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ToniMG joined the room.

BjB: good job, Toni!

BjB: Toni, have you met Pat?

ToniMG: no

BjB nudges Pat

BjB: do you know about FIRST Robotics, Toni?

PatriciaCh: hello

ToniMG: Hello

PatriciaCh: I am a teacher in Florida...

PatriciaCh: I work with middle school and high school kids

PatriciaCh: what grade level do you teach?

ToniMG: I am a teacher in Maryland. I was hoping to get some information to pass on to another teacher at our school who is starting a Robotics club.

ToniMG: We teach high school

PatriciaCh: what grade level?

PatriciaCh: the web site is www.usfirst.org

PatriciaCh: where are you located?

ToniMG: Eldersburg, Maryland

PatriciaCh: Is it near Baltimore?

ToniMG: yes

PatriciaCh: There are many teams in Maryland....we have a member of Tapped In....I believe she is located in the Baltimore area...I can hook you up with her

ToniMG: OK

PatriciaCh: high school has two optionsVEX and FRC...

PatriciaCh: VEX is a new option....the difference between is cost and size of the robots

PatriciaCh: do you have any specific questions?

ToniMG: No, I'll pass the website on to the other teacher.

PatriciaCh: my email is chenp@martin.k12.fl.us

ToniMG: Thank you.

PatriciaCh: my advice is go to the regional competition at Chesapeakeand observe....and talk to the other teachers and mentors

ToniMG: ok

PatriciaCh: This is a worth while program.....there is tons of scholarship money out there...check it out

PatriciaCh: my daughter became an intern at NASA....because of her involvement with robotics

PatriciaCh: at this time...it is build season for FRC.....the competition starts in March

ToniMG: ok

BjB . o O (there was a wonderful discussion yesterday about the NASA resource room here in the Student Campus)

PatriciaCh: I missed that one.....working late hours....getting ready for the Future City Competition

BjB nods. Only so many hours in a day!

PatriciaCh: Toni...what do you teach?

PatriciaCh: I didn't get out of work until 6:30....rushed home to log in...but I have to get the grades in too

BjB nods...busy lady!

BjB: I appreciate you being here for the Tapped In members!

PatriciaCh: too busy.....we have the model of the city completed today....all the kids have to do now is work on their speech/presentation

PatriciaCh: I am not as involved with FRC this year....once Future City is over...I can work with the LEGO and FRC kids again

BjB . o O (and in your spare time?)

BjB wonders if Toni is still here?

PatriciaCh: read, garden and quilt....oh yes...clean the house

BjB: blech!

PatriciaCh: right now....no one from robotics will log in....they are all building their robots

BjB nods

PatriciaCh: I assume the blech is for house cleaning

BjB nods solemnly

PatriciaCh: my husband helps....otherwise....I couldn't do have the extra curricular activities

BjB: that's great! He must be a special hubby

PatriciaCh: yes he is.....I had dinner prepared in the AM....he makes it when he comes in....so I inhaled dinner....so to speak

BjB smiles. Nice

BjB . o O (not the inhaling part)