



# TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL

Club 9327 District 31 Area A-3 Haverhill, MA

OUR NEXT MEETING:  
OCTOBER 17th

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

# FRIENDLY PERSUASION

## Two *MORE* new members & a former member back from IRAQ!

What can we say? This is an exciting time for **Friendly Persuasion**. We were recently named Presidents Distinguished Club because we achieved the highest educational, membership and administrative requirements for an individual club in Toastmasters International. Well....we are continuing our commitment to being our very best. That obviously includes continuing the drive to increase membership. At our latest meeting, we had the honor of inducting new members that joined us at the Open House: **Linda Meehan** and **Chris Hewitt**. But we also added and inducted another member who attended the meeting and joined on the spot...**Tom Touchet**. In addition, we included member **Dottie Lessard-O'Connor** in the induction since she had not been formally inducted before. Later that week we learned of another brand new member (and former guest) who officially joined the Friendly Persuasion ranks....welcome to **Hilary Eustace**. We look forward to our next induction ceremony for Hilary and our other recent new member, **Tracey Hegarty**.

Hmmm....you were out there defending our freedoms...like our very important freedom of **speech**.....yes, we think we definitely owe a huge debt of gratitude.

And how about some kudos for our new member **Linda Meehan**? She jumped right in at the last meeting and gave her very first speech, the Icebreaker which she titled, "Transforming Unhealthy Family Systems"? But don't let the title fool you....this was really a heartfelt, poignant and honest personal story of overcoming obstacles in one's life....a speech filled with lessons learned the hard way....wow...it was an amazing and powerful start. Thanks to Linda for sharing so much.



**Robin Fahey** slicing into the "Welcome Home Robin" cake during the meeting break on 9/27



New Members Inducted- l to r: **Linda Meehan, Chris Hewitt, Tom Touchet** and **Dottie Lessard-O'Connor**

We always love having new members bring their enthusiasm and energy to the club...**and** we love to get *former* members to come back into the fold. Welcome back to **Robin Fahey**....and this is one **SPECIAL welcome back** as Robin has just returned to the USA and to us after having served in IRAQ for the United States Army. So yes, welcome back Robin, and thank you for all that you do as a member of our armed forces.

## DIVISION CONTEST WINNER

Chris O'Brien gets Division Humorous Speech Contest Honors!

At center right: Friendly Persuasion's **Chris O'Brien** wins the Division Humorous Speech Contest. Next Stop: The *DISTRICT level* Humorous Speech Contest.

CONGRATULATIONS to Chris for a great job!



At our last meeting, Table Topics master **Elizabeth Benson** led us through the Speaking Off the Cuff exercise by asking us to reflect on the sights, sounds, smells and memories we have about the fall season. The Best Table Topics for the evening went to **Dottie Lessard-O'Connor** who shared

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some personal thoughts about spooky things past and present.

Naturally we awarded our Icebreaker speaker of the evening, **Linda Meehan**, with the Best Speaker ribbon. Well deserved!

Did you receive your District 31 Newsletter in the mail recently? There's plenty of information about our upcoming District Conference on October 29th. There will be 2 General Sessions offered by former World Champions and some great educational sessions later in the day. We are particularly excited about the District 31 Humorous Speech Contest, of course. That's when our very own Chris O'Brien will compete to win the highest level of Humorous Contest held. Details about the conference including the directions, the schedule and costs can be found on the district website also: [www.district31.org](http://www.district31.org)

An optional Friday Night Comedy Showcase is being held featuring World Champion Darren LaCroix and 2004 District 31 Humorous Speech winner Mary Ellen Rinaldi. Check it out! Sounds like a great time!

**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....like this Monday the 10th. 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**

## **OCTOBER MEETINGS:**

**17th and 24th**

## **NEXT MEETING-MONDAY OCTOBER 17**

Due to the Columbus Day holiday and library closure, we will not meet this Monday but we will gather on Monday evening October 17th at 7pm in the Haverhill Library.

We have quite a full meeting planned, too. Depending on how many speakers are able to fulfill their plans to speak....we will adjust the additional roles as necessary due to time. (We always like to schedule as many speakers as possible due to last minute changes) This helps us keep the meetings as productive as possible. Due to the number of speakers, we will most likely forego Table Topics at the upcoming meeting. So here's the tentative line-up. (Remember if you are a speaker, please reconfirm by e-mail to Shawn. Let her know the title of your speech and the project number. Also, if Advanced, please indicate which Advanced manual you are working in.)

**Toastmaster:** **Need**

**General Evaluator:** Anne Six

**Speakers:** Jean, Julie, Shawn, Charlie, Dottie, Robin, Chris Hewitt, Tom Touchet

**Evaluators:** (**Need more**) Elizabeth,

**Timer:** Linda

**Word Master/Grammarian:** Jean

**Munchie Master:** Rosheen

**Quiz Master:** Rosheen

Looking forward to a great meeting. Won't you give us a visit? FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT FRIENDLY PERSUASION...CHECK OUT OUR UPDATED WEB-SITE:

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

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