



TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL

Club 9327 District 31 Area A-3 Haverhill, MA

OUR NEXT MEETING:
May 22, 2006

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

FRIENDLY PERSUASION



We're pretty sure this is a picture of some **very** dedicated Toastmasters braving the elements in New England in order to make it to a recent club meeting. (It's that important to many Toastmasters members!) Regular participation in the communication and leadership

building programs available to every Toastmasters member can be something you wouldn't want to miss. So, what are **you** currently doing to help yourself and your career? Why not put yourself "out there"?...and find yourself in a great new place! Start by joining us as a guest at our upcoming **Friendly Persuasion** Toastmasters meeting on Monday May 22—at 7pm in the Haverhill library. There's no obligation, except for you to enjoy the evening!

Here's a wrap-up of the last two meetings:

At our April 24th meeting we heard from member **Joan O'Leary** with a speech about her new business—This Organized Space. Her speech titled, "Simplify Your Life Starting Tonight"—was an introduction of just how you can get started in organizing things in your life. Joan reminded the audience to ask themselves several questions when it comes to simplifying: What works in this space? What doesn't work in this space? Why do I want to organize this space? What's most essential to have in this space? What could be the problem? Another great speech from Joan...and we think we'll give this organization thing a real try! (For more information about Joan's services as a professional organizer, see her web-site at: www.thisorganizedspace.com)

Member **Jean Leider** offered an entertaining look at "What Can a Hand Say?" As Toastmasters, we are tuned in on what the speaker's hand gestures are expressing. Are they enhancing the message? Do they have special meaning? Thanks to Jean, we got a chance to really think about the power of the unspoken word—in the form of hand motions and gestures. Jean was recognized as Best Speaker of the evening. We welcomed Paul Meninno as a

guest for the evening and he jumped right in to participate in the impromptu speaking exercise-Table Topics.

At our May 8th meeting we officially welcomed **Paul Meninno** as the newest member of Friendly Persuasion. In addition, we were visited by another guest, **Walter Powell**. Member **Shawn Mills** offered the first project in the Advanced Toastmasters manual, *Interpretive Reading*. Shawn did a dramatic reading from a humorous essay that appears in the book, *Kiss Tomorrow Hello-Notes From the Mid-Life Underground by Twenty Five Women Over Forty*. The essay was titled, "Middle Age All Over Again" It was a fun look at the author's life as a middle aged person—from her childhood to the present! Interpretive reading is designed to challenge the speaker to present the ideas and emotions of someone else. Presented with the oral interpretation, the audience should be able to recreate the characters and situations in their own minds.....Our Table Topics was a group project. Each member contributed a question that was later asked of one of the other members. As always, the importance of working on our ability to speak *off-the-cuff* can not be minimized. We use these skills communicating at work and at home every single day.

SPEAK-LIKE-A-PRO TIP OF THE DAY: *To note or not to note*—as a speaker, you have a choice of whether to use notes (key words in an outline form), OR you could use a fully written manuscript with every word written out. Of course, you may also choose to speak *without* notes. If you **do** choose to use notes—and most of us do, consider these tips: Use a large font. Don't staple the pages, but allow yourself to slide from one page to another rather than flipping through the pages. Make sure you number the pages—just in case you drop your notes! Use highlighter, and/or underline important passages. **PRACTICE!** By rehearsing, you will be much more comfortable in front of your audience and not relying heavily on reading the notes.

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 Check out our updated website at: www.friendlypersuasion.org

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