



Bridge Builders
Toastmasters Club
(#1944)



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**).



Toastmasters could be a great fit for **YOU**. But, the only way to find out is to try it. Be a guest at our next meeting to learn more.

Visit our club website: [Bridge Builders Toastmasters](http://BridgeBuildersToastmasters.com)

Toastmasters International
www.toastmasters.org

Halloween Open House



Bridge Builders will be hosting an online **Open House at noon (CT) on Tuesday, October 31**. Costumes are **OPTIONAL**, but we invite members and guests to don something extra for the event (favorite hat, Hawaiian shirt, or something more elaborate). As a prelude to the Open House, we are sponsoring a virtual **Scavenger Hunt**. That event will reach its climax during the Open House when attendees cast votes in four "Most" categories, such as Most Scary and Most Humorous.

See the next page for more information about the **Scavenger Hunt**, including the deadline for registering. To request the Zoom link for the **Open House**, email us at BridgeBuildersTM@gmail.com.

Participation Raffle

Reminder: Bridge Builders members earn raffle entries by participating in general club meetings through October 31. Greater your participation means greater your number of raffle entries going into the drawing.

Blue Ribbon Winners for Impromptu Speaking

Guests have taken the top Table Topics (TT) prize at recent meetings. Guest **Prince M.** took the Blue Ribbon at our September 19 meeting for his clever debate-style offering. Daniel Tiger was the focus when Guest **Vineetha L.** won the TT challenge on October 3. **Congrats to our winners!**



Say What?

Athletes warm up before starting to play. How do Toastmasters warm up before starting to speak? Sometimes they do tongue-twisters.

Give these a try ... repeat each 5 times ... more and more quickly with each repetition.

- She sells seashells by the seashore.
- I slit a sheet of paper; the slitted sheet I slit.
- All I want is a proper cup of coffee made in a proper copper coffee pot.





Bridge Builders Newsletter

October 2023 [continued]

SURVEY SAYS

A recent Quick Survey of Bridge Builders members found these interesting bits of information.

MOVIES

When it comes to **SPOOKY/SCARY** movies:
- **2/3** of members avoid or don't watch such movies
- **1/3** love (or loved in the past*) watching them [*having kids brought change]

Do you need a recommendation of what to watch this Halloween season? Members who love the **scary stuff** offered these as favorites: Silence of the Lambs, Poltergeist II, Sinister, The Blair Witch Project, The Conjuring, and Night of the Living Dead.

TRICK OR TREAT

Of the Bridge Builders who went Trick or Treating **AS A KID**, the majority had chocolate candy bars (Hershey, Milky Way, Snickers, etc.) as their favorite treats to receive.

AS ADULTS, those Bridge Builders' preferences were near-evenly split across these favorite Halloween treats: Kit Kats, Milky Ways, Caramel/Taffee apples, Peppermint Patties, and Peanut Butter Cups.

Do YOU have any movie or sweet treat preferences in common with these Bridge Builders?

SCAVENGER HUNT

Bridge Builders is sponsoring a Scavenger Hunt, and **YOU** are welcome to join the fun. The theme of the hunt is "**Halloween** + Toastmasters". The hunting takes only 1 hour – and you get to pick that 1-hour block (October 19-23) for whenever best fits your personal schedule.



Registration[^] is required for this special event – with an **RSVP deadline of 12:00 PM (noon) central time on Wednesday, October 18.**

Register by scanning this QR code (and submitting the [Contact Us](#) form) or by emailing us at BridgeBuilderTM@gmail.com. Once you register, you will be emailed the full set of rules.

Here is a sneak peek at 2 "hunt list" examples to demonstrate what you might need to scavenge.

1. Rhymes with **BLACK**
2. Contains the letters **C A T** consecutively

See below for a few qualifying examples (images).



Friends or co-workers can all play – see who will get bragging rights as your group's **TOP SCAVENGER** through the fun of this friendly competition. Plus, there will be **PRIZES** for overall top scorers!

- **1st Place: \$20 Amazon e-gift card**
- **2nd Place: \$15 Amazon e-gift card**
- **3rd Place: \$10 Amazon e-gift card**

For each of the 3 top finishers, **attending Bridge Builders Halloween Open House** (online) will mean an **additional \$5** of prize value being added to the e-gift card.



1. Rhymes with **BLACK**: **PACK** (backpack or suitcase); **PLAQUE** (wall award or teeth); **SACK** (grocery bag); **STACK** (pancakes); **TACK** (thumbtack or sailboat or needle & thread); **TRACK** (train)
2. Contains letters "**CAT**" consecutively: **CATCH** (baseball mitt); **CATHY** (co-worker's name plate); **SCATTERGORIPS** (game box); **VACATION** (mountains or beach); **LUBRICATE** (motor oil)



[^]Current club members and recent guests are automatically pre-registered.

To report errors or request info, please email us at BridgeBuildersTM@gmail.com.