



## **Anne Barbaro**

Anne V. Barbaro (né Stenzel) joined the Public Diplomacy Council Board in 2019 as Treasurer. Anne graduated from the University of California at Berkeley in 1980, with Bachelor of Arts degrees in Political Science and Anthropology, with concentrations in American Government and African Pre-history. After spending three years in Mexico as a photographer and English teacher, Anne joined the U.S. Information Agency in 1983.

As a Foreign Service Officer Anne served in Kuala Lumpur, Montevideo, Washington DC, Paris, Colombo, Madrid and Brussels. In Montevideo, Anne was the Executive Director of the Alianza Cultural Uruguay-Estados Unidos, a bi-national center with 5,000 students of English, a US Information Service library, two theaters, and an art gallery that thrive to this day. In Paris, Colombo, Madrid and Brussels she served on the Fulbright Commission boards, often as Treasurer, and always on the selection committees.

In 1993, after several years of night school classes, Anne earned a master's degree in business administration from the George Washington University School of Business, with a concentration in organizational behavior and development.

Anne retired from the State Department in 2007 with the rank of Counselor in the Senior Foreign Service. Her last position was Office Director for European Press and Public Diplomacy. From 2010-2012 Anne worked for XL Associates on a contract with the State Department's Bureau of International Information Programs creating a new organizational structure for the 800+ public engagement spaces (libraries, cultural centers, bi-national centers, American Corners) and securing an annual budget of \$15 million to upgrade and expand this network. Since 2014 she has been working at the State Department as a Retired Annuitant doing pre-publication review of manuscripts by retired State Department employees.

Anne currently resides in Reston, VA with her husband, Anthony, a software engineer, and their two almost-grown children. She is an active volunteer for the [Lois Roth Endowment](#), where she serves as Board Secretary. The family volunteers at Cornerstones (formerly Reston Interfaith) whose mission is helping neighbors in need.