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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

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

Upcoming Events

Thurs, October 11 Area 63 Speech Contest, 7:30

Tues, October 16 5:30 Meeting

Tues, October Noon Meeting

Theme: Harvest Time

Theme: A Stitch in Time

Officers 2001-02

President:

Margaret Foster

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Nancy Manning

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Margaret Conover

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Amy Halsted

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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.

October 2 Meeting

Mars was the theme of our October 2 meeting, TMOD-ed by Margaret Conover. It was her first (and very successful) attempt at the job. Margaret told us that a Mars probe is on its way to the red planet, and she also discussed the derivation of the name of the second day of the week: Tuesday can be translated as Mars-day in many languages. Mars was the god of war, she noted.

Margaret F. presented table topics, using the set of cards with prepared questions, so there was quite a variety. Nancy was asked to think about her day as a Norman Rockwell painting, Mari responded as to whether she would like to have a video telephone. Other questions concerned the merits of a king versus a president, and the breaking of sports records.

After a break, Amy lead off the speech portion of the meeting with project from the Storytelling advanced manual. She told about an epic bus trip a girlfriend and she took across the country in 1975. In Saint Louis, the two attended an exotically spiced vegetarian banquet. It was held on the floor at the home of a friendly family that observed an unusual religion, akin to the Indian Sikhs. In San Francisco they visited Muir Woods, hiked to an astounding vantage point, then conveniently ran into a friend from the other side of the country. Pat's speech was called "A Guide to New Age Stuff." He presented a series of delicate points of etiquette to observe when interacting with

practitioners of various new age activities: meditation, Tarot card reading, vegetarianism and so forth. He also had helpful hints for determining whether one has too little or too much money-- always a perplexing question. With this speech, Pat obtained his Advanced Toast Master Bronze. Congratulations, Pat!

The final speaker was Beth. Her very interesting talk concerned the five parameters of American Sign Language. Beth really opened our eyes to the subtleties of this sophisticated language, and her information was especially welcome after we had seen and heard Kim Pellechi's speeches. She used the overhead projector effectively, and taught us a lot in a short amount of time.

Nancy was general evaluator. She observed that the pace of this meeting and recent meetings has been brisk and smooth. Susan evaluated for Amy, Nancy for Pat and Bill for Beth. Mari presented a scrupulous ah counter's report, and we were chagrined at all the ahs, ums, and you knows she had recorded. Amy suggested a special meeting to attack this problem, perhaps with the audience raising their hands every time an ah was uttered. Margaret F. announced that Margaret Conover had won for best table topics. Pat had been wordmaster with "paradox," which several members had been able to use. Margaret Foster closed the meeting.

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BNL Toastmasters Regular Meeting Schedule

Date	October 16	October 23 NOON	November 6
Theme	Harvest Time	A Stitch in Time	Who wants to be a millionaire?
TMOD	Margaret F.		
Joke			Amy
Word			
Timer			
Ah counter			
Grammarian			
Table Topics			
Speech #1	Mari	Arlene H.	Amy
#2	Bill D.		
#3	Beth		
#4			
#5			
General Eval.	Amy		
Evaluator #1	Beth		
#2			
#3			
#4			
#5			
Quiz Master	Beth		
Absent	Pat	Pat	

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.

Member Survey: Thank you for returning your member surveys. At our Oct. 16 meeting we'll make plans for doing some videotaping of future speeches.

Area 63 Speech Contest

October 11, 7:30. Come support Pat and Bill and to hear top-notch speakers from our area.

Members' Progress Report

Member	Speeches completed	Achievements
Pat A.	10	CTM
William B.		
Susan C.	5	
Margaret C.	6	
Bill D.	3	
Ronnie E.	2	DTM
John F.		
Margaret F.	1	DTM
Anthony G.		
Amy H.	3	CTM
Benny H.		
Beth L.	6	ATM-G
Patty L.	5	
Frank M.		ATM-B
Nancy M.	5	ATM-B
Nand N.	4	ATM-G
Leyla P.	1	
Mari R.	1	
Betsy S.	5	