



TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL

Club 9327 District 31 Area A-3 Haverhill, MA

OUR NEXT MEETING:
July 11, 2005

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

FRIENDLY PERSUASION



Just about a year ago, members of the Executive Board of Friendly Persuasion Toastmasters Club met to map out the Club Success plan for the year 2004-2005. There were only a handful of active members in our club and even the total of paid memberships was on the low side. It certainly was not the formula for winning the highest Club honors---the Presidential Distinguished club status. But **Terrie Bulger** our President, had a vision and she shared it with all of us and now we have seen that vision come true. The vision of course, was working together to attain the points given for completing various requirements of club membership. We could win the honors. (Requirements included club membership numbers and growth, club officers trained, club paperwork submitted on time along with the required amount of members reaching CTM and ATM levels.) So we set the goal and we achieved it by the end of the Toastmaster's club year June 30th. A big pat on the back and a TOAST of course, to all of us. Friendly Persuasion Toastmasters- Presidents Distinguished....we DID it!

At our last meeting, we heard 4 planned speeches including the 10th speech by **Julie Wisniewski** and **Chris O'Brien** that allowed both of them to achieve the CTM (Competent Toastmaster) award level. Julie's speech addressed "failure" and she titled it "The F Word: There's No Such Thing." As always Julie provided a thoughtful oral essay on how to view what we label as *failure*, as *lessons learned* instead. She gave powerful examples of many famous people who have overcome obstacles to achieve success. We can always learn from Julie's perspective on universal issues. We also learned a great deal about the very important and timely issue of the Social Security crisis from **Chris O'Brien**. His well-researched speech titled, "Security for the Ages" gave us insight and understanding into this complex and controversial issue facing the American public. **Nikki Lafontaine** shared a poignant speech--much of it in rhyme--about her magical experience, including some moments of crisis, as a young ballerina. This moving speech obviously came from the depths of Nikki's creative memory...very warm and wonderful thoughts shared. **Terrie Bulger** achieved her ATM status by completing her final project in the *Speaking to Entertain* advanced manual. The objectives of this speech were to get the audience laughing....no easy task for a speaker. What can we say? Terrie's special rap performance titled "From Start to Pause" is one act she just may take on the road! We won't divulge the details but we were definitely entertained. Congratulations to **Terrie Bulger** for being voted Best Speaker and to **Anne Six** as

our Best Evaluator!!



Some of our **Friendly Persuasion** members gather and smile for the camera to celebrate **Presidents Distinguished** status! We are so proud!

HELP...we are still looking to purchase a previously owned Video Camera so that we can videotape our member speeches each week. If you have a video camera or know of one we can use regularly or purchase inexpensively, please contact Shawn Mills at 978-475-1301 or shawnmills@comcast.net

Here's what we have on the agenda this coming Monday:

Toastmaster: Chris O'Brien

Table Topics: Anne Six

Speakers: Jean Leider, Donna Marks, Rosheen McGrail and Nikki Lafontaine

Munchie Master- Rosheen McGrail

Ah Counter- Nikki Lafontaine

Word Master/Joke Master: Elizabeth Benson

We will need a: General Evaluator, Timer, Ah Counter, Joke Master, Quiz Master and 3 Evaluators

Members.....Which role will you do?

We meet again this Monday night the 11th at 7pm in the Haverhill Library. Our schedule has returned to normal so we will only meet on the second and fourth Monday nights of each month. Please plan to visit us. We look forward to sharing more information about the Toastmasters program with you. If you have questions, please feel free to contact me:

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