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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 May 7 5:30 Meeting
Tues May 21 5:30 Meeting
Tues, June 4 5:30 Meeting

Theme: Mothers
Theme: Presidents
Theme: Shakespeare

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Margaret Foster

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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.

16 April Meeting

The theme of the 16 April meeting was Italy. Madama Ronnie Evans was an able and experienced Toastmaster of the Day and also wordmaster, with *ciao* (Italian for hello or goodbye). Thinking about the reputation Italians have for talking with their hands and about the importance of gesture in public speaking, Amy Halsted did Table Topics as a game of charades. Members were good sports about this, especially Bill Dunn who was given *Sex in the City*.

Nancy followed with a presentation on the new mentoring program that the club is starting up. She announced mentoring assignments and the mentor/mentee pairs had a few minutes to talk and make plans. The pairings will last through the mentee's next three speeches.

Bill Dunn spoke first in the speech portion of the meeting. He told members about his enduring passion for modern jazz. He described the pleasures of attending jazz festivals in Saratoga Springs (over many years) and other parts of the country. He mentioned several local venues for hearing jazz, including the annual (and free!) Riverhead Blues Festival. He had a flyer from one of these. He distributed a list of recent releases that he recommended. Finally, he quizzed members for who could list the most modern jazz artists, and the winner, Nancy Manning, received one of Bill's special custom-made CDs.

Mari was the next speaker. She described how her methods of cooking and food storage have evolved. She has incorporated several international cuisines into her repertoire and blended them very successfully and creatively in a Japanese style pizza, which members were happy to sample. She used props well to support her speech: a take out pizza flyer from Japan, a list of western foods popular in Japan and a collection of the finely chopped vegetables that she stores in her freezer. She takes great care not to waste food.

Margaret Foster took the podium next. She showed us a videotaped rehearsal of a prize-winning speech given by a member of another club, followed by some expert evaluation. Margaret led the interesting discussion that followed concerning the speech we'd seen, the evaluators and the difference between public speaking and acting. The importance of a strong beginning that captures the audience's attention was emphasized.

Our general evaluator was Nancy Manning. She asked Quizmaster Barbara Klein to test our listening. Barb's questions were tough but we were up to the task. Margaret evaluated for Bill and he for her; Amy evaluated for Mari. Margaret Foster closed the meeting.



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BNL Toastmasters Regular Meeting Schedule

Date	May 7	May 21	June 4
Theme	Mothers	Presidents	Shakespeare
TMOD			Amy
Joke	Doug		
Word	Barbara		
Timer	Doug		
Ah counter			
Grammarian			
Table Topics			
Speech #1	Marjorie	Steve	Pat
#2	Joe	Barbara	
#3	Bill	Benny	
#4	Brian	Amy	
#5	Beth	Margaret F.	
General Eval.	Amy		
Evaluator #1			
#2			
#3			
#4			
#5			
Quiz Master			
Absent	Benny, Pat		

We welcome newest member Joe Montalto! You will want to hear Joe and Marjorie Lamb give their Ice Breaker speeches on May 7.

The April 23rd Noon Meeting was well-attended. Pat practiced what turned out to be his 1st-place Division F speech! He will go on to compete for District honors May 19 at the District 46 Spring Conference. Congratulations, and good luck, Pat! Two guests joined us, Jody Costa and Mary Campbell. We hope to see you both again soon.

Mentoring Program: Assignments will be reviewed at the next meeting and time will be allotted for brief Mentor/Mentee discussions.

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.	7	
Ronnie E.	3	DTM
Margaret F.	4	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
Joe M.		
Nand N.	7	ATM-G
Marc N.		
Mari R.	5	
Steve S.		
Zhen-Hui Z.	1	