
10 July 2001



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, July 10 5:30 Speechcraft Session III
Tues, July 17 5:30 GAZEBO Meeting

Theme : Sports and Determination
Theme : Music, Maestro, Please

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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.

June 19 Meeting

Our June 19 meeting was both a regular meeting and the second session of the Speechcraft series being offered to BNL summer students. Beth Lin was Toastmaster of the Day and our theme was "Trip around the World." Kim gave the word of the day: meliorate. Amy was Jokemaster. Nancy did Table Topics, and her questions were about travel interests and experiences.

Amy presented a talk from the Educational Speaker series, on "Introducing a Speaker." The task of making introductions is deceptively simple, but requires considerable thought and preparation. The name of the speaker, the title of the talk, and its topic are always included, and very often a word or two about the speaker's background is given so that the audience understands why the speaker is qualified to speak on the topic. In Toastmasters we also include the project that the speech fulfills and its duration. After the introducer has yielded the podium, the job isn't quite over. Attentive listening supports the speaker and enables the introducer to give a few words of summary and thanks when the speaker finishes.

We were next treated to a series of five perfectly delightful Ice breaker speeches from the students. Ashley's opening was particularly engaging. We learned about her interests and goals. Her gestures were good and she did not utter even a single um! Berry's talk gave us vivid images of a playful and mischievous little boy, full of curiosity and ideas, and clearly destined from an early age to become a scientist. Jackie's humorous speech showed us her bubbly personality, and she thought well on her feet. She is a citizen of the world, that's clear. In Nina's Ice Breaker, we learned some of the

advantages of being the only sister of three brothers. Bravo! All of the speeches were remarkably well done and very enjoyable to listen to—we can't wait to hear more!

Kim was the next speaker, on the subject of "Xenotransplantation," in fulfillment of the Persuade with Power project in the basic manual. Xenotransplantation, as we learned from Kim, is cross-species organ implantation—most often transplantation of ape organs into humans. Success in this endeavor has been limited, and there are considerable risks of infection or rejection. It also means the death of a healthy primate to provide the organ for donation. Kim suggested that more effort go into organizing and enlisting human-human organ donors, and into the development of artificial organs. She tested her own persuasive powers with a poll at the end of her talk, and had convinced a majority of those present.

Nand spoke next on the topic "Evaluate to Motivate." Evaluation is an important part of Toastmasters, and a useful skill on the job and at home too. Sincere praise is important, but the real trick is to gently point out some areas that could be improved and how to improve them. This can be done in an encouraging way, and it may help if the evaluator demonstrates as he or she speaks. When it's done correctly the speaker will be motivated to try again, and keep improving.

Margaret Foster was general evaluator. She invited the speech evaluators to the podium. Amy evaluated for Ashley and Jackie; Pat for Berry; Beth for Nina; and Ronnie for Kim. This meeting had a brisk pace, and we accomplished a remarkable amount within the allotted time. Ronnie closed the meeting.



BNL Toastmasters Regular Meeting Schedule

Date	July 17,	July 24, NOON	Aug. 7
Theme	Music, Maestro, Please	Dog Days of Summer	The Planets
TMOD	Beth		
Joke			
Word			
Timer			
Ah counter			
Grammarian			
Table Topics			
Speech #1	Mari	Frank M.	Leyla
#2	Bill D.	Nancy	Amy
#3	Cathy		Frank M.
#4			Nand
#5			
General Eval.	Nancy		
Evaluator #1			
#2			
#3			
#4			
#5			
Quiz Master			
Absent			

Our annual **Gazebo Meeting** on July 17 will see the installation of new officers as well as the final Speechcrafters Meeting. A light picnic will be served - this will be a fun evening you don't want to miss!

For all who signed up to give a speech that night, unfortunately there just won't be enough time. Some of you have been moved to the Aug. 7 meeting. Please contact Nancy if you have any questions.

CONGRATULATIONS !!

Kim Pellechi - CTM

New Members

William Bogardt, Anthony Guobadia, Mari Rubin
Welcome back, Frank MacKay & John Federmack!

Members' Progress Report

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

