



TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL

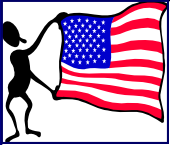
Club 9327 District 31 Area A-3 Haverhill, MA

OUR NEXT MEETING:
July 14, 2008

Join us at 7pm at:
Haverhill
Public Library
99 Main Street

FRIENDLY PERSUASION

A Declaration of *Interdependence*



Here at Toastmasters, we should be celebrating a Declaration of **INTERdependence**. That's because we are and should always be dependent upon each other for the ultimate success of our club. It's not a one man or woman show. Each

member has the opportunity to contribute to the goals of Friendly Persuasion which are set by the membership and officers. As the new club year begins (July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009)—Friendly Persuasion's new officers will meet to write out our annual Club Success Plan as required by Toastmasters International. The Club Success Plan is a program designed to allow recognition to those Toastmasters clubs whose members actively pursue program goals. In order for Friendly Persuasion to be eligible to receive recognition, we must first meet the membership requirement of either 20 members OR a net growth of at least 5 new members. In addition, the club has the following 10 goals which allow us to receive "points" for completion. We have until June 30, 2009 to reach the following goals:

1. **Two members must attain Competent Communicator (CC) status.** This means that 2 members must complete the basic Communication manual by delivering the manual's 10 speeches and the objectives of the speech project must be met.
2. **Two additional CCs**-If 2 additional members can complete the Competent Communicator manual, we receive another point.
3. **One member must achieve the Advanced Communicator status**- That means the member must already have a CC and they must have completed 2 of the available 15 advanced Communication Program manuals---each manual has 5 speeches.
4. **One more AC**-If an additional member can complete 2 advanced manuals we will receive another point.
5. **One member must achieve either Competent Leader (CL), Advanced Leader (AL) or Distinguished Toastmaster level (DTM).** These are levels of the leadership track within Toastmasters. For example, several current Friendly Persuasion members are working to receive the CL award. There are specific requirements to being given CL status such as serving as an officer, attending training, conducting *Successful Club* programs and having achieved the Competent Communicator level.
6. **One more CL, AL or DTM**-if an additional member completes the requirements for the CL, AL or DTM status, we receive an

another point.

7. **Four new members**— We get a point for getting 4 new members.
8. **Four more new members**-Another point for us if we get 4 more new members
9. **Four or more Club officers trained**- The officers are required to go to training during each of the two Toastmasters International training periods. (summer and winter) We need at least 4 officers at each session.
10. **Two reports must be submitted to Toastmasters International on time:** one semi-annual membership report and one Club officer list. (This goal is handled by Club Officers)

If Friendly Persuasion can achieve 9 or 10 of the goals listed above, we will be recognized as a President's Distinguished Club. That's the highest recognition and the one we are shooting for. So, how can each member help? Well, take a few minutes and determine what goals you have for membership. Can you commit to having your first 10 speech projects completed by the end of *June 2009*? You would then be a Competent Communicator. OR Will you be able to work through the Leadership manual and receive your Competent Leader award? Please do give it some thought. We will be asking each member for their input and commitment. If you already know you will be able to complete the requirements of the CC or CL please e-mail Jean Leider, our new VP of Education at: jeanaleider@aol.com
Looking forward to a fabulous year for all of us in Friendly Persuasion Toastmasters!

AT OUR LAST MEETING



We initiated **Tom Corn** and **Scott Grafton** (pictured at left) as 2 of our newest members. We also held our club officer elections. Congratulations to new Friendly Persuasion club President **Elizabeth Benson**, VP of Education-**Jean Leider**, VP of Membership-**Shawn Mills**, Secretary-**Anne Six**, Treasurer-**Scott Grafton**,

Sergeant at Arms-**Michael Bookman**, Mentor Coordinator-**Bob Dunlavy**, and Assistant for Club Electronic Communications-

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-**Dhruv Mahajan**. At this point, we do not have a member serving as Friendly Persuasion's official *VP of Public Relations*. But that's okay—we will handle the promotion of our club by individually *Talking up Toastmasters* and working as a group to promote any special events such as a Fall Open House. Our new officers and assistants will be meeting soon to discuss and develop the **Club Success Plan**. Of course, as mentioned before, the input and commitment by all members will be critical to establishing an official *Club Success Plan*. At our next meeting, we will be



(from l to r) New Officers-Scott Grafton, Jean Leider, Bob Dunlavey, Michael Bookman, Elizabeth Benson, Shawn Mills and Anne Six

discussing the 2008-2009 club year and how participation in Friendly Persuasion meetings can help all of us meet our individual and

club goals. When we determine the goals of each member, we will be able to put a Club Success Plan on paper to forward to our District 31 Toastmaster Officers.



At our last meeting we also heard from 2 members with planned speeches. Veteran Toastmaster **Bob Dunlavey** offered his first speech in the Advanced Communicator manual *Speaking to Inform*—Project #1. Bob's speech was titled, *My Aha Moment* and he shared his experience and the results of a very inspirational day at a recent Toastmasters Leadership training. Bob's new role as Mentor Coordinator for Friendly Persuasion will be influenced by the informational and motivational sessions he attended. What is great for us—his enthusiasm about his *Aha Moment* for Friendly Persuasion's future directly impacts us all. Thanks Bob, for sharing your hopes and dreams for Friendly Persuasion. With your input and guidance, we hope to make your vision—our dreams, come true.....We also heard from member **Tom Corn** who presented Project #2 *Organize Your Speech* from the Competent Communicator manual. Tom's speech was a mock Sales Presentation for Primerica Financial Services, an industry leading financial services group. Tom offered plenty of information with a strong delivery style. I think we were all ready to buy the services offered. Good practice for Tom and the real pitch he could do.

In addition, we held our usual Table Topics session—a great

exercise in speaking *Off the Cuff*. Thanks to **Dhruv Mahajan** who assisted us all by assuming the role of Table Topics Master at the last minute.

Recognition for Best Table Topics of the night went to **Elizabeth Benson**. The vote for best Speaker went to **Bob Dunlavey** and **Jean Leider** was named Best Evaluator. Congratulations to all!



Wow—we owe a great deal to member **Dhruv Mahajan** who has put together an electronic preliminary Friendly Persuasion **meeting roles document** (named Toastmaster Roles). We can use this spreadsheet which is stored **online**, to add or subtract our names from roles at upcoming meetings. The document is stored at **Google Docs** and can be accessed by clicking on a link to Google. (The link will be sent to all members in an upcoming e-mail.) To use the document, you will need a Google account which is free and easy to set-up. Dhruv will be giving us more information at our meeting on the July 14th but in the meantime, if you want to add your name to one of the available roles when you can access the Google Docs, please do so. This tool is really going to help us organize the meeting roles, and make the VP of Education's job much easier!



Officers from Friendly Persuasion attach the newest ribbon won by the club for our success in a spring Membership drive. We were awarded the "Talk Up Toastmasters" ribbon for our club

banner because we added 5 members between February 1 and March 31. We love it that our banner is getting overcrowded with award ribbons!

OUR JULY MEETINGS ARE MONDAY THE 14TH AND THE 28TH AT 7PM IN THE HAVERHILL LIBRARY. HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE. Our website is: www.friendlypersuasion.org

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