

Meet

District Governor Anita McDonald

If you have ever communicated with DG Anita via email, you know her email is msmathlady@live.com. The “msmathlady” is a name her husband coined for her and then carved the words “msmath” out of a piece of wood. She added ‘lady’ when she set up her email account.

DG Anita has enjoyed math since her early years growing up in the Detroit area. She eventually went on to Wayne State University where she majored in mathematics at the undergraduate level and in mathematics education for her masters. She received her Ph.D. from St Louis University in Education with her research focus on mathematics instruction, technology and curriculum.

After teaching at the secondary and post-secondary level for several years Anita became the first African American Academic Dean at the University of Missouri in St Louis. She also served as Dean of the Extended University and Director of Summer Sessions at the University of Arizona for 11 years before becoming Chancellor at the DuBois campus of Penn State University. When she retired in December 2012, the DuBois community and the Penn State University community honored her with an endowment in her name, for children and youth, which is currently valued at more than \$80,000.

DG Anita’s commitment to children and youth remains a primary focus in her life including her involvement in Rotary through the club projects in her Catalina Rotary Club and her continued involvement in higher education. Children and youth will be a focus for her during her year serving as District Governor.

Some of Anita’s District service includes serving as a member of the Training team, as the initial Awards chair in 2017, co-chair of the 2018 District Assembly and for two years as region 8 Assistant Governor and Annual Fund Giving chair. She is a level two major donor and a member of the Paul Harris Society.

DG Anita says she has enjoyed the preparation she has received for her role as District Governor because it has given her the privilege to meet and work with amazing individuals in the district and beyond. She is looking forward to her club

visits and learning more about the incredible projects and other service the clubs are providing to their communities and around the World; improve the lives of others.