



Bridge Builders Newsletter

December 2023

**Bridge Builders
Toastmasters Club
(#1944)**

WELCOME!

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**).

**LIMITED
TIME OFFER**

The **best way** to learn about Toastmasters is to be a guest at our meeting(s). See firsthand how we can help you! (Page 2 has details about our **SPECIAL SAVINGS** offer.)

For more information, visit our [club website](#).

Toastmasters International
www.toastmasters.org

World TV Day

How did you spend World Television Day on November 21? Were you so distracted with food and/or hosting preparations for Thanksgiving that you didn't even notice?



World Television Day 2023
November 21

Our Bridge Builders Club hosted a noontime meeting on the that day. Our Word of the Day was "vision". There are several common words, aside from "television", that include "vision". Can you quickly think of 4 of them? (Several are listed near the bottom of the next page.)

Our Table Topics (impromptu speaking) portion of the meeting was based on "T" or "V". A participant would pick one of those two letters and then pick a number from 1 to 5 to hear about his/her speaking opportunity. Here are some examples of those that were or could have been selected:

- T-1:** What was your favorite childhood TV show?
- V-2:** What is something you never got to see and always wished you could?
- T-3:** They say there are no new TV show ideas – give your pitch for a new TV series!
- V-4:** How closely does your adult life match your childhood vision of adulthood?

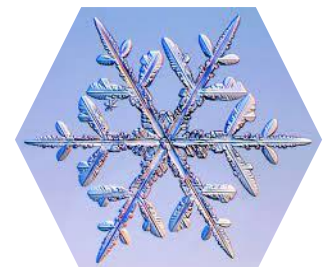
If you'd had the opportunity to speak on the topics, **what would YOU have said** in the 1-2 minutes allotted per speaker? The Table Topics **Blue Ribbon** that day went to **guest Alex** for his response to "What is your vision of the biggest change that will come to society in the next generation?" **Congratulations, Alex!**



Upcoming Meeting Themes

Bridge Builders will be hosting two meetings in December. Our upcoming themes include: "**Volunteering** – International Volunteer Day" for our meeting on **December 5** and "**Let It Show, Let It Snow, Let It Snow!**" for **December 19**.

We welcome you to attend these meetings. Perhaps, *you'll volunteer* for one of the Table Topics opportunities (yes, guests get to participate – if they want to do so).





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Did You Know?

Our Bridge Builders members have now completed the first 5 months of the current club year, which began back on July 1, 2023.

Across those 5 months:

11 club meetings have been held;

3 special events have been hosted (BINGO, Scavenger Hunt & Halloween Open House);

6 newsletters have been published (5 monthly and 1 special event);

16 different guests have attended at least one meeting;

7 of our guests have been welcomed multiple times;

34 guest visits (in total) have been enjoyed;

54 Table Topics opportunities have been offered and accepted; and

18 Table Topics were accepted and spoken to by guests.

We look forward to even more guests and activities over the next few months.

NOISIV words: supervision,
envision, subdivision,
provision, division, revision

Special Savings Offer

Many occasions for gift-giving are fast approaching. As you make your list of perfect gifts for others, don't forget about getting **something for YOU**. This year, give yourself an experiential gift that you'll remember for a lifetime. Give yourself membership with our Bridge Builders Toastmasters (BBTM) Club.

3 EASY STEPS:

Step 1: Attend our December BBTM club meetings on **December 5 and 19** as a guest to ensure this gift is a **good fit** for you.

Step 2: Complete the Membership Application form and provide the corresponding payment*.

Step 3: Start 2024 on an **exciting** path of growing your communication skills and self-confidence.



SPECIAL SAVINGS:

Not only is this gift option as easy as 1-2-3, a special savings opportunity is also available for new membership applications submitted before December 31, 2023 and with a membership start date of January 1, 2024. A generous Bridge Builders member will be paying the application fee (\$20) and the local club dues (\$10) on behalf of the **first five applicants**.

*This self-gifting of a club membership through March 31, 2024 could cost you **as little as \$30** (3 months of Toastmasters International dues). This is a true bargain so **don't miss out**. Use the above QR code to request our meeting link – so we can see you soon – as you take Step 1!



Say What?



Our Bridge Builders Club is part of Toastmasters District 54. Officers of our club receive weekly newsletters from the district. This “Word of the Week” jumped out from a recent newsletter – as if to say “pass this word along to others”. Fans of *Gulliver's Travels*

might already know that this word means “**of huge size; giant; tremendous**”. Wishing you **Brobdingnagian** moments of joy as 2023 draws to a close.

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