



*Dan and Gwen Ramras
Summer 2009*

Thank you Gwen!!!!

Gwen Ramras, a founding member of FTA, retired from the FTA Board this fall and was immediately placed on the FTA Emeritus Board. Her attention to detail and high standards for performance of the FTA Board, coaches, and volunteers over the years, has made FTA a premiere Community Tennis Association (CTA) in the country.

In 1995, a group of Fairbanks tennis enthusiasts met in the Ramras living room and formed the FTA with its first Board of Directors. Gwen was its first Vice-President. That summer, the Kids for Tennis program was born.

Gwen remained FTA VP for ten years and its President for another two years. She was integral to FTA's 501 C (3) incorporation, and FTA's affiliation with the USTA as a Community Tennis Association. FTA has been named a PNW CTA of the Year. Gwen was front and center for the development all FTA summer programs, including the enlisting of pros from the Lower 48, including Sean Frost, Todd Nelson, Tom Fey, Marcin Rozpedski, and of course Cathy Thomas.

Gwen fostered the development of the after-school programs and the high school programs. The USTA recognized Gwen's contributions the sport by presenting her with the prestigious Eve Craft Community Service Award. In her position as USTA PNW V-P in Alaska she was integral in formulating the first official State High School Tennis Championship with participation of four ASAA regions in Alaska.

Gwen now serves as the President of the Board of Directors, PNW USTA. While her involvement in that position is more regional in scope, she maintains her enthusiasm for Alaskan tennis, but her heart is with FTA. ***We thank her for being apart of the founding vision for FTA for her continued commitment to the sport of tennis here in the interior!***

Thank you to retiring board members

**Margarette Bolden,
Pat Lambert and
Katie Lanning...**

Katie served two terms and was our Treasurer for two years as well as an important resource for developing our human resources policies.

Pat took care of many of our court maintenance needs.

Margarette helped with the After School Program, registration and other events.

We will miss you!

FTA Board of Directors



*Respectfully Submitted by Joe Sullivan,
Fellow member of the FTA Emeritus Board*



FTA Director needed!

Fairbanks Tennis Association is looking for a part-time, year-round **Director**: an enthusiastic person with management experience interested in working part time on a variety of community tennis programs.

The job's purpose is to direct FTA's Programs and provide Board management. Duties include program planning for after-school, summer, middle school & high school programs, providing human resources management, developing FTA's overall publicity plan, and assisting with Fund Development and fundraising.

This is a salaried position with hours averaging 15 per week.

Salary range is \$1170-\$1625 month DOE. Closing: when filled

Full job description available upon request - send letter of interest, resume and references to:

info@fairbankstennis.org

Information: 378-1021

High School Varsity and JV Teams 2009 Great Season!



Eielson Varsity



North Pole Varsity



West Valley Varsity



Hutchison Varsity



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Monroe Varsity



Junior Varsity Teams

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TO:

FTA Board of Directors 2009-2010

President	<i>Election Upcoming</i>
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	Linda English
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	Mary Matthews
	Ashely Munro
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After-School Programs	Recruiting
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Public Relations	Diane Kardash, Mitch Roth & Terry Norman
Summer Programs	Joe Deutsch & Mary Matthews
Tournaments	Lou Gross
Office Assistant	Cindy Simpson



FTA's mission:

Through tennis, Fairbanks Tennis Association promotes the health, education and well being of all youth and adult residents of the Fairbanks North Star Borough and Interior Alaska.