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September 25, 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**  
<http://www.bnl.gov/bera/activities/toastmstrs/default.htm>

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## Upcoming Events

Tues. Oct 1<sup>st</sup>                    5:30 Meeting  
Tues. Oct 15<sup>st</sup>                5:30 Meeting  
Tues. Oct 22<sup>st</sup>                12:00 Meeting

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## Officers 2002-03

**President:**  
Nancy Manning

**VP Education:**  
Brian Boyer

**VP Membership:**  
Pat Astre

**VP Public Relations:**  
Benny Hooda

**Secretary:**  
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**Webmaster:**  
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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.**

## Meeting on September 17, 2002

We had our club contest on September 17 for Humorous Speech and Table Topics.

As Brian was the only contestant in Humorous Speech he was an easy winner. His speech was entitled "Fremden Sprecher" (foreign speaker) and told of his adventures in Austria as a foreigner. He told how he interpreted the phrase on a sign in the train station - "Fuer Hygiene und Sauberkeit - Bitte, die Tauben nicht Fuettern" - to mean "For hygiene and cleanliness - please do not put your feet on the bench". It really meant "For hygiene and cleanliness - please do feed the pigeons". In the Table Topics Margaret Foster won and Brian was second.

As the contest ended early. M. Jung gave her Icebreaker Speech. She did a wonderful job.



**A Sad Viennese Excuse for Dancing and Culture: No Real American Would Forsake His T-Shirt, Watery Beer, and Cable TV for This Evening!**

## Area 63 Humorous Speech and Table Topics - September 24, 2002

BNL Toastmasters hosted the Area 63 Humorous Speech and Table Topics contest on September 24 in the Biology Auditorium.

BNL Toastmasters did well in this event.

Pat Astre's speech "Good Ideas - Bad Ideas" took first in the Humorous Speech Contest. He told of growing up in Brooklyn and how he put tadpoles in the Holy Water in his parish church to the astonishment of the parishioners. After confusing this sin in the "Box", he got a penance greater than that for breaking all Ten Commandments at once standing on his head.

Brian Boyer got second with a spirited retelling of his adventures in Europe entitled "Achtung, Auslander" (Attention, Foreigner). He remarked that while America has such giants as Elvis and Chuck Berry, Vienna was stuck with losers like Beethoven and Mozart. How can you let it rip on the dance floor to "Eine Kleine Nachtmusik"?

In the Table Topics Paul Baker of BSC club got first with Margaret Foster taking second and Brian third.

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***BNL Toastmasters Regular Meeting Schedule***

Date	October 1	October 15	October 22
Theme	S'Kool Days (Memories)	Fall Colors	Fall Colors
<b>TMOD</b>	Brian		
<b>Joke</b>			
<b>Word</b>			
<b>Timer</b>			
<b>Ah counter/ Grammarian</b>			
<b>Quiz Master</b>			
<b>Table Topics</b>			
<b>Speech #1</b>	M. Jung		
<b>#2</b>	Ronnie E.		
<b>#3</b>	Mari		
<b>#4</b>			
<b>#5</b>			
<b>General Eval.</b>			
<b>Evaluator #1</b>	Steve		
<b>#2</b>			
<b>#3</b>			
<b>#4</b>			
<b>#5</b>			
<b>Educational</b>			

**September 17:** Club Humorous Speech and Table Topics Contest. Speakers and judges are needed!

**September 24:** Area 64 Humorous Speech and Table Topics Contest will be held at BNL at 7:00 PM. Let's be gracious hosts and have a strong turnout for this event.

**Educational Goals:** Now is the time to set your educational goals for the year ahead. Plan to complete the next educational level by June 30, schedule your speeches and projects accordingly.

**Meeting Roles:** All members should try their hand at serving in **all** capacities at our meetings. Remember, we expect you to be TMOD and General Evaluator at least twice before getting your CTM. As with everything else, it does get easier with experience.

***Membership Roster***

Name
1. Pat Astre
2. Brian Boyer
3. Margaret Conover
4. Bill Dunn
5. Ronnie Evans
6. Margaret Foster
7. Mario Fuschetti
8. Amy Halsted
9. Benny Hooda
10. Barbara Klein
11. Doug Klein
12. Marjorie Lamb
13. Beth Lin
14. Nancy Manning
15. Joe Montalto
16. Nand Narain
17. Marc Newmark
18. Mari Rubin
19. Steven Stein
20. Zilu Xu
21. Zhen-Hui Zhang

***Members' Progress Report***

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