



## TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL

Club 9327 District 31 Area A-3 Haverhill, MA

OUR NEXT MEETING:  
October 6, 2008

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

# FRIENDLY PERSUASION

Hello Everyone:

Don't forget—our meeting is Monday the 6th of October due to the library closure for the Columbus Day holiday. A few times a year, we reschedule due to holidays falling on our Monday meeting date. We can't imagine forfeiting a meeting when we can just reschedule. Hope you can make it. (and yes, old Christopher Columbus would approve)

Here's some big news.....we have a Friendly Persuasion Bailout Bill to share. Do you need to bail yourself out of public speaking anxiety, poor performance depression, or a general lack of confidence? Speaking strictly of a non-financial rescue package....have you allowed Toastmasters to rescue you from your fears about speaking publicly? Can you liberate yourself from unremarkable leadership performance? Toastmasters offers some assistance to "members" on both sides of the aisle. Please join us at one of our upcoming meetings to find out how your participation in Toastmasters can help rescue your career and revitalize your communication skills! We meet on October 6 and 27nd and in November on the 10th and 24th. Call our VP of Membership, Shawn Mills at (978) 475-1301 for more information or visit our web-site: [www.friendlypersuasion.org](http://www.friendlypersuasion.org)

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We're pleased to announce our newest members. Here's an official welcome to **Sharon Tucker** and **Jody Sloane**. Looking forward to hearing their Icebreaker speeches sometime soon.

## AT OUR LAST MEETING

We had a visit from our Area A-3 Governor **Richard Baker** during our last meeting. The Area Governor's job is to It's great to announce that we received an excellent feedback report about our meeting practices, content and our work toward Friendly Persuasion Distinguished Club status. But honestly, we expected no less. We have a great group of

friendly supportive and *involved* members and we have dedicated leadership working hard to help lead us to be our very best. Kudos to each and every one of us!

As usual our resident Toastmaster Extraordinaire, **Bob Dunlavey** guided us through a great meeting. Bob's previous experience with other Toastmaster's clubs in other regions is a bonus we enjoy. His ideas, commitment and vision for our club inspires us all. Thanks Bob for representing Friendly Persuasion as Toastmaster of the evening, especially with our special guest, the Area Governor.

We heard from 4 members who offered planned manual speeches. **Carole Holcroft** offered Project #7 from the Competent Communication manual with her personal story about life around the Latchford Locks, on a canal between Liverpool and Manchester, England. Her speech was titled, "*The Big Ships Sail Through the Alley Alley O*". The objective of the project is to *Research Your Topic*. Carole did an outstanding job of researching the construction of the Locks and she blended in some poignant stories and anecdotes from her childhood in the United Kingdom. Thanks Carole for sharing these very precious memories with all of us.

Once again member **Kim Desso-Dembele** offered some real world advice on how to make life easier with her Project #7 (Research Your Topic) titled "*Conscious Breathing*". Kim advised and instructed as she has done often when sharing life skills and workplace coping skills in her speaking projects. Kim's speech had universal appeal and as always, she offered first hand examples—this time it was the positive effects of conscious breathing. With Kim at the lectern, we leave our meetings enlightened, entertained and now, breathing much easier!

Member **Shawn Mills** offered a Monodrama —Project #3 from the Advanced Communication manual, Interpretive Reading. The work, titled "Epiphany"— was from a play by Boston playwright Heidi Decker. The play is about the power of perception and the character Shawn played had quite a unique interaction with a *crab* in the grocery store seafood section. It's interesting to have a member work

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through this advanced manual as all the projects involve presenting the written work of others.

And speaking of the stories of others....we were quite entertained when member **Paul Brady** offered some "Tall Tales From Childhood", his speech for Project #5-*Your Body Speaks* from the Competent Communication manual. We heard some pretty funny stories from Paul's days as a young lad in Ireland! The story of his Mother's use of a string and a slammed door as a way of pulling out a bad tooth—resulting in his *broken nose*—well, it was a classic tale! Paul, please continue to bring your entertaining personal anecdotes to life...those stories and examples are what made your speech such a memorable one.



Be on the look-out for the new and improved Friendly Persuasion web-site. With help from former Friendly

Persuasion Member **Julie Wisniewski**, current members **Dhruv Mahajan** and **Jean Leider**, we will be launching an interactive web-site that will allow our members to login using a private pass-word. Then we will be able to access the meeting roles, and a host of other areas that will benefit our membership. More information is coming at the upcoming meeting. Hope to see you there!

**Friendly Persuasion meets the 2nd and 4th Monday nights of every month unless there is a library holiday. We meet in October on the 6th—changed from the holiday on the 13th—and we meet on the 27th. Meetings are open to the public and there is no obligation to attend. For more info visit our web-site: [www.friendlypersuasion.org](http://www.friendlypersuasion.org)**

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