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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., May 15 10th Anniversary Charter Celebration

Room 160, Bldg 463

Tues, May 22 Noon Meeting

Theme: Final Exams

Officers

2000-2001

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Ronnie Evans

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Nancy Manning

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Frank MacKay

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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.

May 1 Meeting

Our 1 May meeting, appropriately enough, had a May Day and May pole theme. We had a guest, Leyla Pinarli, who decided to join our club. Hooray! Welcome, Leyla! Ronnie was Toastmaster of the Day and through the meeting she shared with us May day celebration traditions around the world. These tend to be either a celebration of spring, new growth and romance, or a recognition of the rights of laborers and workers.

Departing from the usual agenda, the meeting began with a speech from Nancy Manning, entitled "A Tale of Two Clubs" out of the Storytelling advanced manual. Nancy told a tale of two Toastmasters clubs. Club London was tending toward looser, longer, increasingly informal meetings, while Club Paris maintained a more orderly and quick moving meeting style. Club London consulted Club Paris, whose president recommended that Club London recommit to the fundamental goals of Toastmasters, and work towards tightening up meetings and keeping a brisk pace and slightly more formal atmosphere. Nancy revealed, as we suspected, that both clubs are our club. Her suggestion is that we keep all the fun and enthusiasm while we return to a more disciplined meeting style.

Following a quick break, Margaret Conover presented table topics. She asked us about our feelings about May day, May poles and spring birds and flowers. All members, including new member Leyla, responded well to the challenges. Beth told of some of the ways May 1 is celebrated in China. Other members had memories of beautiful maypoles they had seen.

Amy was general evaluator, and took the podium. She asked Beth to present her evaluation of Nancy's speech, about which Beth had good observations and ideas. She suggested that the audience might have been left to draw their own conclusions that the two clubs were our club, rather than being told that. Margaret Foster was quizmaster, and she conducted this in a fun "survivor" format. Members remained standing as long as they answered correctly. Amy presented the timers report, and Margaret Conover said that Beth had won for best table topics. In her general evaluation Amy remarked on how Ronnie had brought theme related information and that this had enriched the meeting. Ronnie's TMOD skills helped the meeting move at a fast pace. Ideally, guests attending a meeting for the first time should be told about the timer before table topics starts, she said. The quizmaster's different format was a refreshing change. Amy gave the podium back to Ronnie, who closed the meeting.

10th Anniversary Charter Celebration

Don't miss the 10th anniversary celebration of our club's charter, coming up on May 15th. We hope that most if not all members will attend. A number of special guests have been invited, including past members of our club and officers of other local clubs. Beverages and a light dinner will be served. We begin at 5:30 in our customary meeting room with a social half hour, and the meeting will get underway at 6:00 and run until 8:00. Awards will be presented and some surprises are planned. Please come and bring a guest or friend if you like. RSVP if you can to Amy (halsted@aps.org) or Beth (bylin@bnl.gov).



BNL Toastmasters Regular Meeting Schedule

Date	May 15	May 22 NOON	June 5
Theme	Charter Celebration	Mars	Who Wants to be a Millionaire?
TMOD	Margaret F.		Kim
Joke			
Word			Amy
Timer			
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Grammarian			
Table Topics	Beth		
Speech #1	Cathy		Leyla
#2	Margaret C.		Nand
#3	Nancy		
#4			
#5			
#6			
General Eval.	Ronnie		
Evaluator #1			
#2			
#3			
#4			
#5			
#6			
Quiz Master			Beth
Absent	Nand, Pat		

You won't want to miss out 10th Anniversary Charter Celebration! Let's have 100% turnout of our membership.

Welcome our special guests, honor our founding members, and celebrate our club - still strong after all these years!

District 46 Toastmasters Spring Conference.
 Saturday May 19 - Sunday May 20. Woodbridge Hilton, Iselin, NJ.

Spice up Your Speech - Say it with Style

To see and hear examples of creative use of language, visit the web page
<http://www.abacon.com/pubspeak/organize/style.html#sound>

You will present a more memorable and dynamic speech by using three aspects of style - figures of sound, figures of meaning, and sensory imagery.

Members' Progress Report

Member	Speeches completed	Achievements
Pat A.	5	CTM
Susan C.	5	
Margaret C.	4	
Ronnie E.	1	ATM-G + 5 CTMs
Margaret F.		DTM
Amy H.	10	CTM
Beth L.	2	ATM-G + 5 CTMs
Patty L.	5	
Frank M.	10	ATM-B
Nancy M.	4	CL, ATM-B
Nand N.	4	ATM-S
Kimberly P.	8	
Leyla P.		
Betsy S.	5	
Cathy S.	2	