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Horneffer

Madame President *Horneffer Tapped as First Female Leader*

Dr. Elizabeth Horneffer became the Milwaukee Tennis & Education Foundation's first woman president after being elected to the post at the organization's annual meeting on Nov. 3.

A pediatrician, Horneffer has been a member of the MTEF board of directors since 2011 and has served as the founda-

tion's vice president since 2014.

"I don't know of anyone who is more qualified than Beth to be president of MTEF," said outgoing President Timon Corwin as he handed over the reins.

Horneffer, he said, jumped in with both feet a year ago during a difficult transition period for MTEF after the departure of its longtime executive director.

"She has been involved in every facet of MTEF from programming to the Tennis Ball," Corwin said, "and has a clear vision of where MTEF is and should be headed."

Horneffer is a graduate of Harvard University and the University of Michigan Medical School. She worked for an independent pri- *Continued on Page 2*

Shining Star

TEAM Participant Pairs With Talk Show Host to Raise Auction \$\$\$

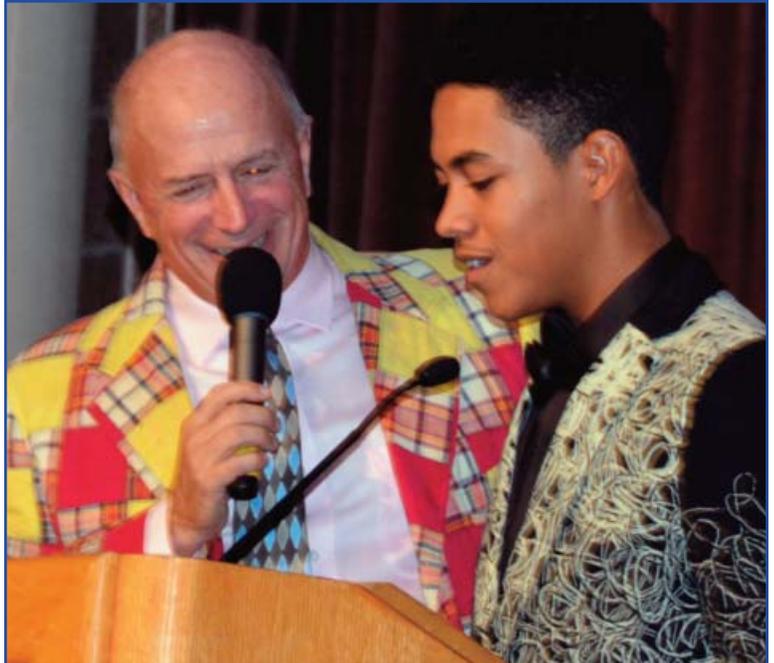
Oct. 1, 2016 may go down in history as the date a star was born. Who could have known that one of MTEF's own, a high school senior named Julian Loera could steal the show from longtime sports talk show host and emcee Steve (the Homer) True.

After Loera showed his talent for quips while introducing two fellow High Performance TEAM colleagues – Camille Cruise and Sydan Parker – who ably described how MTEF programming had affected their lives, True invited the teenager up to the stage to help him with live auction duties.

That's when a bit part at MTEF's 18th Annual Tennis Ball turned into a starring role. Loera had but a single word to say, "Sold," when each item reached its last bid. And he said it with gusto, more gusto and *lots* more gusto as time went on. In between, the veteran emcee and his "trainee" managed a number of humorous exchanges that delighted the audience of more than 250 ballgoers.

But that was only one of the highlights of the Ball, held at the Zoo's Peck Pavilion.

Chef Jack's, making its debut as caterer, served up a memorable repast starting with passed hors d'oeuvres that included shrimp scampi, Italian sausage mushrooms, brie and raspberry phyllo minitarts, garden skewers, chest- *Continued on Page 6*



Mary Fran Cahill

Steve (the Homer) True and Julian Loera teamed up to emcee the live auction at the 18th Annual MTEF Tennis Ball.

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O'Byrne Re-ups as Treasurer Louise Jesse Signs On as Secretary

From Page 1 vate pediatric group and held staff privileges at Waukesha Memorial Hospital from 1993 to 2007. She served on a committee that focused on the treatment of childhood obesity and taught and supervised family practice and pediatric residents.

A member of Western Racquet Club and Brookfield East Elite Sports Club, Horneffer was captain of a 5.0 women's team that made it to the Nationals in 2009.



