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The Edge



BNL Toastmasters, Club 8069, District 46
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Upcoming Events

Tues February 19

5:30 Meeting & Speech Contest

Theme: George Washington

Tues March 5

5:30 Meeting & Auction Fund Raiser (see below)

Officers 2001-02

President:

Margaret Foster

VP Education:

Nancy Manning

VP Membership &

VP Public Relations:

Margaret Conover

Secretary:

Amy Halsted

Treasurer:

Ronnie Evans

Sergeant at Arms:

Beth Lin

Newsletter Editors:

Amy Halsted

Nancy Manning

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.

AUCTION/FUND RAISER: The club needs to buy a new speech timer, an important device for the ease and quality of our meetings. The old one has lasted for nearly ten years. Happily, BERA has contributed \$100 of the \$200 expense. Some of the balance can come from our (modest) bank account, but we thought to try to raise the rest by holding an auction at the March 5 meeting. Attendees are invited, if possible, to contribute one or more auctionable items: a bouquet, a good book, something handmade or homemade, something from the attic, a collection of your best recipes, or even a favor or a service such as vacuuming a car, a poetry reading, or a harmonica serenade! Bring a few dollars too, if you want to bid on the goodies.

29 January Meeting

Our 29 January meeting was a busy and exciting one. We welcome Mario Fuschetti back to the club, and new member Marc Newmark. Jennifer Lynch and Orla Feeney were guests. The quorum of members present voted to change the noon meeting from a monthly to a quarterly event. Ronnie was TMOD and kept the complex meeting running briskly. Margaret Conover told a shaggy dog joke about a cat. Bill as Wordmaster gave us *irascible*. Table topics were a combination of a panel discussion wherein the officers described their duties, and some great games-related questions from Mari for the rest of the attendees.

In the speech portion of the meeting, Bill led off. He discussed the popular and wise bestseller "Habits of Highly Effective People." The pointers in this book are broadly applicable to personal and professional situations. Amy went next with "Garwood, My Garwood," the story of her close friendship with a gay man who died of AIDS. Margaret Foster was the next speaker, and her talk was "My Job as an Editor of Physical Review." She told the group that her job is in many

ways a service oriented position, and involves decision making and discretion. Margaret Conover's talk was a follow-up to the earlier officers training session. She described her club officer duties and talked about the importance of keeping organizations fresh and continually renewed.

Ronnie served as general evaluator, in addition to TMOD. She introduced and invited the evaluators to the podium in turn: Mari for Bill, Nand for Amy, Beth for Margaret F. and Nancy for Margaret C. Nancy gave the timer's report and Amy gave the Ah Counters report. Margaret Foster closed the meeting.

5 February Meeting

The theme of the 5 February meeting was Red White and Blue. Beth Lin was TMOD. Marc was jokemaster. Margaret Foster presented table topics in a funny "What's My Line?" style.

In the speech portion of the meeting, Mari went first. She gave a charming demonstration of flower arranging, using everyday containers and readily obtainable and inexpensive flowers. Nand's talk was next, and concerned planning and saving for retirement, always a valuable topic. Nancy was the third speaker and she told a wonderful story about losing and finding two kinds of family treasure.

Amy was General Evaluator. She remarked on the rich variety in the speeches. Evaluators were Beth for Mari, Margaret for Nand and Amy for Nancy. President Foster closed the meeting.

SPEECH CONTEST: The speech contest takes place this Tuesday, February 19. Come to hear good speeches and help fill the various roles required to hold the contest.