

ROTARY BIO OF PRIVP ANNE L. MATTHEWS



Dr. Anne L. Matthews is an educator by profession, a published author, an education accreditation commissioner, and public speaker. She served in several management roles with the SC State Department of Education and taught business subjects at the high school, technical college, and university levels. She has spoken in all 50 states and 35 foreign countries on educational issues and/or the Rotary Foundation.

A member of the Rotary Club of Columbia East, she served as Governor of D7770 in 1999-2000. Anne has served in numerous capacities in Rotary. To list a few: RIVP ('13-'14); RI Director; TRF Trustee; member of Future Vision Committee; Zone 33 RRFC; DRFC; National Adviser to Permanent Fund; IA Trainer two years in Anaheim, CA; IA Lead Trainer two years in San Diego; Facilitator and Speaker at Rotary International Conventions; RI President's Representative; Zones 33/34 Institute Chair; RI Convention Pre-Institute Chair, New Orleans; COL Representative; Vice Chair of the Polio Eradication Advocacy Task Force for the US; Chair of the Nominations Committee for RI President for 2017-18; Chair of the Rotary Peace Centers Committee; member of the RI Finance Committee; member of the RI Investment Committee, and several other RI Board or Trustee Committees or liaison to committees. In 2017-18, Anne chairs TRF's Basic Education and Literacy Major Gifts Initiative and chairs the Polio Eradication Advocacy Task Force for the United States. Anne has participated in Polio National Immunization Days in India and participated in humanitarian work in Kenya, South Africa, Ghana, and the Amazon Jungle, to mention a few. In August 2017, she chaired the Nominations Committee for the RI President for the years 2018-19 and 2019-20.

Anne serves on the international Board of Directors of Rise Against Hunger, Rotarians for Family Health, and Harvest Hope Food Bank. Anne's passions are education and literacy, feeding the hungry and providing clean water and sanitation systems. Anne is a major donor, Paul Harris Society member, Paul Harris Fellow, a charter member of TRF's Bequest Society, a Benefactor, and the founder of District 7770's Paul Harris Society. In addition, she has provided financial support for the renovation of the Paul Harris home in Evanston.

Anne received several honors from Rotary International. These include the Citation for Meritorious Service Award, the Service Above Self Award and the Distinguished Service Award. She has been honored as Rotarian of the Year in D7770. Anne was also honored with the Betsy Demaray Award by the Rotary Global History Fellowship. In June 2017 during the Rotary International Convention in Atlanta, Anne received the International Service Award for a Polio-Free World from The Rotary Foundation.