



TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL

Club 9327 District 31 Area A-3 Haverhill, MA

OUR NEXT MEETING:
Mon. September 11, 2006

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

FRIENDLY PERSUASION



Psssst...the secret to getting ahead is getting started! Why not plan to attend our **Fall Open House** on September 25th? Get started on stronger, more confident communication skills. Learn just how membership in Toastmasters can

help you in both your professional and personal life. It's no secret that those who can properly communicate their thoughts and ideas have more success in business.....and away from the job—they have more valuable connections with friends and family! Visit us on Monday the 25th of September at 7pm in the Auditorium of the Haverhill Library. Our Fall Open House allows us to demonstrate some of the ways we work on the art of communication. We'll offer several planned speeches from members of varying levels of speaking experience. We'll also have plenty of information about the Toastmasters program to share and lots of time to answer questions or concerns you have. Please mark your calendar to join us. The evening is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be provided. For more information please call our Vice President of Membership—Shawn Mills...978-409-9223. Hope to see you there! It's fall....time to start your new commitment to your goals....remember, the secret to getting ahead is getting started. What are you waiting for?

At our last meeting, we shared laughs (and love) as member **Shawn Mills** roasted **Friendly Persuasion** former club President **Terrie Bulger**. Who knew Terrie was all those **<funny>** things highlighted that night? Working in the Advanced manual, Special Occasion Speeches, Shawn met the requirements for Project #3, The Roast. It was titled "A *Toast Host Roast*" and it was truly meant to thank Terrie for two great years of sharing her leadership and her strengths as she helped us become a Presidents Distinguished Club in the Toastmasters International organization. At the end of the roast, Shawn presented Terrie with a gavel and gavel stand with an engraved plaque thanking her for her dedication as Club President. As always, Terrie had an eloquent (post-roast) response!

.....Our second speaker of the evening was brand new member **Rachel Iarossi** who gave her Icebreaker speech. With the catchy title of: "Shakier Than a Worm on a Hot Pipe", Rachel shared the inspiration she receives from the memory of her father (and the interesting things he used to say). She's using that inspiration as she begins a new home-based business. (fortunabookkeeping.com) Rachel's speech drew on the loving memories she carries about the wonderful man that was her funny, supportive Dad—Bob Reinheimer—and how the things he said have motivated her to go forward with her plans to open her own business. Thanks Rachel, for a moving Icebreaker and a closer look at who you are. Excellent start on Project #1.

Our Table Topics segment was powerful and creative. Member **Carole Holcroft** took an idea from our monthly *Toastmaster* magazine. Four members were asked to volunteer and stand in front of the room. Carole read a passage from a novel and one by one the members kept the story going by spending one and a half to two minutes continuing the narration. The participants were very skilled at their descriptive story-telling and their ability to create fiction on the spot. We recognize the entertaining efforts of to **Jean Leider, Terrie Bulger, Gregg Valeri** and **Joan O'Leary**...with extra kudos to Joan for being recognized as Best Table Topics. Thanks to Carole for this *sure-to-be done-again* style of Table Topics!

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MEMBERS: We are collecting dues in September for the October 2006-April 2007 membership time period. Dues are \$27 for Toastmasters International plus \$12 for our local dues...for a total of \$39.

We still hope to get 3 more members in September in order to earn the Smedley Award from TI. Let's bring guests on the 11th and 25th!

We meet at 7pm in the Haverhill Library on the second and fourth Monday nights of each month. Check out our updated website at: www.friendlypersuasion.org

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