**RI VICE PRESIDENT ANNE L. MATTHEWS**

**Abbreviated Bio**

Dr. Anne L. Matthews is president of Matthews and Associates, an educational consulting firm in Columbia, SC. Anne has three earned degrees, including a doctorate from the University of South Carolina. She is an educator by profession, a published author, an education accreditation commissioner and a public speaker. Anne served as president of several national educational organizations, including the National Business Education Association, and on numerous boards, including her undergraduate alma mater, Coker College. She is the recipient of many honors, including two appointments from President Ronald Reagan. Anne has spoken and/or consulted in all 50 states and 30 foreign countries on educational issues and/or The Rotary Foundation.

Anne has served Rotary in numerous capacities. Some of these include: president of the Rotary Club of Columbia East; governor of D7770 in SC in 1999-2000; COL delegate in 2004; International Assembly Trainer in Anaheim in 2003 and 2004; Zones 33 and 34 Institute Chair 2006; Zone 33 Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator 2006-09; International Assembly Lead Seminar Trainer in San Diego 2008 and in 2009; D7770District Rotary Foundation Chair; RI President’s Rep 2001-14; Future Vision Committee 2009-14; Moderator, Speaker and Panelist RI Conventions; Chair, Rotary Reunion, New Orleans Convention, 2011; Trustee, The Rotary Foundation 2010-12; and RI Director 2012-14. In 2013-14, Anne serves as the Vice President of Rotary International, the first woman to serve in this important role. She also is the first woman to serve on both the Rotary Foundation Trustees and the RI Board of Directors.

In addition to serving as Vice President and Director, she serves as the RI Board Liaison to the TRF Board of Trustees, member of the Future Vision Committee, member of the Polio Eradication Advocacy Task Force for USA, Chair of the Joint Committee of the RI Board and the TRF Trustees, member of the Paul Harris Home Preservation Committee and vice-chair of the Joint RI Board and TRF Trustees Partnerships Committee.

Anne is a Paul Harris Fellow, Major Donor, charter member of the TRF Bequest Society, Benefactor, and a charter member of the Paul Harris Society in District 7770.

Anne received the **Citation for Meritorious Service**, the **Distinguished Service Award**, the **Service Above Self Award** and was honored by District 7770 in 2006 as Rotarian of the Year.