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July 3, 2003



# The Edge



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**BNL Toastmasters, Club 8069, District 46**  
**Meetings are held the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 5:30 PM**  
**Biology Building 463, Brookhaven National Laboratory, Upton, NY 11973**  
<http://www.bnl.gov/bera/activities/toastmstrs/>

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## Upcoming Events

Tues. July 15	5:30 Gazebo Party/Meeting	BNL Softball Field Installation of Officers
Tues. Aug. 5	5:30 Meeting	Biology Bldg.
Sat. Aug. 2	9AM-12 Noon	TLI – Club Officer Training at BNL
Tues. Aug. 15	5:30 Meeting	Biology Bldg.

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## Officers 2003-04

### President:

Nancy Manning

### VP Education:

Beth Lin

### VP Membership:

Pat Astre

### VP Public Relations:

Margaret Foster

### Secretary:

Ronnie Evans

### Treasurer:

Ronnie Evans

### Sergeant at Arms:

Zilu Wu

### Newsletter Editors:

R. Evans, N. Manning

### Webmaster:

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.**

## July 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting

The theme of the meeting was FREEDOM in honor of Independence Day. Throughout the meeting, TMOD Ronnie Evans read about the fate of the brave signers of the Declaration of Independence.

Craig served as Jokemaster and Wordmaster, and Zilu was Timer. Amy ran the evaluation portion of the meeting as General Evaluator.

Pat made everyone move out of their comfort zone with zany Table Topics questions. Nancy extolled the virtues of having a new spiked hairdo and joining a punk rock band. Ronnie told why she left her family to go off with a goat herder named Oozmoo. Craig explained why he sold non-contributors of his fundraiser to South Americans. Zilu described how he would incorporate Toastmasters in his bid to become Pope in three years. Margaret F. attempted to talk her way out of her part in removing valuable relics from a Baghdad museum. The winner was Amy who raved about how freeing it was for her to have tattoos and piercings on her face!!

Three speeches were presented. The first speech, A Play, from the Interpretive Reading manual, was given by Pat Astre. The title was **A Modern American Political Campaign.**

Pat, reading the parts of an announcer, and two candidates, Bob Humpty and Bill Dumpty, gave a colorful performance. The action centered around the characters' outrageous political campaigns against each other, which escalated until neither of them received any votes. Amy Halsted evaluated.

The second speech, given by Nancy Manning, was from the Basic manual, Speak with Sincerity. The title was **The Gift of Life.** Nancy explained the entire process of donating blood, and gave good reasons to do so. She personalized it with her own experience and asked the audience to consider giving this precious gift. Craig Marcott evaluated.

The third speech was a Special Occasion Speech, Accepting an Award, given by Ronnie Evans, entitled **Thank You Troop 568.** Ronnie thanked her girl scout troop for giving her a special gift at the end of the scouting year. Margaret Foster evaluated.

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*Remember our annual Gazebo meeting on July 15 th at the famous Gazebo near the softball fields at BNL. It will be a fun outdoor meeting with great food. Please let Nancy know what you will bring. Be sure to bring a guest too!!*

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***BNL Toastmasters Regular Meeting Schedule***

Date	July 1	July 15 Gazebo Mtg.	August 5
Theme	Freedom		
TMOD	Ronnie	Craig	
Joke			
Word	Craig		
Timer			
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Quiz Master			
Table Topics	Pat	Pat	
Speech #1	Kathy	Ronnie	
#2	Craig	Pat	
#3	Pat	Beth	
#4	Nancy		
#5	Ronnie		
General Eval.			
Evaluator #1			
#2			
#3			
#4			
#5			
Educational			

**BNL Toastmasters are planning a firecracker year! You won't want to miss this one!**

**Annual Gazebo Meeting:** July 15 will be our special picnic meeting. New officers for 2003-2004 will be installed. We will meet at the BNL picnic gazebo. Casual dress is encouraged. Guests are welcome.

**Directions:** After passing the guard booth proceed to the traffic light and make a left turn onto Upton Road. Remain on Upton Road to the light, turn right on Brookhaven Avenue. Go straight until you pass the baseball field, then you'll see the covered picnic tables on your right.



***Have a Happy and Safe***

***4th of July!***

***Members' Progress Report***

Member	Speeches completed	Highest Educational Level
Pat A.	9	ATM-B
Brian B.	9	CTM
Margaret C.	6	CTM
Ronnie E.	6 (ATM-B)	DTM, CTM6
Margaret F.	3 (ATM-B3) 7 (CTM)	DTM, ATM-B2, CTM4
Amy H.	5	ATM-B
Beth L.	5 (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	