
11 January 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**

Upcoming Events

Tue, Jan 16
Tue, Jan 23

Club Meeting, 5:30
Club Meeting, 12:00

Theme: Out with the Old
Theme: Winter

Room 160, Bldg 463

Officers 2000-2001

President:
Ronnie Evans

VP Education:
Nancy Manning

VP Membership:
Frank MacKay

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Nand Narain

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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.**

December 19 meeting

Our holiday party meeting started off right on time, but in a unique way: with a ten minute break so we could fill our plates from the buffet. Ronnie was Toastmaster of the day, and she welcomed us to this special meeting. Pat told a shaggy dog joke that was something of a "groaner" but we enjoyed it anyway.

The speech portion of the meeting followed. Kim lead off with her long awaited "My Atlantic City Experience" speech. Her pantomime of putting quarters into a slot machine got us laughing, and then we were happily surprised to learn that she had hit a \$2500 jackpot. When she described seeing the money paid out before her eyes, her face showed how astonishing and dreamlike the experience was for her and we laughed with delight at her expressive delivery.

Pat followed with his 10th speech that earned him his CTM, entitled "SETI, BEKI, and MAK." The three acronyms stood for Search for Extra Terrestrial Intelligence, Be Kind, and Multiply Acts of Kindness. Pat urged us to treat the people and animals we encounter with respect and kindness. He made the point that an extra-terrestrial creature would receive good care and great respect if it were brought to Earth, while our own native creatures are sometimes treated very cruelly.

Nand spoke next, and his speech was entitled "Election 2000." He spoke as if he were the

Democratic Party Chairperson encouraging the troops, in spite of some of the discouraging results of the recent election. He made the point that the close Presidential election and the debacle in Florida has had a uniting and strengthening effect on Democrats.

We had another break to get desserts, then Cathy Schwartz presented Table Topics. Her questions were about the experience of the holidays, what has changed about them and what stays the same. Evaluations came next. Nancy did an expert evaluation for Kim, pointing out how Kim varied the speed and size of her gestures and used expressions and pantomime to great effect. John evaluated Pat, and congratulated him on achieving his CTM. Beth evaluated Nand.

Margaret Foster then treated us to one of her clever Christmas poems, tailored to our club members and events this year such as Ronnie's retirement. Amy was quizmaster, but everyone had spoken so memorably that her job was hard. Cathy announced that John had won for Table Topics.

In bringing the meeting to a close, Ronnie asked members to tell their favorite anecdotes and incidents to do with the holidays and some funny and poignant memories were shared. It was a warm, delicious and very enjoyable meeting.

BNL Toastmasters Regular Meeting Schedule

Date	Jan. 16, 2001	Jan. 23, NOON	February 6
Theme	Out With the Old	Winter	Hearts
TMOD	Nand		
Joke		Pat	
Word			
Timer			
Ah counter			
Grammarian			
Table Topics	John		Pat
Speech #1	Margaret C.	Pat	John
#2	Ronnie	Nand	Kim
#3	Claire		Nand
#4	Kim		Pat
#5	Ronnie		
#6			
General Eval.			
Evaluator #1			
#2			
#3			
#4			
#5			
#6			
Quiz Master			
Educational Talk			
Absent	Pat, Amy, Cathy		

Our Club International Speech Contest will be held on February 20. Members are encouraged to compete. Details will be available at our next regular meeting.

Officers: Plan to attend the winter session of Club Officer Training. There will be three session to choose from. Contact Nancy or Ronnie for more information.

Jan. 14	12 p m	Northport VA Medical Center
Feb. 3	10 am	MetLife building, Hauppauge
Feb. 28	7:30 p m	MetLife building, Hauppauge

Our membership is now up to 19 members! If you haven't come to a meeting in awhile, you should come back soon. The Club is thriving with several enthusiastic, new members, and the many speeches make each meeting a very special event.



Members' Progress Report

Member	Speeches completed	Achievements
Pat A.		CTM
Susan C.	5	
Margaret C.	2	
Ronnie E.		ATM-G + 5 CTMs
John F.	1	CTM
Margaret F.		DTM
Mary G.		
Amy H.	8	
Claire H.	4	
Beth L.		ATM-G + 5 CTMs
Patty L.	5	
Frank M.	10	ATM-B
Nancy M.	2	CL, ATM-B
Nand N.	2	ATM-S
Kimberly P.	5	
Luis R.	1	
Betsy S.	5	
Cathy S.	1	
Eric S.	5	

