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March 31, 2004



# 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

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|---------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Tues. Apr. 6, 2004  | 5:30 PM Meeting                     | Biology Bldg. 463               |
| Tues. Apr. 20, 2004 | 5:30 PM Charter Celebration Meeting | Biology Bldg. 463               |
| Tues. May 4, 2004   | 5:30 PM Meeting                     | Biology Bldg. 463               |
| Wed. May 5, 2004    | Division F Contest                  | - further information to follow |

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## Officers 2003-04

**President:**  
Nancy Manning

**VP Education:**  
Beth Lin

**VP Membership:**  
Margaret Foster

**VP Public Relations:**  
Pat Astre

**Secretary:**  
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Ronnie Evans

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Zilu Wu

**Newsletter Editor:**  
Ronnie Evans

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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.

## Recent Meetings

The meeting of **March 2<sup>nd</sup>** on a very cold and snowy evening was warm and cheery. The theme was Hobbies. **Ronnie Evans** was TMOD. For table topics, **Ronnie** asked everyone to bring in samples of their hobbies and we had a show-and-tell event!! Three speeches were given. **Zilu Wu** added impact to his speech entitled *To the Great Society*. **Beth Lin** evaluated. **Pat Astre**, delivered a Better Speaking Series module, encouraging us to *Take the Terror Out of the Talk*. **Margaret Foster** evaluated. **Nancy Manning** re-enacted the Oscars using vocal variety in *An Evening with Oscar*. **Vinnie Linkletter** got his feet wet with his first-time evaluation of **Nancy's** speech. **Beth Lin** was general evaluator. **Amy Halsted** was quizmaster. One guest **Greg Pfeiffer** served as timer. Other guests were **Yongbin Leng**, and **Ruber Sanchez** who both joined after the meeting. *Welcome Yongbin and Ruber!!*

Our **March 16<sup>th</sup>** meeting was cancelled due to a snowstorm. On **March 30<sup>th</sup>** the speakout turned into a regular meeting. **Amy Halsted** served as TMOD. **Amy**, also one of the speakers, completed the speech project Introduce the Speaker, from the Specialty Speeches Manual. **Amy** gave excellent introductions as TMOD, demonstrating what

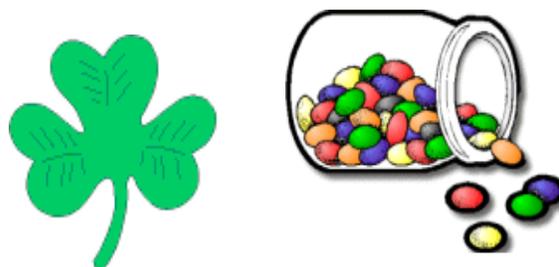
we should all strive to do when we take on the role of TMOD. **Pat Astre** evaluated. **Pat** completed his ATM-S with his speech *Announcement* from The Entertaining Speaker manual. *Congratulations Pat!* **Nand Narain** evaluated. **Nancy Manning** took us on a trip to Williamsburg in her speech *Come with Me to Colonial America*. **Beth Lin** evaluated. **Ronnie Evans** completed her CL with the Leadership Excellence Series module **Goal Setting and Planning**. **Nand Narain** served as general evaluator. **Beth Lin's** table topics were questions pertaining to the virtue Patience. One guest, **Greg Pfeiffer**, said he will join next time and give his Ice Breaker. Way to go, **Greg!** Our other guest was **Nancy Feng**.

## LOOKING AHEAD

**Our club is celebrating its 13<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this April. A Charter Celebration Party/Meeting is planned. There will be great refreshments. As always, guests are gladly welcome.**  
**Please note the date and time:**  
**April 20, 2004 5:30 PM**

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*Scenes of March / April*



***BNL Toastmasters Regular Meeting Schedule***

| Date                       | Mar 30, 2004        | Apr 6, 2004   | Apr 20, 2004        |
|----------------------------|---------------------|---------------|---------------------|
| Theme                      | Presenting Speeches |               | Charter Celebration |
| TMOD                       | Amy Halsted         | Nancy Manning | Ronnie Evans        |
| Joke                       |                     | Beth          | Pat                 |
| Word                       |                     |               |                     |
| Timer                      | Nancy               |               |                     |
| Ah counter/<br>Grammarians |                     |               |                     |
| Quiz Master                |                     | Beth          |                     |
| Table Topics               | Beth                |               |                     |
| Speech #1                  | Nancy               | Greg          | Ruber               |
| #2                         | Pat                 | Zilu          | Jim                 |
| #3                         | Ronnie              | Pat           | Megumi              |
| #4                         | Amy                 | Amy           | Nancy               |
| #5                         |                     | Nand          | Pat                 |
| #6                         |                     |               |                     |
| General Eval.              | Nand                | Pat A.        |                     |
| Evaluator #1               | Beth                | Ronnie        | Margaret            |
| #2                         | Nand                |               | Beth                |
| #3                         | --                  |               | Amy                 |
| #4                         | Pat                 |               | Brian               |
| #5                         |                     |               |                     |
| #6                         |                     |               |                     |
| Educational                |                     |               |                     |
| Will be absent             |                     |               | Nand                |

***Division F Contest***

***We congratulate Pat Astre and Zilu Wu on their success in the Area 65 International Speech and Evaluation Contest. They both will go on to compete in the Division F Contest on May 5<sup>th</sup>. Please plan to attend this contest and support your fellow club members. Further details to be announced.***

***Members' Progress Report***

| Member      | Speeches completed    | Highest Educational Level |
|-------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| Pat A.      | ATM-G                 | ATM-B, ATM-S              |
| Brian B.    | 9                     | CTM                       |
| Margaret C. | 6                     | CTM                       |
| Chen        | (CTM)                 |                           |
| Ronnie E.   | 1 (CL)                | DTM, ATM-B2,CTM6          |
| Margaret F. | 3 (ATM-B3)<br>7 (CTM) | DTM, ATM-B2, CTM4         |
| Jim G.      | 2 (ATM)               | CTM                       |
| Megumi H.   | 3                     |                           |
| Amy H.      | 7                     | ATM-B                     |
| Beth L.     | 1 (CL)                | DTM, ATM-B2, CTM8         |
| Vinnie L.   | 3 (CTM)               |                           |
| Nancy M.    | 7 (CTM)               | ATM-S, CL                 |
| Craig M.    | (ATM)                 | CTM                       |
| Nand N.     | 6                     | ATM-G, CL, CTM2           |
| Ruber S.    | (CTM)                 |                           |
| Zilu W.     | 6 (CTM)               |                           |