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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

Officers

2000-2001

President:
Ronnie Evans

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Nancy Manning

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Frank MacKay

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Beth Lin

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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.

July 19 Meeting

This year's Gazebo meeting summed up much of the fun, fellowship and value of Toastmasters. Experienced members, new members and the summer students in the speechcraft program all brought important and interesting contributions to the meeting. Pat Astre brought something especially well appreciated: pizza! Thanks, Pat.

Our theme was Music, Maestro Please.

Louise Hanson, who runs the BNL summer student program, was a guest at the meeting. Beth and Ashley shared Toastmaster of the day duties. Bill Dunn was jokemaster and did he disappoint us? I'm a frayed knot! Jackie presented table topics, and she asked thought provoking questions about the experience of music. As Wordmaster, Nancy gave us "maestro," a word that many of us were able to use in this music-themed meeting. Rick Holtmeier, our visiting division governor, was the first speaker. He reminded us of the skills we hone in Toastmasters. Evaluation is one of the most important, as it includes listening, speaking and leadership all at the same time.

There's a world inside each person, and we felt those worlds opening up in the two remarkable icebreaker speeches that followed. Mari Rubin told us about meeting her American husband who was working in Japan. At first the two exchanged language lessons, but eventually they exchanged marriage vows. Since being in the US, Mari has dedicated herself to the piano, and has made great progress in a short time. Her speech was articulate, honest, funny and emotional. Bill Dunn told us about his passionate interest in jazz and the warm relationship he had with his father. He also described the unpleasant experience of being laid off recently. By good use of detail, Bill told us a lot in a short time and appeared confident and relaxed. Cathy Schwartz followed with "Anatomy of a Tee-Shirt," in fulfillment of an

assignment from the basic manual. After hearing about the several levels and characteristics of quality in a teeshirt, and having these demonstrated with the samples Cathy brought, we won't take the "simple" tee shirt for granted again.

The speechcraft students went next. Ashley presented "Cyberonics," a speech about the telegraphic language style that has emerged in instant person-to-person messaging. This ultra-efficient manner of communicating takes advantage of acronyms for speed and symbols to express emotion that would normally be conveyed by laughing, smiling or tone of voice. Berry made a convincing case for increasing the numbers of minority science and math teachers. Having a teacher as a role model and inspiration is invaluable to minority students, and important to maintaining and increasing the population of well-trained scientists and mathematicians. Jackie followed up with a speech on her field: human factors in engineering and technology. The physical, intellectual and emotional habits of human beings need to be taken into account in the planning and design phase, in order to produce successful machines and technology.

Evaluation followed: Ronnie for Mari, Amy for Bill, and Nand for Cathy. The speechcraft students evaluated each other: Jackie for Ashley, Ashley for Berry and Berry for Jackie. After a break to nosh on the tasty picnic, Amy quizzed members on the content of the speeches and Beth gave the timer's report. The new officers were "installed" by Rick Holtmeier, and the speechcraft students received their certificates. Ronnie was general evaluator and got reports from ah counter and table topics winner, then closed the meeting. We relaxed and finished the picnic together, with a lot of noisy talk and happy fun.



BNL Toastmasters Regular Meeting Schedule

Date	August 7 Officers' Training & Exec. Mtg.	August 21 Humorous Speech & TT Contest	August 28 NOON
Theme	The Planets	Joke Night	Games
TMOD		Nand	
Joke		Pat	
Word			
Timer			
Ah counter			
Grammarian			
Table Topics			
Speech #1	Leyla	Bill D.	
#2	Amy	Pat	
#3	Frank M.	Frank	
#4	Nand		
#5			
General Eval.			Nand
Evaluator #1			
#2			
#3			
#4			
#5			
Quiz Master			
Absent	Margaret F.		

Our Club **Humorous Speech & Table Topics Contest** will be held August 21. We are looking for contestants, judges, ballot counters and a Contest Chair. Please let Nancy know how you wish to participate!

Officer Training will be given at the August 7 meeting. This will be open to all. All current officers must be trained, and this will be most convenient. Other members should attend to learn how to best support our Club officers!

An Executive Committee meeting and planning session will be held following the August 7 meeting. All interested members are welcome.

The July 24 Noon meeting was well attended. Margaret C. gave her 6th speech, entitled **"The Director's Role, As I See It"**. She was evaluated by Nand. Welcome to our guest Al Sagnella!

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.		CTM
Beth L.	2	ATM-G
Patty L.	5	
Frank M.		ATM-B
Nancy M.	5	ATM-B
Nand N.	4	ATM-G
Kimberly P.		CTM
Leyla P.	1	
Mari R.	1	
Betsy S.	5	
Cathy S.	4	

