



# Bridge Builders Newsletter

September 2023

Bridge Builders  
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 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of each month from **12:00 NOON to 12:59 PM** central time (online **only**).



With 11 paths from which to choose, Toastmasters can guide you along the way to success in meeting your professional or personal goals. Be a guest to learn how.

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

Toastmasters International  
[www.toastmasters.org](http://www.toastmasters.org)

## Open House: Save the Date

Bridge Builders will be hosting an online Open House at noon (CT) on Tuesday, October 31. Don't miss out – **mark your calendar now!**

As prelude to the Open House, we will be sponsoring a virtual **Scavenger Hunt** in mid-October. Both events are **open to guests** and will blend elements of Halloween with elements of Toastmasters. Details on club website.



## Participation Raffle

All Bridge Builders members are eligible for this exciting 8-week event. The qualification period is September 5 through October 31 of 2023. Members earn raffle entries by participating in general club meetings throughout that period.

The greater one's level of participation means the more raffle entries going into the drawing. Details were emailed to members back on September 4. For questions, ask a club officer.

## **B I N G O** Winners

If you missed our BINGO event on August 29, then you missed hearing member **Bob B.** and guest **Jacob J.** yell "**BINGO!**" – with each winning a \$25 VISA gift card. Instead of numbers in the squares, our customized BINGO cards had Toastmasters terms. Players learned about each term as it was called. See the next page for an example.

## And More Winners . . .



At recent meetings, the impromptu speaking segment (known as Table Topics) yielded very interesting perspectives on relaxation as well as on pizza. Member **Reese O.** won the Blue Ribbon at our August 15 meeting by sharing her thoughts on relaxing to country music. On September 5, it was the recommendation of Canadian bacon and pineapple as pizza toppings that won the Blue Ribbon for guest **Jade C.**

**Congrats to our winners!**



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**Elaine S.**



**2023-2024 Club Secretary**

In 2009, **Elaine** attended her first Bridge Builders meeting; jumped at the opportunity to participate in Table Topics; and became hooked on Toastmasters. She has belonged to one or more clubs every year since that time.

Elaine is currently serving in the club officer role of Secretary. In the past, she has held offices up through District level. She has chosen the Presentation Mastery and Engaging Humor tracks of Pathways.

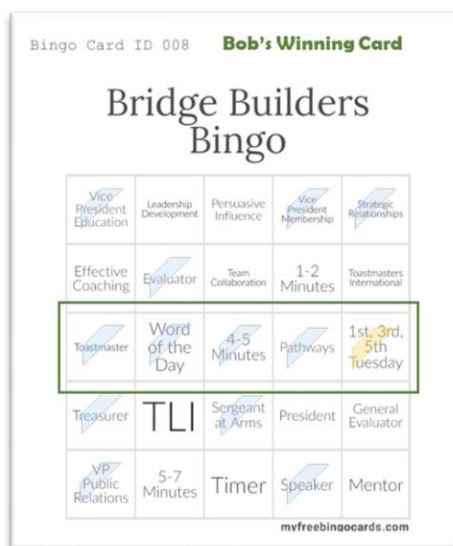
Elaine achieved Distinguished Toastmaster (highest award) in 2017. Plus, she has earned the Triple Crown award 10 of the last 12 years. If you don't know about the Triple Crown, ask Elaine – she'll share the details with you.

**We thank Elaine for her dedicated service to our club!**

## BINGO!

With the calling of "1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, & 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday", **Bob B.** secured his victory and the prize (see page 1). Here is a mock-up of his winning card.

The **Toastmaster** is the meeting's director. Outside of Toastmasters, the role is often called the emcee. The Toastmaster introduces roles and speakers during the club meeting and helps to guide the meeting along its agenda.



The Grammarian selects and presents the "**Word of the Day**". Members and guests grow their communication skills by incorporating that word when speaking opportunities arise.

Time window for an Icebreaker speech is **4-5 minutes**.

**Pathways** is an interactive and flexible education program that helps Toastmasters members to

strengthen communication and leadership skills.

Meetings are held on the **1st, 3rd, & 5th Tuesday** of each month.

*\*Special THANKS goes to **Megan V.** for producing the BINGO cards.*



Bridge Builders acknowledged **National Cheese Pizza Day** at our September 5 meeting. A delectable delight of pizza humor was served up by Jokemaster **Mark B.** He cleverly tossed together punchlines from across the internet to concoct a tasty treat. Here's a cheesy slice for you.



***Saw Mike Tyson at my favorite pizza place. As he was leaving, the brave server asked, "Hey Mike, you wanna box for the rest of your pizza?" 😂 Later I was still waiting so I asked the server, "Will my pizza be long?" She said, "No, it'll be round." 😂 I found a new place and ate a goat's cheese pizza. Boy, was he mad! 🤪 Now I make pizza at home. Tried a recipe for herb pizza, but couldn't finish – I ran out of thyme.***

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