



TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL

Club 9327 District 31 Area A-3 Haverhill, MA

OUR NEXT MEETING:
OCTOBER 24th

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

FRIENDLY PERSUASION

WE JUST WON THE SMEDLEY AWARD FOR MEMBERSHIP GROWTH!

The Ralph Smedley Award has just been bestowed upon Friendly Persuasion for growth in Membership in Aug/Sep.



(above) Terrie Bulger and Jean Leider with our Smedley Award Ribbon

We DID It!

Thanks to the efforts by our Vice President of Membership, **Nicole Lafontaine**—our Vice President of Public Relations, **Julie Wisniewski** and our Treasurer (the member who wanted to win this award the most) **Jean Leider**...we were successful in adding 5 new members within the months of August and September and have received the *Smedley Award* from Toastmasters International. This award is named for the founder of Toastmasters, Ralph Smedley. We are thrilled to be adding this ribbon of recognition to our Friendly Persuasion club banner.

Wow...it just keeps getting better and better. **REALLY!** Take for example, our meeting this past Monday:

We had **5 guests** in attendance and we hope to add *all of them* to our roster this Monday night. Welcome to **Fran Hogan, Sandee Risner, Jim Keenan, Rich Morse and Ken Vaughn**. It will be great to get to know them all in the weeks and months to come. Several of them have already volunteered for meeting roles for our meeting this Monday the 24th. That's the spirit! Friendly Persuasion is all about being a friendly and supportive place to work on your communication skills and to give special attention to the areas you would like to improve.

We had 3 speakers on Monday night. **Dottie Lessard-**

O'Connor offered *Thoughts About Organ Donation*...a very important and appropriate speech coming from a double-lung and kidney transplant recipient. Dottie's courage in battling Cystic Fibrosis and kidney disease remains an inspiration to us all. Her knowledge and experience with the Organ Donor program gave us insight and education about this important cause. Thanks Dottie for sharing and helping.....Member **Shawn Mills** outlined the steps we need to take when *Dealing With Disaster*. Her speech highlighted an emergency preparedness plan every family should take in consideration of the events we have experienced and the threats that we face, as a nation.....Our own **Robin Fahey**, who just returned from serving in the US Army in Iraq, shared her feelings of *Before, During and After* her tour of duty, in her planned speech. We learned a lot about what she experienced being "property of the U.S. Government". Robin talked to us about some of the details of day-to-day life as a member of the armed forces in this difficult Gulf War. We appreciate her candid thoughts and we thank her for her service to our country.

Table Topics, our exercise in speaking *off the cuff* was handled by **Terrie Bulger**. We traveled back in time, we met our favorite person, and we discussed how we would be involved with something very significant to mankind. It's always interesting to hear the way we answer when thinking, *on our feet!* **Best Table Topics went to new member Hilary Eustace, Best Speaker was Shawn Mills and Best Evaluator was Elizabeth Benson.**

We normally meet the 2nd and 4th Monday evenings of the month at the Haverhill Library. Meetings are free and open to guests. We hope you can join us at one of our upcoming meetings: October 24th, November 14th and 28th FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT FRIENDLY PERSUASION...CHECK OUT OUR UPDATED WEB-SITE:

www.friendlypersuasion.org

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