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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., Mar 6	Club Meeting, 5:30	Theme: Things My Mother Taught Me	Room 160, Bldg 463
Tues., Mar 20	Club Meeting, 5:30	Theme: Spring 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.

February 20 Meeting

The February 20 meeting was the annual Speech and Evaluation contest. By a peculiar combination of circumstances, the meeting was lightly attended but the contest was well run and successful nonetheless. These contests are conducted somewhat formally so that everyone understands the rules and no contestant has an unfair advantage. Rick Holtmeier, our area Governor, attended the meeting and acted as Chief Judge. Ronnie Evans opened the meeting and Nancy Manning was Contest Chair. Amy Halsted and Pat Astre were the contestants. Starting order for the speech contest was determined by random draw.

Amy's speech, "The Truth about the Lie Detector Test" was in fulfillment of the Persuade with Power project, #9 in the basic manual. She urged listeners never to undergo a lie detector test because of the high rates of false positives. She described how the examiner records and compares stress related physiological changes as the subject responds to different kinds of questions. It's possible to beat the test, she said, but best just to refuse to take one, especially if you are innocent.

After a few minutes to allow the judges to mark their ballots, Pat presented his speech, "The Keyring of Life" a project out of the Entertaining Speaker advanced manual. Pat pointed out that how happy you are is a function of how you view the world. He used as an example, a pedestrian at a busy cross walk who is pushed into traffic and narrowly escapes being hit by a car. His anger melts away however when he turns to see that an elderly blind woman was responsible. Perception is reality, he said, and you can choose how you perceive the world.

After another break to mark ballots, the evaluation portion of the contest began. Margaret Conover presented "Entertaining Reality," her third speech from the basic manual. This was the "target" speech for the evaluation contestants. Margaret began by describing how the television had interfered with her plans to practice her speech the night before. She went on to present a number of dismaying, saddening statistics about the number of hours Americans spend watching television, and the health consequences that result from television-induced inactivity. She asked us to observe the "turn off the tube" week coming up in the spring.

Following Margaret's speech, both contestants left the meeting room and had a few minutes to prepare their evaluations. Order of presentation was again determined by random draw. Pat went first, while Amy waited outside so that she wouldn't be influenced or gain an advantage from hearing Pat's presentation. The chief judge also took Amy's notes and writing materials from her so she wouldn't have an unfair advantage of more time to prepare. When Pat had finished, Amy gave her evaluation.

While the judges left the room to discuss and tally the competition results, Ronnie interviewed the two contestants. The judges returned and Nancy announced that Pat had won the speech contest and Amy had won the evaluation portion. The next level of competition takes place later in March. All are congratulated for stepping up to the challenges of the contest.

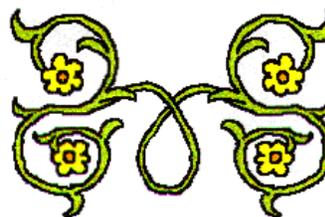
BNL Toastmasters Regular Meeting Schedule

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

Congratulations go to our Club's International Speech and Evaluation Contest winners! Pat Astre and Amy Halsted will be representing our Club at the Area Contest on March 21 at 6:30 in the International Speech and Evaluation contests, respectively. Thank you all who took part in the contest.

Area Governor Rick Holtmeier joined us for our February 20 meeting. After serving as Chief Contest Judge, he led a discussion as to how our Club might reach our goal of President's Distinguished Club this year. Now is the time we all need to work hard on completing our next educational level. We must also increase our membership to 20!

It's dues time: Please bring cash or check for \$25.50 made payable to BNL Toastmasters to our next meeting or mail to Claire or Ronnie.



Members' Progress Report

Member	Speeches completed	Achievements
Pat A.	2	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.		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	

