



# TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL

Club 9327 District 31 Area A-3 Haverhill, MA

OUR NEXT MEETING:  
Monday -AUGUST 28, 2006

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

# FRIENDLY PERSUASION



What are the puzzle pieces that have to come together for you to be your very best? Greater knowledge? More drive and determination? How about communication skills? There's a pretty good chance that the ability to communicate your thoughts and

ideas is something that you need **every day** in both your personal and professional life. Let Toastmasters help you put the pieces of the puzzle together more efficiently. Make life easier...make your job easier. Practice your communication and leadership skills in a safe, supportive Toastmasters club environment. Set your own personal goals and then let participation in the Toastmasters program work for you! **Our next meeting is this Monday August 28th at 7pm.** Come to the Haverhill Library and be our guest for the evening. We promise you an enjoyable, entertaining and informative evening....and who knows, you just might make the pieces fall into place.

We welcomed two guests at our last meeting and they have officially joined **Friendly Persuasion**. We look forward to getting to know our newest members, **Rachel Iarossi** and **Mike Vecchio**.....Even with a small number of attendees, we had a full meeting. Two members gave prepared speeches and we had the valuable *Table Topics* impromptu speaking exercise. *Table Topics* usually challenges even the most advanced speakers. Practicing the ability to speak *off-the-cuff* is one of the most important opportunities we receive at every Toastmasters meeting. Congratulations to new member **Rachel Iarossi** who jumped right in and participated in *Table Topics* and then went away with the winning ribbon for **BEST TABLE TOPICS** of the evening. Excellent start Rachel, and it sure proves we have a comfortable *low-pressure* atmosphere at our meetings!

Member **Gregg Valeri** gave his Icebreaker speech, a warm and wonderful look at the choices we randomly make that effect our lives forever. Gregg is very thankful for the decision he made years ago to attend a Grateful Dead concert where he met the love of his life. Now married,

with 3 fantastic sons, Gregg shared a poignant look at the choices he has made—sometimes random, but so full of impact. Gregg was named **BEST SPEAKER** of the evening. Thanks Gregg, for sharing such an entertaining and uplifting look at your life.....Member **Rich Morse**, a Masters Degree candidate used this Project #3 speaking opportunity (*Get to the Point*) to hone a presentation he will give for his **Organizational Development** class. Rich is using real challenges he faces as a Manager at Verizon to fulfill his assignments for the class. In doing so, he is easily able to meet the requirements of some of our Communication manual projects and therefore, he is sharing his speeches and working on professional goals at the same time. As an audience member, we assumed the role of his colleagues and we also witnessed the value of his PowerPoint program. Great job, Rich! It's clear you will really wow 'em at the final presentation for your class!

**SPEAK LIKE A PRO tip of the day:** Having PURPOSE! Be sure to determine the purpose—the reason—for your speech or presentation. Whether you are speaking to *inform* an audience of 1,000 or speaking to *motivate* a sales force of 10—your words must have purpose. Once you identify what you are trying to achieve (speaking to inform, entertain, persuade, inspire, etc)—you can then tailor your words to meet that purpose. Therefore, you would use all the elements needed to inform, entertain, etc.

**What's the definition of value?** Funk & Wagnall's says: *The desirability or worth of a thing.* What's the value of developing better communication skills for you? Is it worth \$27 for six months? You bet! Friendly Persuasion members will be paying their October 2006-March 2007 dues by end of September. VP of Membership Shawn Mills or Treasurer Jean Leider can accept checks or cash. In addition to the \$27 for Toastmasters International membership, our Friendly Persuasion dues are \$12. What a deal! You won't find public speaking training for less!

**We meet at 7pm in the Haverhill Library on the second and fourth Monday nights of each month. Check out our updated website at: [www.friendlypersuasion.org](http://www.friendlypersuasion.org)**

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