
20 February 2001



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**

<http://www.bnl.gov/bera/activities/toastmstrs/default.htm>

Upcoming Events

Tues., Feb. 20	Club Meeting, 5:30	Theme: International Speech Contest	Room 160, Bldg 463
Tues., Feb. 27	Club Meeting, 12:00	Theme: Games	Room 154, Bldg 463

Officers

2000-2001

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Ronnie Evans

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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.

February 6 Meeting

Our February 6 meeting had a "hearts" theme. We welcomed a guest, Iris Gordon. Ronnie was Toastmaster of the day and also told a joke. Kim was Wordmaster and gave us "facetious." Pat presented Table Topics. He asked us to react to some sayings about romance and marriage, and we reflected on what has changed in romantic relationships and what is eternal.

Following the break, Kim Pellechi was the first speaker, with "Why I Love Books." Kim shared with us her love of reading and some of the words she's learned recently from books. She made good use of the overhead projector and also had some of the books with her. These visual aids and her obvious enthusiasm combined to make an enjoyable speech. Cathy Schwartz spoke next on "Time Management." She described some of the techniques and benefits of time management, particularly the use of a planning book to list and prioritize tasks. Taking her own advice, Cathy's unrushed delivery gave us time to hear and absorb her words. Pat Astre was the third speaker with a project out of the Entertaining Speaker manual. He told a story that started off very believable then imperceptibly turned into a funny tall tale about a fish that became so accustomed to breathing air that it almost drowned when it fell in the water. He ended his story with a suggestion to create some "summer magic" and take a child fishing this summer. The

fourth in this evening of very good speeches was Nand Narain's "Status Report of S.V. Professional Center." Nand addressed us as if we were the board of directors of a medical offices real estate development project he has been involved in. His comprehensive and well-detailed report covered many of the issues and matters that would concern such a board, and was supported with visual aids. We posed questions at the end, and discussion was lively. In between speeches, Ronnie told us about special postmarking available for Valentines in the town of Loveland, Texas and about the St. Valentine's day massacre.

Amy was general evaluator, and in keeping with the hearts theme she urged members to write some real love letters this Valentines Day. Ronnie evaluated Kim's speech, Margaret Foster did Cathy's, Beth evaluated Pat and Nancy evaluated Nand. Margaret Conover was Quizmaster. Cathy gave the Ah Counter's report, and Pat announced that Nancy was the winner of the bull thrower trophy for best Table Topics. The word of the day was put to use by many facetious members. It was a very good meeting, with strong attendance, four excellent speeches, lots of helpful suggestions and friendly support.

BNL Toastmasters Regular Meeting Schedule

Date	Feb. 20	February 27 NOON	March 6
Theme	Speech Contest	Games	Things my Mother taught me
TMOD	Nancy	Beth	Amy
Joke			
Word			
Timer			
Ah counter			
Grammarian			
Table Topics			
Speech #1	Amy	Kim	Kim
#2	Margaret C.		Nand
#3			
#4			
#5			
#6			
General Eval.			Pat
Evaluator #1			
#2			
#3			
#4			
#5			
#6			
Quiz Master			
Educational Talk			
Absent			

International Speech and Evaluation Contest, February 20, 2001.

This is your chance to put all your hard-earned Toastmaster Skills to the test!

WANTED: Contestants and judges for our Club International Speech and Evaluation Contest to be held tonight!

Area Governor Rick Holtmeier will be visiting and acting as Chief Judge.

On February 13 our own Ronnie Evans presented Club Officer Training at BNL. Claire, Beth, Amy, Nand, Kim, and Nancy were present. Many membership-building ideas were discussed and will be presented at future Club Meetings.

Be sure to visit our new web pages at www.bnl.gov/bera/activities/toastmstrs/default.htm.

Members' Progress Report

Member	Speeches completed	Achievements
Pat A.	1	CTM
Susan C.	5	
Margaret C.	2	
Ronnie E.	1	ATM-G + 5 CTMs
John F.	1	CTM
Margaret F.		DTM
Mary G.		
Amy H.	8	
Claire H.	5	
Beth L.		ATM-G + 5 CTMs
Patty L.	5	
Frank M.	10	ATM-B
Nancy M.	2	CL, ATM-B
Nand N.	3	ATM-S
Kimberly P.	6	
Luis R.	1	
Betsy S.	5	
Cathy S.	2	
Eric S.	5	