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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

Tues November 6 5:30 meeting
Tues November 20 5:30 meeting
Tues November 27 Noon meeting

Theme: Who Wants to Be a Millionaire
Theme: Time Management
Theme: Leftovers

Officers 2001-02

President:
Margaret Foster

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Nancy Manning

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Margaret Conover

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Beth Lin

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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 16 Meeting

The October 16 meeting had a theme of Harvest Time. Margaret Foster served as both presiding officer and TMOD, and we had a guest and possible new member, Priya Aggarwal. Amy presented table topics questions relating to back-to-school, fall vegetables and Halloween doings.

In the speech portion of the meeting, Mari Rubin lead off with her second speech from the basic manual, entitled "My Life in Florida." Mari described the 49 days that she and her husband spent with his grandmother when they were newly arrived together in the US. The grandmother was very kind and well-meaning, but had some unusual ideas. Mari's dry humor had us laughing a number of times. The grandmother instructed Mari to treat her husband like a king, and that his socks should never go in the washing machine but should be washed by hand. Romaine lettuce was a staple of the diet the grandmother presented to the young couple, who were obliged to be home by 6:00 pm every day without fail. It was another delightful speech, well constructed and rich in humor.

Beth Lin gave the next speech, entitled "Care, Cost and Quality." Beth described some of her discouragement with vegetable gardening, due to small yields, insect damage and other common problems. The short term rewards just didn't seem to be worth the effort involved. But her husband had longer-term ideas, and had planted fruit trees and berry bushes. His results were longer in coming but much better, as we saw from the attractive fruit that Beth brought to show us. Her

speech fitted nicely into the Harvest Time theme of the meeting.

Margaret Conover was general evaluator, and she had carefully prepared so that she knew her duties well. Nancy was Mari's evaluator and Ronnie evaluated for Beth. Ronnie was timer, Margaret Conover counted the ahs, and Beth was quizmaster. Amy announced a tie for best table topics. Margaret Foster closed the meeting.

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BNL Toastmasters Regular Meeting Schedule

Date	November 6	November 20	November 27-NOON
Theme	Who wants to be a millionaire?	Time Management Video Night	Leftovers
TMOD			
Joke	Amy		
Word			
Timer			
Ah counter			
Grammarian			
Table Topics			
Speech #1	Margaret C.	Mari	
#2	Amy	Margaret C.	
#3		Beth	
#4		Margaret F.	
#5			
General Eval.	Nand		
Evaluator #1	Amy	Margaret C.	
#2		Beth	
#3			
#4			
#5			
Quiz Master			
Absent			

Division F Humorous Speech & TT Contest

November 3, 10:00 AM. Schomburg Graduate Apartment Commons, SUNY Stony Brook.

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

Video Night: We have chosen November 20 to be our Video Night. If you wish to have yourself videotaped during a speech, evaluation, or Table Topic, be sure to sign up for the role in advance and 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.

October 23 Noon Meeting: Special guest Arlene Duane Hemingway, ATM-S of the Babylon Babblers, presented "From the Inside Out to the Outside In". This project from the Public Relations Advanced Manual was meant to engender within the audience goodwill for a company. Arlene certainly did so, while at the same time she gave us some valuable ideas for reducing stress during difficult times.

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.	6	
Bill D.	3	
Ronnie E.	2	DTM
Margaret F.	1	DTM
Anthony G.		
Amy H.	3	CTM
Benny H.		
Beth L.	7	ATM-G
Nancy M.	5	ATM-B
Nand N.	4	ATM-G
Mari R.	2	