

Elizabeth Depke, Area 21 Director, is a retired schoolteacher and a retired small business owner. She taught school for several years. Elizabeth and her husband, Mike, owned and operated a small auction company for 17 years. Elizabeth laughs when she says, "Mike was the voice and I the accountant." After Mike passed in 2013 Elizabeth sold the company and started a new life journey.

Elizabeth is the proud parent of 4 children and 6 grandchildren. She currently is homeschooling her 10-year old granddaughter who is a competitive gymnast. This works well for Gabby and her because of the long hours of practice. Elizabeth is also an avid reader, loves to sew and make crafts with her grandkids.

Elizabeth joined Toastmasters in 2015 and is a member of two clubs. Her home club is Columbia Toastmasters #4492. The other club is Good Neighbor Toastmasters #4043 where she is currently club secretary. Elizabeth has completed her ALB, ACB, ACS, and is halfway through her ACG. Elizabeth was co-chairman for the Fall 2016 Conference, has completed being a successful club coach, completed the High Performance Leadership Project and is currently mentoring a new member. "Toastmasters opened up a whole new world of opportunities. I love public speaking and honing leadership skills has been an added plus. The people I have met and the friends I have made in the last 4 years are a gift from God." Elizabeth plans to complete her DTM in the old program while diving head first into Pathways!