O'Byrne

Thomas O'Byrne, an MTEF past president, was re-elected treasurer, a post in which he has served since 2012. He has been a board member since 1994 and founder, in 1995, of the foundation's first outreach program, which over the years has evolved into the highly recognized TEAM program.

Louise Jesse, who ably served as MTEF's interim executive director from October 2015 to March 2016, was unanimously elected to the board. She also will assume the position of secretary, replacing her husband, Jon Jesse, who has served since 2014. Jon Jesse will remain a board member.

Re-elected to three-year terms on the board, in addition to Jon Jesse, were Robert E. (Reb) Bortz, Jeffrey Davis, Donna Drosner, Herbert Hentzen, David Pelisek and Timothy Posnanski.

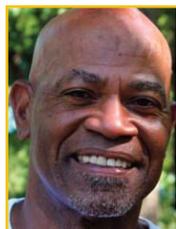


Jesse

Rolling Down the Right Track

MTEF Is Meeting Objectives Put Forth Eight Months Ago

After eight months in the role of executive director, I believe the Milwaukee Tennis and Education Foundation is on the right track. Many positives have happened over this period so I'm very optimistic going forward into 2017.



Michael Levy, Sr.
Executive Director's Message

MTEF is focused on genuinely building the lives of amazing central-city youth and aiding their families to grow with our overall mission "... to make Milwaukee a better place to live, work, play and learn through tennis and education. This mission statement incorporates the elements of youth and adult tennis programming" We take this commitment to heart with all our MTEF families.

Why do we embrace this mission? Because it reflects the human desire to contribute and give back to one's community. Contrary to our societal stereotypes of what is possible and the low expectations we place on children we consider underserved, they, too, have the same potential as those born into circumstances with opportunity all around them.

My prime intention as leader of MTEF is to reach out and demonstrate the possible. I realize it takes so much more in this day and time to inspire and encourage a vision of success in urban youth but, with passion, we'll help them find and keep their ball in play, metaphorically speaking.

Therefore, it is one of my goals to enhance how we present MTEF to Southeastern Wisconsin. Building communities around the sport of tennis has always been my desire wherever I happen to be planted. Please do understand, when I speak to "community," I underscore families, parents and/or guardians first. They become our greatest allies in our mission to support our growing young people. Personally, I want to be there at that finish line as they cross into the life that suits them and our broader community.

We at MTEF enjoy encouraging our youngsters to step up and exhibit daily the values of MTEF, which are: perseverance, inclusiveness, accountability and teamwork. Tennis in and of itself can be a metaphor for life success: personal fitness, a healthy lifestyle, a centered mind, focus, and ball control — the ability to keep the ball in play. Preparation along with practice both on and off the court will lead to opportunity in life beyond tennis as "just a sport."

We have been very fortunate to explore the objectives set forth earlier in the year:

Communicate more effectively to the MTEF community

MTEF has broadened its communication bridge to our parents and families by actively engaging parents using group texting and direct phone calls along with follow-up emails to build an improved relationship with MTEF. I've personally spoken with every parent of our year-round TEAM kids at least once along with scheduling events such as the Milwaukee Tennis Classic's Lunch at the Classic. It is my wish to connect them to their kids' best *Continued on Page 6*

Bring It On!

TEAM Keeps Its Cool During Steamy Summer



Tennis balls and racquets await the start of a drill.

If there were a word to describe the summer of 2016, it might be “steamy.”

If there was a word to describe MTEF’s 2016 summer session, it might be “successful.”



It’s always important to keep your eye on the ball.

While the weather threw a few curves at the six-week session, it didn’t dampen the spirit.

According to MTEF’s executive director, Mike Levy, Sr., “Attendance at every site was excellent and there were no major problems.”

The re-purposed 10 & Under site at Sherman Park launched successfully, drawing participants from the Mary Ryan Boys’ & Girls’ Club Summer Camp. For most, if not all, of these youngsters it was their first experience with the game of tennis. Unlike the other sites, the 10 & Under programming was held only two days a week, Tuesdays and Thursdays, for two one-hour sessions. Youngsters aged 7 and 8 participated in the first hour, while the 9 and 10 year olds followed in the second. The goal of the programming was that at least some of the youngsters would learn enough to move on to regular all-day programming next year.

