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21 August 2001



# 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 and the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 12:05**

**Biology Building 463, Brookhaven National Laboratory, Upton, NY 11973**

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## Upcoming Events

Tues, Aug 21	5:30 Humorous Speech & Table Topics Contest	Theme : Joke Night
Tues, Aug 28	Noon Meeting	Theme : Games
Tues, Sept 5	5:30 Meeting	Theme:

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## Officers

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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 7 Meeting

The August 7 meeting had a "Planets" theme. We had two visitors, Marjorie Lamb and Benny Hooda, both of whom expect to join the club. We LOVE new members! Welcome, Benny and Marjorie. Benny has experience in another club and is well along on his CTM.

Ronnie was Toastmaster of the Day, and she offered us information at various points in the meeting about the names and nature of the planets in our solar system. She asked Nancy to present Table Topics. Nancy's questions probed our knowledge of the planets. Not all of us were very knowledgeable, but we all responded gamely to Nancy's interesting questions.

Both of the evening's speakers (Amy and Kim) were embarking on their first speeches in advanced manuals, having recently completed the CTM. From the Speaking to Inform Manual, Amy presented "Crate Art, That Great Art." She has a collection of the wooden ends of old fruit crates, bearing interesting, old-fashioned labels. She showed examples of the various themes that typically appear in this crate art: children, American Indians, birds, animals and landscapes. Unfortunately, fruit is shipped with more generic labels now, but there are clubs and websites for people who collect crate art. Amy invited members to stop by her home to see the whole collection.

Kim's speech, from the Speaking to Entertain manual, was entitled "Experience with Extreme Freefall in Six Flags." She had visited the park with her father recently. She described the apparatus and equipment that are used in this ultimate thrill ride. The jumper dons a body harness attached to a frame that helps to keep the body horizontal. A huge structure supports the

platform to which the jumper is hoisted and from which he or she dives. Kim's great body language gave us a very good idea of the feeling of plunging off the platform in free fall, before being caught by the elastic cord. She said that diving was scary but extremely exhilarating too. She conquered her fear and was rewarded by the thrill of the experience. She urged us all to face our fears and reap the rewards. We should all be as fearless and spirited as Kim!

Beth Lin was general evaluator.

Margaret evaluated for Amy and Beth evaluated for Kim. The meeting was briskly run, but without any rushing. Nancy announced a tie for Table Topics. Margaret C. gave the Ah counter's report. Beth gave the podium back to Nancy, who closed the meeting.

Don't miss the Humorous Speech and Table Topics contest on August 21! These contests are conducted with care, to be sure that everyone has a fair chance. They are also fun and exciting.

## IS THERE A TOASTMASTER ON BOARD?

Nancy Manning and Amy Halsted collaborate on the Edge. Nancy does page two and Amy does page one. When one has her part ready, she contacts the other and the newsletter gets pasted together and sent out. Well last week, due to coinciding vacations, the two failed to connect. Neither was sure where the other was or when the newsletter would be sent. No problem! Amy boarded the Port Jefferson-Bridgeport ferry on Friday morning, and ran right into Nancy--who had just tried to call Amy! They conferred conveniently, and wished each other a nice weekend. Talk about synchronicity!

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**BNL Toastmasters Regular Meeting Schedule**

Date	August 21 Humorous Speech & TT Contest	August 28 NOON	Sept. 18
Theme	Joke Night	Games	Leadership
TMOD		Nancy	Amy
Joke	Pat		
Word			
Timer			
Ah counter			Margaret C.
Grammarians			Margaret C.
Table Topics			Pat
Speech #1	Bill D.		Pat
#2	Pat		
#3	Frank		
#4	Margaret C.		
#5			
General Eval.		Nand	
Evaluator #1			
#2			
#3			
#4			
#5			
Quiz Master			
Absent			

**Members' Progress Report**

Member	Speeches completed	Achievements
Pat A.	6	CTM
Bill B.		
Susan C.	5	
Margaret C.	6	
Bill D.	1	
Ronnie E.	2	DTM
John F.		
Margaret F.	1	DTM
Anthony G.		
Amy H.	1	CTM
Benny H.		
Beth L.	2	ATM-G
Patty L.	5	
Frank M.		ATM-B
Nancy M.	5	ATM-B
Nand N.	4	ATM-G
Kimberly P.	1	CTM
Leyla P.	1	
Mari R.	1	
Betsy S.	5	
Cathy S.	4	

**We did it!** BNL Toastmasters Club became a **President's Distinguished Club, 2000-2001!** Our Club **Humorous Speech & Table Topics Contest** will be held August 21. Everyone should plan to attend and participate either as a contestant, official, or attentive audience member. This will indeed be a fun evening!

**Please note,** that due to a Brookhaven National Lab holiday, we will not be meeting on September 4, 2001. Our first September evening meeting will be on September 18.

We warmly welcome our newest member, Benny Hooda, previously a member of Carlsbad (NM) Toastmasters Club.

We also were pleased to have guest Marjorie Lamb. We hope to see both of you again soon!