



# TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL

Club 9327 District 31 Area A-3 Haverhill, MA

OUR NEXT MEETING:  
DECEMBER 12TH

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

# FRIENDLY PERSUASION

## HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS—FRIENDLY PERSUASION STYLE



We're making a list and checking it twice and we plan to have a party that's particularly nice! Our Holiday Gathering is planned for December 19th at 6:30p at the home of **Shawn Mills**. Member **Jim Keenan** has volunteered to coordinate the food and beverage. As in other years, all members attending are asked to bring a dish (munchie, appetizer, main course or dessert) and we will toast the holiday season with good food and drink. A special Yankee Gift Swap will be held so remember if you bring a gift you'll get a gift. (We've set a \$10 limit) Spouses and dates are welcome of course. It should be lots of fun. Directions have been sent separately. Former Friendly Persuasion members....can you join us for the party, too? Just let Shawn know. We think you'll enjoy meeting the *new Friendly Persuasion!*

At our last meeting we enjoyed a 10th speech from both **Anne Six** and **Elizabeth Benson**. Congratulations to these two talented members. By finishing all ten speech projects in the Communication and Leadership Manual, they have satisfied the requirements of the CTM (Competent Toastmaster) level award. Toastmasters International will soon be sending official recognition but we can say from all of us in the club, "Thanks for sharing your speeches with us....and congratulations on this great Toastmasters accomplishment". We look forward to sharing in their quest for the *Advanced* Toastmaster status.

Anne's speech was titled "*Looking Back at Failure and Forward to Success*". She shared the wisdom that comes from analyzing past failures. When we can identify what we've learned from mistakes, we can count on achieving success more easily in the future. Elizabeth gave a speech titled, "*Moving Past Obstacles and Achieving Your Dreams*". Once again Elizabeth offered an inspirational speech filled with real life stories and advice. Throughout Anne's and Elizabeth's speech that night, we witnessed

how these two members demonstrate the lessons learned in each project of the Toastmasters Communication and Leadership manual. The outcome, was a 10th and final speech toward CTM recognition that encompassed the strong basics required of an effective communicator. Well done!

The impromptu speaking Table Topics session was offered by **Chris O'Brien** who also supplied sound effects for *Tom the Talking Turkey*....mascot of this Table Topics session. We had some laughs and several of us got to think on our feet and speak off the cuff—always a great communication exercise in a Toastmasters meeting!

Best Speaker honors of the evening went to **Anne Six**. Best Evaluator was **Chris O'Brien** and **Nicole O'Brien** was recognized for the Best Table Topics. Please join us at our December 12th meeting. Also, be sure to mark your 2006 calendar for our January meetings on the 9th & 23rd.



At our last meeting, we held an induction ceremony to officially welcome these new members to Friendly Persuasion. (from l to r)

**Rich Morse, Jim Keenan, Moses Njogu and Tracey Hegarty**

We normally meet at 7pm in the Haverhill Library on the second and fourth Monday nights of each month unless it is a Monday holiday. We invite you to visit us at any time. If you have questions, please feel free to contact: Shawn Mills VP of Education 978 475-1301

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