The Brown Deer site, in its second year surpassed 2015 attendance with 38 participants and, according to Levy, was well-received again by the

Brown Deer community. Levy noted that the facilities at Brown Deer are superb, with participants having access to the Novak Fieldhouse, classroom space, the gymnasium and bathrooms – in addition to outside tennis courts.

MTEF’s Rufus King site had strong attendance, with up to 40 participants a day, and, according to Levy, a very solid staff headed by longtime site director Sara Kemp. The site fielded two USTA Jr. Team Tennis (JTT) teams and a number of players were deemed eligible to enter MTEF’s High Performance TEAM program.

For the third year, High Performance TEAM was headquartered at Milwaukee’s Merrill Park, which is financed in part by a generous donation from the Bortz Family Foundation. Merrill drew between 30 and 40 participants a day, with a mix of beginning, intermediate and very experienced players. Registration will be adjusted next year to limit participation to high-level players. Merrill fielded three JTT teams this year.



Youngsters listen to an instructor at the start of a drill.

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MTEF Cup Results

The tournament and picnic that ends MTEF's summer season always is a popular and competitive event that gathers participants from all of the foundation's seasonal sites. This year's tournament was held from August 1 to 4 at Merrill Park, 461 N. 35th St., where trophies were presented to the winners and runners-up as well as to the most valuable player, most improved player and best-effort player from each site. Sixty-five youngsters from MTEF's three summer sites were joined by participants from other local tennis programs in this year's tournament. Tournament winners and other awards are below.

Coed

8-and-under: Nihran Fusi def. Jha'Niyah Stanback

Boys

18-and-under: Sydan Parker def. Elijah Johnson
 16-and-Under: Sebel Fusi def. Idris Badani
 14-and-Under: TaDarion Perkins def. Kisanye Calvert
 12-and-Under: Izayah Briggs def. Maurice Westmoreland
 10-and-Under: Kalil Hunter def. Connor Cleveland

Girls

16-and-Under: Tatyana Lynn def. Camille Cruise
 14-and-Under: Aubree Hansen def. Demara Williams
 12-and-Under: Samiyah Braylock def. Brielle Wade
 10-and-Under: Ty' Tiana Starling def. Marissa Jones

Most Valuable Player

Brown Deer: Matthew Vang
 Merrill Park: Sebel Fusi
 Rufus King: Ty'Tiana Starling

Most Improved Player

Brown Deer: Ausserre Omni Essence
 Merrill Park: Jahaiah Langdon
 Rufus King: Marissa Jones

Best Effort Award

Brown Deer: Madison Strickland
 Merrill Park: Kisanye Calvert
 Rufus King: Janiya Carter

The foundation currently is in need of additional laptop computers, new or used, since our tutors use them in working one-on-one with Tennis, Education and Mentoring (TEAM) participants.

Tutors are needed for our High Performance TEAM participants.

Monetary donations are always helpful in providing our programming, especially that offered to MTEF's High Performance TEAM participants.

Some examples of costs are:

- \$20 provides a child with a USTA junior membership.
- \$35 pays the entry fee for a child to play a rookie tournament.
- \$65 enables a child to enter a USTA-sanctioned junior tournament.
- \$100 provides for six hours of in-

door court time.

- \$250 covers the cost of three weeks of tennis for a child in MTEF's summer TEAM program.
- \$1,000 covers the cost of the HP program at Marquette University for one participant.
- \$20,000 covers the cost of operating a TEAM site for the summer.

Did you know that donating stock directly to MTEF rather than cashing it in to make a charitable gift may have tax advantages for you under the IRS rules for capital gains?

Also, please consider continuing your tennis legacy and support the foundation by including MTEF in your estate planning. (*See item on Page 12.*)

Consult your financial advisor for more information on either of these topics.



Be a Friend, Donate Now!



Over the past 15 years, MTEF's programming has touched the lives of more than 30,000 underserved Milwaukee youngsters with tennis instruction plus academics, life skills and fitness/ nutrition education.

In 2015 the USTA Foundation designated MTEF as a 4-Star NJTL chapter – one of only 19 out of more than 400 in the entire United States. It also received 4 stars in 2009 and 2010, when the life-skills curriculum – later incorporated into NJTL – was known as First Serve. MTEF was recognized as the National NJTL Chapter of the Year in 2006 and the Midwest NJTL Chapter of the Year in 2004, 2005 and 2009 and the national No. 2 First Serve chapter in 2010.

