

## **Patti Howard Bio**

Patti Howard is a native Hoosier and moved to Southern Illinois upon marrying her sweetheart, Jim. She is looking forward to working with Area and Division Directors in helping clubs provide the safe and enjoyable environment that allows each member to achieve personal growth. She retired from the Department of Veterans Affairs as an IT Analyst. She received her bachelor's degree in Music Education from Liberty University and a Master of Non-Profit Administration from the University of Notre Dame. She has taught music and has worked in healthcare in contract management prior to working in the federal government.

She joined Toastmasters in Oct 2011. During this time, she has held all club offices, served as an Area Director twice before joining the Marketing Team and working with the Club Growth Director. She is working on her second DTM after receiving her first DTM in 2011. She has been honored as a Toastmaster of the Year and Retired Toastmaster of the Year. She is currently a member of the Mount Vernon Toastmasters Club. She enjoys the outdoors with her husband and 3 Chesapeake Retrievers, Six Bits, Daisi and Dollar. She and her husband are beekeepers and enjoying canning the results from their gardening adventures.