
August 26, 2003



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/>

Upcoming Events

Tues. Sep. 2	5:30 Meeting	Biology Bldg. – <i>Dues are Due!!!!</i>
Tues. Sept. 16	5:30 Humorous Speech & Table Topics Contest	
Tues. Sep. 30	5 th Tuesday – Possible Speakout	Biology Bldg.
Tues. Oct. 7	5:30 Meeting	Biology Bldg.

Officers 2003-04

President:
Nancy Manning

VP Education:
Beth Lin

VP Membership:
Pat Astre

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Margaret Foster

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Ronnie Evans

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Zilu Wu

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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.

August 19th Meeting

A lively meeting was held on this warm summer evening. It was warm outdoors, but the meeting room was warm this evening as well because the thermostat was not working properly. Nevertheless, it was a fun and interesting meeting. The theme was *Fortune*.

The TMOD was Ronnie Evans. Two impromptu jokes were offered by Beth Lin and Ronnie Evans. Zilu Wu was word master and timer. Margaret Foster was general evaluator.

The table topics master was Nancy Manning. In keeping with the theme, Nancy handed out Fortune cookies to everyone and asked them to open their fortune cookies, read the fortunes inside and expound upon them. Nancy, ever the good sport, agreed to do this too!

Three speeches were presented. The first speech from the Basic manual was given by Jim Green. In his speech entitled **Choices**, Jim explained how the choices we have made during our lifetimes have brought us to the point at which we are today. He urged us to make our choices carefully, because if we don't, life has a way of making choices for us. Zilu Wu evaluated.

The second speech, given by Beth Lin, was also from the Basic manual. The title was **I Have a Plan for You**. Beth explained that as a result of club officer training, she made the decision to modify the way in which we will fill roles for our meetings. Beth, as Vice President of Education, explained how she plans to prepare the schedule of meetings for three months, having each role of the meeting assigned to a member prior to the meeting. She showed us a comparison of the current schedule with only a few names entered and one she had completed with all roles assigned. Her speech was evaluated by Nancy Manning. There was further discussion about the way in which the club will implement this plan.

The third speech from the Advanced manual was given by Ronnie Evans. This was a reading from **Artemus Ward in London** by Charles Farrar Browne. Ronnie attempted to read this with a mild southern accent to reflect the way it was written. Brian Boyer evaluated.

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The Club Humorous Speech and Table Topics Contest will be held on Tuesday, September 16, 2003.

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BNL Toastmasters Regular Meeting Schedule

Date	August 5	August 19	Sept. 2
Theme	Human Body		
TMOD	Beth	Ronnie	
Joke			
Word	Beth		
Timer			
Ah counter/ Grammarians	Jim Green		
Quiz Master			
Table Topics	Beth		
Speech #1	Ronnie	Jim	
#2	Beth	Pat	
#3	Jim	Beth	
#4		Ronnie	
#5			
General Eval.			
Evaluator #1	Margaret F.		
#2	Jim		
#3	Beth		
#4			
#5			
Educational			

Club Humorous and Table Topics Contest

The date is September 16th! Please compete if you wish. If you do not compete, there are other roles you can fill, such as contest chair, chief judge, judge, ballot counter, timer or sgt. at arms. Contact VPE, Beth Lin for further information.

Toastmasters - please make a note that semi-annual dues are due at the next meeting!!! Please bring a check in the amount of \$25.50 payable to BNL Toastmasters.

Thank You!!

Members' Progress Report

Member	Speeches completed	Highest Educational Level
Pat A.	10	ATM-B
Brian B.	9	CTM
Margaret C.	6	CTM
Ronnie E.	8(ATMB2)	DTM, CTM6
Margaret F.	3 (ATM-B3) 7 (CTM)	DTM, ATM-B2, CTM4
Jim G.	2	
Amy H.	5	ATM-B
Beth L.	8 (CTM)	DTM, ATM-B2, CTM7
Nancy M.	2 (CTM)	ATM-S, CL
Craig M.	7	
Nand N.	2	ATM-G, CL, CTM2
Mari R.	9	
Zilu W.	3	