



## TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL

Club 9327 District 31 Area A-3 Haverhill, MA

OUR NEXT MEETING:  
NOVEMBER 10, 2008

Join us at 7pm at:

Haverhill

Public Library

99 Main Street

# FRIENDLY PERSUASION

**Dear Friends:**

**CHANGE IS COMING.** Well, we have sure heard a lot of promises for change. Now that the election is over, President-elect Barack Obama will have the next 4 years to make good on the promises he made to the voters. But what about the promises you can make to yourself? Can *change* be just around the corner for you? We're not talking about the economy, health care or the security of our homeland. One real change that is *guaranteed* is not dependent on a group of politicians or committees or elected officials. The change we can be sure of, is the change that occurs with participation in Toastmasters International. Ask any of our members who are no longer afraid to get up to address a group of co-workers. Or the members who can now communicate easily with friends, family and their superiors in the workplace. **Change** is the amount of *confidence* those Toastmasters members now feel and project when conversing with others. **Change** is the amount of *talent* that is projected as well. So yes, **CHANGE IS COMING** if you make a few promises to yourself and then follow through. Please plan to visit us at one of our upcoming Friendly Persuasion meetings in the near future. Our next meeting is this Monday night, November 10th at 7pm in the Haverhill Library.

## AT OUR RECENT MEETINGS

One thing that *doesn't* change: we always have informative and enjoyable meetings here at Friendly Persuasion Toastmasters. Here's the news about the speeches we heard during the month of October:

At our meeting on October 6th, **Bob Dunlavey**, an Advanced Communicator member gave us his *Project #5 The Oratorical Speech*, from the Advanced Manual, Interpretive Reading. Bob chose John Kennedy's farewell address to the Massachusetts General Court given prior to JFK's move to Washington for his inauguration as President in 1961. Bob's interpretation of the speech was excellent and a timely choice. The principles Kennedy set forth for his administration are surely ones that would work well for all incoming elected officials: courage, wisdom,

integrity and dedication. Seems it takes all of those principles to rise up through the ranks of the Advanced Toastmasters program as Bob so naturally demonstrates. Thanks Bob for another professional speaking demo!

Another advanced member, **Anne Six** gave us *Project #3-The Demonstration Talk* from the Advanced Manual Speaking to Inform. Anne titled her speech, "Something Simple But Elegant" and it turned out be just that. She demonstrated putting together a simply elegant (and delicious) hors d'oeuvre that anyone can easily make. Of course we loved the speech and the samples of the finished product were very well received! Thanks Anne for sharing how you accidentally made yourself a chef and for letting us know we could do the same thing! Clever speech, as is the usual for Anne!

At our most *recent* meeting October 27th, we heard speeches from 4 members: Our newest member **Jody Sloane** offered "Anchors Aweigh" her first speech, Project #1 The Icebreaker from the Competent Communicator manual. How cool is this? A new member gets the chance to share that she is actually living one of her childhood dreams: to drive an amphibious vehicle! Jody spends the tourist season as a "Con-duck-tor" for the Boston Duck Tours sightseeing company. Wearing her sailor costume, in memory of her Navy veteran father, Jody shared a lot about her childhood, her married life and what touches her heart. It's no doubt Jody has what it takes to reach an audience. Wow...what a start! Thanks Jody for a memorable self-introduction!

Member **Kim Desso-Dembele** gave us Project #8, *Getting Comfortable With Visual Aids* from the Competent Communicator manual. Kim's speech was titled "Bogolanfini" and she used visual aids to demonstrate what she was talking about. A Bogolan—a cloth created by hand is worn and designed to tell stories, folk tales or messages. Kim learned about the process of Bogolanfini, which is a historic tradition from West Africa—when she lived in Mali for 4 years. Kim showed a dress and the cloth and also used handouts with clear color pictures and text describing the process. With Kim we always get an educational message. This speech showed an experienced speaker

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using visual aids effectively and of course, we learned a whole lot about something we surely did not know before. Kim is the perfect example of how we can learn from each other while we all grow together in Toastmasters. Thanks for *teaching* us once again Kim....grade A+

Another member, **Carole Holcroft** also offered Project #8 *Getting Comfortable With Visual Aids*. Carole gave us an historic perspective on the use of visual aids with her speech titled, "The Use of Visual Aids" From the blackboards of yesteryear to the computerized PowerPoint projections used today, visual aids can and have always enhanced the learning process. Carole is another member who often shares an educational component in her speech that has take-away value. Thanks Carole for sharing your message.

We also heard from another Advanced Speaker, member **Elizabeth Benson**, who shared her Project # 1 from the Speaking to Inform Advanced manual. Elizabeth titled her speech "Just One Vote" and it reminded each of us in a very timely way that our vote can and does make a difference—can and does count, Elizabeth shared her experience spearheading a political campaign in Nahant-for the election of School Committee members. Of course she learned much during that process. She also informed the audience about some of the important moments in history when one vote made a dramatic impact on the outcome. Now is the time to stand up and be counted and that message is one that was powerfully told by Liz. Thanks for reminding us of our right and our privilege, Liz....an

important lesson for all.

We awarded **Paul Brady** the **Best Table Topics** speaker of the evening. Table Topics is an impromptu speaking exercise designed to make the speaker more proficient at speaking off the cuff. **Carole Holcroft** was recognized as the **Best Evaluator** of the evening for her evaluation of Jody Sloane's Icebreaker speech.

The most important part of Friendly Persuasion is the active membership. We are pleased to have welcomed several guests at our October meetings. **Jennifer Costello** and **Michael Bishop** visited us and we hope they will accept our sincere invitation to join this great group of ours.

How about you? Please come and visit with us and let Toastmasters help you bring about some important changes in your life.

**Friendly Persuasion meets the 2nd and 4th Monday nights of every month unless there is a library holiday. Our meeting takes place at the Haverhill Library at 7pm. In November, we meet on the 10th and again on the 24th. Meetings are open to the public and there is no obligation to attend.**

**For more info, please visit our web-site:  
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