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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, January 15 5:30 Meeting
Tues, January 22 Noon Meeting
Tues January 29 5:30 SPECIAL BONUS MEETING

Theme: All Things New
Theme: Baby It's Cold Outside
Theme: Games

Officers 2001-02

President:
Margaret Foster

VP Education:
Nancy Manning

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VP Public Relations:**
Margaret Conover

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Amy Halsted

Treasurer:
Ronnie Evans

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Beth Lin

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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.

December 18 Meeting

The theme of our December 18 meeting was, appropriately enough, Holiday Time. Beth opened the meeting and Nancy was Toastmaster of the Day. We were delighted to see Frank MacKay at the meeting, and even happier to learn that he was about to become a father. Nand told a number of jokes, some of them more like riddles or brain teasers. Beth did Table Topics and in keeping with the theme she had each of us light a candle when we responded. By the end, all of our candles burning together shed a lot of light. Nand presented an update on the club's progress towards achieving President's Distinguished Club status. We are on track and if we keep up the pace, we will get there.

Frank spoke first in the speech portion of the meeting. He told about a situation of confrontation between political rivals, and demonstrated the importance of not yielding to intimidation. Frank's phrasing, use of pauses, and occasional repetition helped us to see his point and his experience of the ins and outs of politics greatly enriched his speech.

Nand spoke next and he told a moving story of a boy he had known in childhood. The boy came from humble origins, but a few well-timed words of kindness and encouragement made him decide to better himself and he ended up by achieving a PhD. He never forgot the good woman who had said the right thing at the right time and so inspired him to set high goals, and he kept her apprised of his progress all along. Nand's emotion was evident in this speech.

Beth inspired us again in her speech. Starting off with a reference to a trip to visit the World Trade Center before the attacks, her talk was about the importance of taking opportunities and living richly because we don't know what tomorrow will bring. Beth was the perfect person to deliver such a speech. Her many and varied interests and her continuing efforts to educate and better herself are an inspiration to us and surely to her family as well. She suggested that love is the best weapon we have against the hatred in the world. Don't wait for life to happen, she advised, but go out and embrace it.

Amy was General Evaluator. Margaret Foster was Frank's evaluator. Benny evaluated for Nand and Amy for Beth. Mari gave the timer's report and Doug gave the dreaded Ah Counter's report. A good new years' resolution would be to attack and eliminate the ahs, ums, you knows, and other verbal crutches that weaken our speeches.

Happy holidays and happy new years were wished to all and Margaret Foster closed the meeting.



BNL Toastmasters Regular Meeting Schedule

Date	Jan. 15	Jan. 22 NOON	Jan. 29
Theme	All Things New	Baby, It's Cold Outside!	Games
TMOD	Amy		
Joke			
Word			
Timer	Mario		
Ah counter			
Grammarian			
Table Topics			
Speech #1	Benny		Margaret F.
#2	Bill		
#3	Frank		
#4	Nand		
#5	Ronnie		
General Eval.			
Evaluator #1			
#2			
#3			
#4			
#5	Nancy		
Quiz Master			
Absent	Margaret F.		

Mark your calendars now! We will have another meeting on the 5th Tuesday in January, the 29th. Officer training will be held in a unique format that will be of interest to everyone – current officers and future officers alike! Regular meeting events will take place as well, speeches and evaluations, etc. Don't miss it!

Why not plan now to reach your next educational level before the end of the Toastmasters Year? Schedule your speeches between now and June 30 to help our club be a **President's Distinguished Club** for two years in a row!

Important Notice: Due to recent events, BNL's front gate now requires photo ID before allowing entrance to the site. The gate will be given the names of all off-site members and guests several days prior to each meeting. If you wish to bring a guest with you, please notify Nancy or Beth by 2 days prior to the meeting.

Members' Progress Report

Member	Speeches completed	Achievements
Pat A.	10	ATM-B
Susan C.	5	
Margaret C.	8	
Bill D.	3	
Ronnie E.	3	DTM
Margaret F.	2	DTM
Mario F.		
Anthony G.		
Amy H.	5	CTM
Benny H.	7	
Barbara K.		
Doug K.		
Beth L.	9	ATM-G
Frank M.		
Nancy M.	6	ATM-B
Nand N.	5	ATM-G
Mari R.	3	