



# TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL

Club 9327 District 31 Area A-3 Haverhill, MA

OUR NEXT MEETING:  
May 12, 2008

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

# FRIENDLY PERSUASION

## SO, HOW DO YOU DELIVER???



When it comes to giving presentations there are several distinct methods of delivery. In Toastmasters

we eventually get practice using each style. For example, many newer speakers utilize the **manuscript style of delivery**. That occurs when the speaker reads the speech word for word from a document. While the information in the speech may be very accurate, it is definitely not as interesting or dynamic as some of the other styles. (Often because good eye contact with the audience is missing) Some speakers *and some Toastmasters* memorize their speeches. This **memorization style of delivery** may be harder for beginning speakers because if the memorization fails, the speech and the speaker can really suffer! A third and often most compelling delivery style is the **extemporaneous style of delivery**. This occurs when the speaker uses an outline or key phrases and quotes to stay on track. Good eye contact and the ability to adapt to the needs of the audience are two great benefits of the extemporaneous style. Using this style demonstrates the speakers knowledge of the subject and allows for a more exciting and interesting delivery. An additional method of delivery we use often in Toastmasters is the **impromptu style of delivery**. An impromptu presentation is one where the speaker has been given only a few minutes to prepare the speech. In our Toastmasters Table Topics segment of each meeting, we are developing our skills at impromptu speaking. By quickly coming up with an introductory statement, several main points and a closing line or two, we can practice the art of impromptu speaking. When you are a good impromptu speaker, you can share your thoughts and ideas more easily. Think how valuable it would be to your career if you could easily and effectively think and speak on your feet. What would happen if your boss, or colleague or spouse asks a question and you clearly and easily offer a thoughtful and articulate answer? Hmm, what would more skill at impromptu speaking do for you? Think about how you deliver your presentations

at work or your planned speeches at our Friendly Persuasion meetings...remember with more experience...or a change in your method of delivery—the best is yet to come.

### AT OUR LAST MEETING

Icebreaker speeches help the first time Toastmaster speaker “break the ice” by sharing or introducing themselves in a 4-6 minute speech. We learned about **Melissa Grigsby** who gave a her Icebreaker speech about growing up in East Boston. Great stage presence, Melissa! Thanks for sharing your love for your father with all of us. New member **Michael Bookman** has jumped in and delivered project #2 which he titled “Electricity”. Lots of information and yet it was great content for this complicated subject. One of the best parts of being in the audience is learning so much about so many things! Thanks Michael.....Another icebreaker came to us from new member **Dan Cameron**. Although he grew up in Somerville, MA Dan learned he’s really not a city boy—At his grandmothers house he discovered the outdoors and his love of frogs and snakes and riding horses. Now as an adult, Dan has bought land in a more rural setting...historic Georgetown. We also heard from **Joe Blackburn** who shared a bit about the evils of smoking in his speech titled “Tobacco”. Yes, it’s hard to quit and Joe knows that first – hand. When a speaker shares their true experiences with the audience, it allows the audience to get involved and to believe in the message. Congratulations Joe, on your success in speaking and not smoking! Best Speaker of the evening recognition was awarded to **Melissa Grigsby**. Best Table Topics went to **John Zujewski**.

**We have another big meeting with multiple speakers planned for Monday the 12th at 7pm. Hope you can make it. Friendly Persuasion normally meets the 2nd and 4th Monday nights of each month. Due to the Memorial Day Monday library holiday, we will meet again on March 19th. Hope to see you then.**

**“PROCEED WITH PASSION---SPEAK WITH COURAGE”**