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14 June 2002



# The Edge



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**BNL Toastmasters, Club 8069, District 46**  
Meetings are held the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 5:30 PM  
**Biology Building 463, Brookhaven National Laboratory, Upton, NY 11973**  
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## Upcoming Events

Tues June 18	5:30 Meeting	Theme: 100 Reasons Why Life is Great
Tues July 2 <sup>nd</sup>	5:30 Meeting	Theme: American History
Tues July 16	5:30 Meeting	GAZEBO MEETING, OH BOY!

## 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.**

## 4 June Meeting

Shakespeare was the theme of the 4 June meeting. Amy was TMOD. We had a visitor, Zilu Wu, who has joined our club. Mari Rubin contributed the word of the day, which was "ubiquitous." Brian Boyer did a special Table Topics. He had spent a number of years working in England and learned a vocabulary of English slang. He used one of these in a sentence given to each speaker, who responded with the meaning in American English if he/she knew it, or a made-up meaning if he/she didn't.

Margaret Foster introduced the slate of officers nominated for the 2002-2003 club year, which runs from July 1 to June 30: President, Nancy Manning; VP Education, Brian Boyer (Brian also agreed to work on the Edge); VP Membership, Pat Astre; Secretary, Margaret Foster; Treasurer, Ronnie Evans; VP Public Relations, Benny Hooda; Sergeant at Arms, Beth Lin. She asked if there were further nominations and hearing none she called for a motion to close the nominations, which was unanimously passed. She called for a vote on the proposed slate. The new officers were elected unanimously by the quorum of members present.

Some discussion on club goals and possible changes of meeting format followed. *It was generally agreed, and strongly felt by some, that club meetings should finish not later than 7:00 pm.* In pursuit of that goal, the possibility of limiting the number of speakers and/or of having the speeches first and then table topics, if time allows for the latter, was raised. We decided to experiment with different formats and to work hard to observe time limits and keep meetings running very briskly.

In the speech portion, Nancy Manning led off with the Beginning Your Speech presentation from the Better Speaker Series. A strong, attention getting beginning is essential to a successful speech and there are several techniques for achieving this. Startling the audience, telling a story or joke, arousing curiosity or stating the importance of the topic are some of them.

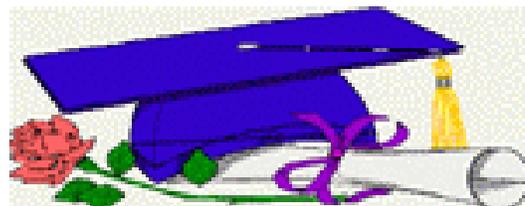
Pat Astre spoke next, and his title was "Six Steps to a No-Limits Person." His motivational talk suggested to us that there are a limited number of things that we can control, but much can be achieved by focusing influence on those things. He urged members to think positively and accept responsibility.

Amy was next with "Town Mouse, Country Mouse," the Folk Tale assignment from the Story Telling manual. She began by saying that she'd been both a town and a country "mouse" so she felt qualified to tell the story. In the end, there's no place like home sweet home. Amy's speech earned her an ATM Bronze award.

Nand Narain was the last speaker with "Landscaping 101." With overhead slides and diagrams, he showed members how he created some very attractive landscaping in his yard, with colorful shrubs and small flowering trees. He didn't have much experience but he learned as he went and the result is very satisfactory.

Nand was General evaluator. He introduced the evaluators: Beth, Margaret, and Pat. He made his own evaluation and got reports from Ah counter, Wordmaster and Timer, then returned the podium to the TMOD. Brian announced that Ronnie had won for Table Topics. Margaret closed the long but interesting and important meeting.

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**Congratulations** go to Amy for completing her ATM Bronze!

**We welcome** our newest member Zilu Xu.

**Speechcrafters**, organized again this year by Beth Lin, has begun. So far, two of BNL's summer students have joined the program.

**Mentees/Mentors:** Don't forget to make a few minutes time to discuss important issues. Maybe plan to come early or stay a little later....

**Important Notice:** For security reasons, BNL's front gate requires photo ID for entrance to the site. The gate will be given the names of all off-site members and expected 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.

***BNL Toastmasters Regular Meeting Schedule***

Date	June 18	July 2	July 16
Theme	100 Reasons Why Life is Great	American History	My Favorite Things <b>Gazebo Meeting</b>
TMOD	Pat	Beth	Beth
Joke	Steve		
Word			
Timer	Doug	Steve	Nancy
Ah counter/ Grammarians			
Quiz Master	Barbara		
Table Topics	Nancy	Nand	
Speech #1	Doug	Becky	Becky
#2	Marjorie	Jessica	Jessica
#3	Nand	Mari	Nancy
#4	Becky		
#5	Jessica		
General Eval.			
Evaluator #1		Jessica	Jessica
#2		Becky	Becky
#3			
#4			
#5			
Educational	Margaret F.		

***Members' Progress Report***

Member	Speeches completed	Achievements
Pat A.	3	ATM-B
Brian B.	6	CTM
Margaret C.		CTM
Bill D.	7	
Ronnie E.	3	DTM
Margaret F.	4	DTM
Mario F.		
Amy H.		ATM-B
Benny H.	9	
Barbara K.	1	
Doug K.		
Marjorie L.	1	
Beth L.	4	ATM-G
Nancy M.	8	ATM-B
Joe M.		
Nand N.	8	ATM-G
Marc N.		
Mari R.	5	
Steve S.	1	
Zilu X.		
Zhen-Hui Z.	1	