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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, Sept 18 5:30 Meeting
Tues, Sept 25 Noon Meeting
Tues, October 2 5:30 Meeting

Theme : Leadership
Theme : Personal Fulfillment
Theme : Mars

Officers 2001-2002

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Margaret Foster

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Nancy Manning

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Margaret Conover

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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.**

August 21 Meeting

Our well attended August 21 meeting was the annual humorous speech and table topics contest. President Margaret Foster was Contest Chair. Nancy Manning was Chief Judge and Ronnie Evans, Beth Lin, Amy Halsted and guest Jim Agals were Judges. Susan Carlson was Timer, Mari Rubin served as Ballot Counter and Benny Hooda was Sgt. at Arms. Margaret Conover's son Adam was a guest.

These contests are conducted with care to ensure that all contestants have a fair and equal chance in the competition. After Nancy read the rules for the contest, the first humorous speech contestant, Pat Astre, presented "Answers and Inventions." Pat's ingenious but batty "unobtrusive noteholder," (a sheet of paper clipped to and hanging from the bill of his baseball cap) had a number of creative uses which he demonstrated for us. Pat's expansive delivery and cheerful humor kept us entertained. Margaret Conover was the next contestant. After citing several instances of "road rage" she revealed the startling cause of these incidents: a shocking and deplorable shortage of vanilla ice cream in local stores. She urged listeners to tolerate this no longer and to "demand your vanilla!"

Following the humorous speech contest, Bill Dunn gave his "speak with sincerity" speech from the basic manual. No one could doubt Bill's sincerity as he described the shock of his father's death, followed by an description of how his father had lived and how much Bill had admired him. His father set an example of leadership, and Bill asked

the audience to consider the attributes of a good leader. Jim Agals was evaluator for Bill's speech, and found a number of strengths in the speech and some possibilities for improvement.

The Table Topics Contest was next. Contestants left the room and re-entered one by one. Each heard and responded to the same question, presented by Margaret Foster, concerning the educational aspects of travel. It was interesting to hear the different interpretations of the question and the varied responses from contestants Pat, Margaret, Bill and Kim Pellechi.

Margaret Foster interviewed contestants as the ballots were tallied. Then results were announced: Pat Astre had won the humorous speech contest and Bill Dunn won for best Table Topics. Congratulations to winners and all contestants.

Be Kind to Our Good Treasurer!

Yes, this means it is dues time. Send your \$25.50 dues check made out to BNL Toastmasters as soon as possible to Ronnie Evans, 26 Williams Ave., Holtsville, NY 11742-1514 or bring checks to the next meeting. Dues are due by October 1, and prompt submission of them is part of keeping our Club on track to achieve distinguished status again this year. Thanks, fellow Toastmasters!

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BNL Toastmasters Regular Meeting Schedule



Congratulations to all our Humorous Speech and Table Topics Participants!

Please note that due to a Brookhaven National Lab holiday, we will not be meeting on September 4, 2001. Our first September evening meeting will be on September 18.

Date	Sept. 18	Sept. 25 NOON	October 2
Theme	Leadership	Personal Fulfillment	Mars
TMOD	Amy		Margaret C.
Joke	Pat		Nancy
Word	Susan		Pat
Timer	Susan		
Ah counter	Margaret C.		
Grammarian	Margaret C.		
Table Topics	Pat		
Speech #1	Pat	Amy	Pat
#2	Bill	Nancy	Kim
#3	Amy		
#4	Kim		
#5	Beth		
General Eval.			
Evaluator #1			
#2	Susan		
#3			
#4			
#5			
Quiz Master			
Absent	Nand	Nand	Nand

August 28 Noon Meeting

Arlene Duane Hemingway, ATM-B and immediate past Area Governor of Area 61, was our special guest. She presented "**Finding New Members for Your Club**" from *The Successful Club Series*. Some of her suggestions will be put into action in the near future.

Beth Lin got us excited along with her as she related her "**Most Exciting Moment this Summer**". Her story of meeting Senator Hillary Clinton was speech #3 toward her 6th CTM. Ronnie evaluated Beth, and Nancy served as TMOD.

Members' Progress Report

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

