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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 April 16

5:30 Meeting

Theme: Italy

Tues, April 23

Quarterly NOON meeting, Berkner Hall

Officers 2001-02

President:

Margaret Foster

VP Education:

Nancy Manning

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VP Public Relations:

Margaret Conover

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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.

2 April Meeting

Humor was the theme of the 2 April meeting. Our president, Margaret Foster, opened the meeting and Amy Halsted was toastmaster of the day. We had two guests, Steve and Susan Minion. Marjorie Lamb came back to the club and she's a new member. Welcome, Marjorie! Beth Lin announced that at the recent District 46 contest, Pat Astre won the humorous speech competition and Margaret Conover won the evaluation contest. Congratulations, Pat and Margaret, and good luck at the next level of competition.

Amy noted that humor has great power, to heal, unite, communicate and break the ice. Margaret Conover gave us *facsimile* as the word of the day. Margaret F. took the podium back to deliver table topics. Her questions were about our experiences with humor and humorous or funny experiences we've had.

Two speakers gave talks after the break. Zhen Hui Zhang gave her ice breaker speech and we marveled at the intellectual and geographical journey she has made in her life so far. Born in China, she left home to go to school at a young age. She has pursued higher education in physics and a PhD in the United States. Zhen Hui's clear enunciation and her calm demeanor made for a very successful ice breaker. We can't wait to hear more from her!

Amy spoke next, with the "moral of the story" assignment from the Story Telling advanced manual. She told about a trip she took to the

Philadelphia zoo to see the giant South American otters, the only ones in the United States. Despite advance planning and inquiry, the otters weren't visible when she first arrived at the zoo, but a polite request for help to a zoo curator brought a special "back stage" visit with Banjo and Rio, the two beautiful otters. The thrilling experience taught Amy several things: to learn from her successes as well as her failures, the importance of pursuing her interests, and that things sometimes work out MUCH better than expected

Ronnie Evans was general evaluator. She noted that the meeting had moved along briskly. Quizmaster Bill tested our listening ability, and he also gave the Timer's report. Mari was Ah Counter and she gave us the bad news very gently. Ronnie turned the podium back to Amy, who asked Margaret Foster for the winner of table topics. Mari's dry humor and sharp observations made her the winner. Margaret Foster closed the meeting.

The Pledge of Allegiance: After September 11, we spontaneously started inviting members and guests to say the Pledge of Allegiance at the beginning of each of our meetings. The Pledge has a deep and emotional meaning to many people, especially at this time in US history. We do want everyone to know, however, that participating in saying the Pledge is purely voluntary. Some members and guests are not US citizens and some citizens may not subscribe wholeheartedly to all the statements in the Pledge. Tolerance and acceptance of differences is a cherished and important part of American life.



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BNL Toastmasters Regular Meeting Schedule

Date	April 16	April 23 NOON	May 7
Theme	Italy	Better Speaking	Leftovers
TMOD	Ronnie	Nancy	
Joke			
Word			
Timer			
Ah counter	Zhen-Hui		
Grammarian			
Table Topics	Amy	Beth	
Speech #1	Marjorie	Pat	Marjorie
#2	Zhen-Hui		Beth
#3	Bill		
#4	Margaret F.		
#5			
General Eval.		Ronnie	
Evaluator #1		Margaret F.	
#2			
#3			
#4			
#5			
Quiz Master			
Absent	Beth, Nand	Beth, Brian, Margaret C.	

We welcome new members Brian Boyer, Marjorie Lamb, and Steven Stein. Brian is a past member of our club who has been out of the country the past several years. We're glad to have you back, Brian!

Mentoring Program: Assignments will be given out at the April 16th meeting and time will be allotted for the initial Mentor/Mentee discussion.

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.		CTM
Margaret C.		CTM
Bill D.	6	
Ronnie E.	3	DTM
Margaret F.	3	DTM
Mario F.		
Amy H.	8	CTM
Benny H.	9	
Barbara K.		
Doug K.		
Marjorie L.		
Beth L.		ATM-G
Nancy M.	7	ATM-B
Nand N.	7	ATM-G
Marc N.		
Mari R.	4	
Steve S.		
Zhen-Hui Z.	1	