



TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL

Club 9327 District 31 Area A-3 Haverhill, MA

OUR NEXT MEETING:  
NOVEMBER 28th

Join us at 7pm at:

Haverhill

Public Library

99 Main Street

# FRIENDLY PERSUASION

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Congratulations to members **Nicole Lafontaine** and **Chris O'Brien** who exchanged marriage vows on November 13th. We know they were not at a loss for words....wonder if that Toastmasters training helps at a special performance like this? **Mr. and Mrs. O'Brien** have just returned from their honeymoon and will be back at our Friendly Persuasion meeting this Monday! Wishing them the best!

We are *Friendly Persuasion* and that means we offer a safe a friendly atmosphere for new members to join and begin their quest for better communication skills. We officially welcomed 3 more new members at our last meeting: **Jim Keenan, Rich Morse and Moses Njogu**. Looking forward to getting to know them better through their speeches and participation in the Toastmasters program. We also had a visit from a first time guest: **Marty Kriegsman**. We hope he will come back to another meeting again soon. What about you? Hope you can give us a try. We can guarantee you will enjoy your visit...and

we hope you are ready to join us and get better at communicating your thoughts and ideas—that's what Toastmasters is all about! Our next meeting is this Monday the 28th.

Kudos to **Dottie O'Connor** for the outstanding job she did as Toastmaster of the evening during our last meeting. It turns out, she is a real natural. Dottie has indicated she is working on delivering a more impromptu style of speaking. Playing the role of Toastmaster was great practice. We heard from several speakers including new member **Hilary Eustace** giving her powerful Icebreaker which she titled "*Some Things Were Hard and Some Were Easy*" She shared some heartfelt thoughts about feeling the fear and doing it anyway. We can all learn some important lessons from Hilary's courage and the way she meets a personal challenge.....**Linda Meehan** offered her speech as a school board

member which was directed to an audience of taxpayers. This speech explored the reasons and expenses of running a language program for students. She titled it "*\$45,000...To Spend or Not to Spend*" and we were persuaded to vote for her ideas!.....Member **Elizabeth Benson** offered her 9th speech titled, "*Finding*

### Our Next Meeting: Nov. 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:

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

**"PROCEED WITH PASSION---SPEAK WITH COURAGE"**

*Your Footing in any Crisis, Through Journaling*" It was a powerful story of personal crisis and healing, through the written word. Elizabeth continues to share her insights about life and living and we are all wiser because of it. The audience was reminded how important and constructive personal journaling can be.....Working on the requirements of the Competent Leader award, member **Terrie Bulger** offered a module from the Toastmasters International Successful Club series titled, *Keeping the Commitment*. Of course Terrie's style and spin on the text make it even more interesting, relevant and thought-provoking. With completion of this requirement, Terrie will now be recognized by Toastmasters International as a Competent Leader. This also means the club will receive one of the points we need for Distinguished Club level of recognition.

It was another great meeting full of energy, camaraderie some laughs and.....excitement about the commitment we have to bettering our communication skills!

Best Table Topics went to **Anne Six**....Best Speaker was **Elizabeth Benson** and **Bob Dunlavey** was recognized as Best Evaluator for his outstanding speech evaluation skills.

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The agenda for the next meeting is still being finalized. So far, we have several planned speeches on the docket....but we have time available for more speakers. Notify Shawn if you are able to speak on Monday.

Enjoy the holiday week-end....it's always a good thing to count our blessings. See you next week.



**The December meeting on the 12th is open to the public. The second meeting in December will be our annual Holiday party-meeting. Details to follow.**