
31 May 2002



The Edge



BNL Toastmasters, Club 8069, District 46
Meetings are held the 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 5:30 PM
Biology Building 463, Brookhaven National Laboratory, Upton, NY 11973
<http://www.bnl.gov/bera/activities/toastmstrs/default.htm>

Upcoming Events

Tues June 4	5:30 Meeting	Theme: Shakespeare (also Officer elections!)
Tues June 18	5:30 Meeting	Theme: 100 Reasons Why Life is Great

Officers 2001-02 21 May Meeting

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.

Presidents was the theme of the 21 May meeting, TMODed by Margaret Conover. Margaret quizzed us on our knowledge of American presidents in the course of the meeting. Beth Lin began the meeting with an instructional speech about the club's new timer. The device is easy to use, especially with the code list for the different speech lengths we use. Beth employed an overhead slide with a diagram of the timer controls. After this helpful speech, we were better able to use the timer during table topics, which were presented by Margaret Foster. She showed a video of a "target" speech from a recent evaluation contest in another club and then called on members to present mini-evaluations. Afterwards, we saw several expert, full length evaluations on video.

After a short break, Barbara Klein led off with her ice breaker speech. We've gotten to know Barbara a little since she's been a member, and we were eager to hear more about her. She told the story of her life to date, including her marriage to Doug, their four children, and the various houses and boats that have occupied the Kleins over the years. It was interesting to learn that Barbara's motivation for joining Toastmasters was to improve her presentation skills when she volunteers at a local prison. Good for you Barb!

Next we had the pleasure of another Ice Breaker, from Steve Stein. Steve excelled at the use of significant details to put his life story in context and move it forward. He was bitten early by the science bug and chose it as his goal. We especially enjoyed the image of the budding young scientist setting off a fireball in his bedroom! No serious damage or injury resulted, fortunately. Determination won him the grades he needed to

succeed, and the ability to recognize and respond to opportunity lead him from chemistry to a career in quality assurance. It was a strong speech, delivered with confidence and humor.

Amy was the next speaker. Her assignment from the Speaking to Inform advanced manual was to talk on an abstract topic, and she chose gratitude and the customs of thanking. She started by noting the frequent occasions when we thank or are thanked in the course of a day and calculated some 25,000 "thank you" for every ten years of life. She went on to discuss the practice of thanking and the meaning of gratitude in other cultures. It gets hard to tell who benefits most—the person who receives help and expresses thanks or the helper who enjoys being able to contribute. Amy ended her speech as she began it, with "Thank you, thank you, thank you."

In a remarkable dual role, Margaret Conover switched in an instant from TMOD to General Evaluator. *She sternly and correctly warned us that our meetings are once again running long and it's time to pick up the pace and stick to the time limits we are given.* Barb Klein had had to leave the meeting early, so will be evaluated at another time. Mari evaluated Beth, Amy evaluated for Steve, and Brian evaluated Amy. Nancy gave the ah counters report. Margaret Foster closed the meeting.

GET OUT AND VOTE: AT THE JUNE 4 MEETING, CLUB OFFICERS FOR THE COMING YEAR (JULY 1 – JUNE 30) WILL BE ELECTED. PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND AND CAST YOUR VOTE.



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BNL Toastmasters Regular Meeting Schedule

Date	June 4	June 18	July 2
Theme	Shakespeare	100 Reasons Why Life is Great	American History
TMOD	Amy	Pat	
Joke			
Word			
Timer		Doug	
Ah counter/ Grammarian	Nancy		
Quiz Master	Steven	Barbara	
Table Topics	Brian		Nand
Speech #1	Pat	Doug	Mari
#2	Nand	Marjorie	
#3	Nancy	Nand	
#4	Amy	Margaret F.	
#5			
General Eval.			
Evaluator #1	Nand		
#2	Pat		
#3			
#4			
#5			
Absent			

Congratulations go to Amy and Nancy for producing our Award-Winning Newsletter and Web site! The Edge won Honorable Mention and our Web site won 3rd Place in the District 46 2001-2002 contests. See <http://www.46toast.org/>.

Distinguished Club Program: We need everyone who possibly can to finish their educational level before June 30. If you are close to your CTM or ATM, schedule your final speeches now! June will provide plenty of opportunities to speak, as we are again sponsoring SpeechCraft for BNL's summer students.

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.

Members' Progress Report

Member	Speeches completed	Achievements
Pat A.	2	ATM-B
Brian B.	6	CTM
Margaret C.		CTM
Bill D.	7	
Ronnie E.	3	DTM
Margaret F.	4	DTM
Mario F.		
Amy H.	9	CTM
Benny H.	9	
Barbara K.	1	
Doug K.		
Marjorie L.	1	
Beth L.	1	ATM-G
Nancy M.	7	ATM-B
Joe M.		
Nand N.	7	ATM-G
Marc N.		
Mari R.	5	
Steve S.	1	
Zhen-Hui Z.	1	