
14 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 19 5:30 Meeting
Tues April 2 5:30 Meeting
Tues April 16 5:30 Meeting

Theme: Marriage
Theme: Humor
Theme: Italy

special "Toasty Tunes" CD that he had created and which he auctioned off.

Nancy stepped in as General Evaluator. Margaret Foster evaluated for Bill. Beth gave the timer's report and Barb the ah counters report. Margaret Foster closed the meeting.

Junk words and audible pauses

Oh, you know, those, um, well, um, filler words or crutch words that the Ah Counter counts? In Toastmasterese, the practice of using these words to fill in the momentary silences in a speech is called "audible pauses" as opposed to silent pauses. At least we know now what they are called, thanks to Nancy Manning. When we are on our feet speaking, it seems necessary to fill in an instant of silence with an um or an ah, but in fact we would be MUCH better speakers without the public speaking equivalent of junk mail. Pay attention to how a great speaker uses silence to get your attention. A pause lets the audience catch up to the speaker and may signal that a new section of a talk is about to begin. Silence is powerful. We should use it to our advantage rather than filling it with words that mean absolutely nothing.

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. Please pay by March 19 so that we can send in the dues to headquarters on time.

Officers 2001-02

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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.

5 March Meeting

GOLLY! What a terrific success our first-ever fund raising auction was! See page two for further details on the auction's outcome.

Margaret Conover was Toastmaster of the Day. We welcomed back Steve Stein, and hope he will join our club, and also Brian Boyer, a former member. We had two guests, Li Wang and Zhen-Hui Zhang. Amy was Jokemaster. Nancy Manning took charge of the auction. There were a number of attractive items donated by members, which were arranged on a table in the back of the room. The auction was conducted in a table topics mode, wherein each member or participant chose an item, described it, and then offered it up for auction. Everybody was marvelously willing, generous and good natured about bidding. Treasurer Ronnie Evans kept track of the items and successful bidders. We devoted more time to this portion of the meeting than we expected to because it went so well and we had so much fun. Marc Newmark, auctioneer extraordinaire, may have missed his true calling! He finished up the remaining items at the end of the event, and kept us all laughing and enthusiastic.

After a break, during which we settled our accounts with the Treasurer, we had an abbreviated speech portion of the meeting. Doug Klein was Wordmaster and he gave us "manifest." Bill Dunn was the speaker and he made some amusing observations about advertising, well supported with a number of examples. He ended with a commercial promoting his own product--a



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BNL Toastmasters Club Web site:

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BNL Toastmasters Regular Meeting Schedule

Date	March 19	April 2	April 16
Theme	Marriage	Humor	Italy
TMOD	Benny		
Joke			
Word	Bill		
Timer			
Ah counter			
Grammarian			
Table Topics	Beth		
Speech #1	Mario	Bill	
#2	Marc	Benny	
#3	Mari	Amy	
#4	Amy		
#5	Pat		
General Eval.	Beth		
Evaluator #1	Bill		
#2	Amy		
#3	Mari		
#4			
#5			
Quiz Master			
Absent	Margaret F.	Mario	

1st Annual Club Auction: Our Club raised a total of \$219! All proceeds will directly benefit our Club. Approximately half went toward our new electronic speech timer which has been ordered. The remainder will buy educational materials and remain in our treasury for future needs.

Educational Talk: Nancy will be giving an educational talk on March 19 on Toastmaster's Mentoring program. There has been interest in establishing a formal mentoring program for our Club, so be sure to come and get on board at the beginning of this exciting new program!

Area Speech Contest: Mark your calendars now to attend the Area Speech Contest to be held March 28, 7:00 PM at the Brookhaven Town Recreation Center, Hawkins and Wireless Rd. Pat Astre and Margaret Foster will be representing our Club - come cheer them on!

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