

Patti Howard is a native Hoosier and moved to Southern Illinois upon marrying her sweetheart. Currently, Patti is an IT Analyst with the Department of Veterans Affairs. Prior to her federal government employment, she enjoyed a wide range of employment opportunities which included being an elementary music teacher and manager with ServiceMaster Healthcare Division. Patti graduated from Liberty University with a BS in Music Education. She received her master's degree in Non-Profit Administration from the University of Notre Dame.

Her outside interests include beekeeping, hunting and fishing, gardening and being involved at the local political level.

Patti joined the Marion VA Toastmasters Club #2016056 in 2011. She has completed her ACG, and ALS, and is just a step away from completing her DTM. Currently, she is working through the Effective Coaching Path. She has served within her local club as Secretary, VPPR and President. Always "the teacher", she enjoyed serving as Area 5 Director twice and is currently a club mentor and club coach. In 2019, she was honored as Toastmaster of the Year.

Patti is looking forward to working with Division and Area Managers to review clubs being succinctly aligned.