



TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL

Club 9327 District 31 Area A-3 Haverhill, MA

OUR NEXT MEETING:
June 13, 2005

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

FRIENDLY PERSUASION



Hello from the Region VII Toastmasters International Conference in Falls Church VA. I am happy to report that Mack Mercer, the speaker from District 31 (that's us!) has just won the Regional Title and will now compete in the Toastmasters International Speech Contest at the Toronto International Convention in late August. We congratulate Mack--(after all, if the winner this year *can't* be a member of Friendly Persuasion...well at least it is a winner from our District!) Way to go Mack and District 31! It's been a great experience attending the Regional Conference. There are educational sessions and fantastic speakers. The International Speech Contest winner from 2003, Mr. Jim Key, gave an amazing and inspirational presentation, too. His message had a lot to do with reaching for excellence and working toward your goals. He asked the audience these two important questions: "What do you expect?" and "Are you satisfied?" Very interesting! How would you answer?

We had a full meeting last week. As we count down to the end of the club year, we have many members anxious to complete their speech goals and that will help us get the points we need to be recognized as a Presidential Distinguished Club--the highest honors!.....Kudos to **Nikki Lafontaine** who jumped in to be Toastmaster right at meeting time. It is obvious that she has a great deal of comfort in a spotlight role and she projects herself as a calm, organized and effective leader. One thing is for sure--- our members have the courage to continue trying new meeting roles. That's a great way to gain the confidence and skills necessary to be leaders and excellent communicators outside of the Toastmasters program as well.....We heard from member **Rosheen McGrail** with her second speech, "Positive Changes". The speech reminded the audience of the simple things you can do to affect changes in your outlook and your life. No *happy pill* necessary but some great attitude adjustments instead! Excellent job, Rosheen!.....Member **Julie Wisniewski** gave her Speech #7 titled "What's Your Style"...an interesting and informative look at the negotiator in all of us. It was a mini-lesson in learning how to deal with others. Of course, Julie's style of communicating her message is always high energy, with a good measure of humor and consistently great content!.....**Chris O'Brien**

shared his Sales Pitch and PowerPoint presentation about the benefits of using his company, *Shanahan Sound* for your corporate or personal communication systems needs. We learned a lot about his business and as always, Chris is able to deliver a sometimes technical message in an interesting way that appeals to the non-technical audience, too. That is a skill that serves him well in his business. Of course, he sold most of us on getting a new home theatre in the process.....Member **Shawn Mills** is one step closer to getting her ATM with the completion of another Advanced Project in the *Speaking To Inform* manual. Her speech was titled "Lucky You" and it was a look at how you can influence your luck by following some simple principles. Maybe it is worth a try!.....Member **Terrie Bulger** gave another presentation from the advanced manual *Interpersonal Communications*. In addition to an informative segment and audience Q & A, she and fellow member Shawn Mills completed a demonstration role play . We always learn so much from watching Terrie in action. Her communication and training skills are truly excellent.....and finally, we salute **Charlie Belluche** for completing his 10th speech (5 in each of two advanced manuals) which allows us to recognize him as an Advanced Toastmasters-Bronze level. Charlie gave his Off the Cuff speech (5-7 minutes) with a subject that was chosen for him by his evaluator. Charlie, the storyteller, was able to share a very funny and nostalgic look at his adventures at the "Woodstock" music festival. Congratulations to Charlie for accomplishing this Toastmasters communication goal!

MEMBERS NOTE: Four members are signed up to speak this Monday, June 13th: Julie, Nikki, Chris, and Fred (Please advise Shawn of the number and title of your speech for the agenda info) There are still meeting roles to sign up for: Timer, Ah Counter, Quiz Master, Joke Master and Evaluators and possible Table Topics, time permitting. Please e-mail Shawn with your choice of role. Please help!

We are meeting each Monday for the rest of June. Our next meeting is June 13th. Please join us as a guest. We would love to meet you and let you see what a Toastmasters meeting is all about. There's no obligation and we guarantee an interesting evening! Hope to see you. Shawn Mills VP of Education 978 475-1301

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