**Dona Bate**, District Contest Chair

After nearly 20 years as CEO of a regional community transportation system, in 2005 Bate started her own business, **dbate speaking,** where as a speaker and coach she can share her love and experience of speaking with others. She delights in helping students step forward to share their lives and ideas of how Rotary Clubs can work with them on projects to benefit their lives, schools and communities.

Bate has 53 years of achievements as a speaker, presenter, trainer, manager, mediator, and group facilitator. She has 55 years on private & public boards for businesses & community non-profits. Such as, President Montpelier City Council; Board Chair Central Vermont Public Safety Authority and Central Vermont Chamber of Commerce; Lost Nation Theater Outreach; Montpelier Community Justice Center; Rotary District Speech Contest Chair, and Toastmasters Contest Winner and Toastmasters Vermont & Regional Officer.