

C. Anita Byrd

Anita was born in St. Louis, Missouri and moved to DC in 1962. She earned a BSBA from the University of Missouri in Columbia, Missouri and completed graduate studies in Public Affairs at Stanford University. The majority of her career was spent as a Financial Manager with the Federal Government. Anita was introduced into the Oracle Set Book Club 34 years ago by Bernadette Derr. Her hobbies include reading and conducting genealogical research. She has held leadership position in several organizations, including serving as president of the Oracle Set Book Club for eight years. Anita was the first African American to graduate from the University of Missouri Business School and in 2002, the University established the Clarence B. Wine/Anita Byrd Endowment Scholarship. Anita enjoys time spent with her children – Phaedra, Ralph, and Courtney. Her favorite book club activities are the lively monthly book club discussions which always highlight the diversity and intellect of the members.