
1 March 2001



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 March 5 5:30 Meeting and Auction
Tues March 19 5:30 Meeting

Theme: Friendship
Theme: Marriage

Officers 2001-02 19 February 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.

The 19 February meeting was the annual international speech and evaluation contest. President Foster began the meeting and welcomed participants and a guest, Steve Stein. Joe Landry, president of Suffolk Toastmasters, visited our meeting and served as a judge of the speech portion of the contest. As Contest Chair, Bill Dunn opened the event and asked Chief Judge Amy Halsted to explain the rules. That done, the three contestants made their speeches, in order determined by random draw.

Margaret Conover went first, and her topic was how to get the most out of competition, no matter where you place at the end. This well-delivered and convincing speech earned Margaret her Competent Toastmaster award. Congrats, Margaret! Benny Hooda was the next speaker. His speech was about the scourge of performance enhancing drugs used by athletes. A surprising number of positive drug tests came up at the recent Olympics. Benny argued that an athlete has no rightful claim to any medal or prize gained by the use of these drugs. Pat Astre was the third contestant. He pumped us up by encouraging us not to accept limits placed on us by ourselves or anyone else. Aim high, believe in yourself and what you are doing, and the rest will follow, Pat urged. After each speech, judges were given a minute to mark their ballots, and after the speeches were finished we had a short intermission, during which the ballot counters did their work.

In Mario's absence, we were lacking a target speaker for the evaluation contest. At Bill's request, Joe Landry stepped brilliantly to the plate and delivered an excellent, off the cuff speech on how to survive graduate school. After Joe spoke,

the evaluators (Pat, Benny, both Margarets and Mari) left the room and the contestants had five minutes to prepare their evaluations. In order of random draw, they re-entered the room one by one and gave their presentations. Ballot counters went to work again, while Beth Lin interviewed the contestants. Bill called the meeting back to order, and announced that Pat had won the speech contest and Margaret Foster had edged out the competition in the evaluation contest. Awards were presented, congratulations and acknowledgments made, pictures taken, and then President Foster closed the meeting. Undoubtedly, all contestants were winners in that they benefited from the competition and seemed to enjoy it. Well done!

MARCH 5 AUCTION: At the March 5 meeting, we will hold an auction to raise funds towards our new speech timer. If you can, bring an auctionable item to the meeting and a few dollars if you want to bid on the other contributions. The auction will be done in a table topics mode. Don't miss this fun, special and helpful event!

DUES: Once again it's time to pay dues. Send your \$25.50 check, made out to Brookhaven Toastmasters, to our faithful Treasurer Ronnie Evans, 26 Williams Ave., Holtsville, NY 11742.

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BNL Toastmasters Regular Meeting Schedule

Date	March 5 <i>AUCTION</i>	March 19	April 2
Theme	Friendship	Marriage	Humor
TMOD			
Joke	Amy		
Word	Doug		
Timer			
Ah counter	Barbara		
Grammarian			
Table Topics	Nancy		
Speech #1	Marc	Mario	
#2	Bill	Mari	
#3	Benny		
#4	Amy		
#5			
General Eval.	Nand		
Evaluator #1	Margaret C.		
#2			
#3			
#4			
#5			
Quiz Master			
Absent	Pat, Mario	Margaret F.	

Speech Contest: Congratulations to our contest winners, Pat Astre and Margaret Foster! Check our web site for some photos of the event. Be sure to come cheer them on at the Area Speech Contest to be held March 28, 7:00 PM at the Brookhaven Town Recreation Center, by Hawkins and Wireless Rd.

We congratulate our Club's newest CTM, Margaret Conover. Also, congratulations to Beth Lin who just completed her 6th CTM.

Executive Meeting: will be held following the March 5 meeting. Officers should plan to attend, and all other members are invited as well.

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.	1	ATM-B
Susan C.	5	
Margaret C.		CTM
Bill D.	5	
Ronnie E.	3	DTM
Margaret F.	3	DTM
Mario F.		
Anthony G.		
Amy H.	6	CTM
Benny H.	9	
Barbara K.		
Doug K.		
Beth L.		ATM-G
Frank M.		ATM-B
Nancy M.	7	ATM-B
Nand N.	7	ATM-G
Marc N.		
Mari R.	4	