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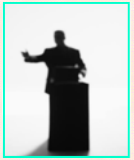
Club 9327 District 31 Area A-3 Haverhill, MA

OUR NEXT MEETING:
September 26th

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

FRIENDLY PERSUASION

WELCOME TO 3 NEW MEMBERS FROM OUR OPEN HOUSE!



We had a great Open House last week with special guest **Mack Mercer**, finalist in the Toastmasters International World Championship of Public Speaking. Mack shared his down-home (Texas-style) spin on "leadership" and just what qualities a leader possesses. It was funny, sad, uplifting and ultimately very inspirational and entertaining. That is the reason that Mack was a finalist in the recent World Championship...he's THAT good. Our membership truly enjoyed his presentation and it sure appeared our guests did, too. We're thrilled that 3 of our guests signed up on the spot, so *welcome* to Friendly Persuasion's newest members: **Tracy Hegarty**—a former guest now able to officially join since she finished her time-consuming *Masters Degree*. We also welcome brand new visitors, **Linda Meehan** and **Chris Hewitt**. Looking forward to having them be an active part of our group.

Of course, along with Mack's presentation...we had three of Friendly Persuasion's finest speakers showcasing their talents. **Rosheen McGrail** gave her 5th speech titled "*Once Was Good Enough For Me*", which was a play-by-play of her one and only sky-diving experience. She made us feel like we were there observing the whole adventure and that made for an entertaining speech.

Member **Chris O'Brien** offered his winning entry from our Humorous Speech contest, "*To the Beat of a Different Drummer*". Chris has turned his experience as a member of his high school marching band into a very funny memoir of self-proclaimed geekdom. Chris will compete with this same speech this Monday night, September 19th, at the "Area" level. If successful...wait, make that *when successful*, he will go on to compete at the Division and District level. The Area contest is being held in our regular meeting room at the Haverhill Library. It begins at 6:30p and it's free and open to the public.

Our Open House also gave member **Terrie Bulger** a chance to once again offer her award winning powerful

speech "Choices". Last year, Terrie went all the way to the Regional Contest level with that speech and it was a treat to have a repeat performance at our Open House.

Several members also shared their thoughts about what membership in Friendly Persuasion has meant to them. All of them know that their confidence and competence have both increased....and of course...they have made a bunch of new friends. Yup, that's what Friendly Persuasion is all about!

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Here's the line-up for the next meeting on Monday, **September 26th**. We need to fill in a lot of meeting roles. Please e-mail back what you would like to do.

- Toastmaster: NEED
- General Evaluator: Bob Dunlavey
- Table Topics: NEED
- Speakers: Donna, Julie, Liz, Anne, Linda (Icebreaker) and Shawn (stand-by)
- Evaluators: NEED
- We also NEED Timer, Ah Counter, Word Master, Munchie Master, Joke Master, Quiz Master

OCTOBER MEETING DATES ARE: 17th and 24th

Just a reminder...dues are due. Please make sure Treasurer Jean Leider gets your check for \$39 as soon as possible. (\$27 for International and \$12 for local—this is for 6 months of membership) We have to have the dues submitted to International before October 1st. Call Jean @ 978-470-2705 to make special payment arrangements. Send check to:

Jean Leider 3 Wyncrest Circle Andover, MA 01810

Make check payable to: Friendly Persuasion Toastmasters

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

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