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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 November 20	5:30 meeting, VIDEO NIGHT!	Theme: Time Management
Tues November 27	Noon meeting	Theme: Leftovers
Tues, December 4	5:30 Holiday Reception	

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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.

November 6 Meeting

"Who Wants to be a Millionaire?" was the theme of our November 6 meeting. Ever able Ronnie was Toastmaster of the Day. We had three visitors: Barbara and Doug Klein and Mario Fuschetti. Barbara and Mario both joined and Doug thinks he will too. Hooray, and welcome!

Amy offered a joke about a special way to save money. Beth gave us a word and also presented table topics. Her questions were about large amounts of money, and what we might do with it. We had fun exercising our imaginations.

In the speech portion of the meeting, Amy went first. Her speech was entitled "Roll Your Own" and was a demonstration speech from the Speaking to Inform manual. She showed the techniques of making sushi rolls with shrimp, avocado, scallion, Japanese pickle and cucumber. She said that a friend had given her a cookbook years ago, and the skill she developed from it had been fun and delicious. She had samples of the various products and ingredients, and a handout of recipes and tips.

In the next speech, Margaret Conover played with our minds. The title of her speech was "Constructionism." She described a new theory of learning, which is applied in schools now. She had a clear diagram already on the board, and she used it to show the theory about how new information is processed in the mind and leads to new ideas. She went on to do a very clever demonstration, challenging us to understand how she was able to stick a pin in one balloon and pop it, and then do the same and have the balloon remain whole. She threw in a "red herring" that actually had no effect on her experiment but which, once we understood her trick, really demonstrated what constructivism is all about.

Nand was general evaluator, and had a good opinion of how the meeting had been run. Margaret Foster evaluated for Amy, and Amy evaluated for Margaret Conover. The Ah counter's report was dismaying for many members, and we resolved to be more aware of this problem and reduce our ahs and "you know"s. As presiding officer, Margaret Foster closed the meeting.

NOVEMBER 20 IS VIDEO NIGHT!

We will experiment with videotaping our speeches at the November 20 meeting. More information to come on page 2. Bring a tape for Nancy if you want your speech taped.

DECEMBER 4 IS OUR HOLIDAY RECEPTION MEETING! Come and bring a guest, friend, spouse, child, or colleague. If you do bring a guest who isn't a regular member, contact Nancy Manning with his or her name, so the BNL gatehouse can be informed. Good refreshments, entertaining speeches and happy holiday fellowship await us!

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BNL Toastmasters Regular Meeting Schedule

Date	Nov. 20 Video Night	Nov. 27 NOON	Dec. 4 Guest Night/Party
Theme	Time Management	Leftovers	Turning Points
TMOD	Nand		
Joke	Doug		
Word			
Timer			
Ah counter	Mario		
Grammarian			
Table Topics	Barbara		
Speech #1	Mari		Amy
#2	Margaret C.		Nancy
#3	Beth		Ronnie
#4	Margaret F.		
#5			
General Eval.			
Evaluator #1	Margaret C.	Nand	
#2	Beth		
#3			
#4			
#5			
Quiz Master			
Absent			

Wanted: TMOD's. Sign up now and choose your own theme! Contact Nancy.

Video Night: November 20 will be Video Night. If you wish to have yourself videotaped during a speech, evaluation, or Table Topic, be sure to bring with you a blank VHS tape pre-labeled with your name. You will receive your tape at the next meeting. Then you are asked to prepare a self-evaluation to be shared at the Dec. 18 meeting.

Important Notice: Due to recent events, BNL's front gate now requires photo ID before allowing entrance to the site. The gate will be given the names of all off-site members and guests several days prior to each meeting. If you wish to bring a guest with you, please notify Nancy or Beth by 2 days prior to the meeting.



Members' Progress Report

Member	Speeches completed	Achievements
Pat A.		ATM-B
Susan C.	5	
Margaret C.	7	
Bill D.	3	
Ronnie E.	2	DTM
Margaret F.	1	DTM
Mario F.		
Anthony G.		
Amy H.	4	CTM
Benny H.		
Barbara K.		
Beth L.	7	ATM-G
Nancy M.	5	ATM-B
Nand N.	4	ATM-G
Mari R.	2	