



## UC San Diego Foundation Trustee



### Anne Otterson

If Anne Otterson weren't so Northern European in looks and name, you might mistake her for an Italian, the way she cooks, cooks and cooks. Where she sees a challenge—whether cancer, education in Third World countries or mentoring business students—Anne's solution and contribution is often to bring people together over good food.

Anne's gift is networking in general, a talent and, she feels, responsibility that she brings to her involvement on the UC San Diego campus in many areas. "It's something that Bill left me, his legacy," explains Anne, referring to her husband who, before his death, was also very involved on campus and in the community. "He left so many friends with whom I try to keep in contact." Anne describes herself as "retired but not retired," referring to not only her travels (often as tour guide), but also to the help she provides to nonprofit organizations.

In addition to her role on the UC San Diego Foundation, Anne has served on the Board of Directors of the Friends of the Library, she is member emeritus of the Moores UCSD Cancer Center Board and serves on the Advisory Council of The Rady School of Management, another of her husband's legacies: "I'm not a business person but in a funny way I mentor the students who want to go into the food business."

Originally a physical chemist, Anne is a fabulous cook who for many years taught cooking classes as Director of the Perfect Pan School of Cooking; she turned that talent into gold for UC San Diego Cancer Center by founding the annual Celebrities Cook gala. Today she still "uses her food" for charity, and is known to donate her service as a personal chef for a fundraising auction.

She is also a traveler, so Anne's philanthropic/volunteer activities often lean toward the international: She is active with the Carmen Pampa Foundation in Bolivia, Project Concern's international relief, and Responsibility, a school in Tijuana on the dump. The Monarch School, La Jolla Music Society, San Diego Opera, San Diego Museum of Art and College of St. Catherine in Minnesota have also benefitted from her involvement.



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Anne graduated from the College of St. Catherine with distinction, earning a Fulbright Scholarship to Germany. Returning home, she kept flying west till she hit the coast of California. She met and married Bill in San Francisco and they moved to San Diego “temporarily” in 1970, for Bill’s consulting position. “I remember thinking I wasn’t sure I wanted to buy a home here.” They did, and raised three children – John and Eric, who earned their undergraduate degrees at Berkeley while daughter Helen went east, to Skidmore College in New York.

Retired but not retired, Anne is attempting to focus her efforts on education, abroad and at home. But still, to do well in school you need a good meal...