



TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL

Club 9327 District 31 Area A-3 Haverhill, MA

OUR NEXT MEETING:
September 12th

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

FRIENDLY PERSUASION

COUNTDOWN TO OUR OPEN HOUSE--SEPTEMBER 12th

The summer will be over...the kids back in school...isn't it time to do *something for yourself*? Would you like to strengthen your communication skills? Do you want to feel more comfortable speaking up at a meeting or in a group?...Do you want to be able to articulate your thoughts and ideas and not be misunderstood?.....Would you like to work on your leadership skills in order to open up opportunities in your career?

Join us on Monday night, September 12th, at 7pm for our free OPEN HOUSE at the Johnson Auditorium in the Haverhill Library. You'll learn all about the Toastmasters International program and how you can easily make the steps toward becoming a better communicator. We will be showcasing several of our members who will be giving planned speeches. You'll get a great opportunity to see what a diverse group we are and how you can fit in, no matter what level of speaker you are. Refreshments will be served and we will have plenty of information to share. There is no obligation for attending. Feel free to bring a friend, co-worker or family member. Toastmasters is an equal opportunity helper!



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At our last meeting we heard speeches from two of our members. **Nicole Lafontaine** shared a true story about the results that can happen due to "The Power or Suggestion". How many of us have changed our life's goals or had our dreams shattered just because we were influenced by an erroneous power of suggestion? This was a very thought-provoking subject from Nicole. As she has done in the past when speaking—we witnessed a unique and creative opening. Just the hook a speaker can use to grab the audience's attention. Great job, Nikki!Member **Bob Dunlavey** offered his first speech since he transferred to our club from a chapter in another state. We enjoyed his entertaining and humorous offering which he titled, "The Ooooo Program". Yes, "very cool and very sexy" and who knew this style of

speech could be so informative about the Toastmaster Vice President of Education role? We loved it! Thanks Bob!.....One segment of the meeting that gets members up and speaking is the Table Topics. That's when members volunteer to jump up and speak *off the cuff* about a subject or question just posed to them. It's a great way to practice your skills at speaking from *the top of your head*. Of course those skills are the ones we need in our everyday personal *and* business life! The Best Speaker recognition was given to **Bob Dunlavey**. **Julie Wisniewski** was named Best Evaluator and **Jean Leider** won for Best Table Topics. Congratulations!

CHECK OUT OUR NEWLY REDESIGNED WEB-SITE AT WWW.FRIENDLYPERSUASION.ORG THANKS TO OUR VP OF PUBLIC RELATIONS, JULIE WISNIEWSKI, OUR SITE IS LOOKING GREAT! WAY TO GO, JULIE!

The annual International Convention for Toastmasters took place in Toronto at the end of August. Mack Mercer, our District 31 and Region 7 Speech Contest winner did not win in the final competition, but we salute his talent and efforts.

At the convention, the resolution to increase Toastmasters members dues *did* pass, therefore our dues are now \$27 every six months. We do add \$2 every month to help run our Friendly Persuasion club. (\$12) So.....it is now \$39 every six months. Still a real bargain....especially compared to the cost and pressures of public speaking seminars or classes. Members will need to pay their \$39 by our Sept 26th meeting. If you want to maintain your membership but can not always attend meetings, you can send your dues to our treasurer:

Jean Leider 3 Wyncrest Circle Andover, MA 01810

Make check payable to: Friendly Persuasion Toastmasters

We normally meet at 7pm in the Haverhill Library on the second and fourth Monday nights of each month unless it is a Monday holiday. We invite you to visit us at any time. If you have questions, please feel free to contact:

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