

## **Sherry Nelson Bio**

Sherry Nelson is a licensed clinical social worker in Missouri and has been since 1997. She retired in August of 2020 from University of Missouri Extension after 23 years of service. During her time with Extension in NE Missouri she served as a leader for several local committees and on boards. She also was the County Program Director in Marion County and subsequently Shelby County after being transferred to that county. Sherry has made numerous presentations at the local, state and national level. She is a life-long learner and her presentations reflect that broad array of topics. She particularly enjoys those related to Disaster Preparedness and Recovery. Her academic background includes a B.S. in Agricultural Science, M.S. in Plant Pathology, M.S. in Human Development and Family Studies, a Masters in Social Work, and ABD in Rural Sociology.

Sherry first joined Toastmaster back in the early 1980's when her major professor urged her to join. His goal was to have her present her research results at a regional conference. Sherry could barely get up and speak to a small group of graduate students who she knew. However the time she spent with the Laramie, WY toastmasters' group was well spent when it came to giving her talk at the conference. Her major professor was very impressed, too. Since then, Sherry has belonged when work and availability of clubs worked out. Most recently she has belonged to the Gem City Toastmasters Club since 2017. She has been the Secretary, President, and Treasurer (current position).

I look forward to serving Area C1 and District 8 this coming year.