



TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL

Club 9327 District 31 Area A-3 Haverhill, MA

OUR NEXT MEETING:
APRIL 4, 2005

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

FRIENDLY PERSUASION



Yes...it poured last Monday night, but once again we braved the elements and gathered together to have our Toastmasters meeting at the Haverhill Library. We enjoyed meeting guest **Tracy Hanlon** and look forward to her return at our next meeting.

Former guest **Nicole LaFontaine** returned and now we are welcoming her as our official latest Friendly Persuasion member! We also received a visit from Area A-3 Governor **Hazen Boyd**--who was drafted to evaluate one of the night's speeches!

The rain could never put a damper on our club...we're too focused on the positive...including the positive press we are enjoying. The Andover Townsman gave us a wonderful review in their March 17th edition. There were several pictures and a great overview of the Toastmasters premise...a *promise* to help you become a more effective and confident communicator! Thanks to reporter Judy Wakefield for her help...and to our own **Julie Wisniewski** for arranging the coverage.

Grab a copy of this week's (April 4th) edition of **PEOPLE Magazine** and check out page 73 and the intriguing topic of *cellular memory* that highlights Friendly Persuasion member **Dottie O'Connor**. Dottie is a double lung (and kidney) transplant recipient who is in this poignant story about the connection---called cellular memory---there seems to be for some organ recipients to their donor. Wow---powerful stuff! We are so proud of Dottie for her strength and courage. In addition to **PEOPLE Magazine**, Dottie is being recognized by Boston's **Magic 106.7 FM** on their *Exceptional Women* program. This community service show has highlighted exceptional women who have overcome obstacles to achieve greatness in their life. The show is scheduled to air on Sunday April 17th between 7:30 and 8:00am. But *WAIT*...that's not all. Dottie has been chosen to be the recipient of the Trailblazer Award at the *9th Annual Exceptional Women Awards* luncheon on May 20th at the Westin Copley Place Hotel in Boston. The event is an afternoon of inspiration and tickets will be available.

So you can see...we are excited about our members and our message...and the enthusiasm is not going away! **Please plan to join us at an upcoming meeting. Be a part of our informal, friendly and supportive group and have fun while you strengthen your communication skills! We are holding a SPECIAL MEETING this Monday, April 4th at 7pm.** We have so many members who want to give one of their speeches from the Communication and Leadership manual that we have to add extra meetings so everyone can accomplish their particular goals. (So many speeches---so little time. That means we have the

luxury of meeting more often. Will *THIS* Monday work for you?) We will be meeting in the upstairs Auditorium of the Haverhill Library at 7pm.

Never underestimate the "knowledge" that you can gain through Toastmasters. Take for example the vast array of information made available through the speeches at last Monday's meeting. Member **Conrad Seto** shared the formula for "CREATING A ROBUST PROCESS FOR ANY SPEECH OR EVENT". It was the implementation of FIVE M's: manpower, method, machine, material and measurement. We learned by using the five m's you can be successful at accomplishing any project! Thanks to Conrad for sharing this interesting *how-to*.....We laughed and cried with member **Julie Wisniewski** as she explained the trials, tribulations and then triumph of her (almost) washed-out outdoor Martha's Vineyard wedding from last September. Her speech titled, "IVAN THE TERRIBLE" was a dramatic play-by- play of the threatening hurricane weather, the happy ending and the true lessons learned.....The origin of the infamous Murphy's Law and some personal experience with it, is what we learned from member **Chris O'Brien** in his humorous speech, "NOT JUST MURPHY'S LAW". Chris uses his theatre background to put a little extra into his speeches and we always enjoy that!

.....The "SPECIAL RECIPE" for a great speech or presentation was shared by member **Shawn Mills** as she completed a project in the Specialty Speeches advanced manual. The objective was to sell a product or service and Shawn sold the prospect of membership in Toastmasters to the entire audience.....Also working in the Specialty Speeches manual was **Charlie Belluche** who offered a project that requires the speaker to *Read Out Loud* from a previously published work. Charlie chose the difficult and dark Edgar Allen Poe's "THE RAVEN". Dramatic readings---yet another facet of communications we can work on at Toastmasters!Congratulations to **Julie Wisniewski** who was given recognition as both the BEST SPEAKER AND BEST EVALUATOR of the evening!

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Members who plan to speak at this Monday's SPEECHATHON, please send an e-mail with speech title and project #. We look forward to a meeting with plenty of members offering planned speeches.....Guests are always welcome! Our meeting schedule: April 4th, April 11th is our Speech Contest, April 25th is our Spring Open House, May 9th and 23rd, June 13th and 27th. Hope to see you soon!

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