



Bridge Builders Newsletter

August 2023

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Toastmasters Club
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Our Bridge Builders Toastmasters Club is generously sponsored by McDermott/CB&I Storage Solutions (Plainfield), and our membership is open to **both** CB&I employees and the general community. **Guests are always welcome.**

We meet on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Tuesdays of each month from **12:00 NOON to 12:59 PM** central time (online **only**).



The **best way** to learn about Toastmasters is to attend a meeting – or two – to see for yourself how the organization can help you! And, guest visits are **FREE!**

For more information, visit our club website <https://bridgebuilderstoastmasters.godaddysites.com/>

Toastmasters International
www.toastmasters.org

Scrambling for Our Attention

At our August 1 meeting, Bridge Builders member **Dick P.** delivered an entertaining and thought-provoking speech about smart phones. The speech was delivered as part of his progress along the **Engaging Humor** path. It cleverly integrated our **Word of the Day** – *scramble*. The audience was left wondering whether a user is controlling the phone or a phone is controlling the user. What are your thoughts on that **Smart Phone Dilemma?**



More Scrambling*?

SCRAMBLED: Can you read the following text?

"Aoccdrnig to a rscheearch at Cmabrigde Uinervtisy, it deosn't mttar in waht oredr the ltteers in a wrod are, the only iprmoatnt tihng is taht the frist and lsat ltteers be at the rghit pclae. The rset can be a toatl mses and you can sitll raed it wouthit porbelm. Tihs is bcuseae the huamn mnid deos not raed ervey lteter by istlef, but the wrod as a wlohe."

Source: <https://www.foxnews.com/story/if-you-can-raed-tihs-you-msut-be-raelly-smrat>

And the Winners . . .



During the impromptu speaking segment of recent meetings (known as Table Topics in the Toastmasters world), many interesting stories have been told. One involving an emotional experience and another involving a physical experience were voted as **BEST**. The former was shared by guest **Ethan F.** at our July 18 meeting and the later by member **Christina K.** on August 1.

Well done to both of you!



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Joshua L.



Dynamic Leadership Path

Joshua joined Bridge Builders in April 2021. With focus and drive, he had already completed Level 1 of the **Dynamic Leadership** path by July of that same year. By October of 2022, Josh had also achieved Level 2 and Level 3 within that path.

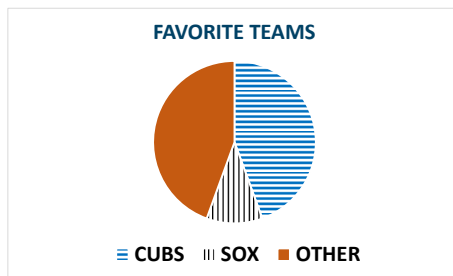
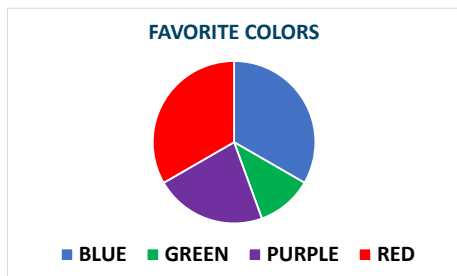
With enthusiasm, Josh dove even deeper into the Toastmasters experience by taking on the executive officer role of VPE (Vice President of Education) for the July 2022-June 2023 club year.

Despite the competing demands of switching jobs and moving to a new location, Josh has provided his club colleagues with good examples of utilizing the opportunities that Bridge Builders provides.

We thank Joshua for being a great role model!

Color and Team Preferences

A few weeks ago, Bridge Builders members participated in a quick survey about their favorite color and major league baseball team. Here are the results.



Those “OTHER” teams were: New York Yankees, Boston Red Sox, and Los Angeles Dodgers. At this point in the season, the Dodgers are doing the best of all 5 of the teams within the responses. Unfortunately, some Bridge Builders might already be saying: “Wait until next year!”

Reset for Streaking

A new club year began on July 1. For purposes of reporting “streaks” within our newsletters, we have reset everyone’s participation back to 0 for this new year – with all new streaks starting with participation at our first July meeting (which occurred on July 18).



To close out our previous year, we acknowledge these members for various 2022-2023 club year attendance streaks that were at least 7 meetings in length: **Bob B.**; **Christina K.**; **Dick P.**; **Elaine S.**; **Reese O.**; **Megan V.**; and **Sharon C.**



Can You Unscramble This Message?

Based on the research* quoted on the first page, see if you can unscramble this message.

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