

Ruth Ann Gardner has been a member of the USTA Central Arizona Board. She has been a tennis official and administered the Junior Team Tennis League. From 1989 to 1991, she was the Adult/Senior League Coordinator for USTA Southwest Section.

She implemented the first NTRP Program in public parks, local tournaments and leagues; the first Computer Ranking System for the USTA Volvo Leagues. For five years she was employed by Billie Jean King as National Recreational Coordinator. She was a member of the National Senior Women's Hardcourts Committee for seven years.

She was additionally the women's tennis coach at Grand Canyon University under NAIA, winning NAIA Coach of the Year in 1983. In 1995, the University was under the NCAA II Division. For seven years they were never ranked below #15 in the country and participated in the Regional Championships.

Ruth Ann was also USPTA Southwest Divisional President for four years and on the Executive Board for 14 years. In 2001, she was voted SWPTA Pro of the Year. She has Volunteered for the American Liver Foundation Benefit Tennis tournament and conducted Breast Cancer events at Grand Canyon University for three years.