

When did you first start playing tennis? I began playing tennis 30 years ago.....gee that's a long time and I'm thinking I should be better by now than I am. Oh well, I guess I'm a slow learner. I was so bad that the first team I was on I asked the captain to just let me practice with the team and I was just fine with her not putting me in a match. She played me the second week and I was sooooo nervous.

What is your "go-to" or signature shot in tennis? I guess you could say my signature shot is by down the line forehand which I can usually win a few points on during a match. Another reason I always ask my partners to let me play the forehand side.....I'm like a fish out of water on the backhand side.

What is the one word you think others would most often use to describe you on the court? One word others would describe me is TOUGH. I never give up in a match and am a force to be reckoned with when I make up my mind to win.

What is the one word you think others would most often use to describe you off the court? Off the court I'm much more easy going. One word would be FUN-LOVING.....or is that two words?

What do you do when you aren't playing tennis? When I'm not playing tennis I'm either working at the doctor's office or spending time with my closest tennis friends. My Ya Ya Sisters and I go to Hilton Head once or twice a year to get in a week of beach and tennis. Another thing most of you probably don't know about me is that I lead a group at my church called Military Outreach Ministry (MOM). MOM supports military chaplains and soldiers serving in Iraq with packages, prayer, and programs which I coordinate. On a family note, I have two children. My son is a professional motorcycle racer, so I try to make it to a couple of his races a year to support him. My daughter is married with six children, two of which are tournament softball players (one just got a full college scholarship for next year). So what kind of granny would I be if I didn't attend some softball games. The other four are grown or in college and one has two children of her own.....yikes that makes me a great-grandma too. Darn these kids are making me old way before my time.....love 'em anyway.

What are you most proud of? What am I most proud of ---- MY FAMILY.

What is the best reason to be a LOTA volunteer? LOTA is such a great organization and I owe so much to it. When I moved to the lake 8 years ago from Conyers, I did not know ANYONE in this community. I immediately sought out tennis opportunities and found LOTA. LOTA has given me more friends than I ever thought possible and a deeper love for tennis. Like many of you, I played ALTA for years and had a great time. I also played in an association called PATA. PATA had men and women leagues but nothing for juniors. I started and ran a league for kids ages 9-17 for 3 years and when I left it we had 250 kids participating from three counties...whew, that was a lot of work. But back to LOTA, there's something different and better about LOTA. The friends that you make in LOTA are the absolute best friends you'll ever have. I think I have more fun with tennis now than ever before, and if my body will just be gracious enough to hold out a few more years, I will be happy.....tennis is the love of my life!

Now to answer your question about volunteering for LOTA.....I'm wise enough to know that this organization cannot be successful without volunteers. It will not run itself. It takes people willing to give of their time and talent. I've been told in business and elsewhere that my strengths are in my organizational and people skills, so that fits right in with volunteering with LOTA. In the 8 years I've been a LOTA member I have been a LOTA Captain (which I can't believe I volunteered to Captain a women's team again this Spring), I served on the LOTA Board for 6 years holding the positions of Membership Director for a year, Ladies Director for 4 years, and Vice-President for a year. It was a great experience being on the LOTA Board and one I will never forget. I encourage others to step up and volunteer.....let's make LOTA bigger and better than ever in 2009.