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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 July 2 nd	5:30 Meeting	Theme: American History
Tues July 16	5:30 Gazebo Meeting	Theme: My Favorite Things
Tues July 23	Noon Meeting	

Officers 2001-02

President:
Margaret Foster

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Nancy Manning

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Margaret Conover

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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.

18 June Meeting

The 18 June meeting had a cheerful theme: 100 Reasons Why Life is Great. Pat Astre was TMOD and he asked attendees to preface any statements they might make during the meeting with one or more of these reasons. We had a Speedcraft member, Becky Currell, in attendance, and also Yoshio, a guest of Mari Rubin's. Steve Stein was Jokemaster and his shaggy dog story about a wild cowboy in a saloon had some memorable images! Bryan Boyer stepped in as Table Topics master, and his questions built on the theme of life being great. Ain't it though?

Nand gave an educational presentation on the delicate art of introducing a speaker. An introduction needs to include the speaker's name (more than once), the topic, and a word or two about the speaker's qualifications. It should not include effusive praise of the speaker or reveal too much of the speech content. Margaret Foster followed with another educational presentation, this one on evaluation. Helping speakers improve is what Toastmasters is about, and evaluation is an important part of it. Evaluations should have a balance of praise and suggestions for improvement. Personalizing comments with phrases such as "It seems to me....I thought... Perhaps..." softens the commentary and helps to keep it constructive.

Becky spoke next with her ice breaker. We were impressed with the amount of traveling she has done in her young life and with her accomplishments and determination as well. Her speech was delivered smoothly and it left us wanting to hear more from her in her next one.

Ronnie was the general evaluator and she invited each evaluator to present. Mari gave the timers report and we learned that Ronnie herself had won for best Table Topics. She turned the podium back to TMOD Pat, who proposed a new program for the club. He urged that we become involved in presenting speeches before outside audiences, such as Rotary, Kiwanis and Elks clubs. Other TM clubs could participate as well. This Toastmasters Speakers Bureau would also be a membership building tool, as each speaker would make a brief statement about the TM Program and its benefits. We will consider this proposal and help Pat develop it further. Margaret Foster closed the meeting.

GAZEBO MEETING: July 16 is the date of the annual Gazebo Meeting and dinner, held outdoors at the picnic pavilion on the BNL Grounds. If you plan to attend this fun and always delicious meeting, please think about what you'd like to cook or bring along and let Amy know. We need: drinking water and soft drinks, chips, a couple of salads, something for dessert, etc. Tentative main dish is charcoal grilled hamburgers, hot dogs and fixings. Yum!

PASSING THE TORCH: This is the last issue of the Edge that we (Amy and Nancy) will be preparing. We both enjoyed our duty and working together. Brian Boyer has agreed to take on the responsibility of keeping members in the loop, and he may want to change the methods or format. We thank him and offer him our support.

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BNL Toastmasters Regular Meeting Schedule

Date	July 2	July 16	July 23
Theme	American History	My Favorite Things Gazebo Meeting	NOON
TMOD	Beth	Beth	
Joke	Pat		
Word	Steve		
Timer	Steve	Nancy	
Ah counter/ Grammarians			
Quiz Master			
Table Topics	Nand		
Speech #1	Becky	Becky	
#2	Doug	Nancy	
#3	Joe	Marjorie	
#4	Zilu		
#5	Mari		
General Eval.	Brian		
Evaluator #1	Beth		
#2	Becky	Becky	
#3	Pat		
#4	Brian		
#5	Amy		
Educational	Ronnie		

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

Gazebo Meeting: July 16 will be our annual picnic meeting in the Gazebo on the BNL recreational field. Please plan to bring a dish to share. We will honor members who have earned new educational levels this year and install the 2002-2003 officers. This is always an exciting meeting - plan to join us!

Mentees/Mentors: Don't forget to make a few minutes to meet with each other. Maybe plan to come a bit early to the next meeting. Remember, mentors should be helping their mentees through their first 3 speeches.

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.	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.	9	ATM-G
Marc N.		
Mari R.	5	
Steve S.	1	
Zilu X.		
Zhen-Hui Z.	1	

