



TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL

Club 9327 District 31 Area A-3 Haverhill, MA

OUR NEXT MEETING:
MAY 23, 2005

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

FRIENDLY PERSUASION

All the news from our latest meeting!



If you missed this past Monday's meeting of **Friendly Persuasion**...well, you missed another great gathering! Kudos to first time Toastmaster **Nikki Lafontaine**. Wow...she showed such poise and a seemingly *experienced* ability at running a Toastmaster meeting. Great job, Nikki! We love to see new members jump right in and participate in the meeting roles....it is one sure way to deal with any anxiety....it's called *Just Do It!* And she did.....Good for you, Nikki!

We also had a visit from guests we've met before; **Marie Novack and her son John**. Marie jumped up to participate in Table Topics, the Toastmasters exercise in speaking *off the cuff*. She has courage and a great sense of humor! We are glad to hear that Marie will be joining our club at the next meeting.

Four members presented their speeches during this meeting. We always love to recognize brand new speakers and we can definitely say "*Great Job*" to member **Rosheen McGrail** for sharing her Icebreaker speech. Rosheen spoke of some poignant and powerful memories from childhood in this first speech which she titled, "You Only Have One Mother".....In his always entertaining way, member **Chris O'Brien** gave his Speech #7, which is a project designed to focus on *Researching the Topic*. Chris titled his speech, "Bring the Movies to Your Home", and in it, he introduced and explained HD-TV to the average consumer. Chris' expertise in the design and sales of home electronic entertainment systems makes him the perfect pitchman for this idea and naturally, just *the right guy* to give this speech.

Excellent job, Chris!.....Working in the *Specialty Speeches* advanced manual, **Shawn Mills** gave her 5-7 minute *Off the Cuff* speech. Shawn's speech was in answer to a specific question from audience member Terrie Bulger. Terrie developed the question based on topics submitted earlier by the speaker. In this case, Shawn was asked to talk about some of the special passengers she has had in her career as a Flight Attendant.....Member **Terrie Bulger**, gave project #4, *The Coach*, from the advanced manual *Interpersonal Communications*. In this project which was titled, "Bring Out the Best in Others", the speaker is asked to role play with an audience member---this time coaching the other person. Terrie worked with Nikki Lafontaine, who was not informed of the topic prior to the role play. As always, we learned from Terrie's experience and her professionalism. It was as if we received our own business seminar on coaching techniques. Great job!

MEMBERS: Here are the Meeting Roles still available for the next meeting: Toastmaster, Table Topics, Timer, Ah Counter, QuizMaster, MunchieMaster, Evaluators. Which role would you like to take on? Members scheduled to speak on the 23rd: Karen, Shawn, Jean, Julie, Nikki and Terrie. Please advise Shawn of the number and title of your speech. Another great meeting is on the way!

Our next meeting is this Monday May 23rd at 7pm in the Haverhill Library. We have a full meeting planned with a number of members giving planned speeches. Come and see what we are all about! Looking forward to meeting you! **Shawn Mills**

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