



# TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL

Club 9327 District 31 Area A-3 Haverhill, MA

OUR NEXT MEETING:  
March 28th, 2005

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

# FRIENDLY PERSUASION

Well, it might have been the luck o' the Irish but we also think we just attract all the right folks. On Monday night at our meeting, we had 4 new guests who are now our 4 newest members! A big welcome to **Donna Marks, Karen Sullivan, John Carmody and Rosheen McGrail**. These folks will join the thousands of people who choose to allow Toastmasters to help them become better communicators. We are so excited they will be a part of Friendly Persuasion! (Looking forward to getting to know you all) Okay...it's hard to imagine better news than four new members from one meeting, but guess what? We also had the pleasure of some special guests from the Press...the **Andover Townsman** newspaper that is! Reporter Judi Wakefield paid us a visit and we showed her just what Friendly Persuasion is all about. We are looking forward to reading the story she will write about us. The Townsman is a paper that comes out on Thursdays in the Andover's, so we are assuming the story will be in next week's edition at the earliest. (You'll hear all about it in this newsletter.) It was exciting to know that we were being observed and the meeting had extra energy and pizzazz. Here's what happened:



Leading us through the evening was Toastmaster **Charlie Belluche** who received speech project credit in the Advanced manual, Specialty Speeches. Member **Elizabeth Benson** enthusiastically shared some valuable information about the dangers of stress--info she has learned first-hand--in her interesting speech, her third project: "Help for Toxic Stress". **Anne Six** offered a very unique talk about what is *really* being said in the 23rd Psalm in her third speech which she titled, "Psalm 23: The Rest of the Story". **Chris O'Brien** is passionate about music and its place in education...which he shared in his speech that was wonderfully performed and titled as "Mr. O'Brien's Opus". New member **Dottie Lessard-O'Connor** gave her Icebreaker speech which was aptly titled "Life". As a double lung and kidney transplant recipient AND transplant athlete, Dottie's speech was understandably powerful and her story-- amazing! Member **Terrie Bulger** gave a lively *After Dinner speech*, which she called "Fear Fighters", from the Advanced manual, The Entertaining Speaker. It reminded us that Toastmasters may feel the fear but proceed to succeed! (It made us proud to toast to ourselves at the end of the speech!) Our BEST TABLE

TOPICS award went to **Elizabeth Benson** while BEST SPEAKER award was a tie so it went to both **Dottie Lessard-O'Connor** and **Terrie Bulger** and the BEST EVALUATOR, also a tie, went to **Chris O'Brien** and **Terrie Bulger**. Congratulations to all the winners....and to the whole gang...what a great night!

Please plan to attend Friendly Persuasion's local speech contest on Monday April 11th. Several members--recognized as being in good standing and with 6 or more speeches accomplished-- will be competing in this first level of the Toastmasters International Speech Contest for 2005. This will be an exciting night. Please join us!

## MARCH 28TH MEETING ROLES

Once again, we find ourselves in the position of having many members who want to speak at the next meeting. Many of us are trying to accomplish the projects required to attain our CTM (Competent Toastmaster) or ATM (Advanced Toastmaster) award so that our club will get the points necessary to be recognized as a **Presidents Distinguished Club** by Toastmasters International. (By June 30) So next time we will hold a **SPEECHATHON** providing we still have a large number of speakers when the meeting day arrives:

TOASTMASTER- **WE STILL NEED**

SPEAKERS- **Elizabeth Benson, Anne Six, Jean Leider, Charlie Belluche, Terrie Bulger, Conrad Seto, Julie Wisniewski, Chris O'Brien, Shawn Mills**

EVALUATORS-**WE STILL NEED**

TIMER: **WE STILL NEED**

MUNCHIE MASTER: **WE STILL NEED**

**If we change to a full meeting, we will ask for members to do the other meeting roles.**

**NOTE: AT OUR NEXT MEETING WE ARE SCHEDULED FOR THE ROOM ADJACENT TO THE MILHENDLER ROOM.**

FRIENDLY PERSUASION meets the 2nd and 4th Monday nights of the month unless the Haverhill Library is *closed* for a holiday or snowstorm. Upcoming meetings are: March 28th and April 11th is our Speech Contest where guests are also welcome. April 25th is a regular meeting. Mark your calendars and plan to join us!

**Shawn Mills**

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