



TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL

Club 9327 District 31 Area A-3 Haverhill, MA

**OUR NEXT MEETING:
February 14th, 2005**

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

FRIENDLY PERSUASION



Have a heart and join us for our next meeting this Monday the 14th. Wearing Valentine red is optional (but encouraged!) We have a full meeting planned and as always---we welcome first-time guests, former guests or members returning.

Friendly Persuasion is happy to welcome back member **Joe Casanova** who is now able to be with us more regularly for our scheduled Monday meetings....Does YOUR schedule permit you to work on the communication skill-set so critical to personal and career success? Toastmasters can help you be a better speaker and leader. It's a lot of fun, too. Aren't you looking to make giving a speech a little more fun?

At our last meeting, we also demonstrated that we are happy to welcome the local Toastmaster *brass*, too. Yes, we were visited by our Division A Governor---Mr. **Kamal Shah** along with the Area A-3 Governor, Mr. **Hazen Boyd**. Well, Friendly Persuasion did not have to persuade those 2 visitors to jump in and participate. In addition to their official hello, we enjoyed a speech by Hazen-- "How to Tell a Joke" and Kamal stepped in as an Evaluator!

At that last meeting---we also enjoyed speeches from 3 Friendly Persuasion members. **Chris O'Brien** offered his second speech from the Communication and Leadership manual which he titled, "Microphone Techniques for the Public Speaker" We think this speech should be a "must hear" piece for everyone who will ever give a presentation using sound enhancement equipment. This was excellent information and of course, we enjoyed Chris' easy style of delivery. Speaker **Shawn Mills** gave a project from the Advanced manual, *Specialty Speeches*. This was an exercise in oral interpretive reading and Shawn chose a story from The Book of Virtues. The story is titled, "Reaching For the Stars" and it reminds us that it takes perseverance to go for what you want. CTM **Charlie Belluche**, also working on attaining the Advanced Toastmaster (ATM) status, gave his final project from the *Storytelling* manual. Charlie shared an animated and energetic look at Boston Bruins hockey. He titled his speech, "Bruins: As Seen Through My Eyes" and it was the appropriate finale to this book of advanced assignments. We scheduled this 3rd meeting of the month as a "Speechathon" because the meeting consisted only of speeches and evaluations.

FEBRUARY 14TH MEETING ROLES

TOASTMASTER- Shawn Mills

GENERAL EVALUATOR- *we still need*

TABLE TOPICS- Charlie Belluche

SPEAKERS- Julie Wisniewski, Dottie Lessard-O'Connor, Joe Casanova, Charlie Belluche

EVALUATORS-Chris O'Brien

TIMER- *we still need*

AHH COUNTER- Rich Curtin

WORD MASTER/GRAMMARIAN- Joe Casanova

MUNCHIE MASTER- Sheryl Meehan

JOKE MASTER- *we still need*

QUIZ MASTER- Anne Six

PLEASE E-MAIL ME WITH CHANGES OR ADDITIONS!



FRIENDLY PERSUASION meets the 2nd and 4th Monday nights of the month unless the Haverhill Library is *closed* for a holiday or snowstorm. Upcoming meetings are: February 14th and the 28th. In March, the meeting dates are also the 14th and 28th. Mark your calendars and plan to join us!

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