
October 31, 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. Nov. 1, 2005	5:30 PM Meeting	Biology Bldg. 463, Room # 160
Tues. Nov. 15, 2005	5:30 PM Meeting	Biology Bldg. 463, Room # 160
Tues. Nov. 18, 2005	5:30 PM Meeting	Biology Bldg. 463, Room # 160

2004 – 2005 President's Distinguished Club!

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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.

CONGRATULATIONS to Pat for winning the Division F Humorous Speech Contest! He will compete in the District 46 Contest at the Fall Conference, Nov. 12-13. Good luck, Pat!

CONGRATULATIONS also to Brian for placing 2nd in the District 46 Table Topics Contest!

You bring honor to our Club and we are very proud of both of you.

September 27th Area 65 Speech Contest

BNL Toastmasters hosted the Area 65 Humorous Speech and Table Topic Contest at "BNL Stadium", the large conference room down the hall from our usual meeting room. Contestants were Joyce and Pat for humorous speech and Brian and Pat for table topics. Both humorous speeches were funny with Joyce's topic on men hypnotized into believing they were giving birth. Pat's speech was a takeoff on married life. The table topic question was "If you were in charge of preparing for a disaster here on Long Island, what would you do?" Brian came up with a very good reply (Sorry-can't give you the details as I was quarantined by the sergeant-at-arms, but it must have been good since he won.) Pat was thrown by the question and could only come up with the suggestion that everyone keep a well-stocked wine cellar. Might not save anyone, but it couldn't hurt either.

October 4th meeting

This was one of the most well attended meetings in a long time due to the large number of guests. It was good to see all the seats filled.

The theme of the meeting was **Staying Healthy**, and to celebrate good health we had little

chocolate donuts as snacks. That's like trying to put out a fire with kerosene. Amy did a great job as Table Topic Master and engaged all our guests. It always amazes me when I see people who have only been in this country a short while get up there and speak, especially Asian languages that are so different from ours. Just imagine yourself in China giving a speech in Chinese (not you Beth Lin) after a few months in the country. Our admiration goes to them, well done.

Amy gave the oratorical speech from the Interpretive Reading Manual, Dr. Martin Luther King's famous "I Have a Dream" speech. She did it well with great emotion. Nice job Amy!

Pat rehearsed his humorous speech for the contest, and he would like to thank those who heard it for the third time, for their courtesy in not falling asleep and snoring loudly! (Or maybe they mastered the art of sleeping with their eyes open.)

All in all a great meeting, and we would like to welcome new member **Craig Ferrantino** who joined that night.

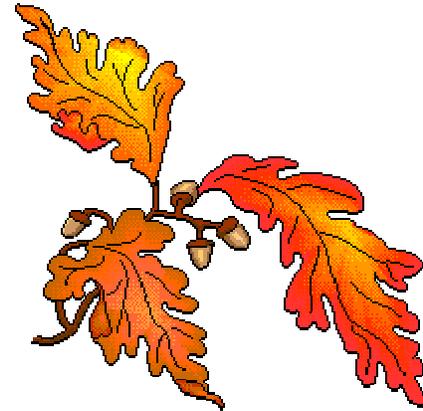
October 18th Meeting

While President Beth Lin was touring China, our VPE Joyce Hansen presided over the meeting. We were all well prepared, in keeping with the meeting's theme, **Be Prepared**. The evening was exciting with 2 guests, Terry Daniels and Michael Degan and 2nd time visitors Nick Lagos who joined, and Gabrielle Adonetti who will join at the next meeting. Welcome to Toastmasters!

October 18th Meeting, continued

There were 3 varied speeches: Amy Halsted interpreted a dramatic scene from a play in which a couple confronted each other as their marriage was crumbling. Nancy gave her 2nd Ice Breaker telling us about some of her plans for the future, and Aimee Sumereau powerfully persuaded us women to ‘smash our boobs’ - to have regular mammograms. This powerful and personal message was timed for the National Breast Cancer Awareness month. Thank you, Aimee. Evaluators were Ronnie, Aimee, and Margaret.

**~ Guest reporter for this issue of The Edge is
Patrick Astre ~~**



BNL Toastmasters Meeting Schedule

Date	Nov. 1	Nov. 15	Nov. 29
Theme			
TMOD			
Joke			
Word			
Timer			
Ah counter/ Grammarians			
Quiz Master			
Table Topics			
Speaker #1			
#2			
#3			
#4			
#5			
#6			
General Eval.			
Evaluator #1			
#2			
#3			
#4			
#5			
#6			
Educational			
Will be absent			

**Our Holiday Party Meeting will be held in early
December, date and time to be announced.**