



TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL

Club 9327 District 31 Area A-3 Haverhill, MA

OUR NEXT MEETING:  
January 24, 2005

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

# FRIENDLY PERSUASION

**“PROCEED WITH PASSION---SPEAK WITH COURAGE”**

We have started out the new year by adding two new members. Welcome to **DOTTIE LESSARD-O'CONNOR** and **TRICIA HOYT** who are enthusiastic additions to our club. They've already signed up to give their Icebreaker Speeches and we look forward to getting to know them through the speeches and communication exercises we enjoy as Toastmasters! It's always exciting to bring in new members--but starting out the new year with 2 new people gives all of us a chance to see the club through the eyes of a newcomer. Enthusiasm *IS* and *should be* contagious. It is the energy that keeps the club alive and growing. This is going to be a great year for Friendly Persuasion. We are planning to attain the Distinguished Club status and can't wait to be recognized as a leading club in District 31.

Distinguished Club status is an annual program that runs from July 1 through June 30. In order to be eligible to receive the recognition, the club must first meet the membership requirement of either 20 members OR a net growth of at least 5 new members. In addition, the club has the following 10 goals:

- 1. Two members must attain Competent Toastmaster (CTM) status.** That means the members must have completed the basic Communication and Leadership manual--10 speeches.
- 2. Two additional CTMs**
- 3. One member must achieve the Advanced Toastmaster (ATM) level.** That means the member must already have a CTM and they must then complete 2 of the available 15 advanced Communication and Leadership Program manuals---each manual has 5 speeches.
- 4. One more ATM**
- 5. One member must achieve either Competent Leader (CL), Advanced Leader (AL) or Distinguished Toastmaster level (DTM).** These are levels of the

leadership track within Toastmasters. For example, several current Friendly Persuasion members are working to receive the CL award. There are specific requirements to being given CL status such as serving as an officer, attending training, conducting *Successful Club* programs and having achieved the CTM level.

- 6. One more CL, AL or DTM**
- 7. Four new members**
- 8. Four more new members**
- 9. Four or more Club officers trained** during each of the two Toastmasters International training periods.
- 10. Two reports must be submitted to Toastmasters International on time:** one semi-annual membership report and one Club officer list.

If Friendly Persuasion can achieve 9 or 10 of the goals listed above, we will be recognized as a President's Distinguished Club. We are working together to make that happen...yes, we are definitely **GOING FOR IT!!**

At our last meeting we enjoyed 2 speakers giving prepared speeches. Once again, new member **Julie Wisniewski** has proven she can give a presentation that is interesting and informative PLUS...she does it while looking confident and comfortable. Thanks to Julie for sharing her speech, "Two Sides to Every Story". She proved that point, oh so well!

Member **Rich Curtin** continues to bring his unique way of looking at the things we take for granted. His speech, "Congratulations, You Have Been Accepted to the World's Greatest University" was a most interesting look at the treasure of knowledge available at the library! Vocal variety was the objective of this project and we heard a lot of it!

Table Topics were offered by **Terrie Bulger** who asked the members a number of questions about things that were "new" in their life. (a New York experience, a new

baby, and a new year's celebration to name a few....all fun and easy ways to practice speaking "off-the-cuff". We shared poignant moments and funny memories. The BEST TABLE TOPICS for the evening went to **Anne Six** and her daughter **Elizabeth Benson** who were tied for their great ability at impromptu speaking! BEST EVALUATOR went to **Terrie Bulger** while **Julie Wisniewski** was named BEST SPEAKER. Great job everyone!

## HERE ARE THE MEETING ROLES FOR THIS MONDAY THE 24TH

TOASTMASTER-Rich Curtin

GENERAL EVALUATOR-Charlie Belluche

TABLE TOPICS-Julie Wisniewski

SPEAKERS-Anne Six, Elizabeth Benson, Jean Leider, and Terrie Bulger

EVALUATORS-Chris O'Brien, Sheryl Meehan, Shawn Mills, *and we need one more*

TIMER- *we still need*

AHH COUNTER- *we still need*

WORD MASTER/GRAMMARIAN- Sheryl Meehan

MUNCHIE MASTER- Sheryl Meehan

JOKE MASTER- Chris O'Brien

QUIZ MASTER- *we still need*

## A SECOND SPEECHATHON PLANNED FOR JANUARY 31st

We've added a special event to accommodate all the members who are ready, willing and able to speak! We are holding a second SPEECHATHON on a Monday, January 31st. At a SPEECHATHON, we dispense with all of the traditional components of a Toastmasters Meeting and we concentrate on SPEECHES and EVALUATIONS only! (Of course, we always enjoy a munchie break, too) So far, we have 7 speakers lined up to present a planned speech that night. You are cordially invited to attend and see what a Toastmasters Speechathon is all about. There will be speakers with varying levels of public speaking experience. It is definitely a demonstration that Toastmasters is for and about EVERYONE!

**JOIN US ON MONDAY NIGHT JANUARY 31st IN THE HAVERHILL LIBRARY at 7pm**

**FRIENDLY PERSUASION** meets the 2nd and 4th Monday nights of the month unless the library is closed for a holiday or snowstorm. Upcoming meetings are: January 24th, when we will meet in the Library Auditorium upstairs. We also have an extra meeting--the Speechathon--scheduled for the January 31st downstairs in the Milhender Room. In February, we will meet on the 14th and the 28th. In March, the meeting dates are also the 14th and 28th. Mark your calendars and plan to join us!

*Shawn Mills*

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