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The Edge



BNL Toastmasters, Club 8069, District 46

Meetings are held the 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 5:30 PM and the 4th Tuesday at 12:05

Biology Building 463, Brookhaven National Laboratory, Upton, NY 11973

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Upcoming Events

Tues., April 17	Club Meeting, 5:30	Theme: Birds	Room 160, Bldg 463
Tues., April 24	Club Meeting, 12:00	Theme: A Stitch in Time	Room 160, Bldg 463

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The mission of a Toastmasters Club is to provide a mutually supportive and positive learning environment in which every member has the opportunity to develop communication and leadership skills, which in turn foster self-confidence and personal growth.

April 3 Meeting

The theme of our merry April 3 meeting was jokes. Amy was TMOD of the long but happy meeting. Kim was Wordmaster, and she gave us "countermand." Nancy did Table Topics. She had a number of jokes and funny sayings ready for members to use in their responses. Table topics were followed by a five minute break.

In the speech portion of the meeting, Kim went first with "NYC Trip Experience." In the absence of the interpreter, Beth read Kim's speech aloud while Kim signed it. Kim said that the diversity of the city is one of the things she likes best about New York. She described a variety of museums that she had visited, including the museum of television, which had a variety of exhibits using televisions as a medium and also a library of television programs on videotape. Kim's lively, expressive, and enthusiastic delivery and Beth's narration were a winning combination.

Pat spoke next with "Courage," a project from an advanced manual. We heard about Pat's encounter with a distinguished former prisoner of war, who had occupied the infamous Vietnamese prison known as the "Hanoi Hilton." Despite interdictions against communication between prisoners, and harsh punishment for infractions, the group of prisoners managed to organize themselves and communicate secretly. Pat ended with something that his distinguished friend, a former aviator, had told him. When there's an emergency in a plane and the pilot is ejected, the only person who matters to him at that moment is his parachute packer. Pat advised us to consider who our parachute packer is, and to treat that person with the respect and love that he or she deserves.

Nand followed with "Dial 'H' for Hands Free," a project from the Speeches by Management manual. His assignment was to present a controversial or unpopular idea and deal with confrontational questions from his audience. He described the measure taken in Suffolk County to make it illegal to talk on a handheld cell phone while driving. Several members obligingly gave him a hard time about the effectiveness and intent of the law, but Nand managed to keep control of the unruly crowd.

Finally, Beth presented an Icebreaker speech, entitled "My SWOT Analysis." A SWOT analysis, as Beth reminded us, is an examination of strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats. Beth listed her strengths as her reliability, maturity and optimism. She clearly knows an opportunity when she sees one, as shown by the many projects she has undertaken to further her education and develop herself. Her life has had many chapters and it just keeps getting better. The threat she saw was the limited amount of time available to do all the things she'd like to do.

Pat was general evaluator, and he said a few words about how the meeting had gone. Cathy was quizmaster and she had good questions for us. Next, Pat called the evaluators to the podium. Ronnie evaluated for Kim, Margaret Conover for Pat, Margaret Foster for Nand and Cathy for Beth. Winning the prize for filling the most roles at the meeting, Cathy was also AH Counter and made her report. Pat returned the podium to Amy. Nancy reported that Amy had won for best table topics. A number of members had worked "countermand" into their contributions. At last, Ronnie closed the marathon meeting, which lasted two and a half hours.



BNL Toastmasters Regular Meeting Schedule

Date	April 17	April 24 NOON	May 1
Theme	Birds	A Stitch in Time	Dance Around the Maypole
TMOD	Pat		Kim
Joke	Margaret C.	Pat	
Word			
Timer	Kim		
Ah counter			
Grammarian			
Table Topics			
Speech #1	Margaret C.	Pat	Kim
#2	Kim		
#3	Amy		
#4	Nancy		
#5	Nand		
#6			
General Eval.	Nand	Amy	
Evaluator #1	Kim		
#2			
#3			
#4			
#5			
#6			
Quiz Master			
Absent			

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Mark your calendars:

April 17 Club Meeting. By popular request, this will be a "tongue-in-cheek" meeting. Please be prepared with your favorite puns, double entendres, and paronomasias. Also, we'll be doing Table topics slightly differently than usual. Each brief table topic speech will be delivered from the podium. Finally, Kim is going to cook for us!

Our Charter Celebration is Coming! May 15 will be our Charter Celebration. Join us as we celebrate our 10th Anniversary with special guests, an outstanding program, and light refreshments.

Division F Speech Contest. Tuesday, April 24, Northport VA Medical Center Auditorium (Bldg. 5) - Park in parking lot "B".

District 46 Toastmasters Spring Conference. Saturday May 19 - Sunday May 20. Woodbridge Hilton, Iselin, NJ.

Members' Progress Report

Member	Speeches completed	Achievements
Pat A.	4	CTM
Susan C.	5	
Margaret C.	3	
Ronnie E.	1	ATM-G + 5 CTMs
John F.	1	CTM
Margaret F.		DTM
Mary G.		
Amy H.	9	
Claire H.	5	
Beth L.	2	ATM-G + 5 CTMs
Patty L.	5	
Frank M.	10	ATM-B
Nancy M.	3	CL, ATM-B
Nand N.	4	ATM-S
Kimberly P.	7	
Luis R.	1	
Betsy S.	5	
Cathy S.	2	
Eric S.	5	