches, gyms, beaches, parks and schools are re-opening. We are finally turning the corner on the Covid-19 virus and beginning to slowly return to some sense of what we call “normal.” But we are not there yet so I take this time to encourage you or someone you know to please get the vaccine.

I live in Montgomery County and our vaccination numbers are looking good -- nearly 75 percent of residents ages 12 and older are vaccinated and more than 90 percent of residents over 65 are vaccinated. I can only hope those numbers continue to grow.

Please take the shot and protect those around you like loved ones, neighbors and other people you are around and allow *all of us to unmask*. If you or someone you know wants to be vaccinated here are some resources to provide assistance:

- coronavirus.maryland.gov/ 888/932-0511
- coronavirus.dc.gov/page/get-vaccinated 855/363-0333
- vaccinate.virginia.gov 877/829-4682

We are not out of the woods yet. Get the shot so you are protected and can help stop the spread of variants of the virus. Be well, be safe, practice social distancing and mask up where required.

Best Wishes,
Cheryl Sloan
META President



HAPPY 20TH ANNIVERSARY ACTIVE ACES

An interview with Alice Lee founder of the Active Aces Super Senior Tennis Club and Cornell Chappelle second President of the club by Cheryl Sloan, META President.

Cheryl Sloan: Hello Alice! I cannot believe this is the 20th Anniversary of the Active Aces.

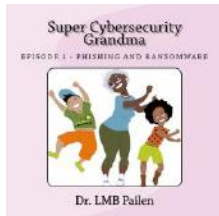


Alice Lee: Cannot believe it myself. Time flies when you are having a good time. It's been an exciting journey along the way because of the people who started with me and who stayed with me and those who joined along the way.

Cheryl Sloan: You started with 25 seniors over the age of 65 and now the membership has reached 100 with 60 active members making it the largest META club in the DMV. What do you think led to the success?

Alice Lee: I think because seniors when they retire want to have something to do with their time and with people of the same age group. This club provided that opportunity. Also, folks who were not able to play all the time or were injured could still come out to the tennis court and sit around and talk and enjoy the camaraderie.

Notable Books in Review

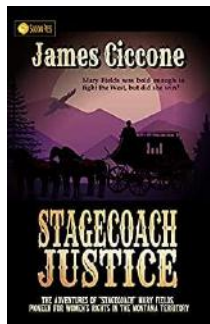


By Dr. Loyce Pailen

Adventures of Super Cybersecurity Grandma is an amazing story about Jastin and his Super Cybersecurity Grandma working through the problems of being online and staying safe. The series is now on episode six with the next episode's subject on bitcoins. META's very own Dr. Loyce Pailen is the author and she started with episode one back in 2016.

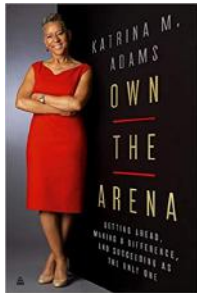
List of books include:

1. Phishing and Ransomware
2. Cyber Bullying
3. Internet of Things
4. Privacy and Identity Theft
5. Cybersecurity Career Day
6. Clouds versus The Cloud



By James Ciccone

James Ciccone, long time trial lawyer and former *pro bono* attorney for the American Tennis Association has turned novelist. His books are in the genre of fictionalized westerns as Ciccone has tapped into his great imagination in writing "*A Good Day to Die*" and "*Stagecoach Justice*." Just released in June 2021 Stagecoach Justice features Mary Fields who tells the story of how she lived and died – "and brought my own brand of Stagecoach Justice to the wild Montana Territory. I was born into slavery but I'm a free woman now – and when I say "free" I mean it in every sense of the word. I do what I want – I smoke cigars, drink whiskey and fight better than any man in Montana Territory white or colored."



By Katrina Adams

As the first Black and the youngest person to ever serve as CEO and President of the USTA, Katrina Adams writes about her time as its leader in her book, **Own the Arena**. Katrina writes, "*I had a lot of pressure being the 'first.' Being the first former player, the first African American and the youngest. All eyes were on me as I would likely be scrutinized more because it was unfamiliar territory for those around me. I had to be extra knowledgeable of decisions and how I represented the organization especially being black. We have always had to work twice as hard to get recognition for our accomplishments.*" She doesn't hold back – when whites would comment after her speech, '*What a great speech. You were so articulate.*' Adams wrote "*she did not perceive this as a compliment nor do other black people. Why wouldn't I be able to express my views clearly? Why wouldn't I give a thoughtful and informative delivery of my views? Is this a statement you make to your white friends? I think not.*"



Hat's Off ...

Active Aces National Junior Tennis and Learning Club (NJTL) received a \$7,500 USTA grant to engage with youth during the shut down caused by the Pandemic. Ten juniors from different age groups were supplied laptops and coaches followed a USTA curriculum to interact with juniors and keep them engaged in tennis related activities and skills. The concept of NJTL was originated by the late Arthur Ashe.