



TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL

Club 9327 District 31 Area A-3 Haverhill, MA

OUR NEXT MEETING:
Sept. 22, 2008

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

FRIENDLY PERSUASION

Hello Everyone:

Well, here it is...the Toastmasters Mission statement:

“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 fosters self-confidence and personal growth.”

So, did you really read it? Because if you did, and you do not already know much about our Friendly Persuasion club...then the mission statement sums it up. We have a very supportive and positive environment and oh yeah, we have lots of fun, too. Hope you can visit us as a guest Monday the 22nd of September at 7pm in the Haverhill Library. We have 4 members giving planned speeches and we will be getting a visit from our Toastmasters Area Governor. Please plan to be there...no obligation except for you to have an enjoyable and informative evening! If you have any questions, call our VP of Membership Shawn Mills, at 978-475-1301.

HOW TO SAY IT

The *pause that refreshes* is not just some old marketing slogan for Coca-Cola. The PAUSE that refreshes is something to remember when you are giving a presentation. The use of carefully placed *pauses* can allow your audience to absorb and understand your message. A *pause* can be dramatic and place emphasis on the phrase just given or emphasize and create anticipation for the next words you deliver. A *pause* before you start to speak can calm your nerves and a pause before handing the program back to the Toastmaster can indicate you have finished your presentation, without having to saying “thank-you” to the audience. A *pause* can help with transition between thoughts or segments of material. If you pause after they laugh, they won’t miss your next words. Of course, deciding to pause if they applaud during your

program is the best way to savor the moment! So remember to pause and refresh—give your presentation the benefits of carefully thought out pauses and then slow down and add a few more pauses for good measure. It will help you deliver your message and yourself in the most effective way possible.

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MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We are so happy to officially welcome our newest member **Kate Sullivan**. We sure look forward to working with Kate to help her achieve her personal goals for membership. We also have had some recent guests—**Sharon Tucker**, **Brian Bald**, and **Tony Dello Russo**— who have not yet joined but we are hoping to have them become official members very soon.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Don’t forget, our dues are due! Our Treasurer **Scott Grafton** must submit our dues by October 1st and we will get credit toward our Distinguished Club recognition. Please plan to bring your check, cash or credit card to our meeting on Monday September 22nd, in order to pay your membership dues. The dues are \$27 for 6 months of membership in Toastmasters. In addition, we pay \$2 a month for local membership dues which helps us buy supplies and recognition rewards. The total due is \$39 and that will cover your membership until next April. You can not find a better value on ways to enhance your personal and professional communication and leadership growth.

SAVE THE DATE: The District 31 Toastmasters Fall Conference is scheduled for November 8th. The Toastmaster communication and leadership conferences offer a variety of entertaining and educational seminars and programs. Plus the District Humorous Speech contest will be held that day. More details will be available soon.

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SPEAKING UP

We have heard some very interesting and entertaining planned speeches during the past several meetings:

At our August 25th meeting, member **Kim Desso-Dembele** gave Project #6-Vocal Variety from the Competent Communication manual. Kim's speech was titled "*Intuition*" and she taught us some important lessons about the power of listening to your hunches and going with gut feelings. Thanks Kim. Once again, you offered a speech with universal appeal delivered with your own engaging style.

Member **Joe Blackburn** shared his passion about his favorite motorcycles when he offered his speech, the "*History of Harley Davidson*". We can see Joe living his riding dream....until the snow flies. Joe, we sure appreciate it when a member can share their "love" with the group!

We also heard from Advanced Toastmaster **Bob Dunlavy** who offered Project #2-Interpreting Poetry, from the Advanced Communication manual, Interpretive Reading. Bob offered the classic, "Casey At the Bat" written by Ernest Lawrence Thayer, an author local to the Merrimack Valley. How appropriate Bob, that we heard the tale of the Mudville nine when our local hopes and dreams hang on our area boys of summer. It was a great poetry reading and a timely, entertaining choice.

At our last meeting, we heard from member **Scott Grafton** offering Project #2-Organize Your Speech. Scott spoke of

"FEAR" and shared some interesting info about this most powerful of emotions. We sure could relate to some of his examples. Great job, Scott, although you did not scare us one little bit.

Member **Jean Leider** gave us Project #7-Research Your Topic, with her speech titled, "*The Magic of Cell Phones*" Yes, this was a topic we could all identify with. Jean, we love you sharing the way you appreciate the magic of cell-phones. Of course, we all feel the same way!

We also heard from member **Michael Bookman** with his creative speechcraft: Project #4-How to Say It, titled: "*A Pot in a Diner, Where It All Melts*". What a fabulous way to create the story of the local café in Columbia SC where you spent lots of time while in college. We saw the diner, we smelled the food—we met the characters. Excellent job, Michael. Quite the descriptive story!

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Friendly Persuasion meets the 2nd and 4th Monday nights of every month unless there is a library holiday. We meet again on September 22nd and in October we meet 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

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