But MTEF, like all non-profit organizations, needs the generosity of Friends like you to sustain and grow its programming. You can make a big difference in a child's life with even a small donation that you may designate for a specific intention. Friends will be recognized in the spring issue of The Match. Here are some ways you can help:

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- Merrill Park
- Rufus King
- Sherman Park
- Build Funding for Future Site

Newsletter

- Spring/Summer Newsletter
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- Tutors
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Or log onto www.mtef.com and click on *Donate* or *Get Involved*. Donations are fully tax-deductible.

Local Partnerships Help MTEF Grow

From Page 2 experiences with tennis.

Broaden our fundraising initiatives and local partnerships

Broadening our fundraising initiatives and local partnerships has been ongoing in my eight-month tenure with MTEF. We have always understood the requirement of partnership with local organizations and MTEF will continue our great relationship building with the Milwaukee Public Library and, most recently, the Al Hurvis/ADAMM Education Foundation. These organizations focus on providing the key tools of academic continuity and a broader outreach to our middle school youth in urban Milwaukee. In reflection, growing up truly requires having these tools made available. MTEF will serve this purpose proudly.

Explore new methods of community outreach

MTEF has sought to get the word out to many local schools, whether MPS or otherwise. We achieved this by using various methods to connect effectively. Whether an email blast from past mailing lists to flyer distribution, we'd like to extend our promotional outreach earlier in 2017 and to more local schools where needed.

MTEF enjoyed a successful Summer TEAM season and concluded with a GREAT Regional Rally and MTEF TEAM Cup tour-

namment. The Regional Rally and MTEF TEAM Cup tournament included youngsters from around Southeastern Wisconsin (Racine and Kenosha) along with kids from local programs in Milwaukee. Our objective was two-fold: 1) to invite *all* tennis youngsters to a half day of tennis FUN and 2) then provide four days of healthy competition. I'm certain MTEF got that done.

Lastly, the 18th Annual MTEF Tennis Ball capped an amazing

summer/fall transition for MTEF. The event was well attended and provided a great list of auction items to add value to the evening. Debbie Schifano and her committee did a terrific job putting on a *fantastic* event. Mary Fran Cahill scripted a well-done video to enhance the *Open Your Heart* theme. Truly a Tennis Ball to remember.

My heart and spirit has always been driven to reach out to show children that they *can* rise above their circumstances and fulfill their own God-given potential. I want to

thank MTEF for allowing me this opportunity to serve in this significant role. Let us work together to light a fire in the hearts of our kids and continue making a *racquet* in Southeastern Wisconsin!

Peace to you all,
Michael



Tom Lynn

MTEF participants have benefitted from the Milwaukee Public Library's Super Reader summer program.

Tennis Ball Served Something for Everyone

From Page 1 nut rumaki and mini grilled cheese sandwiches accompanied by a tomato soup shooter.

The large butter rose that accompanied the rolls at each table was so lovely that it created some hesitation before guests dug into it.

The first course, the martini signature salad, was presented in a tall-stemmed glass and featured greens with strawberries, red onion, mandarin orange segments and a raspberry vinaigrette dressing. A slim breadstick served as the stirrer.

The entrée paired filet mignon with red onion confit and breast of chicken en croute with sauce natural. Sided with a piped mound of bacon princess potatoes and an asparagus medley, it was a feast for the eyes and the palate.

Dessert was a light and luxurious tuxedo torte accompanied by a chocolate covered strawberry and raspberry sauce. Chocolate cordials also were available at each place.

The event's honorary chair, cardiologist William Davis didn't address the menu in his remarks, which noted that many elite

athletes are adopting gluten-free diets that seem to improve not only their performance but their mood and ability to concentrate. Notable among them, Davis said, was Novak Djocovic, currently the No. 1 men's tennis player in the world. Davis, who advocates for a grain-free diet in his *Wheat Belly* series of best-selling books, also spoke about his daughter Lauren's experiences as a tennis player on the WTA tour, especially the fact that transitioning from an amateur who rarely lost to the professional level wasn't as easy at first as she thought it would be.

