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1 BrattleMasters celebrates 18th anniversary with virtual
2 open house

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5 The BrattleMasters Toastmasters Club invites the public to
6 its special virtual-only Open House event Thursday, Oct. 23, at 6
7 p.m. to celebrate its 18th anniversary. BrattleMasters chartered in
8 October 2007.

9 BrattleMasters usually conducts its meetings in a hybrid
10 format in which members meet both in-person and virtually via
11 Zoom on the second and fourth Thursdays every month. But

12 because of the holidays, the club meets on the second Thursday
13 only in November and December. It is in the process of
14 relocating to a different physical location in Brattleboro. An
15 announcement will be made soon.

16 A Toastmasters club meeting consists of three main
17 segments: prepared speeches, impromptu skills practice, and
18 evaluations. During the first segment, members deliver prepared
19 speeches.

20 During the second segment, a Table Topics Master
21 moderates a topic when members practice speaking off the cuff
22 for one to two minutes on a topic of the Table Topics Master's
23 choosing. During the third and last segment, evaluators provide
24 constructive feedback to the prepared speech speakers.

25 Other important components of the evaluation segment
26 include reports by an "Ah"-Counter, a Timer and a Grammarian.

27 "Table Topics are one of my favorite parts of the
28 meeting," said Karen Davis, BrattleMasters club treasurer and 21-
29 year Toastmasters member. "This is where guests and members
30 are randomly selected to speak for one to two minutes. It helps
31 you think and speak clearly on your feet."

32 At the special open house event, BrattleMasters President
33 Valarie Bouchard will deliver a five- to seven-minute prepared
34 speech titled "Contemporary Connections and Watch Parties."

35 BrattleMasters provides a supportive and positive
36 environment where members can develop their communication
37 and leadership skills and form meaningful connections with other
38 people who share common interests.

39 For more information and the Zoom link, email Carolyn
40 Handy at onlyhandy@gmail.com. The website is
41 brattleboro.toastmastersclubs.org.

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