
September 16, 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. Sept. 20, 2005	5:30 PM Meeting	Biology Bldg. 463, Room # 160
Tues. Sept. 27, 2005	6:30 PM Area 65 Speech Contest	Bio. Bldg. 463, Room # 160
Tues. Oct. 4, 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.

August 30, 2005 Our 2005 Humorous Speech and Table Topics Contest went very well. We thank everyone who took part of the contest. This includes the four judges, Ronnie Evans, Nancy Manning, Guangming Zhou, and Division Governor Chris Koslovsky who came all the way from Bethpage. Timers were Lynn Chang and Sophia Lin, who also counted ballots. Sergeant-at-arms Josephine Alvarado helped to keep the Table Topics contestants out of the contest room while a contestant was giving his or her response to the question. Contest Chair Amy Halsted kept the contest running smoothly. Chief Judge Beth Lin made sure all the rules were followed. There are many roles to be filled when holding an official Toastmasters contest - everyone's help was deeply appreciated.

Four brave contestants competed in the Humorous Speech Contest: Brian Boyer, Joyce Hansen, Lucinda Lin and Pat Astre. The first two winners were: Pat (first), Joyce (second). They will represent our club in the Area Contest to be held September 27. All four speeches were very entertaining, animated, organized, and funny! The Table Topics contestants were Brian, Joyce, and Pat. First place winner was Brian and second place was Pat. Congratulations to the winners and to all contestants - you did it!! Without contestants we definitely could not have a contest! Special congratulations go to Brian for completing his ATM-Bronze.

September 6, 2005 The regular meeting was run by first time TMOD Joyce. Her relaxed nature handled all situations very smoothly. Word for the day, **recapitulate**, was used by Beth, Jennifer, Lynn, and Joyce. Theme of the day was 'As a student'. Table Topics Master was Beth, who began a story about two students then asked the next person to continue the story for 1 to 2 minutes. It was very fun using our imagination to create a story - at the end we almost made a short novel. Jennifer

presented her ice breaker talk which began with a big chunk of ice and a hammer, surprising everyone. Her humor, animated poise and clear pronunciation told so much about her. Jen, we can't wait to hear your second speech! Amy evaluated Jen's speech effectively. Second speaker was Lynn. She showed us an ordinary person could be so extraordinary. She earned a half CTM blue ribbon. Lynn, keep up the good work. Margaret evaluated Lynn's speech motivatingly. Amy did a monologue drama. She read a little section of the play "Our Town" by Thornton Wilder. She incorporated vocal variety and emotional hand gestures in her reading. All the audience members melted in the dramatic story. Lynn evaluated Amy's speech thoroughly. Jen won the Table Topics award. Acting as Quiz Master, Amy asked us some tricky questions. For recapitulation, General Evaluator Margaret gave a final evaluation and suggestion. Meeting ended at 7:00 pm. It was a great meeting, thanks to everyone who showed up to make it so memorable.

The following letter is from departing member and VPE, Guangming Zhou.

Hello everyone,

So nice meeting you in the Toastmaster club. I appreciate everything you've done for me. As Beth told me my first time I attended the meeting, "I am sure you made a good choice." Toastmasters is really very helpful. Both my English and public speaking skills have been improved a lot. Especially, I had a wonderful time with you all, talking, making friends. I will miss those days. I will miss you all. God bless you!

Guangming

Guangming, we will miss you, too. Good luck on your new position, new apartment, and new friends. Open your heart - you will find people just like you.

~~ Guest reporter for this issue of The Edge is Beth Lin ~~

BNL Toastmasters Meeting Schedule

Date	Sept. 20	Sept. 27	Oct. 4
Theme	Nature	Area 65	
TMOD	Amy	Humorous	
Joke		Speech	
Word	Beth	And	
Timer		Table	
Ah counter/ Grammarians		Topics	
Quiz Master		Contest	
Table Topics	Lynn		
Speaker #1	Joyce		
#2	Pat		
#3	Kenn		
#4	Lynn		
#5			
#6			
General Eval.	Nancy		
Evaluator #1			
#2			
#3			
#4			
#5			
#6			
Educational			
Will be absent	Jen		



A special election has been held to fill the position of Vice President for Education upon the departure of Guangming Zhou. Joyce Hansen has been elected to be our new VPE. Congratulations, Joyce!

Dues are now being collected by Treasurer Nancy. Please bring your \$34 semi-annual dues to the Sept. 20 meeting or mail to her by Sept. 22.