



TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL

Club 9327 District 31 Area A-3 Haverhill, MA

OUR NEXT MEETING:
NOVEMBER 14TH

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

FRIENDLY PERSUASION

IT'S TIME TO BE THANKFUL FOR TOASTMASTERS, TOO



It's probably safe to say that the members of **Friendly Persuasion** have some feelings of appreciation and thankfulness that go beyond the norm...at this time of year. Yes, we all pause to be thankful for family and friends, our health, our freedom...our job, our home and the bounty of food that we have to eat. But truly, we are also thankful for the friendships we have made through the Toastmasters organization. We are thankful that we have found a supportive and friendly environment to practice our communication skills. For some of us...it means we now give more powerful and confident presentations at work. For others, we now have the courage to go through the interview process for a new job...or we welcome an opportunity to speak-up at the office. And for some of us, Toastmasters has just made us feel more comfortable articulating the ideas and thoughts we have....and we can now more fully enjoy the interpersonal communication situations we experience every day.....Yes, we are thankful for Toastmasters, too.

At our last meeting, we heard the 1st speech from two brand new members and we had the 9th speech from one of our veterans. **Chris Hewitt** offered his Icebreaker titled, *"Me and My Hobby"*. We learned about Chris and his family and the love he also has for *Corvettes*. We were behind the wheel with him and we loved the open road. Great start, Chris!.....New member **Tom Touchet** has known since childhood that he was interested in our environment and he has translated that insight into a rewarding career in Wetlands Management. His first speech titled, *"Life Experience & Choice"* explained the steps he has taken to get into this important field. How lucky to know what you want and then go for it. That's a great lesson learned for us all!**Anne Six** gave her 9th speech titled *"The Outward Change"* (Anne is *oh-so-close* to getting her Competent Toastmasters award...just one more speech!) The goal of the 9th speech is to persuade the audience with power. Anne spoke with

conviction, humor and sincerity as she shared her experiences as a hospice volunteer caring for the sick and elderly. We can think of no one more suited for this meaningful and powerful work. Thanks Anne, for giving your time to the patients and for sharing your speech with us.....We also had 2 guests at the meeting; our Area A-3 Governor **Hazen Boyd** visited us and we met an outside guest, **Moses Njogu**. We can now officially recognize **Hilary Eustace** as our newest Friendly Persuasion member...(We held our brief but official induction ceremony that night, too).....Best Speaker of the evening was **Anne Six** and **Jean Leider** was named as Best Evaluator. Table Topics participant **Terrie Bulger** energized and entertained members with her answer to the assignment: Write a want-ad that best describes you if you were for sale. She described her personal training business and fun-loving motivation techniques and was voted the Best Table Topics speaker.

FRIENDLY PERSUASION IS PROUD TO RECOGNIZE THE EFFORTS OF MEMBER **CHRIS O'BRIEN** WHO COMPETED IN THE DISTRICT 31 HUMOROUS SPEECH CONTEST ON OCTOBER 29TH. ALTHOUGH HE WAS NOT NAMED THE OFFICIAL WINNER THAT DAY, CHRIS WON THE CONTEST AT THE LOCAL, AREA AND DIVISION LEVELS AND WE ARE SO PROUD OF HIM. Great Job, Chris!

November Meetings: 14th & 28th

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 web-site at:

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