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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, June 12	5:30 Meeting, 1 st Speechcraft session	Theme: Summer Vacation
Tues, June 19	5:30 Meeting, 2 nd Speechcraft session	Theme: Trip Around the World
Tues, June 26	Noon Meeting	Theme: The Internet

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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 5 Meeting

Our June 5 meeting had a "Who Wants to be a Millionaire?" theme. We were joined by new member Bill Dunn, prospective member Mari Rubin, Nand's friend Ed Martinez and a group of BNL summer students interested in the Speechcraft program: Barry, Nina, Ashley, and Dmitri.

Amy was Toastmaster of the Day and also Jokemaster. Her joke was about Yankees and lobster. Margaret Foster was Wordmaster and gave us "diatribe." Amy did Table Topics. Rather than the usual extemporaneous responses to a series of different questions, she asked each member the same question: what creative or philanthropic things he or she would do with a \$50 million lottery prize. It was most interesting to hear the different responses, and it helped us get to know each other better. Ashley said she would give to a retired racehorse rescue organization; Nancy wanted to fund job training for unemployed women with children; Bill enjoys jazz and would want to support that art form; Leyla would donate to programs for children; Mari wanted to fund research to develop an artificial heart. With these good and generous ideas, our own hearts are clearly in the right place.

After a quick break to talk and catch up with other members, the speech portion of the meeting began. Nand presented a workshop entitled "How to Conduct Successful Meetings" from the Success/Leadership Series. Meetings tend to fall into three categories: those held to collect information, to deliver information, or to solve problems. Much of the work towards a successful meeting happens before the fact, he said. Clarity of purpose, selection of participants, choice of location, informing participants, and agenda

development are keys to a successful meeting. When the meeting is underway, an attention-getting opening remark and restatement of the purpose of the meeting are helpful. The chair should strive to be impartial, sensitive, tactful, and humorous. Avoid voting, as it sets up winners and losers; identifying a consensus is more positive. At the end, a summary of conclusions and evaluation of the meeting are helpful.

Margaret Foster was the next speaker, with "Lessons from the Advanced Leader." This speech was in fulfillment of the "Organize Your Speech" project. Margaret reported on her year-long Advanced Leader project to bring all 15 clubs in our Division to the level of distinguished club. Some of the clubs succeeded beyond expectations, but others did not reach the distinguished level. In retrospect, she thought she might have focused her efforts on helping clubs build membership.

Without extensive notice or preparation, Leyla Pinarli presented a confident Ice Breaker speech. Leyla has built a successful business, handling and processing medical insurance forms. She is a yoga enthusiast and enjoys self-development seminars and books. We got to know her a little from this very well done speech, and look forward to hearing more speeches from her.

Ronnie was general evaluator and also evaluated Margaret; Beth evaluated Leyla. Nancy's timer's report was read and Amy announced that Leyla had won for best Table Topics. Ronnie invited new members and guests to comment, then she closed the meeting.



BNL Toastmasters Regular Meeting Schedule

Date	June 12	June 19 Regular mtg.	June 26 NOON
Theme	Summer Vacation Speechcraft	Trip Around the World Speechcraft	The Internet
TMOD	Beth	Beth	Kim
Joke			
Word			
Timer		Kim	
Ah counter			
Grammarian			
Table Topics	Nand	Nancy	
Speech #1		Kim	Kim
#2		Pat	Nand
Educational Speech	Pat	Amy	
#4			
#5			
#6			
General Eval.	Margaret F.		
Evaluator #1			
#2			
#3			
#4			
#5			
#6			
Quiz Master			
Absent			

Please let Nancy know if you plan to attend our July 3 Club Meeting. We are trying to determine if there is interest or if it should be cancelled due to the Holiday.

Speechcrafters Workshops were planned by Beth Lin to offer the Toastmaster's experience to summer students working at BNL. There will be four Speechcraft meetings, and several students are participating. Members should be involved as well - this is a great chance to share what we have learned! Our annual **Gazebo Meeting** on July 17 will be the final Speechcraft. Don't miss it!

CONGRATULATIONS !!

Ronnie Evans - Distinguished Toastmaster
 Nand Narain - Advanced Toastmaster Gold
 Amy Halsted - Competent Toastmaster
 Leyla Pinarli - gave her Ice Breaker Speech
 Bill Dunn - our Newest Member

Members' Progress Report

Member	Speeches completed	Achievements
Pat A.	5	CTM
Susan C.	5	
Margaret C.	5	
Bill D.		
Ronnie E.	1	DTM
Margaret F.	1	DTM
Amy H.		CTM
Beth L.	2	ATM-G
Patty L.	5	
Nancy M.	5	ATM-B
Nand N.	4	ATM-G
Kimberly P.	8	
Leyla P.	1	
Cathy S.	3	