
January 28, 2005



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. Feb. 1, 2005	5:30 PM Meeting	Biology Bldg. 463, Room # 160
Tues. Feb. 15 2005	5:30 PM Club Contest	Biology Bldg. 463, Room # 160
Tues. Mar. 1, 2005	5:30 PM Meeting	Biology Bldg. 463, Room # 160
Tues. Mar. 15, 2005	5:30 PM Meeting	Biology Bldg. 463, Room # 160

2003–2004 President's Distinguished Club!

Officers 2004-05

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Beth Lin

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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.

It has been a while since our last Edge, so here is a brief update of what has happened since then.

Our Holiday Party was a great success, with 19 present, a delicious meal (thank you Amy!), original poetry (thank you Margaret!), and a surprise visit from Santa herself! See page 3 for Margaret's poem and some pictures taken by Guangming.

We extend a warm welcome to our newest members, Trish Mesmer and Ying Chang. As a club we will do all we can to help you reach your goals.

Many members have been giving speeches and evaluations as they work toward their next educational levels. Guangming earned his 1/5 CTM, and Ying has already given two speeches and presented Table Topics. Congratulations to both!

Our Feb. 15th meeting will be the Club International Speech and Evaluation Contest. We need contestants, judges, timers, and a target speaker. Please contact VPE [Amy Halsted](#) to sign up. Remember, winners will then compete in the Area Contest. This is a terrific opportunity to put your newfound skills to the test! To be eligible for the speech contest, a member must have given at least 6

manual speeches. All members may compete in the evaluation contest.

Would you like to come to noontime meetings on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month? We've been asked to hold these extra meetings to accommodate more speakers and as a convenience for on-site members. Please voice your opinion on this matter, and let our President [Beth Lin](#) know if you would attend these noon meetings.

Our Club might sponsor a speech contest for the Asian Pacific American Association (a BNL club) during Asian Pacific American Heritage Month in May. This special event would provide our members a unique leadership opportunity, spread the word of Toastmasters and perhaps gain new members, and provide many with an opportunity to speak to an audience. The month's theme is **Salute to Liberty**.

We'll be discussing all these things and more at the next meeting, so plan to join us!

Missing: Bull Thrower Award Statue

Whoever is the current holder of the Table Topics trophy, please be sure to return it to the club! New winners would like the honor of having temporary custody of our highly-esteemed statue.

BNL Toastmasters Club Web site:

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BNL Toastmasters Regular Meeting Schedule

Date	Feb. 1	Feb. 15	March 1
Theme	Making Winter Work	Speech Contests	
TMOD	Nancy		
Joke	Pat		
Word			
Timer	Guangming		
Ah counter/ Grammarians			
Quiz Master			
Table Topics	Beth		
Speaker #1	Ying		
#2	Guangming		
#3	Pat		
#4	Beth		
#5			
#6			
General Eval.	Amy		
Evaluator #1	Beth		
#2	Aimee		
#3	Pat		
#4			
#5			
#6			
Educational			
Will be absent			



Attention Officers: Winter training will be held soon, possibly Feb. 22, at BNL. Please plan to attend.

Members' Progress Report

This table is not up-to-date. Please give VPE Amy your current status.

Member	Speeches completed and (next goal)	Educational and leadership achievements
Pat A.	2 (ATM-G)	ATM-S
Brian B.	9 (ATM-B)	CTM
Ying C.	2 (CTM)	
Margaret C.	6 (ATM-B)	CTM
Debbie D.	(CTM)	
Ronnie E.	(ATM-S)	DTM, ATM-B2, CTM6
Margaret F.		DTM2
Vicki G.	(ATM-B)	CTM, CL
Jim G.	2 (ATM-B)	CTM
Megumi H.	10 (CTM)	
Amy H.	1 (ATM-G)	ATM-S, CTM
Beth L.	7(CTM9)	DTM, ATM-B2, CTM8
Frank M.	3 (ATM-G?)	ATM-S?
Nancy M.	1 (ATM-G)	ATM-S, CL, CTM2
Craig M.	(ATM)	CTM
Trish M.		
Nand N.	6 (CTM)	ATM-G, CL, CTM2
Aimee S.	2 (CTM)	
Tom W.	2 (CTM)	
Zilu W.	(ATM-B)	CTM
Guangming Z.	5 (CTM)	



A Toastmasters' Celebration

Margaret C. Foster, Dec. 2004

Revised variation on "The Night Before Christmas"

"Tis a night for celebration at Brookhaven Lab
When Toastmasters arrive and begin to gab.

The dishes were set on the table with care,
Knowing that Toastmasters soon would eat there.

This toastmaster was thinking of the year that has passed.
With visions of talks and food and repasts.

With Amy in her apron and our sergeant with a gavel,
The meeting had begun and we wanted to travel.

When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter,
We jumped from our seats to see what was the matter.

Away to the window I flew like a flash,
And then to the door I made such a dash.

The moon was bright on the new-fallen snow,
And gave the luster of mid-day to objects below,

When, what to my wondering eyes should appear,
A miniature plane pulled by eight tiny reindeer.

With a little old pilot, so lively and slim,
I knew in a moment, it must be our Jim.

More rapid than Delta, his coursers they came,
And copilot Beth called them by name.

"On Pat! now Aimee, now Brian and Guangming,
On Margaret, on Nancy, on Ronnie, and Vicki!

To the top of the District, let us stand tall.
Now dash away, dash away, dash away all!"

As dry leaves that before the wild hurricane fly,
When they meet with an obstacle, mount to the sky.

So to our meeting place, the coursers they flew,
With a plane full of toastmasters and our President, too.

And then in a twinkling, I heard at the door,
A call and a knock, not as of yore.

"There was no chimney, we found another way.
The plane is in the hanger. We are here to stay."

A tray full of goodies, Beth had brought in her pack.
And a year's worth of agendas, she had in her sack.

In the past year, we had such fun.
A better club, there is not one.

Nancy led us to a perfect ten,
President's Distinguished. Let's do it again.

Amy gave us food for nourishment and thought
For evaluation, too, she is highly sought.

Speaking, drawing, and playing instruments,
Beth showed us how and gave us some hints.

Megumi showed us all how to bow.
We can travel to Tokyo now.

In the District contest, Megumi competed
There were many toastmasters, she met and greeted.

Pat and Jim have each written a book
The art of writing, they don't overlook.

Icebreakers we've heard from Tom and Greg
Toward their CTM, they now have a leg.

Frank has convinced us that we should vote
From Zilu and Nand, we have learned things of note.

Welcome to Trish, our newest member
We look forward to your presence in the month of
December.

New members and old, we are pleased when you
come.
We like to hear you talk. No need to keep mum.

Welcome to all toastmasters and every guest,
As we enjoy this holiday fest.

And let us exclaim ere we go out of sight,
"A happy holiday to all, and to all a good night!"