The silent auction again featured something for everyone including tickets to events such as Summerfest, the Rep, the Milwaukee Symphony, Packer and Badger football games, Bucks and Admirals games, along with lawn care packages, tennis lessons and equipment, autographed items including a tennis racquet from Billie Jean King and a football from Aaron Rodgers, tennis camps for kids, hotel and resort stays, a Trek bicycle and, quite honestly, much more than can be listed in these pages.

The aforementioned live auction had only 10 items, but what spectacular items they were: a dinner for 10 from Chef Jack's, a Quad private rental at Elite Sports Clubs' River Glen location, a tennis party for 12 including a Sri Lankan dinner at a magnificent Fox Point home, tickets to three of the four Grand Slam tennis tournaments – the French Open, Wimbledon and US Open – a week's stay (during the high season) in a luxurious vacation home in North Scottsdale's Desert Mountain community, tickets to the 2017 US Open Golf Championship at Erin Hills and a two-hour jazz performance at the winning bidder's private party or house concert.

The evening, which raised \$58,000 to support MTEF programming, also served as the premiere for MTEF's new promotional video, which carried the event's theme, *Open Your Heart*.

The video can be seen on MTEF's website, www.mtef.com.

The 19th Annual MTEF Tennis Ball is scheduled for Oct. 7, 2017 at the historic Pfister Hotel in Downtown Milwaukee.

Tennis Ball Sponsors and Supporters



Left: Danny and Elizabeth Westerman (from left) were seen with board member Reb Bortz. **Right:** Yoon Sungwhan and Lee Eunsook looked over an array of tennis racquets that were up for bids in the silent auction.

Mary Fran Cahill



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Party Favors: Kilwins

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A tour of City Hall with Mayor Barrett was among the auction items.

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Time to Rock 'n' Rally!

Third Time Was Charm for Regional Event



MTEF's 10th Annual Regional Rally was scheduled for Friday, July 15. It rained. The rally was rescheduled for Friday, July 22. The heat index was dangerously high. The rally was re-rescheduled for Friday, July 29. Everyone kept their fingers crossed. The third time turned out to be a charm! And, for the first time in many years, the rally was more truly a community-wide and regional event drawing participants from other tennis development programs such as Milwaukee's United Sports, Inc. and the Racine Community Tennis Association.

As you can see from the photos, the event was a huge success and fun for all involved.



Photos by Darren Hauck



Mentor Mondays, Jr. Team Tennis and Video Filming Played Roles in Summer Session



Youngsters climbed aboard a Bell Ambulance vehicle during a Mentor Mondays presentation.



Mary Fran Cahill

Above: Dan Dance directed (from left) Antwan Williams, Haylie Hanson, Hope Moses, Demarra Williams, Aubree Hanson and Talea Hanson during their recording session for MTEF's video at Tanner-Monagle. **Right:** Hannah Rosenbaum was interviewed for the video by Bob Monagle (second from left). Others are (from left) Ross Monagle, Jim Warshauer and Mike Lucas.



From Page 3

Jr. Team Tennis

JTT teams competed on a weekly basis with teams from not only Milwaukee but suburban communities as well. Along with much needed match play, Levy said, it served as a great marketing tool for MTEF.

“When our players go out to the suburbs and play well,” he said, “our good sports and nice kids provide the best PR we can get. When teams come to Merrill and Rufus King, it breaks down barriers and preconceived notions as well as educating coaches, players and parents.”

JTT, he added, is an important USTA initiative on a district, sectional and national level. Players compete in major and minor divisions. The major is for tournament-playing juniors, while the minor is for year-round players. There also is a novice division for youngsters just learning how to complete and play matches.

The summer JTT season ends with a district playoff in late July. While MTEF did not have any teams that qualified this year, a goal is that some will reach that level in 2017. Of MTEF's five JTT teams, four finished in fourth place and one finished fifth in their age group/division.

Another 2017 goal is that each summer site will field multiple teams, with at least one playing out of Brown Deer.

“The USTA rewards organizations that support their initiatives so it is essential that MTEF continue to support JTT by fielding teams for this league,” Levy said.

What's New?

Last year, MTEF began a successful collaboration with the Milwaukee Public Library's summer Super Reader program at its City of Milwaukee sites. The program continued in 2016.

This year, two new initiatives were established at the Merrill Park and Rufus King sites

The first, *Mentor Mondays*, proved interesting and exciting with lunch hour visits where the youngsters learned about careers such as banking, firefighting and journalism. The second, *Board Thursdays*, provided members of MTEF's board of directors with an opportunity to see programming in action.

