



# TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL

Club 9327 District 31 Area A-3 Haverhill, MA

OUR NEXT MEETING:  
JANUARY 23, 2006

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

# FRIENDLY PERSUASION

## A NEW YEAR MEANS NEW GOALS. IS TOASTMASTERS ON YOUR LIST?

### Hello Everyone and Welcome to 2006:

What's on *your* agenda? Have you thought about visiting Toastmasters and working on your Communication and Leadership skills? How about visiting us this Monday the 23rd at 7pm?...You'll be glad you did! You'll be pleased you took the one easy step you need to improve your communication skills and change your life. Our **Friendly Persuasion** meeting on Monday is scheduled to have a number of speakers of all types—from the new member giving the first time **Icebreaker** speech to the experienced member working through Advanced Speaker manuals. Please stop by our award-winning chapter of Toastmasters International and see what we are all about! Think of what better communication skills will mean to your personal and professional life! You can also visit our web-site at **friendlypersuasion.org** for more information.

At our last meeting we spent some time reflecting on the personal goals we have for involvement in the Toastmasters program. Some members want to learn to be more effective at presentation skills like gestures and body language. Others are challenged by stage fright or anxieties related to public speaking. Still other members want to work on the fundamentals of solid speech construction or speaking off the cuff. Whatever the objective or desired goals—we are committed to helping each other get stronger, be more confident and ultimately more comfortable in any communication situation. VP of Education, **Shawn Mills**, will be working with Mentor Coordinator **Liz Benson** and all of the other officers to help Friendly Persuasion members meet the goals they have set for themselves and the club. Thanks to President **Terrie Bulger** for offering her inspirational thoughts on the importance of taking the time to think about and write out—then *act on* our individual and club goals!

We heard from member **Tom Touchet** with a presentation called, "*Wetland Permitting Challenges Associated with Wastewater Treatment Plant Projects*". This was Tom's

second speech and one he will also present in an upcoming work-related seminar. As audience members, we assumed the role of civil engineers or others who would normally be involved in this issue. The objectives of speech #2 are to *organize the speech*. Tom's speech content organization and visual aids enabled him to deliver the material in an *easier-to-understand* way. Kudos to Tom for tackling the challenge of presenting business-related information to an uninformed audience. What an excellent way to practice an important work presentation, too!

Member **Nikki O'Brien** offered a completely different style of talk...with her "*Two Lessons Learned*" humorous speech about some funny experiences in "fine dining" on her recent Las Vegas honeymoon! This was Nikki's sixth speech and this time the objectives concentrated on vocal variety. Along with her high energy and enthusiasm, Nikki definitely displayed great vocal versatility. We all love a good laugh, too.

The **Best Table Topics** distinction for the evening went to **Terri Bulger**. **Best Evaluator** was awarded to **Liz Benson** and **Nikki O'Brien** was recognized as **Best Speaker**.

**SPEAK-LIKE-A-PRO TIP OF THE DAY:** When giving a presentation be aware of your gestures...the hands do a lot of talking! The audience will notice wherever you put your hands. So keep your hands out of your pockets, don't fidget with your clothes or hair....don't point your fingers at the audience and avoid making a fist. Try using an open hand gesture. Above all, make your gestures match your message!

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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[www.friendlypersuasion.org](http://www.friendlypersuasion.org)

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