
February 21, 2006



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. Mar. 7, 2006	5:30 PM Meeting	Biology Bldg. 463, Room # 160
Tues. Mar. 21, 2006	5:30 PM Meeting	Biology Bldg. 463, Room # 160
Tues. April 4, 2006	5:30 PM Meeting	Biology Bldg. 463, Room # 160

2004 – 2005 President's Distinguished Club!

Officers 2005-06

President:

Beth Lin

VP Education:

Joyce Hansen

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Margaret Foster

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Pat Astre

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Lynn Chang

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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.

January 17th Meeting

We welcomed our newest Toastmaster, Michael Kelly, who introduced himself with his Ice Breaker speech. Pat gave him an encouraging evaluation. Michael also started out the meeting with a joke. There were three more speakers: Joyce, Craig, and Pat, evaluated by Lynn, Nancy, and Margaret. Joyce taught us about the various kinds of handshakes. She pointed out that as Toastmasters, we definitely get lots of practice, but we should aim to do it right. Craig proved to us that since we all lead busy lives, it is very important to make the most out of the few "leisure" hours available to us. Pat had us laughing over the material that he brought in - literally. He has a way of helping us to see the jokes all around us.

Beth Lin was TMOD as well as Presiding Officer, and Nancy served as General Evaluator. Joyce led us in Table Topics, exploring the theme **Reaching the Finish Line**. Beth was voted the best Table Topic Talker. Joyce also counted our Ahs, but that's another story....

In honor of the upcoming Chinese New Year, Beth brought in colorful Chinese decorations for the room and she some yummy Chinese snacks. The Year of the Dog begins on January 29. Happy New Year!

January 3rd Meeting

(Contributed by Beth Lin)

Amy was Toastmaster of the Day. Lynn, Sergeant at Arms, began the meeting by reading the Toastmasters Mission. Presiding Officer Beth

opened the meeting with a New Year's Greeting and welcomed our guest Michael Kelly. Joyce was the Table Topic Master, she entertained us with interesting questions focusing on the Theme of **New Beginnings**. Aimee won for the best Table Topic response.

Three speeches were done, by Joyce, Craig F., and Amy. Joyce's speech was entitled "From the Bottom Up". She encouraged us to read Toastmasters magazine - please do not keep it at the bottom of your magazine pile anymore. There is so much information that will inspire and benefit us in improving our speech presentation. Amy's speech was "Who the heck is Richard Stands". She told us how the Pledge of Allegiance developed to the version of today. She used humor to tell us how one word that means so much to someone could be an insult to another. It was a very informative and humorous speech. Craig talked about IRA's, as someone who knows the subject very well. I am impressed. He gave us a very important message. Am I going to live comfortably when I retire? Remember our retirement period could extend to 30 or 40 years. The retirement money we put aside must stretch that long. What a wake-up call for a New Year's Resolution.

Margaret was the General Evaluator for the evaluation portion. Joyce's speech was evaluated by Aimee, Amy's speech was evaluated by Lynn, and Craig's speech was evaluated by Beth. Word of the day was NEOPHYTE, and it was used by a few people.

BNL Toastmasters Meeting Schedule

Date	Jan. 31	Feb. 7	Feb. 21
Theme	Speakout		Int'l Speech Contest
TMOD			
Joke	Pat		
Word	XXX		
Timer			
Ah counter/ Grammarian			
Quiz Master	XXX		
Table Topics	XXX		
Speaker #1	Pat	Craig	Pat
#2		Nancy	Joyce
#3			
#4			
#5			
#6			
General Eval.			
Evaluator #1			
#2			
#3			
#4			
#5			
#6			
Educational			
Will be absent			

January 3rd Meeting continued.

Quizmaster was our distinguished first time guest Michael Kelly, he took the role so well no one would think he is a NEOPHITE! :-) Michael, we hope to welcome you back to our next meeting.

The meeting began on time and ended on time at a little before 7 pm.

Charter Celebration: April 18 has been reserved for our annual Anniversary Celebration. Bring a friend and help us celebrate 15 years of BNL Toastmasters!