Youngsters from the Merrill Park and Sherman Park sites also participated in the filming of MTEF's new promotional video, *Open Your Heart*, which made its debut at the 18th Annual MTEF Tennis Ball on Oct. 1.

Six youngsters from the Merrill Park site also were chosen to record the theme song – also the theme of the Tennis Ball – at the Tanner Monagle studios in Downtown Milwaukee, which produced the video for MTEF. The original song was written by board member Mary Fran Cahill and jazz pianist Dan Dance and arranged by Dance and Jason Blacher, who is studying music technology at Northwestern University. The production team was headed by studio co-owner Bob Monagle with filming by Ross Monagle assisted by Mike Lucas and Jim Warshauer. Ric Probst engineered the sound.



Young visitors to the Milwaukee Tennis Classic and their chaperones gathered for a picture with members of the Navy men's tennis team.

MTC Worthy

Classic Visitors Rub Shoulders With Navy Midshipmen

The excitement was palpable as the big yellow bus pulled into the Paddle House parking lot at the Town Club. Aboard the vehicle were 29 youngsters – 20 from MTEF's TEAM summer program and nine from United Sports Club – who, with their chaperones, were on a long-awaited field trip to the 41st Annual Milwaukee Tennis Classic. The field trip, which has been a tradition since 2011, is a much-anticipated venture that offers the youngsters a chance to watch high-level tennis and perhaps to dream of a day when they might find themselves exchanging roles with the college players.

This visit included an extra-special treat this year as the group met with the Navy Midshipmen, a team appearing in the Classic for the first time.

The visitors listened intently as Navy's coach, Chris Garner, and his players described life at the US Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD and how

it affords students a college education in exchange for service in the Navy or Marine Corps. To receive an offer of appointment to the

Academy, an applicant must obtain a nomination from an official source such as

his/her US Representative, two US Senators or the Vice President of the United States. Students attend the acad-



Sub sandwiches donated by Cousins Subs are a tradition for MTEF youngsters visiting the Classic.



These youngsters were thrilled with the tennis balls they had had autographed by players (below) at the Classic.



emy for four years, graduating with bachelor of science degrees and commissions as ensigns in the Navy or second lieutenants in the Marine Corps. Naval Academy graduates serve at least five years in the Navy or Marine Corps.

After the presentation, the kids had an opportunity to ask questions, meet the team members individually and gather for a group picture with the Midshipmen.

In addition to watching the matches, each of the field trip participants received an official 41st Annual MTC T-shirt and all were treated to the traditional box lunch provided courtesy of Cousins Subs.

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Happenings

Subject to Change

Jan. 20: 2016-2017 HP TEAM program resumes.
April 10: USTA Arthur Ashe Essay Contest begins.
May 22: TEAM Site Directors' Meeting. Mary Ryan Boys & Girls Club, 3000 N. Sherman Blvd. Time TBD.
May 26: TEAM Coaches Workshop. Sherman Park, 3000 N. Sherman Blvd. 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
June 14: TEAM Volunteers Orientation. Mary Ryan Boys & Girls Club. 3 - 4 pm
June 19: Summer TEAM program begins. Multiple sites, TBD.
June 21: USTA Jr. Team Tennis begins. Runs through August 7.
July 9: Entry deadline for USTA Arthur Ashe Essay Contest.
July 28: 15th Annual NJTL Regional Rally. Merrill Park. 1 - 3 p.m.
July 31-August 1: MTEF TEAM Cup Tournament Early Rounds. Merrill Park, 461 N. 35th St. All day.
August 2: 3rd Annual Orange Ball 10 & Under Tournament. Merrill Park. 9 a.m. - noon.
August 3: MTEF TEAM Cup Tournament Finals. Merrill Park. 9 a.m. Followed by awards ceremony at 11 a.m. and picnic at noon.
Oct. 7: 19th Annual MTEF Tennis Ball. Pfister Hotel, 424 E. Wisconsin Ave 6 p.m. - midnight
Oct. 13: Fall HP TEAM program begins. Multiple sites. Time TBA.
Oct. 14: Fall USTA Jr. Team Tennis begins. Moorland Tennis and Pickleball Club, 2900 S. 163rd St., New Berlin.

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